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**LINES WRITTEN ON ECLIPSE OF SUN, JUNE 8, 1918**  
I am the Sun.  
What matters it that Luna  
Casts her puny shadow  
Twixt me and the watching earth?  
Without me even her shadow can not be  
Her while is brief  
I am the sun.  
M. E. R.  
W. S. S.

A nation-wide campaign for the sale of two billion dollars' worth of War Savings Stamps is going on and it is expected that this goal will have been reached by June 28. National War Savings Day.  
The Treasury Department has a two-fold idea in pushing the sale of these securities of such small denominations. The leading one is, of course, to finance the war. None the less important however, is the desire to teach the American people thrifty habits. It is hardly to be disputed that the entire issue could be taken and paid for by funds that can be saved during the balance of the year which would ordinarily be dissipated for non-essentials.  
The War Savings Stamp is the poor man's bond. By encouraging this form of investment the Government hopes to inculcate a spirit of thrift which will do more to restore the country to normal conditions after the war, than any other agency.

Senator Chas. Schwab has dispelled the hopes of the prohibitionists for ratification of the national prohibition amendment, at this session, by announcing that he will not change his vote. The Iberville senator is having a warm time of it between his conscience and his constituents, yet announces that he expects to swing into the congressional race this fall.

Days of special import are fast upon us. Helian Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day have barely passed, and two others, National War Savings and Independence Day, are not far distant.

**PLACE ORDERS EARLY FOR CANNING SUPPLIES**

There is likely to be a large surplus of perishable foodstuffs raised as a result of the war-garden propaganda. As this can be fully utilized only by preserving it for future use, by drying, preserving, or canning, this brings up the question of needed equipment and containers.

Last year there was little advanced preparation by manufacturers and retailers. While this, to a certain extent, has been taken care of this year, at the same time the transportation facilities of the country are being taxed to their capacity. Unless jobbers and retailers and householders work together, many will be disappointed. Householders are urged to purchase what ever canning supplies they will need sufficiently in advance of the actual canning season to assure delivery.

**DISCOURAGE SATURDAY HOLIDAY IN THE SOUTH**

"Enroll for farm work on Saturday" is the slogan of a campaign now being carried on in some of the Southern States by farm-help specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the state agricultural colleges. The time-honored custom of the Southern negro to spend Saturday in town is being discouraged during this emergency when every man is needed every day for farm work. The request to do away with Saturday holidays is meeting with a hearty response and many thousands of negro workers are answering the Government's call for increased food production.

"War is war," say the Germans, and think by that phrase to cover the record of their hell. But what warfare is depends upon the character of the men who make it. Contrast the Germans in Belgium with the record of the Army of Northern Virginia," says Randolph H. McKim in "The Soul of Lee." "It invades Pennsylvania and occupies it twenty-one days; fights a great battle, or rather a series of great battles, besides many minor actions; and returns to Virginia, leaving no trace of violence or rapine behind it. None of the citizens are harmed. Their houses, their farms, their villages, are immune from injury. We look in vain for the print of the iron hoof of war in the country trodden by the Army of Northern Virginia."

**LABOR IN SIGHT TO SAVE CROPS AND WIN WAR**

The United States Food Administration has divided the country into zones. Louisiana is districted with Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. The first zone meeting will be held at Vicksburg, Saturday.

One of the main questions to come up will be the milling and handling of the coming wheat crop. Louisiana has not yet become a wheat factor but she is vitally interested in the labor problem in connection with the wheat and other harvests in the South. Cotton, rice and sugar will soon be dug and war industries will make a strong bid for Mexican labor. They are assured of thousands, and President Wilson has eased the way by suspending the head tax. The last concession required will be cheaper transportation. If McAdoo grants a cent a mile rate the plan will be put over. Planters and farmers will then be able to contract for this labor on a basis of six months, with ninety days grace thereafter, upon arranging to deposit the traveling and other expenses required.

