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JOHN E. GREENE WRITES ANENT CASHMAN ADDRESS

Minot Attorney Pulls Daily News Up
With a Jerk and at the Same Time
Gives a Comprehensive View of
the War Situation.

The following communication was
presented to the Daily News for pub-
lication on Friday, April 12, but was
declined:

To Editor Minot Daily News:

The article published in the News
last Tuesday evening, and the editorial
which appeared in its columns last
Wednesday, both having reference to
Mr. Cashman's Monday evening ad-
dress at the Presbyterian church,
ought not to go without a protest
from every truly loyal citizen of Mi-
not and Ward county. That both ar-
ticles have been condemned by hun-
dreds of our people is a fact easily
established, and what is to be said now
is to voice that sentiment of condem-
nation.

The Tuesday evening article con-
tained a fair synopsis of Mr. Cash-
man's address, but the first paragraph
of the article contained words that
were not only unwarranted, but were
a direct insult to Mr. Cashman. In it
reference was made in slurring terms
to former President Taft, and by
plain inference the National Security
League came in for criticism. Now,
Mr. Cashman came to us voluntarily
to present facts tended to arouse the
people to a sense of duty at this critical
time when the government is
again making an appeal to the people
to aid it and themselves in the pro-
secution of the war. Without compen-
sation from any source Mr. Cashman
is giving valuable time in service to
the country, as thousands of other
men are doing. He gave a clear, un-
varnished statement of the truth, and
because he presented the truth in a
form intended to impress on the minds
of our people the real dangers which
now threaten the country you character-
ize him as a "pessimist" and a
"Gloomy Gussy." No socialist, or I.
W. W. or Victor Berger, or Hillquit
or LaFollette utterances have ever met
with such criticism in the columns of
the News as you have poured out on
Mr. Cashman, a man who comes to us
to point out the menace found in
the teachings of these misguided sup-
porters of our national enemies. No
man who, in whatever language, has
preached the doctrines of prepared-
ness and national unity in this war
period was ever accorded such a re-
ception by a newspaper in any loyal
community. In such times what the
people want and ask for is the ever-
lasting truth, and when it is given
them, and is accepted and approved
by them, they, and those who serve
them, have something better due them
than insolent ridicule from a newspa-
per whose chief grievance appears to be
that the message was not up to the
rhetorical standards of its hypercriti-
cal reporter. Our people are urged,
just now, to liberality in subscrip-
tions to the Third Liberty loan. Is it
not exactly the correct thing for a
speaker on the war to show up the
real seriousness of the situation, even
if it be clothed in the "shadows" of
the besetting peril? Do men usually
speak of war and its horrors, and urge
soldiers to fight, and their country-
men to support them in the poetic
language of "sunshine"? How many
men would feel moved to put their
last available dollar into a war fund,
by being told that the enemy was
"down and out," that our army was
to be equipped merely to attend as
on dress parade and watch our allies
put on the finishing touches, and make
the final count which determines the
contest? Surely the logic of the
News writer is unique; more than
that—it is counterfeit.

But the News was not satisfied with
its greeting of sarcasm and ridicule
tendered to an enthusiastic, patriotic
and worthy servant of the country's
cause, it felt called on to draw from
its superior fountains of knowledge
in an attempt to show not only that
Mr. Cashman was a pessimist, but
that, through ignorance or malice, he
was telling the people falsehoods;
was sounding a false alarm. So the
Editor indulges in that amazing edi-
torial review of the speech in ques-
tion which appeared in Wednesday's
News. Note the opening paragraph
of the editorial:

"Lest the gloomy address deliv-
ered in this city Monday evening
by Joseph Cashman of New York
have a depressing effect upon the
optimistic spirit which is necessary
for the successful sale of liberty
bonds, it may be well to point
out some of the fallacies in his
logic and some errors in his con-
clusions."

In the paragraph quoted the News
editor seeks to excuse his unpardon-
able affront offered the city's guest
and to the intelligent citizens of the
city, by the gauzy pretext that it was
in the interest of the liberty bond sale.
But the pretext will not serve the
purpose, nor will the editor's self
satisfy the public that the attack on
Mr. Cashman was anything but the
venting of a little editorial spleen,
provoked by some unknown, but mani-
festly unworthy motive. We do not
charge the News nor its editor with
disloyalty, but its course in this in-
stance justifies a quotation from the
New York Morning Telegraph: "It
seems easy to abolish German-made
Aviation goggles, but when it comes
to the editorial eye-glasses it is hard-
er to detect the Hun trade-mark, or
to correct a distorted view-point."

The editor's agitation seems to
have been caused chiefly by Mr. Cash-
man's statement to the effect that
"Germany is stronger today than she
has been since the beginning of the
war." This statement, the News says,
is untrue, and then offers the most
surprising attempt at argument that

the News has made within my recol-
lection of its career—and that is say-
ing not a little. The premises are un-
sound at every point, and in delving
in the field of facts the editor has lost
himself entirely.

Mr. Cashman made the statement
substantially as quoted above. He was
speaking of Germany and its allies as
a fighting power today, and the facts
bear him out. Let us follow the edi-
torial. First it is said that Germany
"mobilized every man within the mili-
tary age at the first rush," meaning
that every man was pushed to the
field immediately on the commence-
ment of the war. Nothing is further
from the truth. She did "mobilize"
her men of military age but that is
quite a different thing from putting
them into immediate action. Her en-
tire army was put on a war footing,
equipped, and in camps, but it was
nearly two years after the "first rush"
before they were all actively engaged
in the conflict. Everybody who has
read knows that first one class and
then another was called to the front,
and at considerable intervals. There
were millions that were not called in-
to the field until long after Germany
made her "first rush." The editor
tells us that Germany has thrown in-
to the present battle "her last avail-
able man and her last ounce of mili-
tary resources." If that were true
we might indeed tremble with fear of
the probable results of this supreme
effort, for if all that power is now
being thrown at us, we must realize
that we are outnumbered and may be
overcome, for her resources are enor-
mous. But the statement is not true.
What are her military resources? It
is not only man-power. It consists
of equipment, munitions, food, fuel,
gun and ammunition foundries and fac-
tories, transportation facilities, and
last and most important of all, these
things are concentrated in a compara-
tively small area, with no seas to
cross, no submarine fleet to interfere
with the movement of any arm of her
great machine. She is entrenched as
no army ever was before and there-
fore prepared for defense as no na-
tion ever was in that respect.

When Germany and Austria began
the conflict they very soon had the
armies of Russia, England, France
Belgium, Serbia and Italy in the field
against her. The battle front was
more than 2,000 miles long. Think
of the man power necessary to defend
that front. Rumania joined against
the central powers, and the front was
extended. Within a year Turkey and
Bulgaria joined the Teuton forces,
and are still with them. When the
first great rush was made against
Serbia, Belgium and France, victory
did not follow as was expected, and
the central powers began to husband
and conserve every material resource,
and extended to the utmost every
means of production both natural and
mechanical. The editor "reminds" us
of the limited territory of Germany—
208,000 square miles, and says we
"forget that that limited area must
produce food enough to feed a popu-
lation of 70 million." He says that
"Germany did get a considerable
quantity of food through the neutral
countries * * * But those supplies
have been exhausted." He admits that
the 1917 grain crops of Rumania and
Russia are available for Germany, but
that Rumania cannot sell of hers
without starving her own people; that
the Russians will not allow Germany
to rob her of her food supplies."

Let us "remind" the editor that un-
til Argentine and Canada began to
produce wheat in large quantities—
about 18 years ago—Rumania was the
third in rank of the great grain pro-
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ted States only excelling her, and that

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