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**EM-TEES**

**THE FLAG**

I am the emblem of the men who dare  
 I fly my colors o'er the land's expanse;  
 When the great storm stirs through the quiet air,  
 I reel with the mad spirit of the dance.

My rhythm surges through the singing blood,  
 I float before the wind like slaps at sea,  
 In storm of steel and in the will's wild flood  
 I carry men in war to victory.

In battle, in the splendor of the day,  
 I unfold all my body's nakedness,  
 Midst cannon roar and beat of drum display  
 My shining beauty with full happiness.

I tremble as I feel the faltering breath  
 And as close-clasping hands glide off from me,  
 Men call it the young heroes' valiant death,  
 But I—I know their love's deep ecstasy.

—H. Trausil, in New York Post.

**EXPERT FROST FIGHTER TO STUDY ROGUE VALLEY**

The last session of congress authorized the weather bureau to conduct investigations for the purpose of determining the most economical and efficient methods of frost protection now in use and to test the various types of orchard heating apparatus, with a view to finding the best methods of protection for different regions. For the spring of 1917 the chief of the weather bureau has decided to carry on a preliminary survey in the Rogue River valley. Mr. William G. Reed of the division of agricultural meteorology has been assigned to the Oregon section of the weather bureau for this purpose.

**Determine Cost**

Altho orchard heating has been practiced in the United States for 20 years or more, very careful investigations of the cost and effectiveness of the various methods have been made. It is the purpose of the weather bureau to carry on temperature investigations during times when heaters are burning, so that the effectiveness of heaters may be determined. If proper records can be obtained, the amount of oil or other fuel required to hold the temperature above the danger point may be determined for different weather conditions. Another side of the investigation will be the determination of the cost of various methods of heating.

From a careful study of the reports made by officials of the weather bureau stationed in the different fruit-growing districts of the country it appears that the most effective investigations for the present season may be carried out in the Rogue River valley. These investigations will be concerned with fundamental matters and will in no way interfere with the frost warning work now being conducted by Mr. Young.

**Co-Operation of Growers**

Mr. Reed arrived in Medford from Washington Tuesday morning; he will remain here until the end of the frost season. For the past two years he has been engaged in a study of frost conditions in the United States. He expects to carry on the orchard heating investigations in all the more important fruit-growing regions of the country. As fast as satisfactory results are obtained they will be made available to the growers. The purpose of the preliminary study this spring is to get information which will make it possible to carry on more intensive work next year with a view to improving the methods of protection now in use. The weather bureau realizes that this investigation cannot be carried to a successful conclusion without the co-operation of the growers and Mr. Reed has, therefore, come to Medford to undertake the preliminary studies in a successful fruit-growing district.

**VOLUNTEER PLAN ANARCHY.**

THE best argument for compulsory and universal military service we have seen is put forth by a labor leader, Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, formerly editor the Public, and nationally known as a radical progressive and pacifist. He declares that the volunteer service plan is anarchy and gives the following reasons:

"I believe the United States should immediately adopt compulsory military service and discard all idea of attempting to raise an army of volunteers.

"My conviction in favor of compulsory service is based on uncompromising opposition to militarism in all its forms. Nothing that can be conceived will do so much to fasten militarism on the American people as a nationwide campaign for volunteers.

"Why will a campaign for volunteers create a militaristic spirit? Let me explain.

"To raise an army of volunteers you must necessarily glorify war. You can't get men to volunteer if you tell them the truth about war and its horrors.

"In a recruiting campaign you must make war look like a picnic or a gay adventure. You wave flags, beat drums; the bands play merry inspiring tunes; the pretty girls add a touch of romance; and the young men who volunteer to go forth to war, not in a sense of solemn duty to their country, but in the spirit of a lark or a frolic.

Those who go to the front wake up soon enough to the stern reality and somberness of the task upon which they are engaged, but the nation never does. The papers, the orators, the poets, and the preachers go on telling the people about the glories of war until the end of the war and for long years after.

"Volunteering takes no heed either of the needs of the nation or the special responsibility of the various individuals. Upon all it imposes its dreadful coercion and drives them into the recruiting office or leaves them broken-spirited, convicted as cowards and slackers.

"To the nation's peril, it takes the trained mechanic from the munition factory, the farmer from his plow, and forces the married man to leave his family regardless of whether the best interests of the nation require him in the trenches or at home. With universal compulsory service, the needs of the nation and the responsibility of the individual can be rightly weighed and adjusted.

"Conscription of wealth for war purposes is merely the logical sequence of compulsory military service for men. And war is an unrelenting logician. We may not have conscription of wealth as the immediate sequence of compulsory service, but it will come as soon as the people see that it is a necessary step toward winning the victory. And when they are made to feel the individual's obligation to serve the state it will not take long for them to understand and insist upon the obligation of the dollar to service.

"Compulsory service is nothing more than a recognition of the mutual obligation that exists between the citizen and the state. For years we who pretend to be forward looking have insisted that when the individual's life or security was threatened it was the duty of the state to protect him by the creation of police, factory inspectors, and all the other machinery of social society. Now that the security of the nation is threatened, the obligation of the citizen to serve becomes imperative and inescapable.

"Compulsory military service on a universal basis is democratic; volunteering is plain, unadulterated anarchy. As well talk about the wisdom of a volunteer police force, a volunteer tax collection system, or a voluntary criminal code as to talk about the wisdom of experimenting with the discredited, archaic and futile volunteer army system!"

**LEGISLATIVE FOLLY.**

AMONG the measures upon which the people of Oregon will be called to vote in June is the Bean bill, which asks the people to vote upon restoring the O. & C. grant land to taxation.

The measure was put upon the ballot by the legislature, evidently to sustain the railroad's contention that the property still belonged to the railroads and the official recognition of this fact by the state of Oregon would aid the railroad in its efforts before the supreme court.

The United States supreme court has ended all controversy by deciding that the railroad has forfeited all right and title to the property, save an equity of \$2.50 per acre, as provided in the Chamberlain bill. The contention upon which the Bean bill was based, railroad ownership, does not exist.

It does not make any difference what the people vote upon this Bean bill—it can have no effect upon the title to the land, which is reinvested in the federal government—and the people of Oregon cannot override the United States constitution and the enabling act by which the state was admitted, by decreeing the taxation of federal property especially exempted.

The only possible result, is that if the Bean bill is approved by the people, it will hold up the payment of delinquent taxes by the government to the counties, until legal procedure has been invoked and the courts declare the Bean bill unconstitutional. The Bean bill should therefore be defeated.

The authors and backers of this bill evidently were not acting in good faith with the people or if they were, became outspawed for pulling the railroads' chestnuts out of the fire. At any rate they simply burned their own fingers.

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 NO OPERATION.  
 Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917  
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
 This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 241 South Front street in Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs.  
 (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witness:

M. A. Anderson, Medford.  
 S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point.  
 Frank Lewis, Eagle Point.  
 Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point.  
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