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HER SUPREME EFFORT

It may be safely assumed that Germany is now making her supreme effort to break through the British lines and open a road to Paris. There is good reason to conclude that such is the case. Germany has, doubtless, her full man power on the western front and also her divisions which were heretofore employed on the Russian front. In man power and guns the Huns were largely superior to the English, and if it were possible to break through now is the time to make the try.

Germany also knows that the man power of her enemies is continually growing, especially on the American sector, and that an early movement before heavy artillery could be moved easily was the time to strike. Also it should not be forgotten that Hindenburg has promised to capture Paris about April 1.

Moreover, if Germany is to ever make a pretense of offensive action and strike her enemy at a time when he is weaker than he will probably be again, and when she (Germany) is at her strongest, now is the propitious time. It can therefore be assumed that the Kaiser is making his supreme effort of the war and to that end he is at the front and in supreme command of his troops.

Should Germany fail to gain an important victory at this time she will have lost the war and the end thereof is not many months away. On the other hand, a reverse to the Allies does not mean the end but simply a prolongation of the war with fresh levies of troops and their rapid rush to the front.

Germany now knows that her undersea blockade is a failure so far as starving England and the prevention of taking American troops over is concerned. Her only hope, therefore, of winning the war is a crushing victory on the land. She is evidently attempting to secure that victory at this time.

Unless Germany can make headway now when she has a large preponderance of troops in front of the English, it would seem her chances for winning the war or a peace which would save the abolishment of Kaiserism, the opportunity is at hand.

Even the headway she seems to have made in driving back the English is sure to result in the rushing of reinforcements to the English, and unless she (Germany) can bring other like new levies the present gain is not likely to be permanent. The colossal battle of the world's history is now on and if it does not result in decisive gains for the German arms the great contest will have been, practically, decided.

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER

The central figure of the American thought of today is the American

soldier. There is no doubt about that. The American boy who is on the draft list thinks about how soon he may be called to the colors, and his parents, brothers and sisters view with sorrow the approaching day of parting which may be the last upon the land of the living.

The very frequent drive to raise funds for the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and numerous other purposes, to say nothing about the sale of war stamps, baby bonds and liberty loans, all serve to direct our thoughts to the ultimate purpose—the American soldier and his health and comfort.

Our Federal government has done much to banish care from the mind of the soldier and to assure him that his loved ones will not be allowed to suffer for the necessities of life during his absence, and the soldier insurance is a guarantee that they will be provided for should he be so unfortunate as to furnish food for an enemy bullet.

All of this care on the part of the Government and of the loved ones at home is most worthy, for the American soldier is most willingly offering all for his country and the protection of liberty.

No man can give more than these American boys are offering freely and without fear on the battlefields in France. Many people may not realize the fact, but American liberty and the American home is the stake our boys are fighting for over there. Hence we expect our boys to stand firm at the battle front. Nor will we be disappointed, for the American soldiers and sailors have never flunked in the face of an enemy and our boys in France and those to go will not prove an exception. Therefore, we people who are keeping the home fires burning cannot do too much for the men who have taken on the defense of our lives and liberties. If we can from our abundance make the condition of our boys at the battle front or in the hospitals more comfortable, it is an obligatory duty which we must not shirk.

Our boys over there must be provided with arms and munitions, and with food and medicines. Ships are required to carry these supplies to them and the more troops we send over the more ships will be required. It is therefore disloyal on the part of men who are building these ships to in any way hamper their rapid construction. They require food. Therefore it is disloyal for the farmer not to grow as much food products as he can that our country's defenders may have an abundance.

There never was a time in the history of our country when team work on the part of the people was so essential as now; nor when the people, to the man or woman, should get behind the Government with his or her support in every way possible. There is no room for the slacker anywhere.

There is no doubt whatever that we will win the war in the end. The only question is the cost in lives and treasure. But whatever the cost or how long it will take we must pay the price. There is no other alternative. We know that we are fighting an inhuman and dastardly enemy and the enormous price we would be compelled to pay should he be the victor. The few dollars you may have or will contribute to the Red Cross or invest in Liberty bonds is but a drop in the bucket compared to the tribute you would be compelled to pay with Kaiserism the victor.

Our one line of defense and protection is our American soldiers and sailors. They offer their lives while we at home are simply asked to loan our money to the Government with which to maintain our boys on the firing line. Is there any doubt in your mind what will be your duty when you will be asked in a few

days to buy Liberty bonds?

