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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### REGISTER.

**EDWARDS**—We have the authority to announce W. J. Edwards, Jr., a candidate for Register of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

**CHAPEL**—We are authorized to announce J. M. (Marvin) Chapel as a candidate for Register of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

### NAVAL BIGOTRY.

The idea would not dawn that President Harding was like a stick of wax, to be easily pressed into any sort of a shape. He began well by recommending reductions of expenditures and by cutting down the size of the army. The impression was a good one, and Democrats everywhere were looking on with pleasure. They were about ready to enter the Republican household.

People with one mind, driven by long endurance and imposed hardships, swept the ballot box last November with a protest that raged like a storm from one end of the country to the other, the like of which had never been witnessed in this country before.

No one can possibly be so stupid as to mistake the cause of the revolution. Some little complaint is heard as to the expenses of war, but the wholesale extravagance since the war, chargeable to both parties—the abuse of power to tax the people for immense war, navy, and other unheard of and unprecedented government establishments—coupled, unfortunately but nevertheless true, with the taking of the boys to France and the maiming and killing of many of them, constitute and comprise every issue of that campaign which moved men and women to vote.

The irony of that occasion—the humiliation of the President and the collapse of Democracy—though a tragedy was only an incident.

And so President Harding, who seemed to be actuated by independence of thought and action, made it known to his friends in Congress that there must be reduction and retrenchment in legislation. He gave the most inspiring signs of genuine intelligence.

No man could have changed the tide of war. It was inevitable, but the other—the waste of money, one of the misfortunes of war, and the work of designing political cliques, was criminal and unpardonable.

And now, comes, Mr. Harding, before Dr. Jekyll and now Mr. Hyde, endorsing the navy program of one-half billion, to be followed next year by almost if not quite one billion for a navy while Europe lies prostrate.

This is a travesty. It kills public confidence in President Harding. It destroys the hopes of American people in their executive and representatives. Congress was proceeding after the suggestions of the President, and now a reversal of the order is called for. For what? In order that the nation may bow to the navy clique and in order that the U. S. Navy, after the country is nearly bankrupt, may strut and bluster on the high seas and eventually, maybe soon, embroil us in another war.

No wonder the service men are disappointed. Lots of these men are sensible enough to defer action on a bonus, but when they see Congress reveling in waste extracted like blood from the people, naturally they feel that some of this should more appropriately be given to them. Who can say that they are wrong? I warrant you that if Congress had proceeded economically with its appropriations, there would have been a great demand from the ex-service men.

President Harding has dwindled again to the very ordinary man that he was in the Senate. It was expecting a great deal for him to be otherwise, but it is true. "Pity 'tis true, 'tis true 'tis pity." Read the very pertinent editorial in this week's paper from the Saturday Evening Post if you think we are too small to discuss the subject.

### FOR REGISTER.

We are authorized by Mr. Marvin Chapel to announce that he is a candidate for Register of Obion County, subject to the action of the county Democratic primary election. Mr. Chapel is well known in the county, having served before as Register some years ago with the very highest credits of ability and efficiency, as shown in the records which were largely the work of his own hand during his incumbency. Mr. Chapel is a native of the county, reared in Number Seven. He has been a resident of Union City for a number of years, and has been connected in many ways with public matters, serving lately as deputy Trustee with Mr. Easterwood. He

is recognized in all his relations with public office and private business as a man of personal integrity and fine character. He desires again to serve the people as Register, and with his experience and well known qualifications for the work of that office he pledges his entire time and the faithful discharge of his official duty. He solicits the support of his party friends, especially on the grounds of personal service in the State and county campaigns. He further asks a fair consideration of his claims for the office, and would appreciate any and all favors extended. We are pleased to offer the candidacy of Mr. Chapel thru the columns of The Commercial.

### THE JEW.

In regard to the charges attributed to Henry Ford, who seemed to have singled out the Jews and held them responsible alone for the profiteering which prevailed in this country during the war, considerable controversy has arisen, and especially are the Jewish papers exercised over the matter.

A number of secular papers have also commented upon these charges, with the general consensus that they are unfounded. The paper credited to Mr. Ford somehow escaped us, but in a general way the subject has not appeared to us in that light.

Probably the greatest financiers of Europe in the nineteenth century were Jews. The Rothschilds seemed to have a controlling interest in the wealth of France, and in some respects were identified in Great Britain. Benjamin Disraeli, prime minister of England, was a Jew. Neither of these houses were connected with war scandals.

As to our own country, the Jews do not seem to have controlled either government or finances. In the financial centers the names of Sage, Morgan, Rockefeller, Harriman, Gould, and others, some of them Presbyterians and all probably Gentiles, have controlled the destinies of American finance. There is also Otto Kahn, who is probably a Jew, and others of his race, but they do not seem to have been connected with anything but legitimate and well recognized financial transactions.

