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## OUR NATIONAL MISTAKE

While disaffection and disloyalty are at a minimum in this country, still looking into the past we can see a mistake which the country has made that is almost wholly responsible for what of disloyalty exists among American citizens.

If when, in spite of the earnest efforts of our government, war was forced upon us, we had accepted the challenge in the right spirit, much misunderstanding might have been averted. We should have accepted the gauge of battle as wholly unavoidable. We should have seen, which many of us did not, that if American institutions were to be maintained, war was the only means of maintaining them. Viewed in this light, there could be no question as to the duty of every citizen. That duty would have stood out most plainly—loyalty to one's country and her institutions, or TREASON.

Instead of thus accepting the inevitable, however, we in our old American way at once began to argue and dispute over the right of our government to enter a "foreign" war; never realizing, in our blindness, that this so-called "foreign" war was as much our war as it was any other nation's. We should have seen that the ultimate object of the effort of Germany was aimed at the vitals of America—that we were singled out for the supreme sacrifice, to be the German banker at the beck and call of her military despotism, from whom she expected ultimately to collect the enormous toll of money that the holocaust should cost her.

But, as we have stated, we have been for a year debating as to the rights of our government, first over the lives and services of our boys, then as to its rights to the services of our money and our property, all the time losing sight of the basic fact that not only did all that we possess belong to our government in its need, but that we ourselves are but the creatures of that government, without which there would now be no American people as we see them. We have lost sight of the fact to some extent, that our very FIRST duty is to government, as without it all rights, privileges and benefits come to naught.

The question is not debatable. It is as one-sided as is that of the right or wrong of murder, arson, theft, or any other human transgression. The disloyal man is as plainly in contempt of law as is the murderer, the thief, or any other criminal. There can be no other view of the question, because in any other view lies the seeds of anarchy and the destruction of all law. And law is the only force that earth has yet discovered that will hold nations together.

Drive the truth home to every man, that his very citizenship carries with it an iron-bound obligation to render his all, if demanded, to his government whenever the emergency arises. AND THE EMERGENCY HAS ARISEN.

## RHEA NOT A CANDIDATE FOR CHARITY

The Williams Northern Light rises to devote considerable space to the candidacy of George Rhea of Bemidji for the office of register of deeds and in the course of its remarks the Light says that the entry of Mr. Rhea is "inexplicable," as he has a position as "cashier of one of the leading banks of the county with unlimited tenure." The Light then goes on to say—

"Furthermore the general feeling is that all should vote for a man who is competent and at the same time needs the employment."

It is reasonable to presume that any man has the great American privilege of being a candidate for an elective office, no matter whether he has wealth or not a nickel to his name. Mr. Rhea is not cashier of one of the leading banks of the county, although it is acknowledged the bank is one of the leading financial concerns of Beltrami. He is assistant cashier and a wage earner. In other words, he has a job. He is not seeking the office because he "needs it." Mr. Rhea doesn't believe a public office is a charitable institution. Like any other candidate he feels he is fully qualified to fill the position and if defeated will not exhibit any saffron hue in his makeup.

The candidate espoused personally by the Northern Light is a splendid man. No question about that. But we of the southern part of the county never heard of his "needing" a political office to make a living, being the success in business that he is.

Why inject the personal gimlet in sounding the praises of any particular primary candidate, so long as it affects another who is a man of reputation, standing, unquestioned business ability and loyalty?

## THE GIANT IS AWAKE

The giant is awake at last. It has taken a year of sustained effort, and the mobilizing of an army of close to two million men, before we awoke from our slumber, but we are wide awake at last, and doing things—with a big D.

Government departments are running smoothly, and the great machinery of war is at last forging ahead. Huge stores of supplies of every conceivable description are being rushed across the Atlantic; Army after army is being trained and dispatched, until the American forces and equipment on the other side are fast attracting the attention of the world and sending cold shivers up and down the German spine.

The Kaiser's boast to Mr. Gerard, that he had 500,000 German reservists in this country, and ready to take up arms at his word of command, has the ring of a huge joke. If they are here, they at least know how to preserve whole skins.

We have hit our stride at last, and now let's keep it up till complete victory is ours. Kaiserism, with its attendant train of evils, must perish from the earth.

And let us not for one moment forget that AMERICA IS THE DECIDING FACTOR IN THE WAR.

Vigorous steps should be taken to punish any person convicted of originating false rumors of disasters to our troops abroad. The families and friends have enough anxiety to bear, without being made the victims of irresponsible sensation mongers.

President Wilson's address to Congress concerning the revenue tax sounded well to the ears of all except the profiteers.

## DANGERS OF A COLD

Bemidji People Will Do Well to  
Heed Them.

Many bad cases of kidney trouble result from a cold or chill. Congested kidneys fall behind in filtering the poison-laden blood and backache, headache, dizziness and disordered kidney action follow. Don't neglect a cold. Use Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of kidney trouble. Follow this Bemidji resident's example:

Mrs. A. C. DePuy, 214 Tenth St., says: "I suffered from kidney and bladder trouble for several years. My back pained so badly I could hardly stoop to put on my shoes. I often had such a tired, nervous feeling I could hardly get through with my household duties. Every time I caught cold the trouble was worse. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and after I had taken two boxes I was fixed up in good shape."

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After This, It Would Be Folly to Say  
That Sailors Do Not Appreciate  
Gifts.

Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson writes in the Women's Home companion: "As for knitted garments, I wish you could have been with me one day at a certain naval base near New York, when the crew of a ship which had been accidentally sunk in our very harbor entered the chaplain's office to receive their fresh supply of knitted garments. They had all lost their clothing, barely escaping with their lives."

