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"Your Country Needs You."

We are rapidly reaching the point where each and every one of us can fully realize that we are in for a long siege of trouble. North Dakota's first and second regiments of infantry are under arms, and are ready to leave for any destination at a moment's notice. In addition, some six thousand of the flower of the state's manhood will be leaving for training camps far removed from their homes.

With the leaving of our guard and others comes a serious question for us to consider. In case of domestic trouble of any serious nature, what are we to do for proper protection? It seems imperative that North Dakota have as soon as possible a third regiment of troops, not for federal recognition, but for the protection of the state against any emergency.

All over the United States we are having I. W. W. demonstrations. There is an organization counting hundreds of irresponsible anarchistic loafers whose officers are openly advocating violence as a means of picking up a little easy money. There have been clashes between these men and the citizens of other states. North Dakota will sooner or later have to experience the same troubles. If a few train-loads of these I. W. W.'s were to be heard down upon us today, or tomorrow, or next week, what could we do for protection? What could we do to guard our homes, our families, or even our growing crops? The Record is not an advocate of mob violence. Yet, it believes in ample and adequate armed protection. An armed home guard could be perfected here in Linton in no time. But that would be insufficient. In other communities this method has been resorted to. And their action has brought forth from the governor of our state the statement that they are nothing but armed mobs, and that such proceedings will be rigorously suppressed in North Dakota if any I. W. W.'s come to harm. The governor is right in advocating strict adherence to legal authority, but he is equally bound to provide ample means of legal protection. He is the political product of an organization the heads of which for some incalculable reason have been championing the cause of these parasites on society. The attitude of these men and of our governor will sooner or later bring these human pests down upon us in untold numbers. When that time comes what will we be able to do for our protection?

One of the fundamentals of law is the right of every man to protect himself, his family and his property at the point of a gun, if necessary. If North Dakota is not to be provided with the necessary home guard regiment, then local home guard units will be necessary for protection. Then the armed mobs, as they have been termed by the governor, will have to do the work. Experience has taught us that where there are I. W. W.'s in any great numbers, there we will find lawlessness and danger to life and property.

What is the answer? The governor has intimated that home guard organizations will get in serious trouble if they attempt to take measures for the protection of their communities. If he is going to be right with his people, then it is up to

him to order the organization of a regiment in North Dakota recruited from the ranks of those not called for foreign service.

This is a serious matter. Every person living in Emmons county should sit down at once and write to Lynn J. Frazier, governor, Bismarck, North Dakota, requesting the organization of state militia sufficient to amply protect the citizens and their families and property.

It is a regrettable incident that recently happened out at Butte when the Socialist I. W. W. agitator, Little, was hanged by a mob to a railroad bridge. We say it is regrettable. And by that we mean that it is too bad to ever resort to such violence. But, on the other hand, there must be secured some means of convincing that class of vipers, that the nation and its people must be protected from such as he.

In the early days of the Dakotas, before the wheels of justice were sufficiently protected to answer the purpose, a horse thief was hanged without compunction immediately upon his apprehension. Too often mistakes were made and innocent men were made the victims. If a wholesale lynching of such people should become the rule, the same unfortunate conditions would develop. The only chance of safety lies in quick and efficient legal means to deal with the danger.

More than ever before home guard organizations are needed for the protection of the public. The available legal machinery should be speeded up to the highest notch to stamp out the danger. Liberty in this country has become seriously misconstrued as meaning unlimited personal license.

Heroic measures are necessary. Think it over. When the time comes that we meet a crisis here at home face to face. Then it will be too late. Let's not sit quietly by until that time arrives. Preparedness was the cry throughout the nation during more than two years of the great world war. There was never a time when anything but a miracle could keep us free of entanglements when the world was at war. Nevertheless, nothing was done to whip into shape our military forces until the blow actually fell. And today nothing but the greatest good fortune protects us. While we are taking the necessary time to do those things which should have been done two years earlier, the people of Belgium, France, England, Canada, Australia, and many other nations are shedding their life blood to hold at bay that monster that is seeking ill whom it may devour.

There is a historic expression in diplomatic circles which is to the effect that God protects fools, children and the United States. When will the tide turn, and the nation itself finally be called upon to suffer for its folly? Let us not wait until conditions of direct and actual peril confront us before getting our house in order.

Write your governor and ask him what is to be done about state guards when our other armed troops have left the confines of their state.

Harvesting is well under way all over the entire county. Pessimists and optimists bring reports verging on each extreme. A conservative survey of the situation brings the conclusion that generally speaking the crops are fair as to yield. The total number of bushels of grain will not compare with some of our best crops. However, there is better than an average yield of more than half a crop. And the grade of what we have has never been better, and seldom as good. Record prices far above anything known for dozens of years before the war spell prosperity to the farmers. The income in money for the Emmons county crop of 1917 will far exceed anything known in its history.