There was evidently a great deal of profiteering done during the war and even afterwards, but to single out and trace all the rottenness to the Jews is to distort facts and to draw on the imagination of a diseased or erratic brain.

A year ago some of this profiteering was disclosed by Secretary McAdoo, from an examination of the Internal Revenue reports. Of course these profits were based on the capital stock of the various concerns, not on the investment, which may or may not have been greater than the capital stock. In cases here enumerated the highest profits were as follows:

- Coal operators, 100 to 7500 per cent.
- Meat packers, 4000 per cent.
- Canners of fruits and vegetables, 2000 per cent.
- Woolen mills, 1700 per cent.
- Furniture manufacturers, 3200 per cent.
- Clothing and dry goods stores, 9800 per cent.
- Steel mills, as high as 290,000 per cent reported on one contract with the U. S. Government.

Now, no one will suggest that the Jews controlled either all or any great percentage of these industries during the war. Neither can it be said that all the contracts for shipbuilding, aeronautics and all the various vocational lines connected with these things, were controlled by Jews.

Every man has a right to believe there was profiteering during the war; the profiteering was scandalous and criminal; but to dispose of the matter by a wholesale denunciation of the Jew is arrant nonsense.

The Jews may have been God's chosen people, but to say that they have not realized suffering and oppression, years of torment and pain, to say that they have not been scourged, would be to misstate facts. On the other hand, to say that all the rogues are Jews, or that all the disloyalty, intrigue and crafty transactions are traceable to the Jew is not supported by facts and statistics.

The proper attitude to take toward the Jew in America is as an American citizen not as a race. True there is practically no assimilation between the Jew and Gentile as with many other peoples, but as a citizen he has his merits and his faults in common with others. Jews have developed some exemplary traits of character. They have in not a few instances given us some fine men and women, whose standards of personal honor and national character are true to the very highest conceptions of human ideals. Therefore a wholesale denunciation of the Jew comes in very bad taste, and recoils as a matter of natural gravitation upon the head of the accuser.

### A FREE FIGHT.

In time of war a nation cannot tolerate pacifism; in time of peace it must not tolerate militarism. One who by word or deed impairs the solidarity of the country when it is at grips with an enemy is doubly its foe; one who in time of peace tries to keep alive the war spirit is no less dangerous.

War is bred by talking war and arming for it. In time of peace prepare for more peace by talking peace and beginning disarmament. No man dare flatly oppose a program looking to the end of the war, but the world is always being told to wait for a more convenient season.

There never will be a more convenient season. Every day that elapses without definite action by the Powers, every appropriation for more ships, more guns and more gas, makes more certain "the next war," about which those who have never stood knee-deep in the filth of the trenches are so fond of prattling.

The statesmen of the world pledged themselves to end war; the common people of all nations fought and died to end it. That was an open covenant, openly made. Shall it be nullified in secret? If one-thousandth part of the brain-power that is applied to planning for war, to making it more "efficient," more deadly, were applied to planning for peace the thing would be done.

To-day the world needs nothing so much as a course in a good memory system—a system by which the mention of war would immediately bring up in the minds of speaker and listener a definite picture of a trench half full of foul water; rotting corpses unburied in the field before it or half buried in the ground underfoot; men, stuck through like pigs, bleeding to death; men, torn by shells, crying out in agony; men with gas-scared lungs gasping for a last breath; bullets whining low and shells shrieking high overhead; and over all a stench of powder and gas and putrefying human flesh.

If the mention of war clearly called up this picture before every man, and he could see himself as one of those in the trench, instead of one of the snug and safe stay-at-homes, there would be no more war. If the kings, the leaders, the men who get near and stay far enough away to feel safe; if the greasy scrouls who profiteer on death, could see themselves in this trench, there would be no more war. But it is precisely these men who cannot call up this picture.

Those who stood in the trench and who lived to march out of it are largely inarticulate, but when they speak they do not whoop it up for "the next war." To defend one's country against an enemy is the noblest of callings; to embroil her with a nation that should be a friend is the most ignoble.

Wars are invariably due to stupidity or cupidity. Either is inexcusable, but the bonehead is more to be feared than the unscrupulous schemer for personal aggrandizement. Unfortunately many of our leading warmakers have been both.

Who many men cannot grasp through their imagination they are learning from their tax bills. Others, like the profiteers, whose hearts cannot be touched, have pocket-books that can. Their profits have gone to hell, where they came from. Those who were exempt from the fighting find that they are not exempt from the paying. But here again those who stood in the trenches, the common people of the world, who bore the brunt of the battle, are bearing the brunt of the peace.

