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IS THIS WHAT MEN ARE DYING FOR?

What is back of some of the Republican criticism of President Wilson's diplomacy and some of the Republican opposition to his peace program is frankly and shamelessly revealed by the American Economist, the organ of the American Protective Tariff League.

Replying to the World's question "In what way will the election of a Republican Congress hasten the winning of the war? In what way will it secure a more satisfactory peace?"—the American Economist tells the American people that they are not fighting for liberty and democracy and civilization but for money and markets. We quote its exact language:

"In the great issue of 1918, far more is involved than the release of nations from the tyranny of Germany. It is the rallying ground—the reason why the allies and the boys from America are fighting so desperately.

"But back of all the shouts for liberty and freedom is the bare cold fact that this is an economic war, a war for national supremacy and security."

Continuing, the Economist says: "A conclusive and satisfactory peace in 1898 needed that undivided support of the American people. A conclusive peace in 1918 would likewise need the undivided support of the people, provided nothing but liberty and justice were involved.

"But the present war is now an economic war."

Hence President Wilson must be beaten in the fall election because he has declared in favor of "the removal of all economic barriers between nations"—meaning that there must be no special and secret trade agreements. "The proposed Democratic peace program also contemplates a League of Nations," and that must be blocked by a "Protectionist Congress."

The American Economist may not seem important in itself, but it speaks for the American Protective Tariff League and unfortunately the American Protective Tariff League is the Republican organization in all economic matters. Every Republican tariff schedule has been dictated by the protected manufacturers who constitute the base of the Republican treasury.

Thus the Economist gives us the best authentic definition of an Old Guard peace—the kind of peace for which the Republican organization is battling in the Congressional elections. Individual support of the President might be all right if "nothing but liberty and justice were involved," but reactionary Republicanism is not concerned about liberty and justice. This is "an economic war," and an economic war is one which pays dividends to Big Business.

There are hundreds of thousands of Republican voters in the American army. There are hundreds of thousands of Republican fathers whose sons are fighting in France. There are thousands of Republican mothers whose heroic boys have already given the last full measure of devotion.

We wonder what they think of this coldblooded, sordid, mercenary proposition that the American Economist puts forth in pleading for a Republican Protectionist Congress? We wonder what they think of the claim that their sons have not been fighting for human freedom, have not been fighting for liberty of mankind, but have battled merely for economic gain, for dirty dollars to be stuffed into the swollen pockets of Steel and Wool and Cotton? How many of those patriotic Republican men and women would like to stand beside the graves that dot the fields of France and be told that these dead did not die for justice and civilization, but for Schedule K?

Yet is there the slightest reason to doubt that the American Economist speaks with authority as to the policy that a reactionary Republican Congress will pursue toward peace? Is there the slightest reason to doubt that a Republican majority under the present leadership of the party means that if there is any possible way to bring it about, the blood of 6,000,000 dead soldiers is to be capitalized for the profit of protected industry?

If so, we trust that there is at least one Republican in the House or Senate who will have the courage to stand up and protest in the name of Abraham Lincoln against such a revolting prostitution of humanity's tears and blood.

TWO DOORS OF HOPE.

The General Assembly of 1917 saw fit in its wisdom to submit to the people of the State two Constitutional amendments. The first amendment will secure to every child in the State an opportunity to attend public school six months in the year. This increases the opportunity of the child

for education just fifty per cent. It is hard to believe that any man in the State would be willing to deny to little children this larger opportunity to develop all the faculties which the Creator has endowed them with. A Chance for Every Man to Own His Own Home.

The second amendment provides that notes and mortgages given in good faith for the purchase price of a home, when said purchase price does not exceed three thousand dollars, and said notes and mortgages are for at least five years and do not carry a rate of interest exceeding five and one-half per cent, shall be free from taxation.