Cliff Williams, the government's labor commissioner for the five states in the Louisiana group will help the Mexican importation, and in turn secured the cooperation of the Louisiana food administrators in his campaign to put all loafers and idlers into the field, and to make the non-essential industries give way to essential food production. John M. Parker went with him to the turpentine men and the latter will turn thousands loose. The outlook for enough man power to gather all the crops is becoming much brighter and the South will again render immense food service to the nation.

The convention of Louisiana Food Administrators, at New Orleans, Saturday and Sunday, was a great success, the work systematized to a large extent, and important policies adopted. A message was sent to Hoover telling him that the State was willing to undergo any wheat sacrifice demanded. It will continue wheatless Mondays and Wednesdays, using only Victory products on those days, will restrict flour sales to six pounds per month per person and strictly enforce the fifty-fifty rule. Louisiana also suggested that the government take all the flour it needs right at the mills, and distribute the balance among the states upon an equitable basis. Uniform rules are urged and Louisiana will obey such rules no matter what deprivation it entails.

Ice prices will be kept at last year's figures unless a factory proves its right to increase the rate.

The sugar distribution system was declared to cover the soft drink situation, and the parish administrators will hustle up the industries to send in reports upon which sugar certificates are issued.

The State was divided into zones, with Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Lake Charles as headquarters, and each zone will have its price interpreting committee which will publish price list weekly, giving both cash and credit prices. Consumers are asked to report overcharges for food so that investigation can be made.  
The State Administrator was requested to specifically instruct the Parish Administrators on their duties and powers, and to give them full authority to fix and impose penalties so that they could act vigorously and promptly whenever occasion demanded.

The United States Employment Service was endorsed, together with its advocates for the abolition of the Saturday half-holidays and the stringent enforcement of vagrancy laws.

The legislature was memorialized for stronger vagrancy laws, for a strong dog and dog-tax law, and for the abolition of fur trapping during November and December, thus increasing the number of harvest hands.

The war savings stamps campaign was tendered cooperation.

The feature of the session was the address by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, President of Leland Stanford University, who thrillingly told of the race to save the situation in Europe, and the efforts which the people of the United States would have to make in order to avert defeat. The main victory so far has been the reduction of the bread line in England. Food has been and will be vital. Russia and Serbia collapsed for lack of food, and if either England, France or Italy is permitted to fall in the same way the effect will be disaster. The war is not only for national salvation, but to fight off five hundred years of slavery. No sacrifice will be too great for victory, and food saving is a leading factor and duty.

People who install sheep on lawns will be following an illustrious example. For many weeks now a small flock of sheep has been grazing on the White House grounds, converting the grass which was formerly wasted into good meat and wool, and incidentally keeping down weeds that were a source of endless trouble. It has been found that the sheep are not only useful but ornamental. Many thousands of people have been attracted by the pretty picture of the fleecy animals in President Wilson's yard.

**RED CROSS WANTS WOMEN FOR SERVICE IN FRANCE**

The American Red Cross is taking over the hospital work of Y. M. C. A. workers, and a new call for American women to help their country is being sounded through the Gulf Division, American Red Cross.

The Bureau of Personnel, 225 Post Office Building, New Orleans, now is seeking to enroll any number of women over 25 years of age who can go to France and join this new Red Cross work. College graduates are preferred. It is desired and almost essential that they speak both English and French. Their main duties will be to visit American wounded in French hospitals and talk to the soldiers—"official cheer spreaders" and "gloom chasers."

Women who can defray their own expenses are preferred. The Red Cross, however, will pay the expenses of those particularly fitted for this work. As interpreters the American women are wanted also for service in French hospitals. As the Americans are fighting side by side with the French, they frequently are taken to French hospitals. Chattering soldiers, writing letters, singing and talking—can you do any of these? Then you're eligible. Write to the Bureau of Personnel, Gulf Division, A. R. C., 225 Postoffice Bldg., New Orleans, immediately.