Until we stop producing so much for war and begin to produce more for peace there can be no peace, no real prosperity. Workers all around the world are marching and countermarching, endlessly, producing nothing, wasting much; other arms are tolling ceaselessly at prodigious tasks—building battleships, guns, forts and heaping up vast stores to be wasted and destroyed. Until they are demobilized they must be carried on the backs, supported out of the savings, of those engaged in useful industry. Then, too, past and half-forgotten wars still hold the world in mortmain; this century is still paying the war bills of long-dead kings and statesmen.

Disarmament is a world question; it must be a world movement, backed up by every man of imagination and sense. It is not an idealistic theory, but the coldest, hardest, business proposition that has confronting man since he came out of his caves and cleaned up the Neanderthal. The Bora resolution is about the first sign of practical constructive intelligence since the day of the armistice. It is not big enough or broad enough, for the demobilization of armies is quite as important as the limiting of navies, and no nation should be excepted from a program looking to either. But we must get behind it and every move like it, and for the salvation of America and the world use it to get men thinking and working toward the same objective.

We need a memory system for other things, too, but first and foremost for those women who are championing unrestricted immigration in the hope of finding a cock among the crowd; for those who keep the American vote; for those who encourage the "dumping" of low-grade aliens on America, while fighting the "dumping" of foreign goods; for those tight racial groups who still think in terms of Europe and who put the home country and its hates ahead of America and her interests. The war showed us how fatuous we had been, but we have already forgotten and are going ahead even more blindly and stupidly. If we must fight again, let us have all our enemies out in front of us.

It will be a proud day for this country when the politicians ask what they must do to hold the American vote. But that day will never come so long as we keep the bars down, never come until we adopt as our national policy: America for Americans, and for those who want to become Americans and are fit to

### become Americans.

A flood of new low-grade immigrants will finally make a low-grade America, in which Americans will be simply one group in a congeries of alien peoples. America, it is true, has been a refuge for the oppressed, but to-day it is the Americans who are in danger of being oppressed by the refugees. Our present policy is a menace to internal as well as external peace.

Anyone who will glance back understandingly to these pictures of the past, visualize clearly the present, can then look forward to the inevitable. With the old premises of hate and preparation we shall move on to the old conclusion—war. The peace conference performed an operation and then sewed up the sponges and a knife or two in the wound. The League of Nations, in some of its aspects, looks like a bad-debt collection agency. Malpractice must be corrected, and mixed motives made single. Meanwhile the fight for world peace is on. It is a hard fight, a long fight, but it is a free fight, and we can all mix in.—Saturday Evening Post.

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### TO SEPHUS BRIDGES.

John Bridges vs. Sephus Bridges.—Chancery Court, Obion County, Tennessee.

In the above styled cause it appearing to the Clerk and Master from the bill of complaint, which is sworn to, that the defendant, Sephus Bridges, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her. It is therefore hereby ordered that the said above named defendant appear before the Chancellor of the Chancery Court of Obion County, Tennessee, on or before the First Monday of April, 1921, that being the first day of said Chancery Court, and make defense to the said bill, or the same will be taken as confessed by her and the said cause set for hearing ex parte as to her. It is further ordered that publication of this notice be made for four consecutive weeks in The Commercial, a weekly newspaper published in Obion County, Tenn.

This Feb. 7, 1921.  
GEO. A. GIBBS,  
Clerk and Master.  
By Nelle F. Marshall, D. C. & M.  
Geo. R. Kenney, Sol. for Compl't.

### TO HARRY McLENDON.

Kathleen McLendon vs. Harry McLendon.—Chancery Court, Obion County, Tennessee.

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### COUNTY COURT LAND SALE.

Delaney Weddington vs. Ernest Ma this et al.—In the County Court at Union City, Tennessee.

In obedience to a decree in the above styled cause, made at the February Term of the County Court of Obion County, Tennessee, I will on Saturday, the 12th Day of March, 1921, at or about 2 o'clock p. m., at the east door of the courthouse in Union City, Tennessee, sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, lying and being in the Moore Addition to the Town of Union City, Tennessee, and in the 13th Civil District of Obion County, Tennessee, and bounded as follows:

Bounded on the north by the extension of Bell street, on the south by the property formerly owned by Simon Cooper, on the east by an alley and on the west by a forty foot street, fronting west on said forty foot street 66 feet and running back east 125 feet to an alley and lies 30 feet south of the Evans Tract, now owned by Hurley Campbell and is known as the Joe Hopper Home Place and was bought by E. J. Mathis from J. W. and Della Burney by deed, which appears of record in the Register's office of Obion County, Tennessee, in Book 6-P, page 291-2.

TERMS OF SALE: One half cash and one half in six months. Purchaser giving note with personal security, and a lien will be retained on said property to further secure the deferred payment and note will draw interest from date of sale.  
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