"The boys lined up like the well-trained sailors they were, tucked their supplies under their arms and marched out again, headed by an officer. But the moment they broke ranks outside headquarters each boy became absorbed in his own particular package of knitted garments and comfort bag, turning the sweaters, the helmets, the wristlets and even the bags inside out, poking inquiring fingers into every corner."

"What are they looking for—sweaters? I asked the young officer at my elbow. 'Dear, no,' said my guide with a laugh. 'Letters, notes, the addresses of the lady who knitted the garment or filled the bag. They want to write back and say thank you.'"

"After watching their frenzied search for notes and addresses, nothing can ever make me believe that the boys do not appreciate such gifts."

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(Inserted by I. B. Olson in his own behalf and paid for by him at rate of \$5.00 for series.)

I. B. OLSON

Candidate for

## REGISTER OF DEEDS

Having received encouragement from representative men of the county to enter the race for the office of Register of Deeds of Beltrami county, I take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for said office. I will not be in a position to make an extensive campaign, but will appreciate your vote and support all the more. I have two sons in the service and am contributing every dollar I make (outside of a bare living) towards the war. I believe I am competent to fill this office and if favored with the nomination and election, I will give the office my closest attention and the best service there is in me.

Respectfully,

I. B. OLSON.

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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(Ordered for and by George W. Rhea. Amount paid for series \$5.00.)



GEORGE W. RHEA

Candidate for

## REGISTER OF DEEDS

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds. If nominated and elected, the duties of that office will receive the best of my attention.

I have been a resident of the county for the past 16 years, am a taxpayer and a family man. I will appreciate your support.

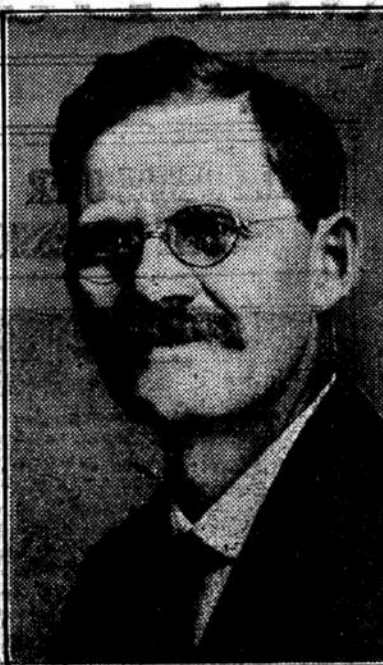
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There is something for you in the Want Ad column today. It's on the last page.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(Ordered for and by Andrew Johnson. Amount to be paid for series \$10.00.)



I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Beltrami County, Minnesota, at the primary election to be held June 17, 1918.

Owing to my work as Chairman of the Exemption Board and the work connected with the Sheriff's office, it would be impossible for me to see you all personally. I therefore respectfully ask your support at the coming election.

Very truly yours,

ANDREW JOHNSON.

d &amp; w-529 to 615

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(Ordered and paid for by A. E. Rako. Amount to be paid for series \$5.)

To the Voters of the 62nd Legislative District:

Having filed as a candidate for representative, I am desirous of having the support and co-operation of the residents of the district. If elected I will represent the people without fear or favor and my hands will not be tied in any way. While a member of the board of county commissioners I have endeavored to be fair and impartial and would attend to my duties in the legislature with the same spirit. I fully realize the needs of this section of the state and being an active farmer myself I know that its future growth depends upon the development of the agricultural resources, and will be able from practical experience to urge the laws that will be of benefit. The active support of the people of the district will be appreciated.

3w-613 A. E. RAKO.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(Ordered by W. F. Noonan for John Norris. Amount to be paid for series \$10.00.)



## FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

After discussing the matter with many business and professional men and homesteaders from different parts of the county, I have decided to become a candidate for the nomination for the office of register of deeds for Beltrami county at the primaries to be held in June. If elected I am confident that I can discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of every resident of the county. I have been a resident of Beltrami county for many years, both as a farmer and business man, and have devoted considerable time to public affairs. I intend to see as many of the ratepayers as possible before election but should I not see you all I respectfully ask your consideration of my candidacy, and I would very much appreciate your support and vote. I believe that every officer should make it a point to do all he can to win the war, even if his office is not directly connected with the handling of war matters, and if elected I shall use every influence at my command to make the register of deeds office a factor in promoting matters of a patriotic nature.

JOHN S. NORRIS.

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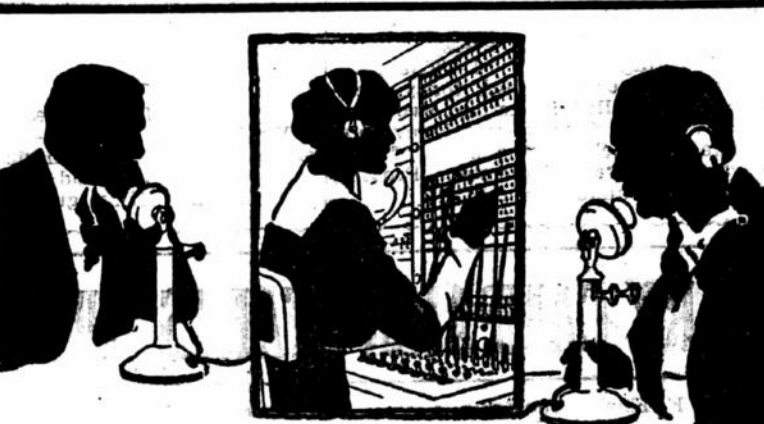
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