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JOHN BARLEYCORN LEAVES

Midnight tonight marks the hour that old King John Barleycorn will make his exit from the Territory, to take a vacation for the period of the balance of the war, and it is to be hoped for all time.

The sale of liquor was supposed stopped on July 1st on Kauai, but in some unforeseen manner the sale of beer was made possible and this has continued from that date until tonight midnight, when the Islands become bone dry as far as the sale of any kind of intoxicating liquors are concerned, except those that are used as for mechanical, scientific, sacramental or for medicinal purposes.

This bonedryism means that our little group of islands will be more prosperous than ever before, that our people will have more money than they have had previously, and that the citizens of this section of our great country will make all the better citizens, now that they have gotten rid of the serpent that they have been nursing in their bosom. It means that the ones who used to come home on payday night with but a portion of the money that received for their labor in their pockets, will now come home with all of it and that these same households will have the things that they need, instead of a few bottles of booze.

THE FLAG

When you hang out the colors spare a minute to think of it—the places it has been, of the things that it means.

The eyes of an unhappy world are watching your flag with steadfast faith that a lonesome seaman reserves for his star. It has given new hope to the proud and to the poor everywhere in this world. It is the symbol and the achievement of the two noblest human attributes—strength and compassion. It springs from the enduring good that there is in the heart of humanity. It stands for the liberation of all men.

And it can never fail, it can never be humbled, because that motive lies deep in every human consciousness, as permanent, as sure, as inevitable as tears or laughter or hope or faith in God.—Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger.

DO NOT BORROW TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS.

The Federal Reserve Bulletin says that one of the most encouraging and gratifying features of the Third Liberty Loan was that apparently there has been little use of bank accommodations for the purchase of the bonds. It estimates that probably more than 80 per cent of the bonds are already fully paid for.

The financial statements of the various Federal reserve banks indicate, according to the Bulletin, that not much borrowing from the banks was done by the subscribers to the third loan. They either paid cash or bought on the installment plan.

This eases a great deal the burden of the banks, upon whose shoulders rests the financing of the business and industry of the country.

THE PRESIDENT ON MOB SPIRIT.

"I have called upon the Nation to put its great energy into this war and it has responded—responded with a spirit and genius for action that has thrilled the world. I now call upon it, upon its men and women everywhere, to see to it that its laws are kept inviolate, its fame untarnished."

"I can never accept any man as a champion of liberty either for our selves or for the world who does not reverence and obey the laws of our own beloved land, whose laws we ourselves have made. He has adopted the standards of the enemy of his country, whom he affects to despise."

—President Wilson.

Allotments

Allotments to dependents of United States soldiers have been increased from 10,000 at the beginning of the war to 800,000. For the month of May these allotments totaled \$5,000,000. Thirty thousand commissioned officers are allotting \$1,900,000 a month to their families; noncommissioned officers and privates, \$4,000,000.

In addition nearly \$50,000,000 of Liberty Loan bonds of the second Liberty Loan will have been paid for by members of the Army and will be turned over to the purchasers during this month of August, the payments having been made for that purpose.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN FINANCES.

In view of the fact that there have been several wild stories being circulated among the plantation laborers that there is no use of buying War Savings Stamps as they will be worthless after the war, and that we will never be able to cash in our Government securities, at par value, it would be a wise thing for the people who are doing the circulating of these stories as well as those who are buying the Government securities to read the following report from the Treasury Department in regards to our finances as compared to those of Germany, and then they can decide for themselves as to whether our Government has the cash and will be able to pay off this indebtedness or not.

The total resources of the United States are estimated at about \$250,000,000,000; our annual earnings are estimated at about \$50,000,000,000. Our national debt, including the third Liberty loan, may be put around \$12,000,000,000.

Before the war our Government was spending about \$1,000,000,000 a year. When the war is ended, interest charges, less the interest collected from our loans to our allies, Government insurance expenses, and other necessary expenditures growing out of the war may be conservatively be estimated at something like \$1,000,000,000. We are confronted, therefore, when peace comes, with raising only a couple of billions a year revenue, a slight task for a Nation of such tremendous wealth, capacity, and resources.

The resources of Germany before the war were estimated to be \$80,000,000,000. The annual expenditures then of the Imperial Government were about \$800,000,000. Her debt now is \$30,000,000,000, and her resources and man power have been severely impaired. After the war she is confronted with additional expenditures growing out of the war totaling some \$4,000,000,000.

The interest of her war debt, even if the debt grows no larger, will be about \$1,500,000,000. Although she is niggardly in her pensions to private soldiers and their families, \$1,000,000,000 a year would hardly suffice to pay even small pensions to her injured and the families of her soldiers who have been killed. Her war debt must be paid sometime and a sinking fund of 5 per cent would add \$1,500,000,000 to her annual taxation. Here is a total increase of \$4,000,000,000 all due to the war.

Of course both the United States and Germany may greatly increase their debts, but the increases will not change the relative statements.

The German Government has drained the German people of their gold, even their jewels and heirlooms, and yet the Imperial Bank of Germany now has but little over \$500,000,000 of gold in its vaults. The United States has made no special effort to obtain gold, has made no call upon the people for the precious metal, and yet to day has in its Treasury vaults practically \$2,500,000,000 of gold coin and bullion.

Golf vs. Gardening

There was once was a man—and this was long before there was war or rumors of war—who had belonged to a small town golf club where his daily game had become first habit and then necessity. This man moved to a city where the golf dues were prohibitive to one of his moderate salary.

For a few weeks in early Spring he practiced in his own back yard with midiron or putter, or stood poised over an imaginary ball and waved his arms in mid-air in a vain effort to keep up his driving form.

One day his wife said to him: "Why don't you put that physical energy into a garden, Bob?"

"Why not?" thought Bob scratching his head and surveying the possibilities from out of the kitchen window.

During all that summer, 5 p. m. found Bob with sleeves rolled up and hoe in hand. The dinner hour was pushed forward to seven thirty so that two good hours could be spent in the garden before that time.

Gardening proved just as good an appetizer as a game of golf and much less expensive, besides furnishing the table with fresh vegetables all summer long and a surplus for canning.

Such a substitution for golf or tennis this summer should make a broad appeal when there is the added incentive of patriotic duty.

Interest in sports has changed even as have other things, nothing is "as usual." There will be less golf and tennis and more hoeing this summer. Instead of turning straight to the sporting page of the paper the masculine world will be looking first to see what the infernal boches are doing to the Western Front and then to see that the weather report indicates and how that applies to crop conditions.

For the women, interest in the fashion sheet has lagged. There is first the casualty list to scan, a thing read with dread and yet which cannot be passed unread. Then there is the column on home canning—for her war garden is so promising that she is sure there will be much to be put up for the winter's use.

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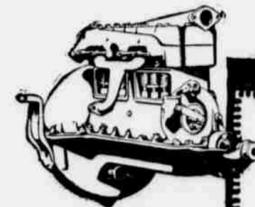
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