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AND IT IS SELF-DEFENSE

Some people contend that this is not a war of self-defense. They admit that it is self-defense to repel an assault against one's person or property and that it was plain self-defense for the United States to arm merchant ships. Since the arming of these vessels was not sufficient to protect the lives of the sailors and the ships from attack, it follows that it would be self-defense to convoy merchant vessels. That being so, and it appearing that even convoys ships are sunk, it is perfectly logical to use all the military forces of the government in stopping the careers of the murderers fro infest the high seas. Therefore the sending of an army to France is in self-defense.

This is not the grounds, however, on which the United States entered the war in defense of human rights. This country entered the contest because the administration saw, and the millions of Democrats and Republicans saw, that there was not enough room in the world for democratic governments and democracies of the kind that rule Germany. Treaties by them are held as scraps of paper, women and children are murdered and ravished, farms are destroyed, orchards are ruined, and organized anarchy supplants law and order.

The United States had a dozen causes for entering the war, and it accepted only one—the cause of humanity.

IN BAD BUSINESS

Reports from Sartown say that Dr. Alexander's speech Friday was a well-disguised attack on the government, including the conduct of the war, and that the president of the State Farmers' Union proved himself a master at the job. The Herr Doktor is using his great office to embarrass the government in the most stupendous task ever undertaken, and he should be ashamed of himself to his dying day. By his example, he may cause some less astute person to get into serious trouble, and for that reason, if for no other, he should bridle a tongue that has never been trained to instruct men along constructive lines. We might say, however, that we are not disappointed in the Doktor.

It has been observed by Hickory citizens that if the first quota in each county of the state is as fine as Catawba's the new national army will be composed of unusually good men. We are on record as having expressed the opinion that the drafted men will be able to match courage with any other class, and we esteem both the regiments and guardsmen. Reports indicate that the first quota dispatched from other counties were pickled men, and this means that the officers at Camp Jackson will have splendid material to work on. Watch these boys too.

The Caldwell board of commissioners is not disposed to have the Horseford bridge repaired, we are informed, unless it is done at the expense of private individuals, in which case it could be operated as a toll bridge until the completion of the concrete bridge about the first of December. In any event the wooden structure should be put in service again.

It is said that there is a systematic effort being made to convince the gullible that hard times are in store for the people. The only way to bring about bad conditions is to hope for them, and politicians or public men who do that should be consigned to everlasting oblivion.

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WILL INSPECT FOOD AND SUPPLY HOUSES

ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED BY INSURANCE MEN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

STATE DEPARTMENTS HELP

All Buildings Where Food and Supplies Are Stored Will Be Guarded Against Destruction By Fire or Waste.

Organization of one of the most effective patriotic bodies in the state has recently been perfected by special agents, inspectors and field men of virtually all fire insurance companies doing business in North Carolina. It is the purpose of the organization to make inspection of all buildings where food supplies or clothing supplies may be concentrated to guard against possible loss by fire of any goods which are needed in the prosecution of the war.

The organization was perfected recently at a conference of insurance men in the office of State Insurance Commissioner James R. Young in Raleigh. Present at the meeting were Governor Bickett, Commissioner Young, S. Y. Tupper, of Atlanta, Southern manager of the Queen Insurance Company, Milton Dargan of Atlanta, Southern manager of the Royal Insurance Company and A. M. Schoon, engineer for the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The conference was also attended by J. M. Bronghton, Jr. and A. T. Bowler, president and secretary respectively of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Prof. W. A. Withers, president of the Raleigh Rotary Club.

Co-operation of all the machinery of the State Executive and administrative departments was pledged by Governor Bickett and Commissioner Young. A committee of insurance men was appointed to arrange the details of the campaign and the plan to be carried out contemplates the districting of the entire state, each district to be under the supervision of one of the insurance men who will make frequent inspections of all wholesale houses or food depots, grocery stores or other places where food-stuffs are concentrated. Other inspectors will look after cotton gins and cotton warehouses and all kinds of depots.

The work thus done is under the supervision of experts who will give without cost their trained experience to aid in the National campaign against unnecessary fire waste in the stringent war period. While these men are representatives of insurance companies, the work thus undertaken is under the direction of the National Government and the direct supervision of the Council of National Defense. Recommendations will be made and instructions in fire prevention given to citizens and property owners and where it is necessary property owners will be compelled to follow these instructions given by these inspectors as war measures.

The campaign is part of the nationwide plan adopted by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Similar organizations have been made or are being made in every state. Representatives of the National Board at the meeting held in Raleigh stated that the work was better understood by the insurance men in North Carolina and the campaign gives better promise of accomplishment here than in any state they had visited. Commissioner Young has been urging work of this sort—that is the adoption of measures to prevent fire and the subsequent unnecessary waste of food and supplies—since the war started and through a continuous series of appeals to the citizens of the state, city and county officials, a considerable amount of success has been accomplished and it is the belief of the commissioner that the people are familiar enough with the situation to carry the plan on to a great success and in this manner to add to the campaign North Carolina's "bit" in a valuable work.

PREPAREDNESS.

The man or woman in the United States who is not aroused to the necessity of preparedness for what the men must bear and do for the country and civilization in this war does not realize the seriousness of the situation.

We should, we must think. We must act. Take in the situation and then as true North Carolinians, true Americans, measure up to the occasion. We must give, we must invest in bonds of our country. We must raise foodstuffs and all that is necessary to feed and clothe ourselves and our soldiers, our allies and their soldiers. Make it, save it, protect it from fire.

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature to make property owners on whose premises a fire starts through carelessness liable for damage done to adjacent property and also for the cost of extinguishing the fire. The spread of the fire to adjoining property is made prima facie evidence of carelessness and the burden of proof is placed on the property owner.—Monitor.

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