It is difficult for us who are so far from the theater of war to realize that we are up against the momentous war of all history. The causes of the wars of the past seem petty when compared with the greatness of the cause of the present world struggle. Human liberty is in the balance. Democracy must win and the burden of the contest in the end must be borne by America. We must furnish the principal man power, the money and the food. We cannot avoid it if we would. It is a condition for which we are in no way responsible. Yet it must be met and it is infinitely better that the struggle shall be decided in Europe than for it to be brought to our own land.

So let us build ships with the greatest speed, produce food products as abundantly as possible and buy bonds whenever necessary.

These are the duties of we people at home. Let us do them promptly and cheerfully and the American soldiers on the battlefields in Europe will do the rest.

"WE TOLD YOU SO"

When the issue of state bonds was before the people The Tribune was one of the very few newspapers of the state which opposed the Portland program. This writer thought he could see the secret purpose of the intrigue to commit the state to the bonding system to secure road paving. We thought then and, in the light of events since the Portland votes enacted the measure into law, that the secret purpose was twofold, viz.: To furnish gilt edge bonds for the bond buyers and to increase the royalties of the Warren Construction Company's patent road material.

The bond buyers wanted the state bonds. In their hearts they did not, nor do not now, care a fig whether or not the state roads, other than the Columbia highway, were paved. They just wanted the bonds for a safe and profitable investment and they intended to buy them as cheaply as they could. As both bond issues which have been sold brought less than their par value, their intrigue or scheme has won out. The recent sale of \$500,000 was trimmed nearly ten per cent. Now there is no reason why Oregon bonds should not sell at their full face value. The state has never injured its credit in any way and at that time was not in debt. At that time there was much idle money and the state presented a very inviting field for exploitation. As we now know, the people were caught napping and fell into the trap which had been baited so invitingly with automobile license money. Now the auto owner who cannot take his joy ride over the Columbia highway must be content to travel over an ordinary crushed rock or gravel road and will probably do so for many years to come. The bait of a paved Pacific highway has gone glimmering.

With the Warren Construction Co. the bond issue was simply a cold-blooded business proposition. That company knew its patent on road material was soon to expire and it simply wanted to increase its royalties before the patent expired.

The promise to build sections of paved roads on various parts of the Pacific highway was certainly a very smooth piece of work on the part of the bond advocates. But we hear nothing about paving now. It is intimated by the state commission that paving will be laid only on the Columbia highway and that any portion of the fund used on the Pacific highway will be for gravel and crushed rock.

They do not say so, but it is safe to assume that auto owners in the Willamette Valley are, metaphorically,

ally, kicking themselves for voting for the measure.

Of course the people expected that a board of commissioners would be appointed to handle the fund, which would be fair. Again they were humbugged. One member of

the commission is said to be too closely identified with the interests of the Warrenite people and another member is of an uncertain disposition. The events which have transpired since the law became operative

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To The American People

There is no foundation for the alleged violations of law attributed to our Company by agents of the Federal Trade Commission and I want to say emphatically that Swift & Company is not a party to any conspiracy to defraud the Government. Nor has Swift & Company been guilty of improperly storing foods or of making false entries or reports.

Conferences of packers, where prices have been discussed, have been held at the urgent request and in the presence of representatives of either the Food Administration or the Council of National Defense. And yet the packers have been accused of committing a felony by acting in collusion on Government bids!

We have done our best, with other packers, large and small, to comply with the directions of the United States Food Administration in all particulars, including the furnishing of food supplies for the U.S. Army and Navy and the Allies, now being handled through the Food Administration.

We will continue to do our utmost, under Government direction, to increase our production and assist the Food Administration. We consider that the opportunity to co-operate whole-heartedly and to our fullest powers with this branch of the Government is our plain and most pressing duty.

The Trade Commission Attorney has, by false inference and misplaced emphasis, given to disconnected portions of the correspondence taken from our private files and read into the Record, a false and sinister meaning with the plain purpose of creating antagonistic public opinion.

The services of the packers of the United States are most urgently needed, and I regret exceedingly that we should at this time have to spend our efforts in defending ourselves against unfounded, unproved, and unfair assertions such as are being daily made public.

L. J. Swift, President



Swift & Company, U.S.A.