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By ZIM



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EDITORIAL

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

Good Americans will endorse outright the program of the National Security League to prevent the election or re-election of any members of Congress this year who are not known to be vigorous proponents of the war or who can be lured to support any specious efforts at an inconclusive peace. The country needed such a nonpolitical organization as the league to lead the fight against the milk fed officeholders and office seekers who, in many parts of the country are catering to the hopes of the people that the war may be ended, even though it is not ended right. The league can come to Colorado, for instance, and build fires under two or three politicians who probably will seek re-election here and, without its motives being questioned, can expose the rank pacifism which has featured their political careers.

Just how the war will terminate will depend mostly upon the United States. Just what the United States will do depends in a great measure upon Congress. If there is a strong sentiment for premature peace in its membership the task of putting through our war program until our institutions are absolutely safe will be complicated. We are pledged now to go through with the war by force, "without stint or limit," and we must support that pledge by electing men to Congress who will "stay put" on the issue until victory is won.

For that matter, Americans should be careful about electing anybody to any office now who is not clear-cut on the war. Men of no particular force in private life have much weight added to their opinions when they are clothed with the authority of office. We cannot afford to have any such backing the pacifists in the dark days of the war that are to come. We must make this a poor season for "yellow dog" office seekers of whatever grade or party or politics.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

PUBLICITY AND CRITICISM.

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press," so reads a clause in our Constitution.

This is a wise provision. The citizens of a democracy should at all times know of and be able to criticize the management of their affairs. Investigation and criticism in the present war have been of great benefit in hastening our preparation by pointing out errors that have been made. There is no doubt whatever that the great safeguards in the conduct of the war are almost unlimited publicity and the right of criticism.

We are told that constructive criticism is always welcome, but who is to decide what is constructive? Why not criticism without the adjective? Most citizens believe that Universal Military Training as a corrective of our unpreparedness would have been constructive, and yet it was not adopted. Who can tell, if it had been accepted when first proposed, what the result would have been on this war?

If we had had more publicity upon the production of aeroplanes, shipping and ordnance, the suggestions of thinking men would unquestionably have stimulated the rapidly with which these articles were being produced, and the delays that have occurred might have been avoided.

There are things the Government cannot make public, and these the people do not ask to know. But in the main full information concerning the progress of preparation can safely be given to the people. It is the people's war; it is a war supported by the people, financially and physically, and suggestions by them should be sought and considered.

"IMPERIAL GERMANY"

WHAT IT IS

By DR. TALCOTT WILLIAMS,
Director of the Columbia University School of Journalism.

Based on the principle, immoral in ethics, tyrannical in operation, and perilous to all liberty, that certain men are born to rule, the "Imperial German Government" has for a generation been the foe of liberty and the enemy of freedom. Its whole influence has been thrown to suppress freedom in the four Balkan states. It has prevented their peaceful development, refused to enforce the Treaty of Berlin, which would have brought peace, and is responsible for four Balkan wars. A score of years ago it supported the bloodthirsty Sultan of Turkey in Armenian massacres, and the officers of the "Imperial German Government" have aided and abetted these massacres now because the Armenians worked and planned for liberty when other races in Turkey were quiescent. It is the "Imperial German Government" which is responsible for 800,000 Armenians, starved to death as Germans themselves testify.

"Secret Enemy."
In 1908, when the revolutionary Turkish government was for freedom, Germany opposed it; when it became tyrannical Germany made this government its ally. The German government harassed France not merely because it was its ancient enemy, but because its success as a republic made the French people perilous to princes. The German government plotted to restore the Manchu Emperor and the Russian Czar to their thrones.

Because the American people by its prosperity and power made liberty desired by all the world the German government has been its secret enemy. Thirty years ago it plotted against our treaty rights in Samoa; it sent its fleet to worry and threaten Dewey at Manila in 1898; it offered to England, which refused, to overturn the Monroe Doctrine in Mexico. It has in fifteen years threatened Venezuela, Mexico, Haiti and other American states. When we were maintaining peace under great provocation, it proposed to Mexico and Japan to attack us, both refusing. It betrayed international faith in the dispatches sent through the Swedish Minister. It filled our land with spies, sought unavailingly to embroil us with these of German birth resident in this country, slaughtered our citizens on the high seas, contrary to all law, national and international, human and divine.

"Bore Much."
We waited long, we bore much, and we are now sending our sons to the war declared against the "Imperial German Government" because the record of thirty years shows that neither liberty nor democratic institutions are safe the world over while that government is powerful. We wisely prefer, after what Belgium suffered, to fight Germany "somewhere in France" rather than in New York harbor; on the Somme, rather than on the Hudson. In one or the other we should have had to fight. In 1776 we sent our sons to fight for American liberty, and we won it. In 1812 we fought for the freedom of the sea, and we won that. In 1861 we sent our sons to fight for the liberty of the slave, and we won that. Today we send our sons out to fight for the liberty of humanity, and we shall win that.

EVENTS AND PERSONS

Mrs. Martha Newby of 2506 Burdette street has gone to Des Moines, Ia., for a two weeks' visit.

Mr. W. H. (Bob) Robinson has gone to Kansas City, Mo., for a brief visit. Everybody is going to the high brown girls ball. Are you? Where? At U. B. F. Hall, 24th and Parker. When? July 18. There will be a live pig given to the person holding the lucky number.—Adv.

The sermon and services for the Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem, which were held at Grove M. E. church last Sunday afternoon were largely attended and quite impressive. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Taggart.

Be sure and meet the high brown girls July 18, at U. B. F. Hall, 24th and Parker.—Adv.

Joseph B. Lacour and Bert Patrick left for a brief visit to Lincoln and Aurora, Neb., Saturday. Mr. Lacour may decide to try farm work for a month or so.

Mrs. Irving Grey is quite ill at her residence, 210 Seward street.

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Habits and economic status: Like the familiar little "chippy," the song sparrow is one of our most domestic species, and builds its nest in hedges or in garden shrubbery close to houses, whenever it is reasonably safe from the house cat, which, however, takes heavy toll of the nestings. It is a true harbinger of spring, and its delightful little song is trilled forth from the top of some green shrub in early March and April, before most of our other songsters have thought of leaving the sunny South. Song sparrows vary much in habits, as well as in size and coloration. Some forms live along streams bordered by deserts, others in timbered regions, others on rocky barren hillsides, and still others in rich, fertile valleys. With such a variety of habitat, the food of the species naturally varies considerably. About three-fourths of its diet consists of the seeds of noxious weeds and one-fourth of insects. Of these, beetles, especially weevils, constitute the major portion. Ants, wasps, bugs (including the black olive scale), and caterpillars are also eaten. Grasshoppers are taken by the eastern birds, but not by the western ones.

First War Stamp Bank Built.

The first building in the United States to be erected as a war savings stamp bank has been built at Oklahoma City, Okla. Every piece of lumber and article of furniture going into the bank have been donated by business firms of the city, and the workmen erecting the building were paid in baby bonds. The building stands on one of the downtown streets and is devoted exclusively to the sale of war savings and thrift stamps.

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