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OUR AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE

America's national courage has been indifference. We were indifferent to the murder of babes and the ravishing of women in Belgium. We were indifferent to the murder of women and children aboard the Lusitania. The inevitable declaration of war against the imperial German government for a month or two aroused us to a pitch of enthusiasm. Then the novelty of being at war wore off and we, as a nation, seemed to drop back into our old lethargy of indifference. We received the plans of food production and conservation, tuned at first to a high key, and then we grew indifferent, even to the daily warnings that were placarded everywhere. Always, from high places to low places, we have been indifferent to the great task that confronts us. In the great eastern centers of population, for a day or two, the people will arouse to a fury of indignation over the incendiary destruction of a munitions plant or food storage warehouse, and then indifference, an all engulfing mantle, drops over them again.

All of us have been too indifferent, perhaps, because we haven't sensed the truth of the crisis that confronts America. But we are arousing, thank God, and such messages of facts as were given us here last Friday night by Dr. W. J. Kerr will go far toward welding the resources of our country into a great war machine and of bringing unification and grim determination to the American people.

When we look straight into the face of facts, we see that our indifference may bring to our children the heritage of German bondage, and when we consider Belgium, Russia, Italy, all of us are willing to sacrifice everything we have in preference to such a contingency. Americans, all, will die fighting that such a yoke shall never be placed on the people of the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Our children would curse us for such an heritage.

We must arouse, and by our deeds, not merely empty words that do not fill the mouths of starving people, show our allies that we are in this war just as earnestly as they are; that we have realized that our fight for existence is just as necessary as theirs. And when we do this, when all of us do this thing, then will we begin to travel the road to victory that must be ours.

DOING OUR DUTY

The Hood River campaign for the Third Liberty Loan has not been spectacular, but swiftly, surely and steadily, after the campaign began Saturday, April 6, subscribers of the Apple Valley answered the call to duty and before last week over the county had exceeded its \$120,000 quota. All districts made their totals without trouble. Some of the communities of the nation and some of those of Oregon have doubled and tripled their quotas. Some of these districts have laid up these enviable records at a great sacrifice. To such districts is due the greatest honor, the greatest respect. In other districts, where war activities are bringing about an unusual prosperity, quotas were doubled and tripled. The honor to such districts should not be so great as in those where in ever business line the war brings a severe sacrifice. The war has hit Hood River hard. And still worse, there is a doubt about the future that is not reassuring. Despite these circumstances, our citizens have rallied to the call of duty and have maintained their record for 100 per cent patriotism. Furthermore, Hood River is ready for every call that comes.

BOYS' WORKING RESERVE

With the National Council of Defense and principals of schools of the county in charge, work began Monday of enrolling the United States Boys' Working Reserve, the members of which will register and be ready for mobilization for farm labor. It may be that some of the boys are already engaged. They will register anyhow, and continue at their work. Registrants must be from 16 to 21 years old. It is planned by the registration to secure a census of the nation's boy power. It should not be necessary to solicit registration of Hood River boys for this work. They should proceed at once to their school principals and expedite the work of enrollment.

HELP US WITH THE HONOR ROLL

More than two months must pass before we will celebrate the Fourth of July. We believe this will give time plenty to assemble the name of every Hood River boy in the service. The Glacier wants to secure this list as an honor roll, to be read at our celebration on Independence day. We want this list to be complete. If you have a relative or friend in the service, send the name to the Glacier office. Write the name plainly on a postal card, in order that it may be spelled properly on the roll of honor.

WILL R. HAYS' SPEECH

We of America must be Americans before Republicans, Democrats or anything else, declared Will R. Hays, newly elected National chairman of the Republican party organization in

an address in Portland last week. The young Indianan appealed to all his hearers to forget prejudices and to throw themselves wholeheartedly into the work of winning the fight. Coming to Portland during the first week of the third liberty loan drive, Mr. Hays' talk was a great incentive to the purchase of the securities. In part he said:

We will continue to fight, by the eternal, until victorious American arms have forever ended the intolerable arrogance of scientifically trained brutality. We will have peace but only a peace by victory and never a peace by compromise bargaining. The President of the United States wrote a declaration of the war aims of this country. I think it is a Magna Charta for the freedom of the world, a magnificent, wonderful instrument. But between that victory and this moment stand the Prussian army, the greatest military establishment in the history of the world. That victory will be ours; we will win this war, but this war will not win itself.

