

THE MOST AMAZING REVELATION-OF NATIONAL DEPRAVITY IN HUMAN HISTORY

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For its own aggrandizement Germany, after years of preparation, deliberately entered upon a war to conquer the world. Its leading business men were repeatedly called into consultation with the Kaiser, and in consideration of the promises made by him and the military leaders of Germany that they would be able to loot the world and enormously enrich themselves if they would uphold the Kaiser's proposed war, these men literally sold their souls to the devil, and for personal profit pledged their hearty co-operation in a war which they knew would mean the death of millions of soldiers, in a war which would mean sorrow and woe such as the world had never known. They entered into this unholy compact with a disingenuous promise from the Kaiser and the military clique that within one year from the beginning of the war they would be able to reap the enormous profits which were promised to them, and dominate the trade of the world, as Germany proposed to dominate the nations of the earth.

In all human history there is no record so damning and damnable of a nation which definitely committed itself to murder, to outraging, to pillaging, to all the horrors of a world war, for the individual profit of its business men and the aggrandizement of its military power.

This is the blackest story in human history. It indicates a degree of moral depravity of the whole nation which found a fitting expression in the fearful crimes in Belgium and France upon women and children, upon church and cathedrals, and upon all civilization wherever the accursed army of these freebooters and looters and outragers and would-be world conquerors have marched.

And now that these murderers and outragers and world robbers and looters find themselves balked, and realize that civilization is greater than barbarism, that honor is greater than dishonor, that an enraged and outraged world is making impossible the carrying out of their plans for highway robbery and murder, plans deliberately entered upon after years of study, efforts are being made in many directions, through pro-German activities, and in other disguised ways, to raise the cry of peace; and here and there suggestions are seen that the Kaiser was forced into this war by Prussian militarism, hoping in this way to create a sentiment in favor of saving him from the gallows or the firing squad.

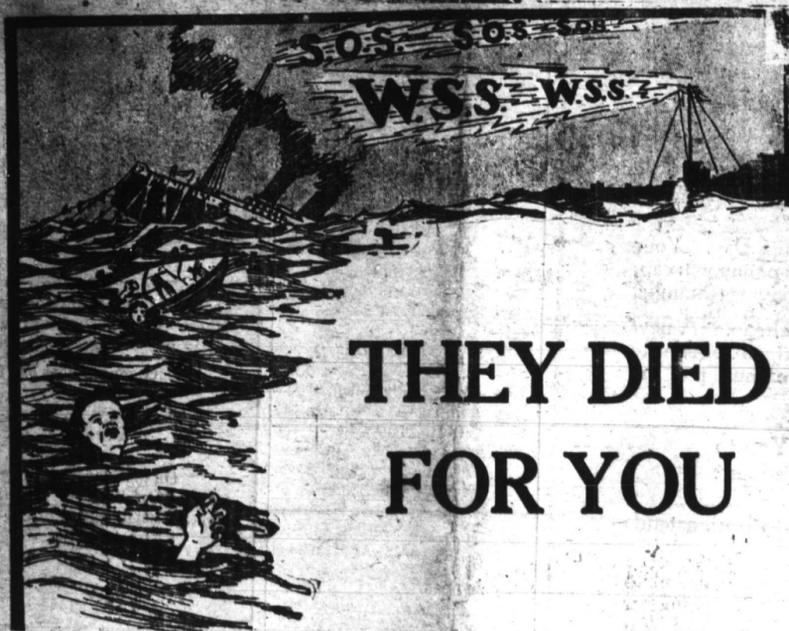
It behooves every honest-hearted man and every good woman on the face of the earth to set their faces against this peace propaganda, and to vow before man and heaven that there shall be no talk of peace until the armies of the Allies—and this, of course, means our armies with the other Allies—have marched through Germany and Austria and by their presence have proved to these nations that right is greater than might; that righteousness is greater than unrighteousness; that the heaven of prosperity based on integrity and honor is better than the hell created by the baseness and the vileness of Germany in which all of its people, from the Kaiser to the lowest of its peasants, united for the purpose of looting the world, for their individual enrichment, and the domination and the damnation of the world under German rule.

