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THINGS BY THEIR RIGHT NAMES

There seems to be a disposition in some quarters and by some people to whistle softly in the presence of people of German parentage, lest they become offended at aspersions upon their people and their practices. Many will even apologize for the action of this country in prosecuting the war, and will lightly pass over the atrocities committed by the German forces, that have shamed the right thinking peoples of the earth.

This weak-kneed, pussy-footing attitude is unworthy any American. First, because every intelligent person who has given the question even the most casual study must know that this country is in the right, and that her quarrel is the quarrel of the people of the earth. The United States could never look the world in the face had she refused to take up the gauge of battle when William of Germany cast it at our feet.

Loyal Americans will condemn the practices of not only the German Kaiser, but of his troops as well. The world is a unit in the condemnation of the ruthless submarine activity. The ferocity with which this is prosecuted is unworthy the darkest days of the middle ages.

The world condemns the savagery of the German attacks on hospital ships, on field hospitals and on innocent non-combatants generally. There is no other name for their acts save inhumanity. Be it said to the everlasting credit of the allies, no such actions have stained their records.

We repeat that there is no call for pussy-footing when these things are mentioned because, forsooth, your bearer may have German blood in his veins. German blood is plentiful in America, and much of it is among the most loyal. That part which is not loyal is simply disloyal, and that is all there is to the matter. And furthermore, this country has no quarrel with German blood or even with German people, except so far as they uphold and abet the German GOVERNMENT.

Every American should get this important fact: We are fighting for a principle of everlasting Right and against a practice of everlasting Wrong. That the German nation happens to be in the wrong is no reproach to the millions of that blood who are not only among us, but of us. Once their loyalty is demonstrated, it should be accepted in full faith. On the other hand, if their loyalty is of the right brand they will recognize the faults of their kinsmen, and while possibly not disclaiming those kinsmen, they most certainly will disclaim any sympathy with them or their ambitions, especially with their acts.

Let's get this thing right on the start. The United States has no apology to make for its actions. This country is in the right, and those who do not like her course are at liberty to take themselves and their objections to some other country—which would be the most decent thing they could do.

ERVIN TRUE TO PRINCIPLES

When the Republican state committee met at Minneapolis Friday to choose a member to fill a vacancy caused by the death of one of the committee, Governor Burnquist had recommended a Minneapolis man, Fred H. Carpenter, who had the backing of Minneapolis Republicans. It seems that other Republicans who had longed to usurp the patronage of the state's chief executive had become peeved over their failure to handle the governor's prerogatives and presented the name of Senator Frank B. Kellogg, who had previously stated in a letter that if his choice was not unanimous he didn't wish to inject himself into committee affairs.

The Kellogg adherents, who had sought to embarrass Governor Burnquist because they were not allowed to distribute a little political "pie," also contended for a secret ballot, instead of an open expression, and gained their point. And the strange part of it was that the vote of Alderman Josiah Chase of Minneapolis defeated the Minneapolis man. The vote was 11 to 10.

At the meeting was Thomas Ervin of Bemidji, a member of the state Republican committee. Mr. Ervin voted for Governor Burnquist's recommendation, Mr. Carpenter, showing that the Bemidji committeeman is four square as a Republican and in line with the administration of the state which was chosen by the Republicans of Minnesota.

President Wilson is said to be in favor of an early adjournment of Congress but whether out of sympathy for Congress or the people, we are not informed.

There are some persons in Bemidji who would do well to remember the motto of the old horseman: Never grab the reins when the other fellow is driving.

Not the least of the evil effects of this war is the added burden it places on the geography class.

The predicted "dollar eggs" should prove a fertile field for Brother Hoover's activities.

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