This week the boys are undergoing their physical examinations while being sifted out for service in the national army. Immediately upon completion of the physical examinations, the boards will be busy sifting out the men entitled to exemption on one ground or another. Every indication points to the probability of the number of exemptions being extremely heavy. In Emmons county more than four men are being examined this week for every one needed to fill our quota. And it is doubtful if that number will be sufficient.

There are various reasons for such a condition. First of all, many of the men most qualified for service have already enlisted, many of them since their numbers were drawn. A large percentage of the men of draft age are married men. Many of them are farmers who have sole charge of their farms, and are without help. Many are aliens.

Wanted Credit for It. "What makes that hen of yours cackle so loudly?" inquired Jenkins of his neighbor. "Why, they've just laid a cornerstone for the new parish room across the road and she's trying to make the neighbors think she did it."



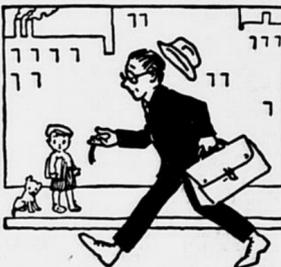
CLOCK AND WATCH.

"It's too absurd," said the clock. "What is too absurd?" asked the watch which had been put on the stand beside the clock. "You are forever making those funny speeches which mean absolutely nothing."

"They mean something to me," said the clock. "Perhaps, perhaps," said the watch. "But that is a very selfish way of looking at things. Just suppose, for a moment, everyone only thought of what interested themselves and only talked of something they understood and no one else—that a very confusing world it would be. I do believe I'd get rattled and lose time, or else gain time to try to catch up to everything that was being said. In fact that is my trouble anyway. I am always trying to catch up. I have to."

"Now, there!" said the clock. "Who is confusing now? I am sure I don't know why you complain about the fact that I said something you didn't understand. For you've said something I don't understand!"

"That's fair enough," said the watch. "Fair enough," said the clock. "I'll admit, but dull. 'Nonsense!' said the watch, ticking very loudly in its excitement. 'You



He Runs Around All Day.

have to keep good time or you wouldn't be left alone. You'd be sent to the clock mender's shop and you'd be tinkered with and pulled to pieces, and an old man with a strange-looking black eye-glass would peer at you and say to your master:

"The clock's main spring is broken. It will cost a great deal of money to have it fixed."

"And then your master will look at you and wonder if you are worth mending. And you'll be in fear and trembling that your master will think you are not worth it—which would make you much ashamed."

"Now, dear little watch," said the clock in a patronizing tone, "that may have been your experience, but it has never been mine. Goodness only knows how many times you have been to the watch mender's shop. But I have never been to one. And I do go my own sweet way. Of course I do my work—that is to keep time. It's just as easy to be on time as to be late. Just as easy. All one has to do is to keep up with the hours and not waste moments. Wasting those moments is such a bad business. They're mean little things—moments—and they're mighty apt to creep up into half hours and even hours! But as we're really having such a nice sociable time I'll tell you what I meant when I said 'It's too absurd,' but you must tell me what you meant when you said, 'I am always trying to catch up.' I meant that it was so absurd to hear people saying that someone has a face that would stop a clock. What they mean is that someone's face is very queer or very ugly. In the first place I wouldn't stop for any face! Only for my own. If my hands got twisted I'd stop—but for a real face, no, indeed! It's utterly absurd. And whoever started such nonsensical talk should never have the honor of owning either a clock or a watch. Also it is very rude and unkind. No one should talk about anyone's face in such a fashion. All the time they are talking, other people may not like their faces! All faces are different—and are liked for different things—lovely eyes or wonderful smiles."

"True," said the watch. "It's both an absurd thing to say and very, very unkind. Now when I said that I had to hurry and catch up—or rather try to catch up—I meant that my master has a foolish way of trying to hurry me up at the last moment. He waits and fuses and wastes his time, and then he wonders how he can reach somewhere on time—reaching there almost before he starts if he wants to be on time. Then I hurry and try to catch up to him as he seems in such a rush. And the trouble is I'm way ahead of the time he wants me to be. I try to keep up with his hurrying—for after he has wasted a great deal of time he does try to hurry. In fact he runs around all day trying to catch up with himself, and I run around with him. But I've learned enough not to vary. It's of no use. He tried putting me ahead of time one day but it was senseless when I disagreed with every other watch, and everyone said to my master, 'Your watch is fast.' We watches must agree, you know, and so I just get nervous trying to catch up with the lost moments for my master, and the only thing, I find, for him to do is to expect less of me and my mistakes but to start off everything ON TIME!"

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