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This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war

A Tactical Error in Congress

Dr. Anna H. Shaw, formerly a Michigan woman, but now a New York voting citizen says: "The delay of Congress in passing the federal amendment in the senate is the greatest tactical error which could be made. Passage of this measure would release thousands of women for undivided attention to patriotic service. As long as we are unfranchised citizens we cannot possibly give ourselves entirely to the business of war. I feel the difference in my attitude before and after I gained enfranchisement as a resident of the State of New York. I have greater responsibility in national affairs. If anything goes wrong I feel personally responsible."

On the Whole Amount

Owing to a difference of opinion as to the assessment asked by the Oakland County Patriotic League and War Board for the Red Cross, we publish the following from the "original" notice sent out:

"Minimum subscription is \$10.00, but where the assessed valuation is in excess of \$3,000.00, the minimum amount must be \$2.00 additional for each \$1,000.00 assessed. Those who can give more are expected to do so."
From the above it will be plain that where a man is assessed \$5,000 his subscription would be \$10.00, and an additional \$10.00 for his assessed valuation, or a total of \$20.00.

Face About

The New York anti-suffragists have faced about. Some of the women sulkily refused to vote when the franchise was given in that state, just because they did not want the vote, but now the executive committee of the woman voters anti-suffrage party states that it is the duty of every woman, not only to vote at every election, but to qualify herself for political action and efficiency by enrolling. The difference between suffragists and anti-suffragists evidently, in New York is that the suffragists vote because they want to assume duties, while the anti vote because they didn't want to assume duties. Same result will probably be manifest in Michigan. Watch the anti at the next presidential election. Voluntary duty or compulsory duty.

Some up state women are forming "Set a Hen" clubs. Each member is supposed to set a hen and give the proceeds, or increase to the Red Cross. In some localities as many as 500 women and girls have been organized, and considerable sums will be added to the Red Cross funds sometime in November when it is agreed that the increase is to be turned over to the organization. This proposition strikes us as a good one, easy to comply with, and with little or no sacrifice on the part of anyone.

WAR INQUIRIES ENORMOUS

Government Prints Bulletin Every Day Concerning Important Orders, Etc.

Lansing, Mich.—Owing to the enormous increase of government war work the governmental departments at Washington ask Michigan residents to refrain from making inquiries on every conceivable subject concerning the war, as it has been found a physical impossibility for the clerks, though they number an army in themselves, to give outline of Michigan and may also be found in libraries, boards of trade, chamber of commerce, the offices of mayors, and government and other officials.

By consulting these fine most questions will be readily answered; there will be little necessity for letter writing; the unnecessary congestion of the mails will be appreciably relieved; the railroads will be called upon to move fewer correspondence sacks; the mass of business that is piling up in the government departments at Washington will be eased considerably. Hundreds of clerks now answering correspondence sacks, are to give their time to essentially important war-work, and a fundamentally patriotic service will have been performed by the public.

Lansing, Mich.—Michigan does not intend to forget the debt she owes her native sons who have offered their lives for their country, and the first hospital ship, laden with sick and wounded arrives at the port of New York, a representative of the Michigan War Preparedness Board will be on hand to see that the boys do not lack individual attention.

Under the plan adopted by the Michigan war board, the state will pay the expenses of a citizen who is able to devote his time to the work, and to supply him with funds to purchase for the sick and wounded soldiers such luxuries as the federal government fails to provide.

If a Michigan soldier confined in a New York hospital is able to write a letter home, the fallet commission will do it for him. He will see that he is supplied with papers, gossip from his home town, magazines, to hocco, etc. If he is "broke" and needs fifteen cents for a shave, the Michigan representative will see that he gets it.

Several citizens of wealth and ability, have volunteered to take up this work as soon as it is deemed advisable to station a man in New York. They have volunteered to give their time and pay their own expenses. The government, however, plans to have the relief commission work in relay so that no individual will have to give more than sixty days of his time.

Other states are following Michigan's plan in the matter of a relief commission at the port of debarkation.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Items of Interest From the Surrounding Districts, Gleaned by Our Correspondents.

Thayer School District.
Mrs. George Simmons is visiting relatives in Pontiac for a few weeks.

Mrs. Katherine Grey and little daughter visited Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Julius Wolgast, of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark and daughter Jewell, were callers at Northville Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rixen and little son visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Biery, of West Novi.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lute and Little son Homer, and Charles Pinnow were among the Saturday evening callers at Northville.

Mr. Newman, living on the Treadway Farm, had his automobile stolen from his garage on Friday night. At latest reports it had not been found.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burch, of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Allen and children, of Pontiac, visited at the home of Guy Simmons Sunday.

Fred Schumld died at the home of his parents Saturday morning. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, with interment in West Farmington cemetery.

A severe storm passed over this section Monday afternoon, doing considerable damage. Window lights were broken in nearly every house, silos were blown down and trees uprooted, but no one has been reported injured.