The manifest purpose of this amendment is to enable a poor man to borrow money at a low rate of interest, and on long time, with which to buy a home. The adoption of this amendment will enable every honest, industrious and economical citizen to become a home owner.

The amendment is in line with the Inaugural Address of Governor Bickett, in which he said "I shall neither permit, nor permit the State to rest, until every honest, industrious and frugal man who tills the soil has a decent chance to own it."

The amendment applies to the home in the country, or the home in the town. It is absolutely non-partisan in character, and has been endorsed by the North Carolina Press Association, by the Farmers' Convention, and by a host of men who have devoted study to this problem.

Just as the school amendment opens a schoolhouse to every child, this amendment opens a home to every man.

Charity and Children is a newspaper devoted to the uplift of the home and to the welfare of the child, and in the issue of July 25, 1918, is found the following editorial upon this home-stead amendment:

"The purpose of this amendment is to enable the small farmer or laboring man to borrow money for the purchase of a home. Under the present law money lenders do not care to loan their money on real estate because the rate of taxation on notes and mortgages is so high as to reduce the rate of interest to three or four per cent; but with ratification of this amendment the interest on the loan will be exempt from taxation and lenders will be glad to furnish prospective buyers all the money they need. The man who owns his home is a better citizen than the man who rents. He is more loyal and progressive in peace and more courageous and patriotic in war. Governor Bickett, in his Inaugural Address, used these words, which are weighty and wise:

"The homesteader is the most conservative and the most militant force in our civilization. He is a lover of peace, a pioneer in progress, and a very demagogue in battle, when danger threatens the farm owned by the man who tills it is the best plant-bed in the world in which to grow a patriot. Such a condition brings wealth to the soil and health to the souls of men. Every consideration of progress and safety urges us to employ all wise and just measures to get our lands into hands of the many, and forestall that most destructive of all monopolies—the monopoly of the soil."

"Every man who owns his own home adds to the strength of the State. One of the greatest perils that confront us is the tendency in many sections for landowners to desert their country homes and move to town and leave their lands in the hands of tenants. We have heard much of late of the necessity of enriching and improving country life conditions; well, this amendment is a long step in that direction. Our country churches, schools, and community interests in general, will be secure and safe in the lands and pass from the hands of the few into the hands of the many. Small home owners are the hope of the future.

"It is hard to see how any man interested in the betterment of our social, religious and political conditions can refuse to vote for this amendment, and give it every atom of his moral support. But it will not be at all surprising if some heartless demagogue with an axe to grind will rise up and advise the people to beware of it. If the commandments were before us for ratification we doubt somebody would oppose it. However, we have more confidence in the intelligence of our people than to think very many of them can be hoodwinked into opposing a measure so just, wise and vitally necessary as this proposed amendment to our Constitution."

It is earnestly hoped that every citizen will vote the ballot upon which is printed the words "for Exemption from Taxation of Homestead Notes." T. W. BICKETT, Governor.

WILLIAM F. JONES DIES IN FRANCE.

A telegram from the War Department at Washington, was received by E. A. Jones Tuesday, announcing that his son, William F. Jones, had been killed while in action at the front in France. He was severely wounded July 29th and died the following day. Several weeks ago Mr. Jones received a telegram stating that his son had been severely wounded and had heard nothing further until the message came Tuesday announcing his death.

William was just 22 years of age and was born and reared in Dunn.

"MILLIONS FOR MORALE"

The Slogan For United War Work Campaign.

It is recognized that the making of morale is of the utmost importance to the winning of the war.

The service of these agencies on the battle front, as well as in the camps and cantonments in the United States, plays an important part in sustaining the courage and the spirit of the fighting men.

"Morale" is that subtle, intangible moral force that sustains armies in the terrific service required of them. It was "morale" that enabled the armies of France and Great Britain, Belgium, Italy and Serbia to maintain for more than three years their fight against an enemy stronger than themselves. It was lack of morale that caused the Russian army to collapse and to degenerate into a number of armed mobs.

