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There is honor in being the owner of a Liberty Loan bond as well as profit.

Allies of the Kaiser.

Just as the Civil war had its Tories, men who were really allies of the king of England and enemies of liberty, so America still has men who oppose with all the power at their command every act of the government which is attempting to bring this war to a speedy and victorious end. All the powers of the kaiser will be used in an effort to kill just as many Americans as he can, to murder, to plunder and to destroy. Those men who tolerate agitators in their midst, those who attempt to thwart the efforts of the administrator to deal a crushing blow to Prussianism, are nothing more nor less than valuable allies of the kaiser.

Although, among the great mass of patriotic citizens, these men are but an insignificant minority, their opposition to the interests of the country will mean that American boys must remain in front of Prussian cannon just a little longer. Their acts are a crime against every boy who is fighting for his country, against every mother who is sacrificing in an effort to serve the nation.

The School and the Nation.

The people of France realize that the future of the nation depends upon their educating today's boys and girls. Stories from near the front tell of schools being kept, even in regions where children must be provided with gas masks against possible air attacks. Leaders throughout the country are appealing to American mothers and fathers to keep their children in school, from the grades through college, just as long as is possible for them to do so.

The Naval Militia.

Young men of the state are inquiring as to entering the Naval Militia in camp at U. S. Naval Training Station, University Campus, Seattle. Applications may be made in person, or by phone to the Commanding Officer or Executive Officer, of the Training Station, where physical examination will be made, which if successfully passed, applicants will be placed in active service. Transportation to the camp can't be furnished nor will a recruiting party be sent out. Physical examinations will, if possible, be arranged to take place on the day of arrival of applicants in Seattle. Citizens are invited to visit this station. Each of the 1,000 men now enrolled is carefully and properly housed, and is given three hot meals a day in modern mess house. The training at this camp will be varied and complete and will cover a period of from 4 to 6 months during which time instructions will be given in infantry and artillery drill, and boats, motor cars and sail, also through instructions in the many duties required of the present day sailorman.

Objects of Food Control.

1. Full inquiry into available stocks of food.
2. Inquiry into actual costs and practices of producing and distributing.
3. Prevention of hoarding of and speculation in foodstuffs.
4. Requisition of food supplies and equipment for handling them when necessary.
5. Prohibition of wasteful uses of food.—Herbert Hoover.

A Balance Sheet.

Three years ago Germany began this war for the conquest of middle Europe. What has she gained? What has this gain cost her?

She has gained by her arms the territories of Belgium, Luxemburg, Serbia, a small but rich section of northern France, and parts of Lithuania, Poland, and Roumania—a total of a little less than 204,000 square miles. She has lost:

Except for an insignificant corner in southern Africa all her colonies, over a million square miles.

Practically all her shipping not bottled up in Bremen and Hamburg, a loss estimated in tonnage as 3,600,000. Of the flower of her youth, over 2,000,000.

In cash, nearly \$20,000,000,000 to be added to her national debt.

Before the war, though unpopular as a people, Germany was honored among all nations for her intellectual scholarship and her industrial efficiency. She has lost irremediably this respect and won in its place the mingled hatred and contempt of the civilized world. Scarcely a considerable neutral nation is left except those whose safety compels their neutrality.

No one thinks Germany can retain her gains. No one imagines that she can recover her losses. It is not strange that some of the German people are seriously discussing among themselves the question whether it is not time to change their business managers.—The Outlook.

Urges Dairy Production be Maintained

In a new pamphlet issued by Food Administrator Herbert Hoover a strong plea is made to prevent slaughter of dairy stock. Because of the extremely high price of feed, farmers are showing a tendency to reduce their herds.

In normal times, Mr. Hoover's communication points out, the dairy supplies of the allies came largely from western Scandinavia and Switzerland, but under German pressure these supplies now are partly diverted to Germany. Consequently the allies are sadly short of dairy products and the burden of replacement falls upon America.

Statistics recently gleaned by Mr. Hoover and his associates show that the world is alarmingly deficient not only in cattle, but in sheep, hogs and other meat animals.

Since the war began, the world's supply of cattle has been reduced 28,000,000 head; sheep, 34,000,000 head, and hogs, 32,000,000 head—a total of 104,000,000 head.

In America and in Russia.

"Here in America and there in Russia, German propaganda is seeking to sap the strength of a free democracy.

"German money is buying men and inspiring the press here and there to build up a great concealed structure of treason.

"Here and there are sentimentalists who, while speaking for peace and justice, are lending themselves to the greatest enemy of peace and justice.

"Here and there are men who proclaim their conscience and sell their country.

"When American democracy exerts itself against the enemy within, let these men beware."—Elihu Root, chairman American commission to Russia.

Why We're in the War.

"No treaty and no agreement with the Prussian military government or with the house of Hohenzollern is worth, or ever will be worth, the paper it is written on except where those who have the pledge have also the military power to compel obedience to the promise. Their treaties are 'scraps of paper.' If they succeed in this war, they will attack us at their convenience."—Senator Robert L. Owen, before the Senate, April 16, 1917.

No Danger in "Minimum Price."

Farmers should not confuse the "minimum price" with price fixing. The setting of a minimum is merely a step to insure the farmer against the possibility of a loss. It does not prevent a higher price for wheat.

Morally, if not legally, it is a crime now to waste food, even if the waster is eminently able financially to waste it. The act is a crime against every citizen who is attempting to do his or her part.

Signing Diplomatic Notes.

