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WAR AGAINST PRUSSIAN MILITARISM

While this country has been practically in a state of war with Germany for some time, it is now actually so. The president last night delivered his message to congress citing specifically many cases of wanton sacrificing of the lives of American citizens and repeated unfriendly acts on the part of Germany that make it impossible to longer bear with her. The government and the American people have exhibited a patience and forbearance with Germany never before exhibited under like conditions by any country.

There were many reasons for this. Our long friendly relations, with our old neighbor, the fact that millions of Americans were either Germans by birth, of German descent, the desire, we had to not add to the burdens the German people were bearing, and on top of all a profound feeling of respect and a deep liking for the German people. But while the war is on, it should not be overlooked that America has no quarrel with the German people. It is Prussian militarism, as expressed by Count Falkenhayen: "To hell with the neutrals; win the war;" that America takes up arms against. The German people did not start the war that has deluged Europe with blood, but Prussian Militarism did. The latter had a dream of world conquest, with the aid of its Zeppelins, and was glad of the trifling excuse which it took advantage of to bring the war about, expecting to conquer the world and establish on a firm basis the domination of Prussian militarism. That dream has brought death to every German family. It has brought untold suffering and sorrow, hunger and sickness at home and death in its most horrid forms in the shambles such as those on the western front from which Germany has just withdrawn her soldiers. The dream has vanished; and now after millions have been sent to death, and other millions of strong great-hearted men are made helpless cripples, wrecks of a magnificent manhood, these same military gentlemen hold out to the world that they are ready to make "an honorable peace." They had peace, and ruthlessly chose war instead, in order to gratify their lust for world power, and now they prate of wanting honorable peace. It is this element that has cursed Germany and threatened the world that the United States would curb. It was this element that told the United States to get off the seas, the world's highways, and stay off. It is because the seas belong to the world, and are not the private property of the Prussian military gang that this country refused to accept the invitation. To do so would have been to concede Germany's right to control the oceans at any time.

It is safe to say there is not a man in America but regrets this step has been forced on the country. It is just as safe to say that Americans are a unit behind the president, for even the pacifists, now that war has been declared, will wake up from their Utopian dreams and prove themselves true Americans. The feeling of Americans is expressed broadly in the statement issued by the department that "no German would be interned in this country, nor would his business affairs be interfered with so long as he obeyed the laws." There is absolutely no feeling in this country against Germans; but there is an intense bitterness against the militarism of Prussia which has almost wrecked civilization and has shamed christianity. There will be no turning aside until the rights of peaceful citizens to travel the seas unmolested is acknowledged and affairs between nations be placed on a plane where the peace of the world will no longer be menaced by any. When that is accomplished, then America too, will be ready and anxious for "an honorable peace."

History is making so rapidly these days that even the six million dollar bonding measure is almost lost sight of although it is but just two months until the voters will pass on it. Present national conditions will have a tendency to cause some who would otherwise support it to hesitate about doing so.

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If the president's request for an army of 500,000 is heeded it will mean that Oregon will have to raise at least another regiment. The state has about one per cent of the population of the United States and that would perhaps be her quota under any call. With the Third recruited to full war strength, it would mean that Oregon had supplied her portion of an army of about 200,000.

The rebellion in Cuba is drawing near its end. The president of the liberal party of Oriente province, has surrendered with 500 followers and other bands are following his example. The sweet little island may yet settle down and get familiar with the ways of peace. Uncle Sam set them up in business and they owe it to the old gentleman to be good.

It was only a few years ago the Filipinos were fighting Uncle Sam, and hating him as badly as possible, which is pretty bad with a Filipino. Now after getting acquainted with the old gentleman and discovering the kind of a straight old fellow he is they offer their services to fight for him against any and all enemies.

It's the way of the world. Co-ed Rowina Bastin, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, urged her classmates to cut soldier sweethearts. While doing so she learned her fiance, Kenneth Bennett, was about to enlist. She heard of this and changed her mind, and he heard of her stand and changed his.