There are still smug individuals in this country who sit with their hands folded and expect to wake up some morning and find this war over. Wrong, woefully, criminally wrong. This war will not be won until the resources of the country in men and material have been taxed to the last possible atom. It may take five years, five millions of men and a hundred billions of dollars.

We might just as well, as intelligent men and women, prepare for just that kind of a conflict. This same Prussia fought before for 30 years, and the man that does not recognize the necessities, the dangers of the moment, is either ignorant of what is going on about him or is willfully trying not to see. Everyone must make this an individual matter, whether or not we buy this extra suit of clothes, or eat that extra roll, right down to the individual as to every section, what will be the result and effect on the sum total in this we do and that we do not do?

"Lay in your fuel supply." It sounds like September or October advice, doesn't it? Yet it is emphatic Apriltime advice, coming from the federal government. Transportation facilities of the country are taxed to the utmost. A flow of coal from mines to consumer should be regular throughout this summer. While this request for the fuel supply is far more urgent in Atlantic coast and middle western communities than here, where wood is the chief fuel, it still applies to us, and we should follow it in so far as possible.

The recent patriotic meetings that have been held here and in various valley communities have been made much more inspiring by the songs of the double quartet organized by J. R. Nickelsen and directed by Mrs. C. H. Shelton. To the organizer and director and to Mrs. Geo. L. Slocum, Mrs. M. L. Hutton, Mrs. C. O. Huelat, Miss Aldine Bartness, Miss Gladys Reavis, A. J. Graff, E. E. House, Chas. N. Clarke and A. C. Crews, the Liberty Loan committee of Hood River owes a debt of thanks.

The Monday night meeting of the Commercial club was one of the best ever held here. While it might have seemed to an outsider that the meeting at the outset was developing into a family quarrel, differences of opinion were expressed and finally a satisfactory conclusion reached. An honest confession is good for the soul. C. A. Bell made his argument, 'fessed up and got right, and the session ended in a burst of good feeling.

The great work of the American people until the war is ended must be to back the army in every manner possible and to avoid the invidious effects of lun propanaganda. The work of the army is to kill or capture German soldiers, seek the subjugation of the world.

We will miss the old Bailey Gatzert from the river this summer. The steamer, which had become a mid-Columbia institution, was sold last week by the Regulator line to Seattle interests. It has been taken to Puget sound for the Seattle-Bremerton run.

The Portland library board should have fired Miss Hunt forthwith. Her talk and excuses about constitutional right is nonsense. Such talk and action as she has been guilty of would lead fast to Prussian bondage and cannot be tolerated.

If a soliciting team has overlooked you, do not let that be an excuse for not subscribing for a Liberty Bond. Go down to any bank and you will be promptly given an opportunity.

Portland is setting an exemplary pace in building ships.

Letters From and About Soldiers

Mrs. Edgar Franz as just received a letter from her husband, who is stationed with an aero squadron at Garden City, N. Y., the letter stating that his comrade, Willard Young, had been

granted a 15 day furlough for a visit with his father E. J. Young at Washington, Pa.

J. E. Bailey has received a letter from his son, Sgt. Curly Bailey, of Kansas City, Mo., who announces his safe arrival in France. David Bailey is in the service at an American training camp in England, and Wm. E. Bailey, formerly with the local post-office force, is at Fort Stevens.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson has received a letter from her son, Joe M., recent Whitman College graduate, who announced that he was en route to Fort Meyer, Va., where he will train with the 30th Engineers, known as the gas and flame unit.

Wm. W. Hall, formerly pitcher for the Hood River baseball team and later a star of other mid-Columbia teams, recently enlisted in a squadron of the aviation corps. The young athlete in a letter to his father, William Hall, announces that he is training as a flyer at a school at Hempstead, N. Y.

