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OREGON IN FRONT RANK OF PATRIOTISM STATES GOVERNOR

"I see no necessity of closing the schools of Oregon so that the boys and girls of 14 years and over can go out on the farms to work," said Governor James Withycombe today in discussing the action of Governor Cox of Ohio, ordering the closing of schools so as to help out the farm labor shortage in that state.

"Although there is a growing scarcity of labor in this state, especially in eastern and central Oregon," continued Governor Withycombe, "I repeat that I cannot see any wisdom in closing our schools, not even the higher grades. There is only a month of school yet anyhow."

"However, we have been considering the advisability of having the schools of Oregon open up a month or so later next fall so that the older children can help out with gathering in the fruit and other crops. This will probably be done unless the labor situation in the state should change from present conditions."

"We've got things pretty well in hand in Oregon, and this state so far has a record we can well be proud of. Oregon was the first state to mobilize its militia. Oregon stands first of all states, I believe, in the number of recruits enlisted for the navy, and is well up around the top in proportion to population in the number of recruits furnished other branches of the service. Oregon has also been right at the front in all the war preparedness movements and in all patriotic work."

GARDNER LEAVES CONGRESS FOR ARMY

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Representative Gardner of Massachusetts has resigned from congress to enter the army. Mr. Gardner has been one of the most active figures in the movement for military preparedness and was a member of the ways and means committee. He has been ordered to active duty as a reserve officer. He is the first member of either house to quit congress for military service in the present war.

TRYING TO LOSE THE WAR.

IT IS CLEAR enough now that the United States will never get started in this war, will never put in motion her tremendous power to end the war, until members of congress are made to understand that they are hired to work for the nation and not for themselves.

Nearly six weeks have passed since with the most exalted of motives and the most righteous aims we declared to the world that we took up the sword to defend civilization and democracy. Today all our activities are still hung upon a dead center because of the muttishness, ignorance and vast egotism displayed in congress.

Helped, of course, by disloyalty. Because we should not for a moment overlook the fact that the Copperheads are busy on Capitol Hill. Without the courage to come into the open they seize every opportunity to sting into paralysis the government they have sworn to uphold.

This is the tragic situation. We see France being put to death before us. We hear her appeals for help. We feel deeply the national obligation to save her—on her account and our own no less. Some of us even begin to understand that if we allow France to be crushed our own existence is placed in the deadliest peril.

The nation deeply moved, demands action, swift, sure, resolute. Congress stops all action by going adrift upon a heaving sea of verbiage and guff.

Six weeks and not one piece of war legislation completed.

The summer, which is the only time when there can be effective movements on the western front is very short in that latitude. Every moment is priceless. If the mutts in congress keep on this way they will prevent any kind of action by this country until the summer of 1918, and who knows what may happen to us and our allies before that time?

Get something moving, get under way, get started on some line of action.

LET THEM GET OFF THE FENCE.

IT WILL not be long before Washington must decide upon a definite and probably drastic policy in dealing with the neutral nations of Europe. Judging by existing conditions, such policy cannot be established without arousing much bitterness of feeling.

Norway places contracts for her merchant shipping in America, so that her own shipyards can turn out submarines for Germany, with which the latter can destroy our shipping.

Sweden is so pro-German that her shipping and market facilities are at the kaiser's service, and a revolution engineered by Swedish friends of German autocrats is not unlikely.

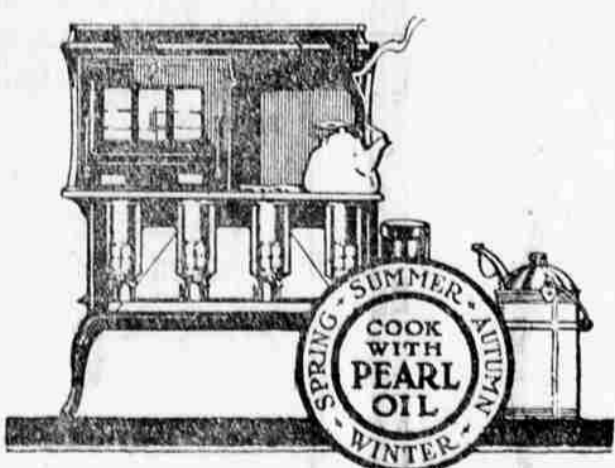
Holland has denied her ports to American ships since we began arming them.

Denmark is a poor little canary bird within easy reach of the claws of the hungry Teutonic cat. She is the least pro-German of all the neutrals, but if she refuses to help feed the cat or if the cat becomes too hungry, the cat will eat her. She is a canary in a flimsy cage, with the door open.