Not for one single moment has the morale of the Allies been broken or destroyed. The factor that contributed largely to the support of this morale has been the splendid way in which the people of the United States have contributed to the support of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and other agencies that have so nobly served the men at the front and in the camps.

In the judgment of the President of the United States, it is imperative that the claims of the seven voluntary agencies at work among the soldiers should be presented in a united campaign for funds needed to carry on this work during the coming year. Instead of two or more campaigns at different times that might interfere with the Government's plans for floating Liberty Loans, it has been deemed wisest and most expedient that a joint campaign should be made for the enormous sum of \$170,500,000. The various agencies have estimated their needs as follows:

LIST OF TOWNSHIP CHAIRMEN FOR HARNETT COUNTY, UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

- B. O. Townsend, Dunn. L. F. Arnold, Fuquay Springs, R. F. D. E. S. Yarbrough, Duke. H. D. McDonald, Cambridge. J. C. Byrd, Duke R. 1. H. C. Cameron, Olivia. T. M. Byrd, Coats. T. W. Harrington, Broadway, R. F. D. F. T. Dupree, Angier. Publicity Committee, E. B. Pope, Dunn. A. A. McDonald, Lillington. Speaking Committee, N. A. Townsend, Dunn. Rev. J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek. Victory Boys Earn and Give Division, H. S. Freeman, Dunn. N. A. Smith, Kipling.

CLARENCE B. SMITH, County Chairman, Dunn, N. C.

MR. ERWIN APPEALS TO VOTERS.

Mr. W. A. Erwin, of West Durham, in a letter to a friend in this county says:

These are days in the World's history when there is no time nor place for politics in the ordinary sense. But, as I see it, we have at the head of our Government in this history making period of the world the greatest living man upon the face of the earth today, and all kingdoms and republics, and the peoples of those kingdoms and republics of the entire world have been forced to "take off their hats" and pay homage to the leading spirit and President of our Nation, Woodrow Wilson, as a "guiding star" to lead the world from the misery of sin and wickedness to peace and righteousness, and I veritably believe that now is a time in the history of the life of every individual of our Nation, regardless of politics, to pay homage and respect to him as our leader and deliverer from bondage by supporting him, by voting for the men in this Election who are pledged to his support—Senator Simmons and the Congressman of our State.

These are my honest convictions and would be regardless of whatever Party I might be affiliated with, peace times, and we sincerely hope that this spirit of patriotism will so prevail as to encourage our great leader—Woodrow Wilson, and at the same time impress the Nations of the World that we are a united people in patriotism and in love for freedom and humanity and in the establishing of a righteous and everlasting peace upon the earth. I do not hesitate to express these convictions when opportunity affords in these troublesome days when the best blood of our own Nation and of our Allies is at stake on the battle fronts of Europe.

With great respect, Faithfully yours, W. A. ERWIN.

He enlisted in the army in January 1917, and sailed for France June 10th of the same year. He went to France with the first American troops and had been in service there for 13 months, being a corporal in Co. F of the 16th Infantry, at the time of his death.

William was the first one of the Dunn boys to give his life for his country on the battle fields of France. He was well known here where he was popular with his friends, who deeply sympathize with his father and other loved ones. He was a member of the First Baptist church and an excellent young man.

Very few new cases of influenza have developed in Dunn this week. The epidemic is well under control and its spread is practically over. You need not fear to come to Dunn now as there is but little danger of contracting the disease here.

Table listing contributions to the United War Work Campaign: Young Men's Christian Association \$100,000,000; Young Women's Christian Association 15,000,000; National Catholic War Council 30,000,000; Jewish Welfare Board 3,500,000; American Library Association 3,500,000; War Camp Community Service 15,000,000; Salvation Army 3,500,000.