Any man in this country, or in that of our Allies, who thinks peace on any other terms than the unconditional surrender of Germany and its allies, who thinks peace except on the basis of death to those who have brought this fearful war upon the world, who thinks peace upon any other basis than a penalty through the indemnities imposed upon Germany and its allies which will tax to the utmost of their ability for generations to come, will be a curse to civilization and prove himself to be without moral backbone, without honesty and integrity of character. It matters not where the suggestion of peace without penalty may appear, it matters not in what devious ways it may crop out in church circles, in political circles, in newspapers or in public life—he who yields to the thought of peace, except a peace based upon the righteous destruction of Germany's power, and the righteous punishment of the criminals who have blackened the earth with their crimes, is a weakling, a coward in thought and in act, and is indeed a pro-German, and should be spurned by every man who regards honor and integrity and womanhood.

Should we yield to suggestions for peace which Germany will soon be putting forth in many directions, as it seeks peace without penalty, we would be putting a premium upon crime upon barbarism and upon outraging, a premium upon the work of the highwayman and the looter, a premium upon the moral degradation of the German business men who deliberately, after years of study, pledged their co-operation to a war for world conquest, bribed thereto by the promise of great individual profits.

This country needs now to drive home into every mind in America the conviction that there should be no peace except a peace dictated by America and its allies in Berlin and Vienna and Constantinople; and that this peace shall only be considered when these countries have been beaten to their knees, when they sue for peace on our terms, of the death penalty for the leading criminals and an indemnity in money which to the extent that can be made to do so will repay to Belgium and France and Servia and Roumania and Italy, all the wreck and ruin which has been wrought; and which shall repay to England and America the full amount of money expended in putting down these highwaymen, these freebooters, these pirates, these outragers, these would-be world looters, these thieves and scoundrels who have murdered millions, who have sorrowed hundreds of millions merely for their own individual financial profit. By the side of what they have done Germany seems infinitely superior to hell itself in its devilry and to have usurped Satan's power.

Has Heaven made peace with Hell? If not, then let us not for one moment think of making peace with unpunished, unrepentant and undestroyed Germany.



THEY DIED FOR YOU

What Are You Going To Do About It?

JUNE 23rd TO 28th

North Carolina War-Savings Week

North Carolina's quota in War-Savings Stamps is forty eight million dollars. This must be raised during the period, June 23rd to 28th, by pledge and purchase.

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS:—

“May There Be None Un-enlisted On June 28th”

We are in this war to the finish. If it's not settled over there it must be settled over here. You might not believe that. Neither did many believe that such an awful war could happen at all. But it did.

Canvassers duly authorized by the Government will call upon you, and YOU MUST pledge UNTIL IT HURTS.



This space contributed for the winning of the war by

ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING COMPANY

THE ENTERPRISE GIVEN OVER TO WAR SAVINGS STAMP CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK

Issue Planned for Last Week but Delayed by Inefficiency of Western Newspaper Union

The Enterprise greets you this week enlarged in size and all home print. Our reason for appearing a day earlier in this: On Saturday, June 15th we planned a "War Savings Special" for our issue of the 21st. We reduced our advertising rate twenty per cent and went out and sold our patriotic and progressive merchants four pages of War Savings ads, that were put out by the War Savings Publicity Committee through the Western Newspaper Union. We ordered these advertisements Saturday June 15 and wired them on the 17th. They wired us on Tuesday the 18th that the advertisements were being shipped on that day. We immediately completed the arrangements for the Special and waited the arrival of the plates, but they did not arrive, and Thursday at two o'clock we received a letter from them stating rather unconcernedly that they were shipping the same on the 19th and "that they hoped the same would reach us in time for our issue," which of course was impossible.

We have for the past several years been getting from these people four pages of ready print service. They are the only people from whom we can obtain such service (they, the Western Newspaper Union, having succeeded in crushing all competition.) Their service and insolence has been growing more and more unbearable since their absorption of the American Press Association last year. For these reasons and the above mentioned grievance we have decided to discontinue their service.