There is no question but these neutrals have been supplying Germany with all the food and the sinews of war bullets with which to shoot down our troops when they have spared has come from America.

We cannot submit to any condition under which we furnish aid and comfort and the sinews of war to our enemy. It would be the next thing to furnishing Germany with bullets with which to shoot down our troops when they appear on the battle front.

Again we say that if the neutrals want food, let them fight with us against the destruction of food, or else eat with Germany.



ALL THE YEAR ROUND

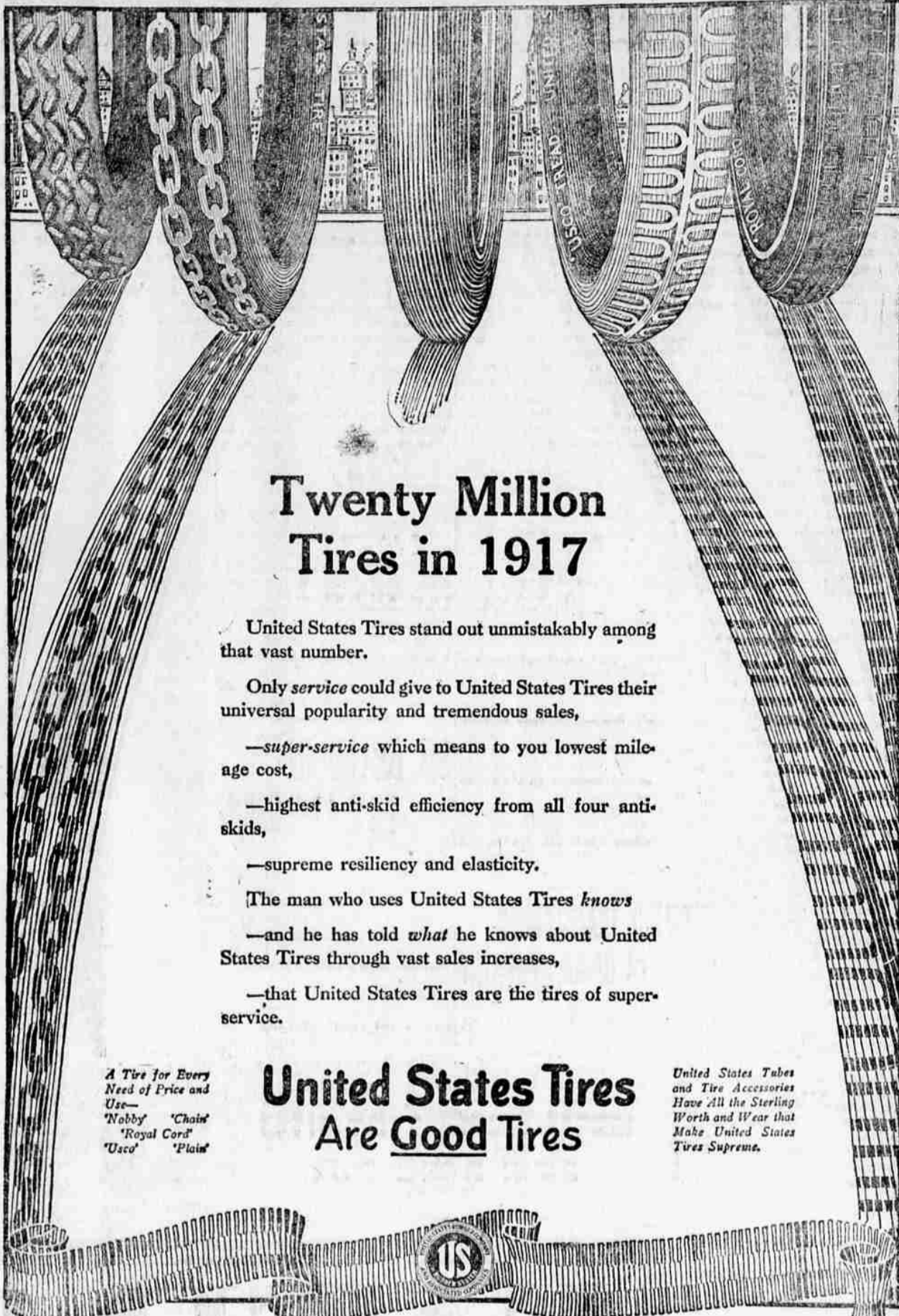
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(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses:

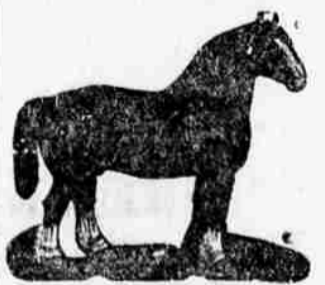
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