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THE AMERICAN'S CREED. I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

THE LOAN DRIVE. THE end of the second week of the Fourth Liberty loan campaign finds the situation in Fairmont and Marion county in much better shape than it was last week, but only to the extent that it is possible to get something like a definite idea of how far we are from the goal. The public, which was told frankly months in advance that it must prepare itself for the task, is not responding in the way that it should and there are many spots on the campaign map where the workers have not waked up to a realization of the seriousness of the situation, and therefore have not put the kind of vim into the work that is necessary to win success. Marion county's quota of this Fourth loan was more than twice as large as for the preceding issue. It was announced at the start that an effort would be made to double the number of subscribers, but not enough emphasis was put upon the necessity for practically all of the subscriptions for small amounts to be doubled. During the remaining week of the campaign the committees in those communities that are not yet within striking distance of their goal might do well to make a persistent effort to get those who have made fifty and one hundred dollar subscriptions to double up. It cannot be too often, or too strongly, repeated that the real reason why the people must take this loan is because it is their duty as patriotic Americans. General March told the newspaper men yesterday that the departures from this country for the battlefields of France now exceed 1,900,000 and that before very long the figures would be in excess of 2,000,000. It takes money to keep this vast army in fighting condition, and those of us who are left here at home must provide it. It is not a matter about which there can be any argument. If we cannot raise the money in one way we must in another—by buying fewer clothes, or spending less upon luxuries or even so called necessities which could be dispensed with at a time of national stress, for instance. The per capita quota for Marion county is one fifty dollar bond for every person in the county. Infants and school children cannot be expected to buy bonds, so to be on the safe side every wage earner, both male and female, should have at least one \$100 bond. The average man and woman may feel that his or her duty has been done to the full if they have done that well. And the man or woman who does not have any bond, not even a fifty dollar one, is a slacker. That man or woman is not supporting the old flag and the army in France and is not worthy of this great nation.

RETREATING TO DISASTER. It may be taken for granted that the Germans are now definitely running to some line in the rear which they think they can hold at least until they can settle themselves in new works still further back where they may attempt to winter. The fact that they are getting out of the St. Gobain forest and off the Chemin des Dames ridge as well as streaming back in frank retreat on a wide front extending as far north as the Scarpe river, indicates that quite conclusively. Where they likely will stop is not yet clear to lay observers. The efficient staff of the silent Foch probably know quite as well as the Germans themselves, but for the present there will be no information from that source, so about the most interesting phase of the situation for non-

RUFF STUFF. St. Paul club has been caught hoarding sugar and its supply confiscated. Members "I have to take their toddy without and sweetening this winter. But at that they are luckier than some. Around here the prospect is for a toddyless winter. Things must be slipping at the Watson hotel. The army game must be going bad.

expert speculation is whether or not the Commander in Chief will let them stop when they get to their destination. Probably not. The spirit of the armies now calls for unrelenting warfare. The men who went through the bitter retreats last spring when the Germans were trying to drive a wedge between the French and the British want the Germans now driven into their lairs. They want to get their feet upon German soil. It was for that they smashed the wonderful Hindenburg line and it is not going to be hard to get them to keep right on forcing the foe eastward. That the Germans are going much more rapidly than they want to is quite evident. That they find it impossible to understand the Foch strategy is also evident, and it is altogether probable that those two elements will determine whether or not they will be able to stop the successful career of the Allies long enough to prepare a really formidable line before they actually are back on German soil. For in a speculation of this kind it must be remembered that while they have a number of lines in the rear none of them would serve as much of a check for an army which could go through the Hindenburg system. They must find new stopping places where the art of the military engineer is aided by nature and they must have time to make the two work in harmony. If the Allies prove themselves to be flecter of foot than the Germans; if they keep in such close touch that the Germans are not able to get the guns which they are now taking back set again, the present retreat is bound to become a continuous performance. To stop would be to invite disaster.

THE POWER SHORTAGE. YESTERDAY the Monongahela Valley Traction company paid for space in the advertising columns of The West Virginian to take the public into its confidence regarding the power situation in the territory covered by its trolley lines and power service. We are going to devote a little space in this part of the newspaper today to saying, quite without solicitation upon the part of the traction people, and of course without any cost to them, that we think the public ought to be as patient as possible, because, first, the Traction company had the courage and the foresight to prepare for just what has occurred, and second, because since it began the situation growing out of the power famine has been handled with splendid judgment and in entire fairness to the interest of the consumers of power, the patrons of the trolley lines and the fuel necessities of the country at large. That is a pretty large order, when you come to think of it, and all hands who helped to fill it are entitled to praise. As the plant from which The West Virginian is issued has been one of the sufferers, what we have to say about it is not a mere off hand observation. The Traction company saw what was coming early and it made preparations upon a scale which ought to give the keenest satisfaction to Fairmont people. But it could not provide for what occurred when the demand for power increased much faster than ever before during that period in which progress upon the enlargements proceeded in what must have at times appeared to the officers of the company to be inverse ratio. But the situation is clearing. Soon the Rivesville plant will be furnishing current and then the power troubles of the district will be over. In the meantime the fact that the Rivesville plant soon is to be in service and will furnish the only power reserve in a great stretch of country has brought us a great government plant. So, everything considered, the public ought to be patient with the M. V. T. It is doing its damndest and keeping sweet while it does it. And that is something that could not be said about all public service corporations under similar stress.

