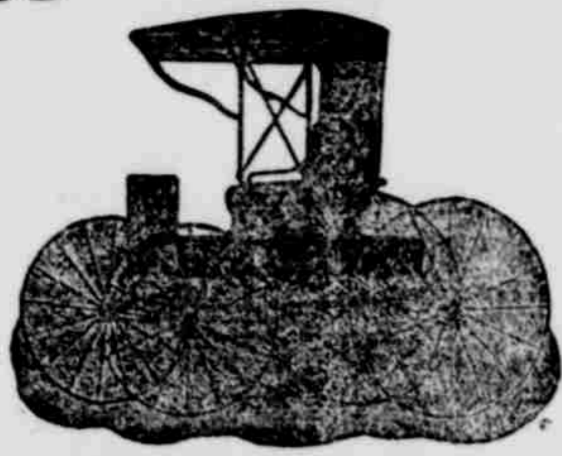


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Americans Want to Do Own Fighting
New York, April 5.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt issued a statement here tonight in which he declared that no "unwise precedent" would be created, as has been suggested in permitting him to raise a division for active service on the French front.

"The American people wish to do their own fighting," said Colonel Roosevelt. "They do not wish merely to pay others to fight for them. They believe that we owe it to ourselves and to the National honor to send a fighting force of at least an army corps, under the American flag, to the front at the earliest moment. This army corps should be commanded by one of our first class regular major generals. It might consist of three, or perhaps only two, divisions."

"I have asked permission to raise a division which would be in this army corps and under its commander. No unwise precedent can possibly be created by permitting an ex-President of the United States of previous military experience to raise such a division and to serve with it at the front under the command of the general who heads the army corps."

Hazing at Wake Forest.
A hazing escapade, properly called: "One of the most daring acts of hazing perpetrated at Wake Forest College in years" occurred Sunday morning at 1:30 when a hazing party composed of about ten men entered a private dwelling in the town of Wake Forest and forcibly held every door in the house until a freshman could be hazed. As the hazing party left the house one of their number fired a revolver presumably at one of the occupants of the house who had escaped through a window. This man returned the shot but no one was injured. The student senate, a student organization having jurisdiction over such cases, has been in session every day for a week but no announcement of its decision has been made.

THOSE IN OFFICE SAFE

Future Appointment of Postmasters Only Affected by Placing Postmasters Under Civil Service.
National Committeeman A. W. McLean of Lumberton has given out the following interview in regard to the effect of the forthcoming executive order placing first and second class postmasters under the Civil Service:

"From the best information I can obtain the order only applies to future appointments, where vacancies are caused by death, resignation, removal or the increase of the office from fourth class to a presidential office. I understand that nominations will be made by the President from the eligible list certified by the Civil Service commission, these appointments to be confirmed by the Senate as heretofore."

"When a vacancy has occurred or is about to occur, examinations will be conducted by the Civil Service commission and will cover such technical subjects as would reasonably be required of a postmaster, subject, of course, to qualifications independent of those established by the examination, such as the general character, business ability and fitness of the applicant."

"I understand also that no person can receive an appointment when the applicant is over 65 years of age."

"It is not thought by those who are in a position to know that the examinations will be as highly technical as the examinations required for postoffice clerks, as the executive ability and general fitness for the position of postmaster will be given due consideration."

Mr. McLean further stated that he was personally opposed to the placing of these postmasters in the Civil Service, but that the matter seemed to have been fully determined upon by the President upon the recommendation of the Postmaster General.

How Americans Can Serve Their Country

(From The New York World.)
Millions of Americans are impatient to know how they can best serve their country in this war.

It is a noble and generous impulse, but in all seriousness it must be said that most of them can render no greater service than to proceed soberly and earnestly with their daily appointed tasks. When the government needs them, it will ask them, as it has asked for recruits to the navy and regular army; but until it requires their services elsewhere, they cannot do better than to go about their regular work, doing it, if possible, a little more efficiently than they have hitherto done it.

This war is unlike any other war. It is only the privileged few who wear the uniform and bear the heat and burden of battle. Most of the fighting is done by those who wear no uniform and are many miles from the trenches.

It is a war that must be won on the farms, in the factories, in the ship-yards and in the counting-rooms. It must be won not by soldiers alone but by civilians—by men and women alike, by boys and girls. Everybody who raises food, everybody whose day's work adds to the wealth and resources of the country, everybody who helps to sustain American industries is doing his bit.

Our government is in a position to profit by the mistakes that Great Britain made in the war, and the British mistakes are the most important to us because our condition most closely resembles that of the British. The first of these mistakes was in assuming that it would be a short war and thereby failing to make adequate provisions for a long war. The war, so far as we are concerned, may be short. It will unquestionably be shortened by the entrance of the United States, but in the light of Great Britain's experience this government cannot afford to take chances on an early peace.

The finances of the country can be easily mobilized, and so can the industries. It will not be so easy a matter to mobilize the man-power, but fortunately it is a task that need not be done in a hurry. The United States must train and drill a large army for eventualities, but this army can be provided methodically and with due regard to the successful carrying on of vital industries.

We cannot send troops to Europe at once, unless it be a division of the regular army for sentimental reasons. We have no troops outside of regulars fit for trench warfare or who can be trained for trench warfare before the end of the year. Even if we had troops, there are no ships to carry them, for to divert our shipping to transport service would mean starvation to the French and British.

Co-operation with the Allies simplifies all our problems and immeasurably increases our effectiveness. We can carry on a vigorous campaign against German submarines and help keep the sea lanes open. We can increase our munition output for their benefit. We can raise the food that is the first necessity to them and to us. We can build ships. We can train an army under a system of selective compulsory service which will not demoralize industry and which will be ready for instant service if it is needed. We can put our house in order. We can be prudent and careful and economical of the Nation's resources, making every pound of food and every dollar in money go as far as possible. We can be ready to aid the government in whatever capacity it may decide.

Most of these things are not spectacular. They are not heroic in accordance with popular notions of heroism. They have little to do with the traditional pomp and ceremony of war, but they are the things that count, and nowhere else do they count for so much as in the trenches.

Not the least of the great lessons that this war has taught to mankind is that the most modest and humble service may be the highest duty that patriotism can exact.

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