No one can say exactly why our secretaries of state sign diplomatic communications with their surnames only, except that it has always been so. We copied the custom from European chancelleries, and it probably has its origin in the habit of royalty, which is to sign with one name only. Thus King George of England signs himself "George, R. I." (Rex, Imperator—King, Emperor); Sir Edward Grey signed always as "Grey," the democratic Mr. Bryan when secretary of state affixed his signature to diplomatic notes as "Bryan." At first sight there seems to be a profound flattery implied in the custom. It assumes that the signer cannot be mistaken; that there is only one "George," and "Grey," one "Bryan." And generally there is only one in the diplomatic world where these exchanges take place.—New York Sun.

DO YOUR BIT

If you can not fight at the front, you can send a book to the man you are sending to the front to do your fighting for you. The government has asked the American Library Association to assume responsibility for supplying the camps and cantonments with reading material. Every group of soldiers, small as well as large, is to have books. The public library in this city has been asked to get donations of books and magazines in Colville. These will be sent to the various camps and cantonments throughout the country and will be made available to the soldiers, either directly, or through such agencies as have facilities for distribution of books.

If you will write in each book your name and address, the soldier who reads it will know that some one in Colville is his friend and stands ready to help him. The following is suggested as to the books and magazines desired. Poorly printed, uninteresting, obviously out-of-date books, are not worth shipping to the men. Type should be good and clear and the books in fair condition. Books of good stories will be wanted most, books of adventure, sea stories, detective stories, historical novels and collections of short stories, especially humorous ones. Such authors as Kipling, Doyle, McCutcheon, O'Henry, Stockton, Brindloss, Tarkington, Hopkinson Smith, Oppenheim, etc., have been found popular among soldiers. Good poetry and drama can be utilized. All the men must be helped by these libraries. Some of them have not established reading habits. Some of the books must therefore be light and easily read. Foreign language study books, especially French grammar and dictionaries, are much needed—possibly more than any other non-fiction books. In one camp nearly one-fifth of the men are studying French. They should have easy readers and stories besides their text books. Books of travel, biography and history, especially lives of heroes and travels in the countries at war. Technical books on aviation, wireless, telegraphy, submarines, automobiles, signaling, first aid and hygiene, drawing, and lettering. Ethical books on patriotism, courage, good citizenship, with simple non-sectarian devotional books.

Fresh, attractive magazines are also desired—such as American, Century, Harper's, Everybody's, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science Monthly, Scientific American, Saturday Evening Post, etc. Some over two years old should be included. The material is needed at once. Why not select today the books which you are willing to give? Do not give worthless, unattractive books, but some of your good, fresh, interesting, and valuable ones. Send the books and magazines to the public library between the hours of 3 to 5 o'clock on Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

Civil Service Examinations.
The United States civil service commission announces the following open competitive examinations for positions in the several executive establishments of the war department or in or under the office of the chief of ordnance, war department, Washington, D. C. The salaries named are for entrance:
Mechanical engineer, artillery ammunition, \$3,000 to \$3,500 year.
Mechanical engineer, experimental work, \$2,500 to \$3,000 year.
Mechanical draftsman, \$1,000 to \$1,400 year.
Apprentice draftsman, \$180 year.
Inspector of artillery ammunition, \$1,200 to \$2,100 year.
Inspector of field artillery ammunition, \$1,500 to \$2,400 year.
Assistant inspector of field artillery ammunition, \$2,500 to \$5 day.
Inspector of ammunition packing boxes, \$3.52 day to \$1,800 year.
Inspector and assistant inspector of powder and explosives, \$1,400 to \$2,400 year.
Inspector of ordnance equipment, \$1,500 to \$2,100 year.
Assistant inspector of cloth equipment, \$125 month.
Assistant inspector of leather, \$100 to \$125 month.
Assistant inspector of small hardware, \$80 to \$125 month.
Assistant inspector of textiles, \$80 to \$125 month.
Assistant inspector of leather equipment, \$100 to \$125 month.
Clerk qualified in business administration, \$1,200 to \$1,500 year.
Index and catalogue clerk, \$1,000 to \$1,200 year.
The examination for index and catalogue clerk is open to both men and women. The other examinations are open only to men.

The government urgently needs men for the work above indicated, and qualified persons are urged, as a patriotic duty, to apply for examination. Until further notice applications for the positions named will be received at any time by the United States civil service commission, Washington, D. C. Papers will be rated promptly. Applicants will not be required to appear in person for examination, but will be rated principally upon the elements of education, training, and experience shown by their applications and by corroborative evidence. Full information concerning examination application blanks, etc., may be obtained by calling in person upon the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the postoffice in this city in which city delivery of mail has been established, or by communicating with the United States civil service commission, Washington, D. C. Earl J. Strong of Colville is the local secretary of the United States civil service commission. He has held the position about three years.

OLYMPIA, September 7.—Since the workmen's compensation law went into effect in Washington on October 1, 1911, or seventy-one months ago, 1,798 fatal accidents have been reported, according to figures given out by the industrial insurance commission. This is an average of a trifle more than twenty-five a month or one for each working day. The statisticians of the department claim that this death rate is one of the amazing things in the report, for the average holds good year in and year out with only slight variations.

School opened Tuesday with Professor W. O. Cummings as principal and teacher of the high school, Miss Rachel McMillan of Colville assistant teacher of high school, Miss Bertha Pelton teacher of sixth, seventh and eighth grades, Miss M. A. Shutes teacher of third, fourth and fifth grades and Miss Ida Pelton teacher of first and second grades. Professor Cummings being an educator of many years' experience in some of the best schools of the state will undoubtedly prove invaluable as head of the school, and Molson was very fortunate in securing his services. All the other teachers are experienced and up to date, and Molson should have the most successful school year of its history.—Molson Leader.

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