**HARASSING THE SUBMARINES**

(The Youth's Companion.)  
The well-conducted naval raids by which the British closed or nearly closed the channels at Ostend and Zeebrugge were only a part of the determined campaign of the Allied Powers against the submarine. Admiral Jellicoe has predicted that by August the submarines will be definitely mastered. As to that he may or may not be mistaken, although it is as certain as anything can be that new merchant shipping will then be building faster than the Germans can sink it.

But the British and American navies will not be satisfied to have the submarine menace defeated by the activity of our shipyards alone. By improving convoy methods, by increasing the number of small and fast-chasing craft, by contriving depth bombs and other ingenious weapons of attack, and by daring raids upon the very shore bases themselves they are steadily working to limit the range and to increase the destruction of the submarines. That they are gradually achieving their purpose is apparent from the fact that, although Germany is building larger and more powerful submarines, the amount of tonnage sunk tends steadily to decrease. In April, 1918, it was only half what it was in April, 1917, and every quarter year since the "unrestricted" warfare was announced last year has shown a smaller loss than its predecessor.

**WORTH WHILE ANY HOW**

"With an initial investment of \$3.50 in garden tools, a planting program which calls for an expenditure of \$2.86 for seeds and plants, and fertilizer yet to be provided, I couldn't figure out any possibility of a profit on my seventeen by seventy-two-foot war garden," writes S. S. Cline in the Boston Post. "I was bemoaning this outlook when Mary—Mary's my wife—called me sharply to account. She was so indignant that fire actually flashed from her eyes."

"Suppose you don't make it pay?" she demanded. "What has that got to do with it? The boys over there in the trenches aren't making it pay, either. They are doing the paying—paying with their legs and their arms and their lives—and you sit here safe at home and moan over spending \$6.36 without being sure you'll get it all back with a profit. You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

"Whatever you grow out there in the back yard will be just that much gained. It will save railroad transportation on just that much produce and it will free that much labor for some other necessary work. Your own work doesn't count at all. It will be just a little healthful exercise, and goodness knows you need exercise!"

"And so I started the garden. And it's not too late for you to start one."

**KISSING THE FLAG**

(Eva C. Wright in Times-Picayune.)  
It is time for all loyal Americans to protest against forcing traitors and pro-Germans to desecrate our glorious emblem by kissing it, as a means of punishment.

What does the flag mean to German sympathizers? Not the spirit of honor, truth and freedom it does to us. These people who came to this land because they could not live in their own land and have the freedom they have in this, or even a decent living, retain their own traditions and spread discord throughout our nation, should be punished but not by kissing "our flag." That is for those who truly love it and the things for which it stands.

If you want to punish these people send them back to the land they love so dearly that they left it. Probably a submarine might teach them what true liberty is. But spare our flag the desecration of unclean lips.

**ARE WE OVERCLOTHED?**

(The Youth's Companion.)

Medical men tell us, and our own bodily experience supports them, that some of the most common ailments of civilization are caused by our too highly refined diet. If we ate more coarse foods—if we left the insoluble and indigestible constituents in our foodstuffs instead of removing them—we should suffer less from digestive disturbances. Our savage ancestors ate the skins of fruit and swallowed the bran with the grain; and they were sturdy persons who had excellent teeth and who knew nothing about the vermiform appendix.

Now some members of the medical profession are urging that something analogous is to be learned in respect to clothing. Men and women who live in the stormiest climates, in regions where the extremes of heat and cold are greatest and the changes most violent and sudden, are the sturdiest and most efficient. The great mass of the people who live in those regions have not so many changes of clothing that they can adapt their dress closely to the weather, and so they go clad much the same in summer and in winter. Among civilized races the women are less subject to maladies of the throat and nose and less frequently attacked by pneumonia than men are, although the women wear much thinner clothing than men wear and expose the neck and upper chest more freely.

If any one doubts, they say, that women are less troubled by colds, coughs and catarrh than men, let him notice the difference between the size of the man's handkerchief and the size of the woman's and see which uses a handkerchief the more frequently, and how. Men swathe themselves against the severity of the weather. Women do not. They go out in zero weather in the thinnest of shoes; their skirts are short, and their ankles and shins are protected only by gossamer stockings. Even in winter they appear outdoors with a big V of bare skin at their necks.