The Enterprise hereafter will have no fixed number of pages, but will carry to the people of Martin County each week all county news that is obtainable and will have as many pages as the occasion demands, whether it is four, six, eight, ten or twelve pages.

Now back to War Savings Stamps. We want you to read the advertisements appearing in this issue. Think what the money you are loaning to your Government in this manner will help to do. Hit the Hun a little harder by increasing your pledge, if you have already made it. And if you haven't made it remember "that you are not expected to buy more than you are able to buy, BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BUY JUST AS MANY AS YOU ARE ABLE TO, up to \$1000."

Money spent foolishly is slacker money!

U-BOAT ACTIVITIES CAUSE INCREASE IN ENLISTMENTS

The submarine activities of the last few weeks have suddenly ceased. Whether this fact is due to the undersea craft having returned to their bases, or having been sent to the bottom by American gunners, of course cannot be made known at the present time. But it is the common belief of seafaring men that some of the U-Boats at least, will never return to a German port.

Although these U-Boats did a certain amount of injury to our coastwise shipping, their depredations were not entirely without benefit to our cause, for great numbers of young Americans have been all at once brought to realize what the Navy can offer in action and excitement.

The consequence of this has been an unprecedented rush to the Naval Reserve Enrolling Offices. During the first week that the enemy's submarines were lurking off the American coast, the Naval Reserve enrolled almost one-fifth as many men as the whole United States Navy contained in the days before the war.

This branch of the service is still open to all desirable men. Registered men are eligible provided that they secure a release from their local board. The Enrolling Office in Norfolk, located at the corner of Main and Grand Streets, is open daily for enrollments from 9.00 A. M. to 4.30 P. M.

Norfolk, Va.,
June 22nd 1918.

W. Martin
District Enrolling Officer.

THREE SLACKERS SENT TO CAMP LEE MONDAY

Chief of Police Page left Monday for Camp Lee with Vanderbilt R-spess, Robert Daniel and a man named Bond from Bertie, who were dubbed slackers because they failed to leave on the 21st, claiming to have been sick. Martin County is taking no chances on being reprimanded for allowing slackers to dwell in its borders.

HECTOR MOORE KNOCKED FROM TRESTLE BY TRAIN

Last week, Hector Moore, an inmate of the County Home who is deaf and dumb, and is also a familiar figure in the town, as he comes in very often and picks everything off the streets that he can carry in a sack, was hit by the mail train while crossing the trestle near town and knocked off. Conductor Elmore and crew picked him up and he was taken to the Home, where Dr. Warren gave him all needed services. It was found that he had a broken arm, which was also badly lacerated, requiring many stitches.

Sergeant Ayers Weds

Of interest to numbers of friends in North Carolina will be the news of the marriage of Miss Kate McLean, of Cameron, N. C., and Joseph H. Ayers, of Oak City, which was solemnized Saturday afternoon, June 15th, at 4:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., the officiating minister being Rev. John L. Caldwell, of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. A few relatives and others witnessed the marriage, among the former being Mrs. Sallie Currie, of Carthage, sister of the bride, and niece, Miss Johnnie E. McLean, of Godwin. The bride wore a stylish tailored suit of dark blue cloth with dark hat trimmed in feather conceits, immediately after the ceremony, Sergeant Ayers and his bride left for Greenville, S. C., he being stationed at Camp Sevier as supply sergeant of Co. B, 322nd Infantry.

The bride is a handsome young woman, attractive and cultured. She taught school in Oak City three years and there met Sergeant Ayers. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McLean, prominent citizens of Moore County. The groom is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ayers, of Oak City. He was engaged in business in that town until he enlisted in the Army. Three months ago he was made supply sergeant. He is esteemed by a wide circle of friends in his home town, and in camp where, as a soldier of fortune, his lot is cast for the present. He is a young man of fine presence and type of the manly American soldier.