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SOLDIERS AND LIBERTY BONDS

This is a war of resources. Victory will ultimately come to the side which can amass the largest number of men and dollars to carry on the struggle to a decisive close. The race is to the strong financially and physically.

And here might be raised the question as to which of the two—men or money—is the more essential to victory. Without men there can be no army; but how far toward Berlin could the Allied troops on the western front move if they were cut off from the financial artery that supplies them with the life blood of food and munitions?

A wise man has said that an army fights on its stomach. Which again brings us to the fact that money is a factor in the war equation that assumes a place of prime importance. The United States has, by adopting the Selective Draft Law, assured the raising of an army sufficiently large to protect this country from the enemy. But conscription of wealth has not been adopted. The Liberty Loan bond issue has been selected as a means of raising money by voluntary subscription.

The fact that the government has made the collection of billions for financing this war a matter of voluntary subscription greatly increases the obligations of the patriots in this country to come forward unselfishly. The problem of physical force is solved. But, like Sampson and his unshorn locks, physical and financial resources cannot be separated if our nation is to stand at the apex of her power.

The nation calls for financial strength. He who can and will not subscribe his portion of the Liberty Loan is a slacker.

In their anxiety to put down treasonable acts, American people are overlooking the spirit of patriotism displayed by many German-Americans. At the recent state fair at Des Moines, a German woman came to visit her son, who was a member of the 168th Regiment. She said she had four other sons enlisted in the regular army and that the youngest, the sixth, had been drafted. When advised that she would have no trouble in having her youngest son exempted, the German mother replied, "I don't want him out; I want him to go."

KEEP WAR CLEAN.

The invasion of Belgium, a neutral which should have been held sacred by all belligerents, shattered all hopes of a continuance, during the war, of those terms of mutual international agreement by means of which nations can have intercourse with each other and keep civilization on the plane it has reached in this age. Then came the use of gas in warfare, another violation of the agreement between nations. The slaughter of non-combatants, of women and children, by submarine and aerial attack, shocked the world more than any other phase of the German violations of international law. Civilization seemed to be decadent and retrogressive.

Then after the war had been raging for two years and a half, the United States entered the conflict. It is to be hoped that she will keep her record clean. Had violations of international agreements for the welfare of humanity not been made, the world would not now be suffering from this reversion to medieval times. No one belligerent can gain much over another by using some new atrocity, for as soon as it is tried, the enemy uses it in retaliation. The ultimate effect is increased suffering for both sides.

The Quakers are conscientiously opposed to war. But they are doing a wonderful work in France, restoring buildings and putting the country in condition to produce a living for the soldiers and their families after the war. Quakers are not "pacifists" in the undesirable sense.

Germany has just finished celebrating Field Marshall von Hindenburg's seventieth birthday. We wonder what the Kaiser gave him for a birthday present. Possibly a few Iron Crosses cast from the metal of some peasant's kitchen utensils.

W. R. Painter Here Yesterday.
W. R. Painter, chairman of the State Prison Board, was in Columbia for a few minutes yesterday afternoon. He left by motor for Glasgow.

Dramatic Club to Give Play.

The Dramatic Club of the University will hold tryouts for places in J. M. Synge's three-act comedy, "The Plowboy of the Western World," at 7:15 o'clock next Tuesday night in Room 214, Academic Hall. There are thirteen speaking parts in the play. Prof. R. M. Dewey of the English department will direct the play. It will be given in the latter part of November.

35 Out for C. C. Basketball.

Thirty-five Christian College girls reported for the basketball squad last week at the first basketball meeting given in the girls' club room. The juniors of the college will play the seniors about November 1. Many of last year's senior team are back. But

the first practice showed that the juniors have a strong team.

586 Pay Vehicle Tax.

Not an arrest has been made in the three weeks since the time limit expired for motor car owners to pay their city license fees, despite the fact that two officers are supposed to be checking up unlicensed cars. Five hundred and eighty-six tags have been sold, but the city bought tags on the figures that there were 900 vehicles.

LEAVES FORTUNE TO STUDENT

Filipino Leaves for Home After Death of Aunt.

Julio E. Sarmenta, a Filipino, who entered the School of Engineering of the University, left Columbia this week for San Francisco, where he expects to sail on the next steamer leaving that port for the Philippines. Mr. Sarmenta's departure is due to the death of his aunt. His aunt left him a fortune.

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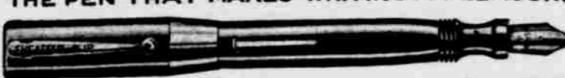
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