Eight Union labels, one on each article of clothing, must be shown by candidates who would serve as union delegates, the Chicago Federation of Labor has decided. The order is silent as to the women delegates, though sex is not mentioned in the order.

The offer of the Filipinos to enlist in Uncle Sam's service followed by a proposal of an American negro in London to raise a regiment of American negroes in that city for service against Germany shows what a wide section of the world America has to draw her armies from.

Reading of the war in Mesopotamia sounds like Bible history. Jerusalem figures in the reports as does Bagdad, and the latest dispatches say the British are only a short distance from Gaza whose gates Samson bore away on his shoulders.

About the most warlike place in the United States Sunday night was the hall in Baltimore where a monster peace gathering had assembled to hear Dr. David Starr Jordan deliver an address against war.

From the answer filed by the Polk county court in the injunction suit over the bridge at this point it is fair to presume the Polk county court never heard of the proposal to build a bridge to connect the counties.



REJUVENATION

When the winter's done with snowing, and the vernal winds are blowing, and the husbandman is hoing, hoing in the fertile glen, I cast off the robes of sadness, and I whoop around with gladness, with a joy akin to madness, for I'm feeling young again. In the winter I am weeping, for the rheumatiz is creeping up and down my system, keeping me so sore I swear aloud; then I seem an ancient geezer, feel as though I'd lived when Caesar fell beneath the snickersneez-er of the loosed Brutus crowd. In the wintertime I totter, like a sheep that's led to slaughter, wishing death would bring his swatter and remove me from the scene; nothing then my gloom can break up, nothing then my soul can shake up, and I do not even wake up when you talk of gasoline. But when frost's farewell is spoken and the birds have brought the token that old winter's grip is broken, when through woodland, glade and dell, orioles and wrens are winging, and the joyous catbird's singing, and the flowers from earth are springing, then you ought to hear me yell.

Home Preparedness Number One--Women and the Forage Line

By Carl Vrooman
(Assistant secretary of agriculture)
(Member of the national emergency food garden commission)
Washington, April 4.—National preparedness for war has ceased to be the theme for argument, Congress and other federal agencies are now occupied with questions of ways and means. However, today we face the question of individual preparedness about which little has yet been said, but which is so vital a question as the other. Why is not only a matter of gunpowder and lead; it is just as much a matter of food and forage. Comparatively few are in position to serve their country in actual firing line but there is no man, woman or half grown child, who can not serve on the forage line. It only by tending a bed of green vegetables. Such service may not be exciting; may not seem glorious—yet in the long run it may be as useful as

the service of the man who dies for his country on the field of battle. It is not inconceivable that the time may come when such humble service, loyalty performed by thousands of patriots a thousand miles away from any battle line, may turn the balance upon which hangs our very existence as free people. We produce more than enough food for ourselves, but in war there will be danger that people may starve because our food reserves are in remote elevators and storage plants and our railroads are too busy handling troops and munitions to carry food to the civilian population. Thus the government would be embarrassed by the problem of meeting local shortages of food at a time when all its energies should be focussed upon national defense. Incidentally, from time to time prices of some necessities of life may become prohibitive, even though food be available. Hence it is as imperative that the individual meet the problem of home food supply as that congress should look to national food preparedness. Individual preparedness in cities should take form this spring in the planting of hundreds of thousands of

State News in Brief

Monmouth has sent 19 loyal young fellows to join the Third Oregon.

The steam schooner Phoenix which usually makes the run from San Francisco to Bandon, is 60 hours overdue. She carries no passengers.

Unpatriotic parades will not be permitted in Portland, nor will any other kind of demonstrations of this type.

Martin Holl, a carpenter at work on the flax plant that is being erected at Turner, was seriously hurt by a fall of 12 feet today.

