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VOLUNTEER YOUR AID.

On Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a meeting in the Assembly Chamber of the City Hall of those Elmirans who are loyal enough to the American soldiers to devote just a few hours of their time to the work of raising Elmira's quota of the \$35,000,000 fund to carry on the work of the Y. M. C. A. in camps in this country and abroad.

This call on the people of Elmira should meet with a response as prompt and as generous as that with which the call for the War Camp Community Recreation fund was greeted.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing a wonderful work for the soldiers. Every religious or sectarian aspect of the Association work has been avoided in the camps and soldiers of one belief make as free with the Y. M. C. A. advantages as do those of other religious inclinations. Hand in hand the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Hebrew Association are working to give comfort and diversion to the American troops.

So great has this work grown that the time has come when more money is imperatively needed to carry it on. A campaign to raise \$35,000,000 is being conducted throughout the United States. It is a wonderful opportunity for those at home to "go over the top."

The Elmira committee asks that at least one person from each block in the city meet at the City Hall tomorrow evening and volunteer to canvass one block only. The work will comprehend very little expenditure of time and energy and may be done in the evening or on Sunday.

There was a magnificent audience at the Lyceum yesterday when Jack Virgo spoke. The people knew they would hear something worth while, so they went. Now let us see how many will respond to the call for Friday night when the meeting for the purpose of gaining volunteers for the work of canvass. Let Elmirans again show their loyalty.

All over the country the slogan of patriotism and loyalty has become: "GIVE OR GO." If you can't go you can give—and your giving should reach so far that your personal sacrifice will remind you of that far greater sacrifice that is being made by the young men who are going to the camps and to the fighting fronts.

So lend your aid in the Y. M. C. A. campaign—and in every other campaign of the sort that comes along.

Go to the City Hall tomorrow evening.

IT HAS COME TO STAY.

The momentous victory for woman suffrage in New York state on Tuesday—by far the most important advance ever recorded for the theory of equal rights and universal democracy—means that suffrage is on the books in this state for all time. It never can be changed.

The majority of the male voters has spoken. Now there will be added to that strength the votes of millions upon millions of women voters. Any attempt, therefore, to repeal the suffrage amendment by another revision of the Constitution would go against a wall so strong as to be impregnable. It was a famous victory for the women. It marks an epoch in American history, a great event in the history of the world.

THE GREAT LIBERTY LOAN.

The second Liberty Loan was oversubscribed by 54 per cent., according to final figures just

SPIES

Self-governed nations do not neighbor states with spies or set of intrigue to bring about some posture of affairs which will give opportunity to strike and make. Such designs can be successful only under cover and where no right to ask questions. . . . cepting this challenge of hostile cause we know that in such a following such methods, we can a friend, and that in the presence ganized power, always lying in accomplish we know not what pu can be no assured security for eratic governments of the world Wilson.

now to assure their credulous folk pushing our old game to the limit. It doesn't do the enemy any harm at this stage of the proceedings. Their awakening comes, will be all right. But they must be unbelievably take Dr. Dumba's word for anything.

It will be recalled that before the doctor went away from here by Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Lusitania note to Germany, with word or act" threat, was merely a have dawned on Austria by this time occasion, at least, the United States it said. And if the Austrian government as many trustworthy spies in as it appears to have, it must know about the magnitude of our preparation unwavering determination of our the war through at all costs.

But we needn't take old Dr. Dumba. He himself is bluffing, with the mendacity of an Austrian diplomat save his own face and stave off the coming with his own deluded country.

COURSE IN PATRIOTISM

The school teachers of the nation urged to preserve ideals, to keep children of the land not so much milk as the big, motivating forces that lie of democracy. They are asked to pupils with the things that will make while when it does come. As a part work, definite courses in patriotism their place in many school programs.

The Minnesota Educational among others, has given special time to outlining such a course and to able textbooks for it. The material assembled includes the speeches of noted statesmen of past and present's messages, speeches of Lloyd Poincare. And there are many good booklet being gotten out by the Public Information at Washington. is "The Battle Line of Democracy: Poetry of the World War."

Perhaps the children now in our will appreciate some day the important events in the midst of which they up. It is to be hoped that their part ate it right now, and that in all the war, war work, conservation, and e there is some place for talk of e what it means, of good citizenship tion not to be shirked by the true pa of international co-operation and when the world has won lastin safe racy.

A FORERUNNER OF PEACE

The outstanding feature of the entered into by the United States the recognition of Japan's "special China. When we add to this admittance that both nations guarantee the and the territory of China and stand upholding the open door for commerce as Secretary Lansing says, a policy very foundation of Pan-Americanism ted by this Government."

Glorious as have been the consequences Monroe Doctrine for peace, justice a in America, the compact now made dominant powers of the Pacific must momentous for Asia. We accept Japan's claim of particular rights its great neighbor. Japan in return without reservation to pursue as to the same lofty idealism with which