School in the Thayer District closed Friday evening. A very interesting program was given by the pupils, after which ice cream and cake were served. A good crowd was in attendance. Miss Anglin will teach here another year.

Novi News Items.

Mrs. McNitt, from Jackson, is visiting at Judd Richardson's this week.

The Novi school will have a shadow social Friday evening, June 7th, at the Town Hall.

Miss Hazel Wilcox returned from her school at St. Johns last week for her summer vacation.

A surprise party was given Huber M. Bourne last Thursday evening by the young people here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huey motored here from Davison last week end, and visited Novi friends.

L. J. Putman was brought home from Harper's hospital last week Tuesday, feeling fine from his operation.

Mrs. Della Konright, from Woodville, is visiting Mrs. Stella Miller this week; also Marie Miller, from Detroit, is home for over Sunday.

Mrs. C. P. Johnston, of Hastings, and Mrs. C. M. Carver and little son, of Detroit, are visiting at the Walter McCowan home for over Decoration Day.

Mr. Garner received word last week that all of his Eighth graders had passed their examinations at Pontiac, which is a fine recommendation for him.

Mrs. W. Sauters and father, Mr. Sauters, were in town Saturday, and moved their household gods to the city, as Mrs. Sauters will live with her people now, Mrs. W. Mesow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rice, son Warren and mother, Mrs. Clara Rice, motored to Charles Rice's at Lansing, for the week end. Mrs. Clara Rice is staying with her son Charles for a while.

Novi Red Cross society will have an ice cream social at J. D. Taylor's, on the banks of Walled Lake, Wednesday evening, June 8th. There will be a speaker from Detroit, and a young lady from Detroit will sing.

Novi people were deeply shocked by the news of the death of Mrs. Grace Biery-Leavenworth, of Farmington, formerly of Novi. She leaves a host of friends at Novi; she was a member of our Baptist church here, and was very kind and thoughtful, and the family have the deepest sympathy of everyone that knew her.

Don't forget our liner column.

Overalls, all sizes at Cook & Co.'s for \$1.00 per pair.

NAVAL RESERVES DOING SPLENDID WORK FOR U. S.

THOUSANDS AT THANKLESS TASKS THE WORLD OVER DESERVE CHEERS, NOT ENURES.

"The young men who serve in the Naval Reserve Force are performing a duty just as patriotic, just as essential to the final victory of our arms in this war, as that performed by the men of any other branch of the nation's forces."

That is Lieut. Commander Truman H. Newberry's answer in the New York Evening Mail to the few scoffers and critics of the men in the Naval Reserve.

"ONLY NAVAL RESERVES."

Why does that branch of the service attract so many men? Are they draft dodgers? Do they fear service at the front in France? Do they seek to enter a branch which will keep them near home?

These are the questions which the military editor of The Evening Mail put to Commander Newberry, commander of the Naval Reserve Force in the third district.

Only a few days ago two blue jackets sat in conversation in a Broadway subway train. At forty-second street two soldiers entered. After a whispered conversation and frequent glances at the sailorman, one of the soldiers bent down to read the gilt lettering on the jackets' hats.

"Only Naval Reserve guys," he sneered.

It wasn't the first time the military editor had seen that snore. Among civilians, as well as among men in uniform, the same attitude toward the Naval Reserve has been noticed. So he sought out Commander Newberry and asked for comment.

"You say there seems to be a tendency to belittle service in the reserve force? There is no reason for it," declared Commander Newberry. "Among soldiers and sailors there is always a friendly butting. Sometimes it is not friendly, but it is never serious."

"THOUSANDS 'OVER THERE.'"

"As for civilians, their attitude may be attributed to lack of information. It is true that originally the young men recruited men for coast patrol duty. Do they know that the larger part of the force is now serving at sea, in foreign waters, side by side with the men of the regular navy, or training at the great naval stations for active service?"

More—do they know that men are being accepted for general service, which means they may be assigned

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ALL SERVING NATION.

"Every man who wears an American uniform is serving the nation—in whatever capacity he is enlisted. And those who volunteered for the Naval Reserve Force, because service on the sea appealed to them, are serving just where they belong."

"In April last year, when the United States entered the war, the only class open for non-seagoing men was class four. Since July 1, 1917, however, all men in this class have volunteered for general service, and no man will be accepted now unless he volunteers for general service."

"Another thing. In common with some other nations America has never realized the important role of its navy in warfare. But you may be sure that when this war has been finally won, the United States Navy will have played an essential part in the great victory. That will be a task for the historians, had they will not begin their work until peace comes. So will have to wait. But the navy's page in that history will be a brilliant one!"

And there you have the commander's answer.

Incidentally, Commander Newberry is head of a family which has satisfied 100 per cent. perfect in this war.

He gave up a large business in Michigan to answer the President's call. Mrs. Newberry is president of the Needle Work Guild of America, which is devoting its entire strength to Red Cross work. Their twin boys, Barnes and Phelps, are on active service. Barnes is an ensign in the navy, on duty somewhere on the Atlantic, and Phelps is a major in the aviation section of the army.

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