More American soldiers have perished in the sea off the northern coast of the British isles, and while the disaster will cause the deepest regret, not only in this country but in England, it will be recalled with gratitude that relatively the losses at sea have been light for a movement of almost 2,000,000 troops. Amsterdam dispatches quote a Berlin newspaper as saying that the appointment of a new Prussian minister of war foreshadows the resignation of two leading German commanding generals, presumably Hindenburg and Ludendorff. But it is too late to change pilots. If Germany had got rid of these two relics of medievalism last winter before the plans for the spring drive for the coast were made, the situation might not now be so desperate for the German cause. As it is Germany will have to pay the bill in full for their brutal stupidity, and to let them resign now would be but to spare them the humiliation of going through the formal acknowledgement of defeat a little later. At the conclusion of a little talk to a party of American editors visiting in Great Britain Foreign Secretary Balfour apologized for the warmth with which he spoke of the torpedoing of the mail steamer Leinster. The incident was natural enough. A British foreign secretary is expected to keep cool and sweet amid even "a war of elements, the wrecks of matter and the crush of worlds," but if he had been able to see what the newspapers here in the United States were saying about that same outrage he might have omitted the apology as being entirely unnecessary. At the public health service bureau in Washington it is said there is no sign that the epidemic of influenza has begun to abate or has even reached its peak. In view of the drastic steps that have been taken to prevent its spread this would be a discouraging condition if it were not for the fact that there is so much individual carelessness and indifference. At a time like this all should take the greatest possible care to avoid the infection. As a matter of fact many not only do nothing themselves but they deliberately defy the precautions which are set up for the protection of the public. The time is coming when these stupid or defiant people will be hauled into courts and smartly punished for their recalcitrancy. Hearings in the Hughes investigation into the airplane scandal have ended and final drafting of the report will begin next week. It will not be long therefore before the country will get the real facts about a condition which has been at once a profound disappointment and an equally profound mystery.

Tenny rate it is hard to figure out that slam at Elkins in the Astonisher this morning in any other light than as a slam at C.W.W. too. And at all other guys in the service who are also in politics. But early last summer the Astonisher said that Elkins was a patriot of high degree merely because he was willing to drop his own business and go into the army. That was just about the time the lads in the big white building began to develop military ambitions. And at that the Astonisher was right the first time, and did not have the good sense to let it go at that. The man who voluntarily offers his services to the country is a patriot even if he is tied down to non-combatant service. This is Columbus day. It'll be celebrated in Teutland by contests to see which guy can invent the fiercest dutch cussword regarding the man who discovered a country that could dig up 2,000,000 perfectly all right soldiers that the great General Staff declared did not exist. Today's cold rain and the flu quarantines everywhere remind us that Fairmont was lucky in having its loan parade as early as possible. Now let's all get set to have the campaign over with before the time limit expires. The sooner the loan is out of the

may the sooner the politicians can cut losses. Some of them are champing on their bits, as if were already. And the brand of gun they are putting out is the same old rotten stuff. Why won't politicians ever wake up? But thank the Lord the campaign will be short.

MOST W.VA CROPS SHOW AN INCREASE Yield of Apples and Tobacco Was Especially Good This Year.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 12.—According to estimates made by H. F. Bryant, field agent of the Department of Agriculture, crop prospects in West Virginia now indicate the production of approximately 24,155,080 bushels of corn, compared to 25,020,000 bushels in 1917, while the total United States crop is expected to be about 2,719,675,812 bushels compared to 3,159,494,000 bushels last year. It should be remembered, however, that there was a very large amount of soft immature corn in some states last year, while there will probably be much less this year. Tobacco in West Virginia is now expected to produce about 11,213,200 pounds this year compared to 9,040,000 pounds last year, and the total United States crop is expected to be about 1,266,030,078 pounds compared to 1,196,451,000 pounds last year. Because of so much of the crop in West Virginia being late in making much of its growth the quality of the crop is still a little uncertain, as some of it had to be cut green, but Northern and Eastern states report excellent crops. Much of the West Virginia crop was cut before the late growth began and that will probably be of very high quality, the light yield. The Kentucky crop grew out wonderfully and the total yield will probably be more than first expected, but much will not be high quality, which will probably help the high quality West Virginia crop. Potatoes in West Virginia are now expected to produce about 5,343,260 bushels compared to 7,475,000 bushels last year, while the United States crop is expected to be about 391,033,038 bushels compared to 442,536,000 bushels last year. Sweet potatoes now promise about 280,000 bushels in West Virginia compared to 218,400 bushels last year. The United States sweet potato crop is expected to be about 85,489,850 bushels compared to 87,141,000 bushels last year. Clover seed prospects in the United States are better than 1917, the crop now being expected to haul out about 1,382,448 bushels compared to 1,356,000 bushels last year. The commercial apple crop is one of West Virginia's important crops, and this state will produce about 997,000 barrels this year compared to 702,000 barrels last year. Nearly all the commercial apples in this state are in the Eastern Panhandle, with a few at other points. This does not include the farm crops not usually sold. The Northwestern boxed apple crop is short, but the Eastern crop is heavy, especially Western New York and the Shenandoah-Cumberland district of West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Late reports from the Northwestern spring wheat states indicate high yield and good quality, the yield averaging 16.1 bushels compared to a 10-year average of 13. bushels, and a quality of 94.8 per cent, compared to a 10-year average of 86.7 per cent. Home Baked Pies and Pastries. Boyers Restaurant. Advt.

Weston High Drops Out of Football. The Weston High school football team which played in Fairmont last Saturday and was defeated by the locals by a 29-0 score in the opening game of the season for both teams, has disbanded her football squad and will not play any more games this season. This leaves but four teams, Fairmont, Mannington, Clarksburg and Buckhannon to play out the schedule for the Monongahela Valley Inter High School league championship. Owing to the influenza epidemic and the fact that Weston has quit the W. I. H. S. football team of Clarksburg is also idle today. The games at Fairmont and Clarksburg were the only league football games scheduled for the Valley league tomorrow and both have been declared postponed.

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