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THIS MEANS YOU

Do not think when you have bought a few War Savings Stamps that you have fulfilled your patriotic duty. You have not.

Do not flatter yourself that you have done all you should do when you sign next week a pledge card promising to invest each week every cent you can possibly spare, in Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps. You can do more.

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WRITE CHEERFUL LETTERS TO SOLDIERS

General Pershing is urging home folk to write letters to the American boys in France. He might have gone further and told them to write nothing but cheerful letters.

The Saturday Evening Post, touching upon this subject, finds that too much selfishness and thoughtlessness is often embodied in letters to soldiers at the front. It isn't a kindness to unburden all your troubles, imaginary or real, upon a poor fellow who may have all he can do to fight off the pangs of homesickness. The Post says—

"Many people at home are doing their soldier sons and brothers the greatest injustice by writing them despondent letters, picturing the unhappiness of the family at the enforced separation—and especially by begging the soldiers to come back for a visit or try to get a discharge. 'Hundreds of cases of that kind have come to my attention', an army chaplain tells us. 'A man told me the other day that he could be a good soldier if only his mother would stop writing blue letters to him and imploring him to come back. Every now and then some man is driven half frantic and made almost useless for army work by a letter that describes conditions at home in the darkest possible colors and entreats him to return'. We hear of one case where a soldier, driven desperate by such a letter from home, actually deserted. He is now under arrest and liable to a long prison sentence. If the battle-line were not three thousand miles away he would very likely be shot.

"Unless the attempt to make an American Army is to turn into a mere farce, furloughs and passes must be granted very sparingly; only, in fact, in extraordinary cases. Despondent letters from home simply make the soldier miserable.

"War is an affliction that always falls hardest on women. There never was a war in which mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts did not do the greater part of the suffering. That is their lot—the price they pay for their affections.

"When you write to a beloved soldier you are taking his happiness into your hands. You can make him miserable or cheerful. Why sentence him to useless suffering?"

THE LICHNOWSKY EXPOSE

Prince Karl Lichnowsky's exposure of German perfidy in bringing about the world war has evidently created a profound sensation in Germany. Lichnowsky was the German ambassador to England when the war broke out. His attitude towards the war was so displeasing to his German masters that upon his return to Germany he was degraded in rank. Two years ago he wrote what he called his "memorandum", which he declares was purely private notes, but somehow these notes became public.

The memorandum not only admits that Germany alone was to blame for the war, but proves it in a way that has evidently convinced all Germans. The last issue of the Literary Digest received here, reprints extracts from half a dozen or more German newspapers, all expressing the utmost amazement at the revelations of the Prince, and all admitting that there can be no doubt that Great Britain did not force the war upon Germany, but was instead forced into the maelstrom by the kaiser and his clique.

The significant thing in all this is that German papers, which are controlled absolutely by the government, have been permitted to publish such comments. Even though the government was unable to prevent the publication of Lichnowsky's astounding document, which seems improbable, why has it tacitly admitted the truth of the fearful indictment? For the memoirs, though written in a dispassionate style, are nevertheless absolutely damning.

Is it possible that Germany sees that she is nearing the end of her rope? Is she thus preparing to admit the dastardly part her rulers have played in deliberately plunging the world into chaos, and thus to prepare her duped masses for the inevitable day of reckoning?

There may be some other explanation, but if there is it is not yet apparent.

IDAHO GOES WHEATLESS

The people of Idaho will go on an entirely wheatless diet from now until the harvest if that is needed to help supply our soldiers and the Allies with the bread they must have. This is the pledge telegraphed to the Food Administration in Washington by the county Food Administrators of the state. At a conference of these men, at which thirty-seven of the forty-one counties of the state were represented, they unanimously adopted the following resolutions, expressing the attitude of the people in their home districts, with whom they are in daily and familiar touch:

"We the County Food Administrators of the State of Idaho, in session assembled at Boise, Idaho, April 6, with Federal Food Administrator R. F. Bicknell, do resolve that, whereas the present state of war has caused a most critical wheat situation, due to the necessity of our furnishing every available grain of our wheat for the support of the Allied armies, their civilian populations and our own army, we hereby offer to the United States Food Administration on behalf of the citizens of this state all of our supplies of wheat and flour should the government determine that those supplies are required;

"And we pledge these commodities to the government, even in the event that their acceptance will require our citizens to go upon a wheatless diet until such time as the Food Administration decides that sufficient wheat and flour are available to permit its use by our citizens."

RAISE A WAR GARDEN

Work of the Food Administration in this Territory was greatly assisted by the success last season of war gardens. Again the people of Hawaii are asked to raise a war garden. They are urged to try and raise enough food to supply household needs for a year. War gardeners are urged to make an estimate of what they are likely to require in the way of food and then make an effort to make the soil produce it.

The hoe has become a weapon of war. The food situation was never more serious than now. Saving food is one solution of the world shortage; substitution is another, but equally important is the spring edict from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the U. S. Food Administration that the country must plant and produce more food this year than ever before.

The Food Administration says that this demand must be appreciated and acted upon promptly by every home in America. Every household with even a little land to spare should buy a hoe. The hoe should become the symbol of a self-sustaining household as regards garden foods. Every bag of sweet potatoes or taro and every pound of beans brought in from the back yard releases that much more for the current market and saves that much to ship abroad.

A patron of the Wailuku Orpheum declares that the way the "Star Spangled Banner" is sung by the audience is a disgrace. This is a hint for the Vigilance Committee. Why not call for volunteers, same as for the 4-minute speakers, to lead the singing of the national anthem at local theaters? The "Star Spangled Banner" is, unfortunately, not a very easy thing to sing. If one or more of the many good singers on Maui would take it upon themselves to act as "choir", the effect would be pleasing instead of painful. We make this as a motion. Any body second?

Governor Pinkham's suggestion to the legislature that provision should be made for suitably housing the future governors of the territory is well taken. Some of our governors in the past have been in position through their private means to live in manner befitting the dignity of the high office they hold. But we don't want the governorship of Hawaii to be considered a rich man's office. Possibly more than in the states of the union is the governor of Hawaii called upon to "put up a good front." It isn't fair to the governor—it isn't fair to the territory to make the incumbent foot the bill.

Kauai repudiates its slackers. There is every evidence that the Garden Island feels keenly the reproach that has been cast upon it. It can deal with its alien enemies (of which it has perhaps more than its share) with comparative complacency, but to be singled out of all the Islands as the "slacker community" really hurts. Kauai has the sympathy of everybody.

Maui, in common with the whole territory, breathed a sigh of relief when the wireless last Saturday afternoon brought the news that the two army aviators who had flown from Kahului bay two days before, had been found uninjured. The daring feat of Major Clark and Sergeant Gray had fired the imagination of Maui people, but their unassuming and democratic courtesy in trying to let everybody possible see them in flight added a personal touch to the concern which everyone felt when they were reported missing.

A Lahaina resident who thinks he has a kick coming, and who claims to voice Lahaina public opinion, has sent us an unsigned letter for publication. The writer evidently does not know that no newspaper can print communications from persons they do not know. If he cares to have his opinions published he must make himself known.

Food control in North America today means chiefly getting the food across the Atlantic at all costs.

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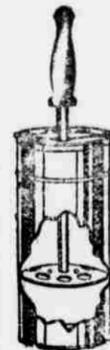
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