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**The Principles of 1776 As Applied to Our Present War.**

The United States is the only country whose government was constructed upon principles of human rights and human liberty. The government of European countries grew up by degrees as extensions and consolidations of the feudal system. They were autocratic, opposed to individual freedom, and any advance in liberty for the body of the people had to be wrung from them by bitter conflict. The United States government, on the contrary, came into being as a guarantee of the liberty of the people.

The first statement in the Declaration of Independence acknowledges man's right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and the formation of a new country is based upon the offences of the king against this right.

The men who signed the Declaration did so as a protest against arbitrary power. They had a little to gain and much to lose by the separation from the mother country. American troops were few and undisciplined, American resources undeveloped. The outcome of the struggle for independence seemed at the time more than doubtful. Yet these men with hundreds of their followers, chose to hazard their property, their homes and families and their very lives in defence of the principle of human liberty.

America was victorious in the war, and came to a position where she could develop her power and resources. The United States became one of the great and prosperous nations of the world. But the circumstances of her inception have laid a peculiar obligation upon her. She must stand as the champion of freedom or be recreant to her own traditions.

Our entrance into the war with Germany is the logical outcome of this position. We were predestined to it. The United States could not watch unmoved the spectacle of a great arbitrary power, utterly unscrupulous as to means, using its mighty resources and its strong military system toward the enslavement of Europe.

Our national holiday this year will be both a celebration and a solemnity. We are giving our money power and our man power toward the prosecution of a great war, in order to ensure to the free of this country and the oppressed of Europe the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," not only for today, but for generations to come. On this anniversary of the birth of our nation let us feel more than ever that in such a cause no sacrifice can be too great,—that the love of country and the love of humanity are not mere phrases, but a living reality to us all.

**Loyalty in War Time.**

Loyalty in peace times and loyalty in war times are two distinct things. Not much is required to pass the loyalty test when one's country is not at war; a simple compliance with the law is all that is required.

But loyalty in war times is not a passive quality. At such a time one may be without loyalty and still not be disloyal. A person of this type will do nothing either to assist or to harm his country. He will not give himself to his country's service and he will not contribute financial support. Neither will he discourage others from doing this. He will do or say nothing treasonable, and neither will he do or say anything to put heart in the fighting forces or to uphold the Nation in its struggle. He will be simply a passive onlooker. And that is not being loyal.

Our country is fighting in the most desperate struggle of history. It is a struggle so vast and momentous as to demand the most complete support of every one of its citizens. Passive loyalty—the loyalty of peace times—is not sufficient. The brand of loyalty now demanded is the kind that impels one to offer himself and his all, if necessary, that his country may be victorious in the great conflict.

Most of us can not go into the fighting forces; most of us can not enter into those industries directly connected with the war, but all of us can show our neighbors that we have the right brand of patriotism.

Our Government is urging upon us the necessity of saving as an essential to victory. We are told that there is not enough man power and not sufficient materials in the country to win a quick victory if we continue to use this man power and these materials as we did before the war. It is pointed out that there are now more than 2,000,000 men in the Army and Navy, and that by August 1 this number will be increased to 3,000,000, with a steady addition to that number from then on. These men not only cease to be producers, but they become consumers on a vast scale.

Thus it is that we are urged to buy only those things which we need in order that we shall not use up labor and waste materials and transportation, so vitally necessary to the Government in its war work and so much needed in the manufacture of things essential to the health and efficiency of our citizens.

By following the Government's request to produce to our maximum capacity and to consume as little as possible, we shall give practical expression to our loyalty—a militant loyalty, the brand which stamps us as being willing to do our part at home by sacrificing, by backing up our Government with all our strength. With our money savings we can then

buy War Savings Stamps and perform a double service by giving the Government current funds with which to buy the labor and materials so much needed for war purposes which we have refrained from using. That is loyalty.

**Infant of Mrs. Oscar Willis Buried Here.**

Oscarlee, the infant daughter of Mrs. Oscar J. Willis, which was born and died last Thursday night at St. Paul at the home of Mrs. Willis's parents, was brought to the home of its grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Willis, in the Gap Friday night and was buried Saturday morning at ten o'clock in the Glenoce Cemetery by the side of its father, Oscar J. Willis, who died a few months ago in service at Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Texas, and whose remains were brought here for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of St. Paul, accompanied the little remains of their grand child to the Gap.

**Christ Episcopal Church.**

Services next Sunday at 11. Bishop Tucker will be present for Confirmation. All are cordially invited to come and hear him. Sunday School at 10 A. M.

**Hugh Carnes Married.**

Hugh Carnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carnes of the Gap, who has a position with the Dupont Powder Company at Hopewell, was married last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock to Miss Katharine Stuart at her home at Onancock, Appomattox County. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Carnes left for their honeymoon trip to Washington and other points, after which they will make their home at Hopewell.

