

St. Landry Council of Defense

The following resolution of the Council of National Defense is deemed to be of the greatest importance, and we call upon all citizens to carefully consider the paramount importance of

Thrift and Economy as a War Measure.

E. M. BOAGNI, Chairman.

RESOLUTION THRIFT AND ECONOMY

The Council of National Defense and the Advisory Commission of the Council believe that a concerted effort for economy by the people of the Nation will not only go far toward paying America's expense in the war, but will also reduce consumption of raw and manufactured materials essential to the conduct of the war.

The Council urges all to refrain from unnecessary expenditures of every kind, and to bear constantly in mind that only one thing is now of real importance, and that is the winning of the war.

The Nation's resources in man-power, money, transportation, food stuffs, raw materials and fuel, have already been subjected to heavy strain, and it is the clear duty of every citizen to guard against increasing this strain by a single wasteful act.

It is most creditable for everyone—man and woman, boy and girl—to be economical in dress, food and manner of living. Every evidence of helpful self-denial on the part of all in a time like this is most commendable.

This war is more than a conflict between armies; it is a contest in which every man, woman and child can and should render real assistance. Thrift and economy are not a patriotic privilege, they are a duty.

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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THE TURN OF THE TIDE

For three years or more, the tide of German U-boat piracy has been setting steadily against the shipping of the Allies. During that stretch of time nearly 12,000,000 tons in shipping and nearly 15,000 lives have been chalked up in blood-red figures to swell the list of German atrocities.

But we have reached the turn of the tide. By the time these words are read, the increasing toll which is being taken of German submarines and the decreasing toll of destroyed allied ships will have brought us to the point where we are putting ships afloat faster than the submarine is sinking them.

The Prussian is highly efficient, and never more so than when he sets out to lie; and German officialdom is lying to the German people about the submarine situation. It is magnifying the allied shipping losses in an increasing ratio, and it is minimizing its own losses of submarines in equal measure.

Vice-Admiral Sims recently referred to the fact that the submarine campaign reached its highest point in April of last year, and that it has been steadily declining ever since; so that in December of last year losses were 386,000 tons, and in April had declined still further to 269,000. The German authorities, however, have more than doubled these figures in the lists sent out to the German people. Thus, Germany claimed for December, 702,000 tons sunk as against actual losses of 386,000 tons; in January, the claim was 632,000 tons—the actual loss was 302,000 tons; in February she claimed 689,000 tons—the true figure is 332,000 tons; in March, she claimed 680,000 tons as against 358,000 tons; and in April, when 269,000 tons were sunk, the German people, their precious collection of allies and any one else who believes that Germany is capable of speaking the truth, were given to believe that 600,000 tons were sunk.

It is gratifying to compare the April loss for this year of 268,000 tons with the April loss of last year, which was the first year of unrestricted submarine warfare, when the submarines sunk a total of 871,000 tons.

The French Minister of Marine, Georges Leygues, draws attention to the fact that, if the total of allied shipping destroyed in the first four months of this year, as given above, were to be maintained throughout the year, the year's total losses would be about 3,700,000 tons; and he notes that this is less than the estimated amount of tonnage which our Shipping Board expects to build in the same time. So we see that, even in the unlikely event of the Germans being able to maintain their present rate of sinking, the losses will be more than offset by the American effort. Consequently, since Great Britain, France and Japan will launch this year between them about 2,000,000 tons, and the chartered Japanese and Norwegian ships and the requisitioned Dutch vessels amount to over 1,000,000 tons, there will be a total gain for the allied cause, of over 3,000,000 tons of shipping. It is probable, however, that the destruction of German U-boats will proceed at an accelerating rate for three reasons: First, the convoy system, which is all the time being perfected in its tactics, is becoming increasingly efficient; second, during the year there will be an enormous addition to the anti-U-boat fleets due to the completion of the destroyer and chaser programs, both of Great Britain and ourselves; and thirdly, because strongly offensive operations, of which the recent raids against Zeebrugge and Ostend, are a fair test, will be prosecuted throughout the year.—Scientific American.

MISSIONARY NOTES

A missionary to the Congo says there is no simile which seems so apt as that of light and darkness. All the experiences seem extremes of the blackness of heathenism or of the light of the gospel.

The darkness of heathenism! I wonder if we can realize what that phrase means. Speaking, however, of the Congo, one cannot tell all that the darkness of heathenism means. There are many we may tell, but there are infinite depths of degradation which we cannot tell in a public meeting.

Here are some of the things which it means:

Infanticide—The mother dies. There is no one to look after the infant. The father cannot do it and so they bury the child with its mother.

The desertion of the sick—A man falls a victim to sleeping sickness. Perhaps he is wealthy and has all he desires; but members leave him one by one until he is destitute.

Neglect of orphans—A little fellow came to us just a mass of sores from head to foot. He had been in a village where the women were lying about doing nothing, and the poor little chap could not get any one to cleanse his sores or help him in any way.

Slavery—A slave is beaten from pillar to post and passed from one master to another. A man may have from twenty to thirty wives. A man may take a woman among the other goods or things which count as his money.

Superstition—This is so powerful that a man believeth himself bewitched and refuses all food till he becomes ill and dies.

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SAVE THE NATION'S COAL

you the stories of human sacrifice of which we have heard, you would be horrified. On the occasion of a sacrifice a bamboo chair was made and a native was tied to it and cut to pieces.

One of the evangelists was out on a journey and gave one of the carriers some salt to buy some meat. He was taking a quiet walk after the sun had set, when passing the hut, out of curiosity examined the meat which they had bought, to his horror he found it to be a part of a woman. This is the darkness of heathenism.

But where can we find it so darkly portrayed as in the death of a heathen? A chief had sleeping sickness. His wives left him, one by one, until he was helpless and alone. But of course it would not do for these women to be away when he died for they would be blamed for his death. There were about two hundred people, men and women, sitting outside the hut wailing and holding their hands. The majority of the men's wives were dancing, with the perspiration running down their bodies; some, however, were lying on the ground with their heels in the air. Inside the hut there were twelve women frantically pulling him about the place, trying to bring him back to life.

Note the contrast. A Christian woman whose husband has sleeping sickness. He is wasting away gradually month after month. It is a trying time for this woman but she remains faithful. It is the light of the gospel which dispels the darkness of heathenism.

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This week we received an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the Medford High School, which occurs on Thursday evening, June 13, and among the graduates is Miss Octavia B. Childs, daughter of our former fellow citizen. Only the long distance prevents us from being on hand but we extend our thanks for the invitation nevertheless, and wish for Miss Octavia the best success in life.

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