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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell of Social Ridge were visitors in Heppner the first of the week. Mr. Campbell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell of this city and is now farming the Campbell ranch in the Social Ridge section.

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WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government which has secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and principles of justice and natural justice and humanity. This power is not the German people. It is the master mind of the German people. . . . It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling." President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

TRAITORS TO OUR DEMOCRACY.

The general definition of a traitor is one "who gives aid and comfort to the enemy." This is usually applied to direct action, as in the Oklahoma movement in opposition to the draft or the encouragement of draft evasion, or when an American citizen reveals our war plans to Germany.

Such acts constitute direct treason; but there is a kind of indirect treason, much harder to define and combat, yet often far more dangerous to our country and the success of the war than direct treason. Before the war there were in this country many social, political, or living-in-the-movement-on-foot, all of which were *radical* (that is to say, advocates of change) in their programs, such, for example, were the Socialists, the Land Tax reformers, the Progressives. But all of these asserted faith in the democratic principle in government and wished to gain their ends by converting our democracy. Most of the adherents of these various movements have recognized that this conspiracy of ours having entered upon war, must be supported—that a social program must, for the moment, be subordinated to the one great effort of winning the war. But there are some persons so feeble-minded or so incapable of grasping the world importance of this war, that they talk and write things calculated to weaken our efficiency in war. These people are traitors to our democracy.

The whole matter is summed up by the Single Tax Journal of California (*Everyman*, November, 1917): "When business now is to win the war, and win it soon, . . . The radical press should stop knocking him and attend to its own business—which is to create the democracy that the Allies are to make the world safe for. To fight war, after it is on, is bootless. To hinder its quick, effective prosecution is, of course, traitorous."

But there are other methods than radical speech which can "hinder the quick, effective prosecution of the war." Labor organizations, long engaged in a struggle for better labor conditions, may set in the existence of war an opportunity to secure their demands. If such demands are unusual and if they would have been justified had there been no war—if labor seeks to take special advantage of the existence of war, then such labor is traitorous. It *hinders* the successful prosecution of the war. For the most part, labor organizations have sought such special advantages, but a few have done so, and in public estimation they stand as traitors to our democracy.

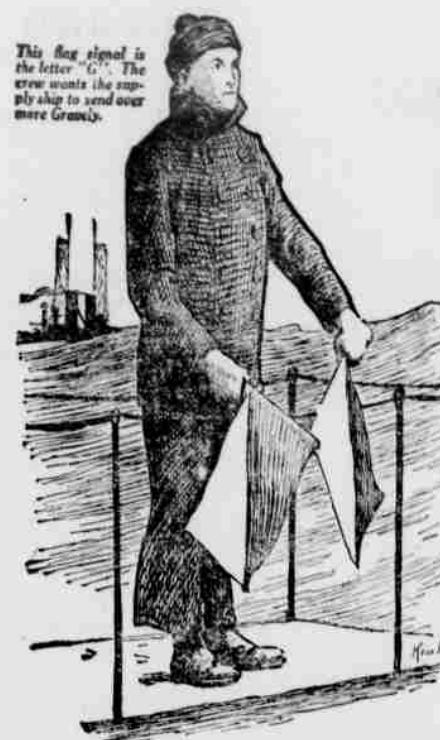
Business men—men with capital—are not free from the imputation of traitorous conduct. That man who places his own business interest above the interests of the nation in this war is traitorously inclined. I deliberately see profit at the expense of national welfare in the sale of under-grade materials to the government he should be punished not simply as a cheat, but as a traitor. This is the rare exception. It is the almost unconscious violation of his own business interests, however, that makes the average business man thoroughly liable to traitorous censure. There is no such thing as "business as usual" during a war.

Finally, the question of business returns and of subscribing to war bonds is directly and positively a question of loyalty or treason. There is no need to argue the point that the man who renounces his country, a man dishonest tax returns, is traitor in intent and deed. When about lending to the government such lending means usually a sacrifice. But the war can only be won without such loss—and great sacrifice. If a man has money which is not loaned, and if he does not lend, he is traitorous, for he hinders the quick and effective prosecution of the war.

Such traitors may indeed never be brought to punishment, even though they deserve it as much as the radical Pacific, who argues against this war, or covertly belittles the honesty of the purposes of our Allies. But the radical who *screws*, and the man with money who can *bend* and *does not*, are alike traitorous to our country, to our faith in democracy, and to our objects in this war. And we, who do make sacrifices, know them for the traitors that they are.

This is the ninth of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

W. W. Smead and S. E. Notson returned Saturday from Portland, where they attended the war workers conference. They reported a most successful gathering. Several different meetings were held during the three days session.



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The R. A. Farrens home was the scene of a little blaze one day last week and for a short time it looked very much like the house was doomed. Mrs. Farrens had been frying ham at rinds in the oven, which had been left there too long. Her sister opened the oven a mass of flames shot out. This happened near dinner time and the men were at the house to help put out the fire. As it was, the kitchen and living room were considerably damaged.

Davis district closed its school May 24th. Three students took the 8th grade examinations on the 17th and 18th. Miss Hammer, the teacher, has returned to her brother's home at 1252 Belmont street. Portand.

Rev. Jones of Lone preached at Dry Fork May 20th, where the Sunday school had an attendance of 35 x 40. The collection was turned over to the Red Cross.

Zoe Farrens returned to her home at Top, Oregon after her year's at

tendance of school in the Davis district.

Chas. Christopher is plowing the Cooper place. This land has been idle for some years.

A. F. Young's mother is back from Portland and spending her usual summer vacation with her son and family.

R. A. Ray is making war on the weeds. He is now weeding his grain by hand and not many weeds have a chance where he farms.

Mr. and Mrs. McNabb have the pleasure of a visit from their relatives in Iowa this summer.

Mrs. Fairelo has returned to her home at Mr. Halls.

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