J. D. Rogers, chief engineer for the Stonoga Coke and Coal Company, has bought the A. K. Morison residence on Poplar Hill and moved his family into it last week.

**Why Suffer?**

Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Anderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... the doctors gave her up, and we brought her home to die. She had suffered so much at... time. Having heard of Cardui, we got it for her."

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The Woman's Tonic

"In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere." We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should do you good, too. Try Cardui. E-77

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Wash the Woolen Socks You Knit with Grandma's  
**GRANDMA'S Powdered Soap**  
Your Grocer Has It!

**MICHELIN**  
Twelve Tire Tests

No. 7

**Cross-Sections**

This illustration is an enlarged view made from actual cross-sections of two 34 x 4 tires—one a Michelin Universal, the other a tire of another standard make.

The sidewall of the tire on the left (which is a standard make typical of many tires other than Michelin) is of practically equal thickness throughout. The Michelin on the right is progressively tapered from the tread downward, so that its sidewall is thick where its strength is most essential, yet particularly flexible where resiliency is the prime requisite.

This construction gives Michelin Tires superior durability combined with remarkable easy-riding qualities.

In the Michelin cross-section the layers of fabric are imbedded in a liberal cushion of rubber which binds them into a single strain resisting through flexible mass, a structural advantage that cannot be exaggerated, since a tire loses its strength when the layers of fabric come apart, just as a rope loses its strength when its strands separate.

The world-wide reputation of the house of Michelin—the oldest, most experienced of all tire-makers—is proof that only the best of materials are used in Michelin. That a greater quantity of these superior materials is used in Michelin Tires is proved by their extra weight and remarkable thickness, which mean greater durability. And the superiority of Michelin design is shown by the above illustration. Better materials, more materials and superior construction—these account for the supreme durability of Michelin Tires.

**J. A. MORRIS, Dealer**  
BIG STONE GAP, VA.

The Big Stone Gap Chapter of the American Red Cross is opening offices over the Post Office in the Government building here. For Home Service Section, James M. Hodge, chairman, will cheerfully furnish information as to allotments, allowances, etc., to soldiers wives, children or other dependents on application personally or by letters. Communication by men on subjects not included in the above are invited. Office hours during July will be from 12:30 to 3 P. M.

**Notice to Mothers of Soldiers and Sailors.**

We especially want all the Mothers in the Parade on Fourth. If our committee has failed to reach any one, will you please call Mrs. D. B. Sayers, phone 116.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ceman, of Appalachia, Mrs. Mary Sautzer, of Mendota, Mrs. W. R. Johnson and two children, of Arno and Dr. C. M. T. Baker, returned to their homes Wednesday after spending a few days in the Gap, where they were called on account of the death of little "Bobbie" Reaser.

J. C. Fuller, who will move his family to Norton this week, where he has charge of a large department store, and where he has bought a handsome residence, has sold his dwelling here to W. H. Wren, manager of the Mineral Motor Company, who will move his family into this very desirable property soon. The cottage adjoining his residence and a vacant lot adjoining the residence of S. Polly Mr. Fuller sold to C. S. Carter. The people of Big Stone Gap regret very much to lose Mr. Fuller and his most estimable family from their midst, but wish them much success in their new home.

Come to the Fourth of July celebration at Big Stone Gap and bring your friends. You will be given a good time and the proceeds of the day will go to the Red Cross, in which every one is interested.

Miss Frances Hickman, a trained nurse of St. Luke's Hospital at Bristol, spent a few days in the Gap last week, where she was called to nurse little "Bobbie" Reaser, who died ten minutes before she arrived.

AT THE  
**AMUZU THEATRE**  
TWO DAYS  
Wednesday and Thursday, July 10 and 11

**MURDERER**

Of Womanhood — Humanity — Youth — Civilization — Freedom —

All choked by the throating clutches of this mad demon—this world-renowned murderer—this just-maddened wolf-hound of Potsdam—this arch fiend of humanity—this cruel beast who sneers at life—who despises everyone and everything that is not German. See what this vile fiend does in that indescribable photo dramatic master-play.

**"THE KAISER"**  
The Beast of Berlin

—and you'll learn what America and the World are fighting for. You will learn why YOU should keep watch for enemy aliens within our gates. It's the most amazing expose of the world's history.

Walker Jones, of the navy, arrived in town last week and will spend several days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Jones. Walker has just finished taking a course in linotype operating at New York City, and together with his other knowledge of the printing business will be more capable than ever to superintend one of Uncle Sam's big printing plants, where he has been located for the past three years. Walker is some printer all right and learned the trade while working with the Wise Printing Company when quite a young boy.

We have heard enough of the Hun prison camps to know that we do not want any of our boys put in them if we can help it. When you save to the utmost of your ability and invest your savings in War Savings Stamps you help to keep our boys out of the prison camps.

If you will think more of saving than of spending you will be surprised to learn that there are many things which you do not need after all.

Help fight the war. Pay your way with War Savings Stamps if you can not go to the front.