Those, they add, who still doubt, that women's comparatively light clothing is one reason why they are so free from the disorders that men try to escape by loading themselves with heavy clothing should explain the fact that of a winter evening the sisters of a family, clad in thin shirt waists, will be comparatively comfortable in a moderately heated room, whereas the brothers will complain of the cold, notwithstanding their heavy underwear and their thick woolen coats.

So runs the argument; have the men another lesson to learn from "the weaker sex?"

**NEW CIRCULAR ON CARE OF DAIRY CATTLE**

The Care of Dairy Cattle is the title of the latest publication of the Extension Division of the Louisiana State University. This circular was written by C. H. Staples, dairy husbandman. It contains full information on feeding and managing dairy cows, both before and after freshening, the care of the calf, care and management of the bull, and herd management.

Copies of this circular may be had free of charge by addressing the Extension Division, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

**"LITTLE ADS."**

FOR SALE—Red Rust-Proof Feed and Seed Oats. Jas. P. Bowman.

STRAYED—From Wilson, La., one sorrel mare, about fourteen hands high, branded O S S on left back leg. If found please advise B. R. Falconer, P. O. Box 75, Wilson, La.

LOST—One large pointer dog, brown and white spots, black and white picked, brown head with white arrow over nose, cropped tail. Finder will be rewarded. Dr. E. M. Levert.

FOR RENT—The Muller residence, in St. Francisville. Apply to Mrs. W. R. Daniel, St. Francisville, or to F. G. Hochenedel, Baton Rouge.

FOR SALE—One to three cars best quality Lespedeza Hay, \$30 per ton. The Wilhelm Lumber Co., Wilhelm, La.

FOR SALE—Dooley Yam Potato Vines. J. M. Bookter, St. Francisville, La.

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Says T. D. Bransford, mayor of Gilman, Colorado: "The Man Without a Country" has come and gone. It was something grand—sublime. It was applauded continuously and standing room was at a premium. Any man who leaves a theater and belittles or criticizes such a play is a deadl enemy to our country and ought to be hanged to the first lamp post."  
Mr. Peter Trocchiano, manager of the Pastime Theater, spared no expense in securing this picture, which will be shown at Pastime Theater Monday, June 24. Everybody come. This picture will make the families of West Feliciana soldiers proud.  
Do you realize that more copies of the story from which this play is adapted have been printed and read in the United States than any other book except the Bible?  
Do you realize that practically every school-child since the Civil War has read this story—that every father, mother, sister or sweetheart of every boy in the trenches wants the justification of sacrifice which this noble play gives?  
All over this great country the American Defense Society is sending out these words through its printed matter and its thousands of members and supporters.  
"Go see 'The Man Without a Country.' Get your friends to go. Stir up patriotism by means of this wonderful picture. Give your town 'The Man Without a Country' and wake up your fellow citizens to their duties."  
Remember the date, June 24, at 8:15 p. m. When we showed "Over There" more than 50 people were unable to see the picture on account of the large crowd. So come early. Buy your ticket now if possible.

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It is time for every man to remember that God is still overhead and our brother man beside us.  
Such times as these are necessary to test our faith and maybe our courage. In the meantime we should grow every pound of food we can.  
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**ATTENTION, FARMERS!**  
The United States Department of Agriculture urges every farmer to make an inventory of his tools, implements, and machinery at once and order whatever repairs and duplicate parts he is likely to need for the coming season. This is represented as being imperative if the farmers would be sure of getting repairs and parts at all this year.  
Scarcity of raw material and shipping congestion is making it difficult for manufacturing plants to maintain their output and impossible for them to make rush deliveries. Unless implement and farm machinery dealers place the orders now for supplies, it is not likely they will get any this summer. That they may order now it is necessary they should receive from their farmer trade some indication of its needs.  
Owners of Deering or McCormick mowers, reapers, binders, hay rakes and presses, or any other machinery of these makes will do well to order their repair parts now, as it may be impossible to secure them later on.

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