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CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING.

If there ever was a last Thursday in November which deserved nation-wide observance as Thanksgiving day, this Thursday, November 28, 1918, is that day. No man is too eloquent to breath the message of Thankfulness which should ascend from every true American heart for the return of peace, thru which this nation has escaped the war burden of lost sons, that would have been hers had the struggle prolonged.

And while the majority of us are thus thankful that the loss of dear ones has not been the measure of our devotion to the great ideals of our land, we should not lose sight of, nor fail to think of those who have paid the price; and greater still should be our gratitude to those who have bled and died of the ideal that gives up liberty and the blessings of peace.

America has dedicated the lives of several thousands of her sons to the cause for which the nation fought this year. They truly fought to save this beloved land from the scourge of Prussianism. And while we are duly thankful that the number of them who had to die was no greater than it is; we should too remember in our throts the valiant deeds of the millions of allied soldiers who fought our fight thru the long dreary years from 1914 to 1918. To ponder on all these things; should make us all truly thankful.

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TIME TO GET BUSY.

Residents of Ontario whose houses are connected with the old water system should be busy these days seeing to it that they are connected with the new mains prior to January 1. On that date the water will be turned off in the old mains and they will find themselves without that necessity of life; or at least must secure it at great inconvenience.

The present system of two distributing systems is needlessly expensive to the city, and will entail considerable loss, which the new system will have to carry as long as the old system is used. It is therefore a matter of good business on the part of the people to connect with the new system in the next few weeks.

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HE WAS AT JUREY.

When people of Malheur county read of the attempts on the part of German officials to secure a mitigation of the armistice terms, it would be well for them, too, to think of the experiences of a Malheur county boy who lay wounded in the hospital at Jurey, just behind the lines at Chateau Thierry.

He was in that place of mercy, a place, which to another foe than a German would have been safe from attack; but with the Hun this was not so.

Under a bright star-lit sky the Hun airplanes bombed the hospital and many of the patients were injured, some of them killed. Nurses and doctors were victims of the fiendish raid.

Mothers and fathers of American boys, what consideration should be given a nation that approved of such hellishness? Shall the rigors of the just armistice be softened for the people who made a holiday to celebrate the Lusitania murder? A thousand times no! The armistice terms if they err at all, err on the side of leniency for the Hun. No terms could be made too harsh for the titled murderers and their servile followers.

Where is the vaunted superiority of the German? If his kulture were half what he proclaimed it to be he would have submitted unwillingly to the war program of his master, the junker?

And since he submitted, and since the German soldier has committed unspeakable acts of debauchery, must he not pay the price?

Only misguided sentimentalists sent flowers to murderers. Only maudlin sentimentalists and pro-Hun sympathizers will seek to temper the terms which Marshal Foch has given the Hun.

McADOO'S RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Secretary of the Treasury, William Gibbs McAdoo, will be variously interpreted, no doubt, but there will be no difference of opinion regarding the work that he has done for the nation during the past two years.

While as director general of the railroads he has been subject to some criticism, as Secretary of the Treasury he has administered his stewardship well. He has demonstrated that he is a big man, a man of calibre equal to any of his many great predecessors.

The greatest, and the most oft repeated structure laid upon him is that he was attempting to do too much for any one man to accomplish well. That may be true, but if he has made any grievous mistake the public generally has not been appraised of it. He has floated the greatest bond issues in the history of nations. He has done this while directing the greatest aggregation of railroads on earth, and while a new system of banking was being put in running order.

His rise from comparative obscurity to a height of power second only to that of the President is another proof of the ability of the American people to furnish the men for any task the government of men can impose.

Perhaps the secret of Mr. McAdoo's ability to accomplish the almost impossible is that he has not hesitated to call to his assistance, and to recognize their ability, men who are able to do big things. He has not been afraid to surround himself with men of great ability and experience.

Now that the war is over the President will have no trouble in finding a man or men to take the positions which Mr. McAdoo is leaving, but the people generally will recognize that in his departure from the cabinet one of the really strong men of the administration has gone.

There is no doubt that there are many citizens, particularly Republicans who will believe that Mr. McAdoo is to take the rest, he no doubt needs, to get into condition for the Presidential race of 1920. If this is the case he will have a great advantage over another Democrat who aspires to the honor of leading the Bourbon party. Being a Southerner of recongized ability he has an advantage over any Northern Democrat; besides this his New York residence of years and his construction of the McAdoo tube will bring strength there where it is needed; and besides this he will, undoubtedly fall heir to the administration's strength and prestige.

The one element which he may find a handicap rather than a help will be his relationship to the President. The American people are not keen for dynastic succession. To counteract this, of course, Mr. McAdoo's friends will point to his own record prior to his marriage to the President's daughter, his work as a lawyer and a builder, and to his record in the Cabinet.

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IDLE RUMORS.

There is almost no way in which a community any more than an individual can protect itself against the rumor monger. Also it is hard to counteract the effects of such activity, save as time reveals the truth.

Over in Payette, and on the Furitland bench, there have been a number of people who believed that Ontario was filled with Flu. These people in a number of instances telephoned local stores and told of reports they "had heard." Of course they believed them, or at least played safe and remained away from this city.

Two Ontario women, while in Payette last week, were told, while in one of the stores there, "that Ontario was contaminating Payette with the Flu, and it was from here that the Payette people caught it."

Certainly this was not true, tho the one who said it no doubt believed it; or else was guilty of deliberately attempting to injure the business of Ontario firms.

It is true that Ontario had a large number of cases of Flu, but no more than any other town of this size in this section. It is also true that the local physicians can trace the origin of most of the cases here from outside points. Nampa, Boise and Baker City are the direct sources of several cases, particularly those among the workmen on the drainage system. Likewise the illness in several families is traced to members who returned home from one of the points named ill with the disease and communicated it to other members of their families.

GOMPERS SAYS WAGES MUST NOT BE REDUCED

Laredo, Texas.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the closing hours of the Pan-American Labor Conference here, served formal warning that no general reduction of wages nor increase in working hours after the war would be accepted without a bitter fight by organized labor.

"The American labor movement will co-operate with all other agencies to help in the reconstruction time. Our movement is not to destroy, but to construct. And all may just as well understand now as at any other time that the advantage which the workers of America and of the allied countries have gained and which we hope to extend to the people even of the conquered countries are not going to be taken away from us. And we shall resist in that attempt to the utmost."

The Pan-American Federation of Labor, the result of the conference of labor delegates from the United States and South American and Central American countries, was created here. Samuel Gompers was chosen president and John Murray of San Antonio vice president of the new labor federation.

BOARD CALLS VOLUNTEERS

5000 Men Needed to Man Ships Carrying Troops.

Washington.—Arrangements for bringing home the troops in France are being worked out rapidly from a shipping point of view, the shipping board announced, in issuing a call for 5000 volunteers to man the ships that will be used for that purpose.

Plans have been formulated whereby the shipping board will furnish crews for the war department transports. Every month, it was said, 400 men will be required as firemen and other hundreds for ratings as sailors, stewards, cooks and coal passers.

Men between 18 and 35 will be accepted without regard for their draft rating or previous experience, and will be put aboard training ships at Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans and Cleveland for six weeks' special training. Opportunity will be afforded those who enlist in this service to remain permanently in the merchant marine after peace has been signed and the entire army returned to the states.

Crown Prince interned in Holland. Amsterdam.—Frederich Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former German crown prince, has been interned at Swaelmen Castle, near Burenmond.

Last Soldiers Depart From Brussels. Paris.—The last German troops left Brussels Sunday, according to the Havas correspondent on the Belgian front.



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