

done in one year of war. It is a marvelous record and how any man can take into consideration our total unpreparedness and then criticise those in authority is beyond my comprehension. You may be sure those doing it are either ignorant of the facts or have some ulterior purpose. They should be looked upon with distrust and treated as enemies until they prove otherwise. Listen, on April 6th, 1917 we had only 160,000 trained soldiers under arms and 9,554 officers; on April 6th, 1918 we had 123,800 officers almost as many officers as we had men, a year ago, when you consider the fact that a modern war depends very largely on trained officers you realize what a tremendous work has been accomplished. The number of enlisted men is 1,528,924, an increase in one year in the army of about 900 per cent. One year ago we had 84,000 enlisted men in the navy and today we have 343,000 an increase of 400 per cent. In the aviation service a year ago we only had about 1,000 men and today there is about 140,000 an increase of 10,000 per cent. Our experts have standardized the liberty motor and will revolutionize the air service. Twenty-five large companies are manufacturing airplanes, 15 more are producing engines and 400 are producing accessories and supplies. We have produced 10,000 automobile trucks. Machine guns are being manufactured at the rate of 2,500 per year and 3 1/2 inch guns at 15,000 a year. The ordnance supply of the government is handling every month 10,000 car loads of material. Within two weeks after war was declared contracts had been made covering the requirements of an army of 1,000,000 men. The government has taken over and is operating 260,000 miles of railroad, employing more than 1,000,000 men representing an investment of nearly 20 billion dollars. Outside of the loan to the Allies the United States spent 12 billions of dollars during the first year of the war. We loaned nearly 4 1/2 billion dollars to the other countries engaged in this war. The government has instituted a system of war insurance to take the place of the worn out and rotten pension system and in one year insurance policies have been issued for millions of dollars and also about 20 million dollars paid in allotments to the dependent families of the sailors and soldiers. When it seemed that we would not be able to send our products abroad on account of the high rates charged by insurance companies the government stepped in and gave us war risk insurance at greatly reduced rates and are actually making a large profit out of it. Cotton went from seven to thirty-three cents. The greatest achievement I think of the government is the conscription act. It is the most wonderful piece of legislation of its kind that the world has ever known. What becomes of those that were running around over the country crying out against the draft act and predicting all kind of evil?

There has been no riot and in less time than three weeks the men of chapter in the history of man and this country to the number of 10,000 all the nations are being punished, but out of this supreme agony new nations strong in youth and energy will arise and not even in Germany can destroy the spirit of freedom. I believe that out of this war will come a great brotherhood of nations. There is a deep significance in the appointment of an army composed of the flower of the troops from the Allied nations. The ideal which found expression in the world's peace congress at the Hague failed of its immediate purpose, because of the lack of some concentrated power to protect the weak against the strong. When this war is over it will find a great army commanded by Gen. Foch which will represent all the nations; it will find the council of Versailles composed of the wisest statesmen from all the nations. It was the supreme wisdom of Woodrow Wilson which gave us his council with an armed force to back it. Here is the machinery developed by necessity "to hold a fretful realm in awe" the time has come when the nations "shall meet in the parliament of man, the federation of the world." In one hundred years from today when the history of this war is being written and the eyes of men are not dimmed by the carnage and smoke of battle, it will be realized that this action of President Wilson is the most important in its effect on the future of mankind of any one thing that has occurred since the crucifixion of Christ. It was an inspiration from on high, as much so, as any message ever delivered to the children of Israel through the mouth of Moses or Samuel. I look with dread on the effect of a political system which in the midst of this great crisis will deprive us of the wisdom of our greatest prophet. We have with wonderful adaptability broken the political dogma embraced in Washington's farewell address and the Monroe doctrine. If this war goes on the wisest thing that the people of the United States can do is, for the time at least, to refuse to be hampered by the custom of not electing an executive for a third term. Woodrow Wilson was elected the last time not by the Democratic party but by the uprising of the people which carried nearly every state. I believe that if the Democratic party will meet in its national convention and adopt a platform with just one single plank in it, Woodrow Wilson, that the common sense of the people of this country will assert itself as it did in '16. There is a great deal of truth in the saying "never swap horses crossing a stream." Conscription is becoming popular in this government. President Wilson is conscripting our boys to fight the Germans and I think we ought to conscript him to tell them how to do it.

This war can only be won by a great statesman, combining the idealism of a Kenensky, with the practical wisdom of a Bismarck. Our school teacher president is filling this role. He is something more than president of these United States. He is spokesman for Democracy the world over. He is the only man to whom all the nations listen. He will be needed when the terms of peace are to be settled, and we owe a duty to the balance of the world. In every great movement, the ideal of man is always embodied in human form.

Woodrow Wilson is the embodiment of Democracy, the Kaiser of militarism, just as was Washington of the revolution and Luther of the reformation.

There is no middle ground. The eyes of the world are turned on Wilson as the exponent of Democracy. No man is to be trusted who talks patriotism and in his heart hates Wilson. He cannot strike Wilson and not strike the cause for which he stands. My friends, I say let us make the test in South Carolina. I am willing to stand or fall with Woodrow Wilson.

There has come down the ages, the spectacle of Negro fiddling while Rome was burning. Our men are dying on the battle fields of France; the world is on fire with fever of lust and hate. What do our petty personal and factional politicos amount to compared with the great issues at stake. I would rather die than remain safe at home to take advantage of the situation to make money or win cheap political glory out of the blood of our youth and the sorrow of our land. No man has a right to be governed by personal hate or political ambition. In times like these a true man will rise above it.

Need for Firing Squad.

It must have occurred to a great many people, in reading the newspaper accounts of the lenient methods adopted by the government authorities in dealing with the spy question, that the plying of this trade by a German or German sympathizer is far safer than service in the army of the Kaiser.

The most serious penalty imposed so far has been against an officer of the United States army who voluntarily announced that he could not do justice to himself or his men in leading them against his relatives and friends fighting on the German side. A man who is convicted of being a leader in the spy plots against American lives and property is given a prison sentence less than that usually meted out to an embezzling clerk. Other men, engaged in subterranean efforts which might result in the killing of more American boys than could be accomplished by an entire German regiment, are pleasantly interred in quarters where they are provided with creature comforts unknown to the young men who are upholding the Stars and Stripes in No Man's Land.

The reason for this state of affairs is hard to appreciate. The country is at war and war is not a "civil matter." A man who conspires to place a bomb in an American troop-ship or a vessel carrying much needed supplies to our allies is waging against this country as much (even more, we believe) as the private or officer in the German ranks who is exposed to American bullets. Why, then, should we treat these vipers as offenders against the civil law? Let's order out the firing squad.



CITATION.

State of South Carolina,
County of Dillon,
By Joe Cabell Davis, Probate Judge.

Whereas, Bedie Huggins made suit to me to grant unto him letters of Administration of the estate and effects of M. D. Huggins.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said M. D. Huggins, deceased that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Dillon on Thursday, May 9th next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 24 day of April, 1918.

JOEL CABELL DAVIS,
Probate Judge Dillon Co.
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NOTICE.

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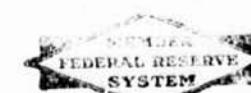
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