

EDITORIAL

Still Takes Bonds to Buy Bombs

With the war in Europe at an end, some of us may erroneously believe that the necessity for buying war bonds no longer exists. Nothing is farther from an actual fact, for we still are faced with a determined enemy, an enemy which has suffered heavy losses and has but to look a short distance beyond the horizon to see our forces approaching in great strength but still holds to the determination to fight on to the last man.

It is evident that Japan will have to be entirely crushed before peace terms can be imposed. To accomplish that task requires continuous hammering at her supply lines, her factories, and her armed forces. This calls for moving up more men and munitions, a constant stream of ships laden to the gunwales with supplies. Replacements are being rushed across the broad Pacific while others ships are bringing wounded and sick men to the mainland. All of which requires money—and lots of it.

Monday will see the launching of the Mighty 7th War Loan campaign. The exact amount Morrow county people will have to buy to meet the quota has not been revealed, but whatever it is we must meet it. The percentage of E bonds is higher this time, which means that more people will have to participate than ever before. It cannot be left to a few big investors. It will be better if each and every individual in the county is represented, even if some of the purchases are of the smallest denomination. This is everybody's war and the earlier that fact is realized the better it will be for all concerned.

What Lies Ahead?

Peace in Europe, or rather cessation of hostilities, presents new problems which are claiming the attention of the big minds of the nation—as

well as the little fellow who wonders what it is all about. Until the chaos which follows war is quieted it is difficult to see what lies ahead and who will benefit the most from the misfortunes of war.

There is one industry in which this section is concerned that may be termed as on the inside from the present viewpoint. Lumber appears to be the number one commodity at present, due to demands of war and the outlook for timber products in the postwar era is not dark by any means. Reconstruction will place demands on the industry that should keep the mills running to capacity for many years—unless the country should take a nose dive into another depression, and the political great tell us that this will not happen.

If we are safe in looking ahead to several years of intensified construction, would it not be well for our lumbermen to probe the possibilities of more finished products manufactured right at the source of their timber supply? Undoubtedly more and more industries will come to the Pacific northwest after the war, bringing new population and greater outlets for the products of our mills. Plastics, furniture and many other items could as well be manufactured here as to ship the rough lumber to eastern points for resawing and converting into finished products.

Communities so favored with natural timber resources should be studying the possibilities of wood in relation to their future stability and prosperity. Heppner, with a comparatively limited timber supply at its back door could well devote time to the development of small industries that would viding income for many families through a program of conservation and judicious handling.

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territory. Although not receiving the best of treatment at the hands of the Germans he is reported as in good health.

Pfc Lewis Mc Donald son of Mrs. Sadie McDonald has recently returned from active army service in China as an airplane mechanic after nearly three years. He is enjoying a 30-day furlough, part of which will be spent in and around Heppner.



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