James Clark, Pine Grove orchardist, who enlisted last year with a Canadian regiment of artillery, has written his wife that his command has left England for the fighting front in France. Mr. Clark writes that his organization has just completed a six weeks' period of intensive training.

Randall S. Pratt, formerly here as manager of the Hood River Fancy Fruit Products Co., is now located at Benicia, Calif., with an ordnance training class. Mr. Pratt attended one of the ordnance classes at the University of Oregon.

"This is the life" writes Amos Perkins, Jr., to his parents here. "I have learned more and have seen more in my recent few months in the navy than I ever thought I would see or learn in all my life time."

Young Perkins, who has just been promoted from second class seaman to first class, is on the U. S. South Dakota. He writes interestingly of his sea trips ashore. He says that he saw the historic spot where Cornwallis surrendered to Washington, has visited Washington's monument and sat in the carriage owned by the Father of His Country. Young Perkins has also had a leave to visit Philadelphia and New York city.

While the English people greet the American soldiers in training there with a royal welcome and wholehearted hospitality, Edwin Parr, member of an aerial service detachment, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Barr, of the Mount Hood district, that their inability to procure staple food stuffs prohibits the English from entertaining the soldiers at meals. The young soldier writes that the supply of staples has reached the point where it is necessary for visitors to carry their allotment with them to the home of their hosts, and yet the ration is so worked out that nobody will reach the point of hunger. The young man writes that only dark breads are obtainable in England. This food, he says, is very appetizing.

Rev. Frank Spaulding, first minister of Hood River's pioneer religious institution, the Belmont Methodist church, now has two sons in France. Earle M. Spaulding is a member of an engineers regiment, and Olin B. Spaulding is a sergeant in the 165th Aero Squadron now training in England.

Another son, Lee Spaulding, is a member of a company of marines at Quantico, Va., with the rank of corporal. Frank Spaulding, a fourth son, is in the service, and is probably in France by this time. There are several American Oregon boys in our camp here in England, writes the young aviator son, "and newspapers from our home state are passed around, and it is mighty good to us, although I think our boys here are well and in good spirits, looking for a safe and quick return."

Anna J. J. Davidson, H. E. Smith, G. J. Graff, J. F. Howe, Alma Howe, Hester A.

FISH, FURN AND FEATHERS

Abbe Johnson, formerly animal trainer with a circus, drifted into the Hood River valley last year to pick strawberries. His camping equipment was carried from point to point aboard a wagon, rigged up on the style of the old prairie schooners. Mr. Johnson, known in the circus world as "Doc" Johnson, had the misfortune to lose his team toward the end of apple harvest season.

But the old circus man has been busy throughout the winter months, training the dogs and a goat he brought into the valley with him, and other dogs acquired, since his arrival, to draw his camp outfit and supplies from point to point. Led by two dogs, hitched abreast, and three dogs and a goat, traveling tandem, the outfit of the animal trainer has recently attracted residents along valley highways.

Hood River Garage Sales

The Hood River Garage reports the following sales for the past week: Homer Perry, 490 Chevrolet; H. G. Van Allen, Baby Grand Chevrolet, and John Wickman, of Odell, Paige Lynwood.

O-W. R. & N. Co. Time Table

Table with columns for WEST BOUND and EAST BOUND, listing train numbers, destinations, and times.

Advertisement for 'The Shoe Man' J. C. Johnsen, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and the slogan 'STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER'.

Advertisement for 'The Paris Fair' featuring 'Special Shoes for Boys' and 'Special Undershirts and Drawers'.

Advertisement for 'The Paris Fair' featuring 'Special--Gossard Brassieres', 'New Silk Dress Skirts', and 'New Silk Petticoats'.

Large advertisement titled 'PARTIAL LIST OF BOND SUBSCRIBERS' listing names and amounts.

Advertisement for 'Day and Night Automobile Service' by Chas. T. Foster, including a list of vehicles for sale and rent.