

LET'S KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR

"KEEP US OUT OF WAR!"

Bernarr McFadden, publisher of Liberty, in the issue of November 11, carried upon sale Monday of this week, carries an article on page four, which he heads "Keep Us Out of War!" We quote in part from this wonderful article:

"Here is a slogan that is figuratively resounding from the house-tops throughout this nation.

"Senators, legislators of all classes, business men, leaders in all walks of life are firm in their conviction that we should not be drawn into another World War. x x x

"We hate war worse than the devil hates holy water. We Americans have been taught to be humane as well as human. Undoubtedly we have somewhat overdone humanitarianism when we consider the brutal character of some European rulers. Gratitude was manifested liberally as long as favors were dispensed, but when they were withdrawn, the change was indeed surprising.

"Our experience in the World War is still an embittered memory. We can recall also that war started us on a policy of gigantic spending that we have never been able to change . . . in official quarters wasteful spending on a fantastic scale. x x x

"The Allies thought they won the war, but we will have to admit at the present time it looks as though Germany won it. x x x

"It has been stated before on this page that a nation is not unlike an individual. It passes through infancy, early youth, and into the power and vigor of complete maturity, and then gradual decay ensues.

And because of the barrage of propaganda that we must expect, it might be difficult for us to maintain our balance. Our ships will be sunk. Our citizens will be murdered . . . plenty of them; and whether or not such tragedies are caused by our supposed enemies, they will nevertheless be blamed.

On many occasions it will be difficult to check our natural resentment to outrages committed. But hurried action must be avoided in every instance. We must keep out of this war . . . that is the thought that should be uppermost in our minds at all times. There should be no more of our soldiers sent to Europe. We should be able to defend our own soil to the very limit . . . fight with everything we have to protect our national freedom.

We spent billions to organize and build up the war-torn nations in the last World War, and we must remember that billions of this indebtedness is still unpaid.

It is often stated that experience is the best teacher. But when we ignore the lessons it brings, we are beyond hope.

"Keep us out of war! . . . It cannot be repeated too often."

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