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IN EUROPE'S FOOTSTEPS

BECAUSE recruiting has been checked by unusual demands for labor in all industries of the country, General Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, with approval of the general staff, recommend that the volunteer system be discarded and that compulsory military service be resorted to.

It is now declared that 1,500,000 fully trained men are necessary, while a few short months ago 500,000 was held sufficient. The increase is alleged to be necessitated by the increase in Canada's army on account of the European war.

At present we are practically defenseless before the veteran armies of our northern neighbors and could easily be crushed by the existing coalition of the island empires.

But the same condition has existed for a hundred years, and peace has reigned between the United States and Canada during all these years, without so much as a border fortress or a warship to arouse distrust and suspicion and fan the flames of national prejudice into warfare.

If on account of a hypothetical dread of Canada we have to have an army of a million and a half men, withdrawn forcibly from the industrial development of the nation, we will not be safe until warships patrol the great lakes and great fortresses protect our northern cities.

It is proposed to abandon democratic ideals and principles and go back to the device of monarchical militarism, with war the chief purpose in life. It is proposed to substitute the blood-bespattered fallacies of feudalism for the idealism of the new world republic with its policy of peace and good will among mankind.

America was largely peopled by lovers of liberty fleeing this same injustice of compulsory militarism and its inevitable results. And without even the threat of military-mad neighbors to menace the nation, it is proposed, in time of peace, to force every one under arms to prepare for mythical foes.

And this proposal is seriously made at a time when the lust of war is turning to ashes, when the great slaughter-fest is drawing to an end through exhaustion of the slaughterers, and even the braggart partner of the god of battles has had enough and talks of limitation of armament and world courts to enforce peace!

Is the United States to be the one great power to keep the ebbing soul of militarism alive—to nurse this Frankenstein into health that the world may again be darkened with horror and crimsoned with blood? If so, by all means let us adopt the recommendations of our general staff and launch in America the system Napoleon established in Europe. We are only a century behind—but in less than a decade may be where militarism has now brought Europe.

DREAM ON—THE WORLD NEEDS IT

WHAT'S the use of having any ideals? One-half the world is mad with war, and the other half is delirious with its material prosperity. Civilization is a failure.

You have heard somebody talk this way more than once in the last year. Deploring our "spiritual debility" is a popular pessimistic habit. And therefore, if you ever have any dreams of your own, you probably have stopped confessing to them.

Yet you know, all the time, that if any complete investigation of high prices could be made, the element of character would have to enter into it. Men who dream of ideals do not become grafters and exploiters, do not corner foods, do not make combinations in restraint of trade.

But do you ever stop to think that because destruction seems to threaten man's best spiritual achievements you ought to assume your own little share of responsibility for preserving civilization? And that you can do your bit best by sticking to your visions?

Max Otto, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, had this to say about dreams the other day:

- "Dreams are nascent acts. They are acts in the embryonic form."
"Dreams are projected programs of action."
"Dreams are aspects of reality. They are revolutionizing forces. Living in great dreams means expansion of personality and transformation of the world."

MYSTERY VEILS BARON'S DETENTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim, reported to be a French and English financier, was ordered deported from the United States after a hearing before the board of inquiry of the bureau of immigration here today.

On March 16, 1916, Mr. Biden said: "It has been some time since I have had any occasion to take Doan's Kidney Pills, but my opinion of them hasn't changed in any way since I first endorsed them."

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor: Replying to the Canal company's letter of today will say that so long as they continue to vilify me they will get a new exposure every day.

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and those in the proposed district. The irrigation company sold the city a water right out of Butte creek for \$15,000. The company had no valid water right out of the stream, as the stream was entirely appropriated.

When the Canal company began to build its dam I gave the city council a letter asking it to protect the city's water supply by keeping the Canal company from polluting the water, as it was about to back the water over the old camp grounds.

If the Canal company wants to continue to pollute the water supply, then would it not be a good idea for it to extend the Medford pipe line to the springs at the head of Big Butte creek where there is an ample supply of pure water?

Now, as to Mr. Neff's letter, the facts are just as I have heretofore stated them, and not otherwise. He did tell me that they had sold water for 10,000 acres; his own statement put with mine proves it.

his letter, if you add this fact, namely: that the water for the 7,000 which he says his company owns, does not belong to the canal company at all; but these rights are put in another corporation which the Canal company claims to control.

As to the petition for a former district, which I have twice before covered, I can only add that any one who has ever heard me say anything on the subject knows that I have

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Lieutenant Governor Barratt O'Hara of Illinois by Himself
Secretary of State Lewis G. Stevenson of Illinois, By Himself
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Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner of Chicago, By Himself
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