Dr. C. L. Pearson, a prominent dentist of Roseburg, was arrested yesterday charged with conducting a nuisance. His arrest followed a sensational raid here last Friday, when the officers found seven quarts of whiskey in his office.

Mrs. Edwin C. Way, widow of the Algoma Lumber company logging foreman, was found bound on her knees at her home in Klamath Falls Monday night by her daughter about 11 o'clock. She had been tied tightly around her throat in a bedpost with cloths taken from the kitchen. Her face had turned black when she was discovered and the doctor said she would have expired if left tied another half hour. Local people are suspected.

Seventeen gold bricks valued at \$23,199, were received at a Grants Pass bank yesterday. It was the result of a 70-day run at the Simmons-Logan placer mine at Waldo.

Many squirrel poisoning clubs have been organized in Wasco county in an effort to get rid of "diggers."

Captain J. W. Greenman, for the past six years a resident of Roseburg, died at the Old Soldiers' Home there Saturday.

Captain J. A. Apperson died at the family home at Parkplace, about one mile from Oregon City, Tuesday, after an illness of several months.

A public flag raising was held at the Methodist church in Lebanon, Sunday, when a large American flag was hoisted on top of the spire of the big \$20,000 church building.

University Notes

In appreciation of the kindness that the varsity women displayed toward them, by preparing for each an appetizing box of cats, the Willamette members of Company M sent the following resolution to the girls' Willamette:

"Whereas, The splendid spirit of the girls of Willamette university has at all times manifested itself, and

"Whereas, The generous lunches presented by them to the Willamette members of Company M, Third Oregon Infantry, on the occasion of their departure from Salem on March 30, 1917, gave conclusive evidence of the interest and forethought which could only be shown by the girls of Willamette, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the undersigned members of Company M do by this resolution tender to them our sincere and deep appreciation of their kindness."

door yard gardens, where before there was only soil or bare earth. In the country it should take the form of more intensive cultivation; even of a measure of fencing on the part of women and girls that they may be prepared to ride the sulky plow or the binder if the worst comes. Everywhere it should take the form of scrupulous care in the production, use and conservation of foods.

James Ewing has joined hands with Russell Brooks and Charles Randall. He was in the city Monday on leave from the Vancouver barracks, to take the state bar examination. In this he was successful.

Victor Taylor, in a letter to the editor of the Collegian, gives a vivid synopsis of army life at Vancouver. Luntie to give up their customary activities, Company M will find its chief source of pleasure in activities similar to college life.

The Willamette men are doing well. Nearly every one has been selected as sergeant, corporal, musician, mechanic, or high private. So far drill has not been strenuous. Captain Neer plans to have company athletic teams. In this the Willamette men will be at home, as there are several track and baseball men among them. Since the other companies have athletes, some games are promised in the future. A baseball game will probably be played in the post gymnasium between Company M and the Dallas company. M will have four Willamette men, Jackson, Estab, Brooks and Proctor.

The aesthetic sense will not be neglected. Willamette will have the best quartet in the regiment with Cal Ew-



Jane Phelps

THE MONEY QUESTION

Maybe after a while I'll be making more money."

Thoughts and Dreams.

"As long as we are together, Tom, nothing matters much," I returned, really meaning what I said—at the time.

Altho it was long past my usual hours for retiring when we finally got to bed I couldn't sleep. Tom dropped the entire evening over and over. The meeting in the subway, the theater the play, then the wonders of the restaurant, and lastly, Tom's friends. It had been a wonderful experience, and I thought with regret of Tom's speech:

"I am afraid such spees aren't for us—not very often."

At last I too fell asleep but only a restaurant where Bob Henderson and his wife were waiters; and of the dream of Bab and the theater; of the time when we, Tom and me, had money to do what we willed.

In the morning Tom didn't wake me, and for the first time since our marriage he made his own coffee, and left without bidding me good bye.

