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"United we stand, divided we fall." Rally round the Flag.

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WEST ON MILITARY TRAINING.

Iowa is supposed to be the heart and center of the Middle West "pacific belt."

A Des Moines newspaper took a poll of the State's dailies on the question of universal military training, with the result:

For universal training, 32 papers; against universal training, 4 papers; neutral or noncommittal, 3 papers.

Looks as if the "pacific belt" is not against preparedness, but merely against the phony preparedness some interests in the East are trying to slip over.—Cincinnati Post.

TOWN BOOMING THE FASHION.

All over the land, the advantages of town-booming are beginning to make themsedves felt. In consequence, the importance of bringing a community before the the public eye is causing considerable activity in various sections, the Eastern Shore recently having been affected to no small degree.

Mayor C. Fowler Cline, of Wenonah, N. J., has undertaken to put his city on the map of human progress. He has asked the assistance of the city council in devising some practical plan of putting Wenonah to the front as a residential town of South Jersey.

It is proposed by Mayor Cline, with the cooperation of other borough officials and leading citizens, to hold a series of public meetings to be addressed by prominent speakers, with the idea of starting a town boom among the residents.

Incidentally, Wenonah is to be advertised in printers' ink.

TAKES A CRACK AT THE SOUTH.

And now comes our cantankerous old friend, "Personally Obnoxious" Gallinger, who sits in the United States Senate from New Hampshire, to "wave the bloody shirt" and take a personal fling at Dixie.

Though there was no hope of its adoption, Senator Gallinger offered an amendment to the Corrupt Practices act, his purpose being to start a discussion that would open for verbal bombardment, by certain Northern interests, the election laws of the South.

Of course, politics is at the bottom of this crack at Dixie. "Personally Obnoxious" would like to reduce the Democratic votes in Congress, as is explained later on. It must have been a sad blow to him that his native state gave Wilson a small majority.

Residents of the Northern states who know little of the negro, especially those blinded by political prejudice, do not understand the race or the reason for its exclusion from voting in the South. They would as quickly resent any attempt to put their states under Jap, negro or any other but white domination.

It would be an impossible condition for the whites of the South if the negro was permitted to exercise there an unlimited elective franchise. In places, every hope of civilization would vanish; every vestige of advancement would be swept away by the tidal engulfment of ignorance. The white standards of the South would be buried under an avalanche of black ballots.

In all sections, the negro would not be paramount, but he would exercise a considerable influence on the governmental results.

There are just as many ignorant, crime-dipt whites in the North who should be justly disfranchised as there are negroes kept from voting in the South. The North is, and always has been, too liberal in its extension of electoral privileges.

THE NORTH RESENTED "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION." IT SHOULD GIVE SOME HEED TO "NO REPRESENTATION WITHOUT TAXATION."

In explaining the Gallinger amendment, The Baltimore Sun says:

One of the purposes of the Gallinger idea, if it is ever enacted into law, would be to prevent the South and the West from again combining their political forces and electing a Democratic president, as was done last fall. The 13 Southern States now have 149 votes in the Electoral College, and the Gallinger proposal would at least reduce this number by 30, thereby making it impossible for the South and West to elect a Democratic candidate for President without the vote of another big state in the middle West besides Ohio. Such a proposal also would reduce the Democratic representation in the House by 30, and this number cut off from the Democratic side would easily permit the Republicans to control that body.

There are about 6,500,000 negroes in the Southern States in which voting qualifications bar the negro from voting. In Virginia, for instance, there are more than 600,000 negroes, and yet under Virginia's system of requiring prepayment of poll taxes and educational qualifications not more than 5,000 negroes are qualified to vote.

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

From its aerie in the untainted Western air, the bald-headed Eagle of America has screamed defiance to the imperial eagle of the Prussian king.

The glorious bird of Freedom, soaring with majestic grandeur and unfettered wing, has sharpened its talons for the black bird that bedecks the Hohenzollern banners.

To which shall victory be given?

As we go to press, the long foreseen, well-nigh unavoidable conflict between the United States and Germany seems to be at hand.

Our country, superb in its ideals of human right and liberty, is trembling on the verge of war with the greatest criminals of martial history. The Teutonic monarchs have loosed their weapons of frightfulness on sea to magnify the ferocious deeds of their hordes on land.

Are we a united country in this crisis?

Only the results may tell. But it appears to be the will of God that the United States of America shall survive; that, if this be Armageddon, we shall lead the way to Christian victory.

President Wilson, patient and long-suffering, has been overborne in his hopes for peace by the concentric egoism of the Prussian militarists and the mammoth self-will of Kaiser Wilhelm.

The submarines of Germany have been sent forth to sink and slay foe and neutral who steer their ships within a barred water zone about the British Isles, the coast of France and in the Meditterranean Sea.

It does not appear possible that they will fail to sacrifice on the altar of Mars some American life. The President has said that such sacrifice shall be the signal for unleashing the war-dogs of Uncle Sam.

So be it. We face the issue with confidence, not in our military and naval preparedness, but in our devotion to the Christian principles of humanity. We place our fate in the hands of the Arbiter of the Universe.

In this crisis, the question occurs: Will history repeat itself? It never has failed to do so. The pendulum swings backward and forward. It is time for it to reverse, if the signs of the times are read aright by us.

Every great martial convulsion of the civilized world has been followed by a renaissance of religious fervor. The crisis, hand of death, in each instance, has seemed to skim the dross from the purer metal in the melting-pot of humanity, leaving to a chastened world the realization that there is a spiritual as well as a material kingdom.

Beginning with the fall and sacking of Jerusalem by Titus, in A. D. 70, so soon after Christ had introduced his religion based on the Golden Rule, the history of civilization brings into prominent relief the verity of the statements made above.

In the fifth and sixth centuries, the great martial wave swept over Europe and engulfed the seat of Paganism, imperial Rome. In 410 A. D., Alaric, king of the Visigoths, took Rome and, for three days, gave it over to pillage. "The Scourge of God," Attila, King of the Huns, failed to reach the governmental seat and, in 451, was defeated and driven back to the Danube by Aetius at the battle of Chalons-sur-Marne, where the Teutonic troops were so lately turned back from Paris. Genseric, king of the Vandals, conquered Carthage and Northern Africa, then took and sacked Rome in 455, all of Italy later falling under the dominion of Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths.

Thus, some 500 years after Christ, came the first great wave of war, followed by the championship of Christianity by Charlemagne.

The next period began in 1066, when William of Normandy conquered England and opened the way for it to become the greatest of medieval nations and a molder of thought and liberty for ages. This was followed by the Crusades, which eventually led to the Reformation and other revivals of religious energy in the 14th and 15th centuries, another period of about 500 years.

Thus we come to the 20th century and see the greater portion of the civilized world warring in bitter hatred. God has been invoked as the champion of both sides. With which He is aligned remains for the future to show.

Students of history and theology agree that this conflict, which gives no indication of ending for months to come, is certain to be followed by a revival of religious thought and freedom. Those who survive are sure to feel the great power of Heaven upon their souls, it is said, and the result is to be, as after all previous reigns of Mars, a great rejuvenation of thought, activity and science, while there should be a clarifying of the hopes and purposes of those who serve, under various sects, the one great Leader of the Christian world.

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On or before the 10th day of September, 1917,

otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of February, in the year 1917.

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