Total \$170,500,000

General Pershing, in a communication to the officers of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. declares that that institution adds ten per cent to the fighting power of our armies in France. The statement is as follows: "Give us nine men and the Y. M. C. A. and we will have a more effective fighting force than as though we had ten men without the Y. M. C. A." Lieutenant Colonel E. S. Wheeler, in a letter to General Pershing said:

"There is no one factor contributing more to the morale of the American army in France than the Y. M. C. A. The value of this organization cannot be overestimated. When I come to the Y. M. C. A. huts and see our men night after night and one day after another in their spare moments enjoying the privileges created by a corps of self-sacrificing Red Triangle workers, I know that they are better men and better fighters for so doing. Give me nine hundred men who have a Y. M. C. A. rather than one thousand who have none, and I will have better fighters every time."

No one can lightly lay aside the claims of these agencies upon his liberality. As President Wilson has pointed out in his request for a united campaign, no one surrenders any vital principle in thus joining for expediency's sake in the United campaign. Should any contributor desire, he may specify that his individual contribution shall be devoted entirely to any particular cause that he may designate.

ers of this organization only a short time to recognize the training and ability as a musician of Mr. Jordan.

IN FRANCE.

Somewhere a soldier lay bleeding, On the fields of far away France, The noise of the cannon unheeding For this was his last chance.

Once again he thought of home and friends, Which he left with a cheery smile, I lay down my life for them all Saying, "It has been worth while."

Slowly his life was slipping Upward into the Great Unknown, Still he was thinking, thinking, Of the Dear Ones at home.

Again he seemed to hear mother say, "Be brave Jack dear, don't worry, For the time is coming soon When you will be back to stay."

A light shone around him, a voice said "Come Jack, it's time to go home." Still he was thinking, still he was saying, To be at home, with God, LETTIE STRICKLAND, Dunn, N. C.

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MONDAY



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The soup kitchen, which was established to take care of those suffering from influenza who were unable to care for themselves, remains open to assist those who are still ill of the disease. The good ladies of the town are still on the job and doing their bit. There remains a few cases in the emergency hospital, who are being cared for by the people of the town.

Robert Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan, who enlisted in the navy several weeks ago, is stationed at the Naval Training station, Norfolk, Va. where he is a member of the Concert Band and the Symphony orchestra. This is one of the finest musical organizations in the South and is composed of first class musicians from all parts of the country. The band is composed of sixty pieces and only trained musicians are allowed to enter. It took the lead-

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I will also be at

DUKE, N. C.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, at the E. R. THOMAS DRUG STORE

from 3:30 to 8:00 p. m. The people of Aversboro and Duke townships are urged to see me at either of these places next Saturday. Don't put it off. You can pay better now than later.

W. H. TURLINGTON, Sheriff.

MARION BUTLER POPE. DEAR Sir: Permit me to extend to you in this time of our mutual sorrow the deepest sympathy of every member of the Fifth Company.

Private Marion B. Pope was an excellent soldier and held in high esteem by both officers and men of this command. It was with the deepest sorrow that we learned of the untimely death of your son.

A true patriot and soldier of his country he sacrificed his life on the altar of Liberty that the world may be free. Believe me sir when I say that we all extend to you and yours our deepest heartfelt sympathy in this time of sorrow. Though the sorrow is great still we can be proud to say he died that others yet unborn may live and be free.

Sincerely Yours, HARVEY LEE KENNISON 2nd Lieut. Inf. U. S. A.

CARD OF THANKS. We take this method of thanking our friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our loved one. We deeply appreciate every act of kindness shown us. MRS. W. E. BAGGETT and FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS. To all our friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our loved one we extend sincere thanks. Your acts of kindness are deeply appreciated. MRS. J. F. WOOD and FAMILY.

Words of Sympathy From His Lieutenant. Camp Hancock Ga. 50th Co. 5th Group Oct. 23, 1918. Mr. H. B. Pope.

The wheat harvest is encouraging but the demands are many and wheat conservation must be maintained.