If I only could have looked upon life as a great melting pot, and realized that all that goes in comes out; that patience, and courage and love are all that makes life worth living all that makes the struggle worth while, we would have been much happier.

In my ignorance looked upon life as a sort of a playground for the

IS GOD ASLEEP?

God does not sleep
While men design
To cheat, or steal
Or play a part.

He sees, He knows,
He's still Divine and will
Of hosts of honest men
Take worthy notice still.

No chant nor noise can blind
The One whose judgment never fails
To weigh each motive of the heart
And measure as is due
To each "well done" or else "depart"

To Him time is as naught,
Eternity is His to work His will
He can, and does, and will o'er rule
Each human crime and sin
To count for final good.

And those who loudest call
On God, as though asleep,
May find though late, that God
Scorns trickery, and will not bless
The men who plan their fellows to berate.

To Him they're guilty
Of as great a crime
As those who openly
Declare themselves a foe,
Go forth to battle with a sword
Their cause for carnage fully known.

Is God asleep. No He is not.
Don't plan on that oh men suppose;
God knows, God sees the motive
Back of all you do, He can and will
Make all things work together
For the good of those, who honest with
themselves
Have never need to fear that God's
asleep.
—Lulu G. Richardson,
Portland, Ore.

This was signed by all the Willamette men.

At the last business meeting of the Ladies' Glee club it was decided to discontinue the practice for the rest of the year. Plus have been ordered for the members. A special committee is drawing up plans for a four-year plan.

In today's issue of the Collegian "Hap" Miller appeals for loyal student body co-operation in the working out and planning of this year's May Day festivities.

"Peter" Pfaff, '16, who has been teaching science in the Port Angeles high school, is a campus visitor this week, which is for his school a vacation period. Mr. Pfaff states that he likes his location. He was especially an athletic coach this year. His team's rivals, formerly victorious, were easily defeated.

TERRIBLY SICK WOMAN

Surgical Operation Thought Necessary, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Saved Her.

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and it has made me a well woman and we have a lovely baby girl. We cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough, and I hope this letter will lead other suffering women to try it."

—Mrs. BENJAMIN F. BLAKE, R. F. D. No. 5, Box 22, Madison, Wis.

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ing, Ben Jackson, Ferris Abbott, and Thos. Cones. A regimental choir and literary club may also be formed.

Willamette Initiates Military Training

Willamette University is to initiate military drill. Due to a summons from Coach Matthews most of the men students met in the gymnasium last night to decide the matter, definitely. As was arranged drill will take place two nights a week, Tuesday and Thursday. Coach Matthews will act as captain, and will be assisted by Don Fletcher and Fred McMillan, who had experience on the border last summer. No compulsory measures will be enforced, but most of the men want the training. The coach says it is a matter of protection, or insurance. Should the students enter active service the training will be of supreme value. It is the untrained soldier that is killed first.

Nothing definite has been decided as to athletics; it is probable that practices will continue until the exact wish of congress is expressed.

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CHAPTER IX

It was mystifying to me to hear my own speak so carelessly of money. Our home dollars were seriously counted before they were spent. And a dollar was expected to purchase a full dollar's worth of something. Would I ever be able to talk so nonchalantly about money as did Tom's old friends, and as did Tom himself when he was with them? I made up my mind that some time money should be the negligible quantity to me that it appeared to be to them.

If we only had independence enough now to want to copy other people, and if we were satisfied with what we have, or could have, what a world of trouble it would save. But from that night, the night of my introduction to the lights of Broadway, its theater and restaurants; the simple things which before had satisfied me ceased to be adequate. I longed for luxuries, even before I realized what my discontented feeling meant.

On our way home from the theater Tom had remarked:

"New York's some little town isn't it Sue?" and I had answered:

"Indeed it is! that is if you can go to the places and do the things others do."

"I'm afraid such spees aren't for us—not very often," Tom replied. "I wish I could give you everything you want Sue, but well have to be patient and wait until our ship comes in."