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What A Government Bond Is.

The Government of the United States has two methods of raising money. One is by taxation. The other is by the sale of bonds, which is a method of borrowing money.

The Government bonds is the printed promise of the Government to pay back the borrowed sum of money at a certain time, and to pay interest on it at regular intervals until it is repaid.

The Government borrows money in this way only after it has been given the right to do so by act of Congress approved by the President, and the terms of the loan are set out in the act.

Back of the promise of the Government stands the honor of the Government and all its taxing resources. Really the whole wealth of the Nation stands behind this solemn promise of the Government to pay.

This makes a United States Government bond the safest investment in the world. If the bond of the United States Government is not safe, no property in the United States is safe. If the United States can not pay its bonds, it is hardly probable that it will be able to protect the citizens in their other rights.

The Liberty Loan Bonds of 1917 are especially attractive investments. Not only have they this absolute safety characteristic of all United States bonds but they are tax free not only from all existing taxes but from any war tax that may subsequently be levied. No State, city, or county may tax them. The inheritance tax of the United States and of some States may affect them, or, rather, affect their transfer after death of the owner by will or by inheritance.

Another advantage these Liberty Loan Bonds possess is that if the Government issues bonds later on during this war at a higher rate of interest, the holders of Liberty Loan Bonds will be allowed to exchange at par their bonds for bonds bearing the higher rate of interest.

The satisfaction which Nicholas Romanoff is said to find in private life does not seem to tempt Emperor William to follow his example.

Many unexpected things have taken place in the present war, but it don't seem likely that Germany will ever sue for a separate peace.

Even though you should consider only those who have told him so, it is clear that patriots by the hundreds of thousands are now standing by the President.

We can see right now that if this restrictive diet business goes much farther there will be a number of failures among the manufacturers of anti-fat.

The girl who is unable to find an ideal man is generally willing to accept something "just as good."

The citizens who cannot understand why a national emergency should interfere with their personal comfort has been a problem in every civilization.

Now is the time every patriot should do his "bit" and if he is a farmer, by raising a bumper crop of grain and potatoes, and if he is not a farmer, then raise a garden in his back yard. Every little bit helps.

The farmers will have the opportunity of their lives this year of 1917. High food prices will continue for one year after the close of the war. Plant a big crop of corn and potatoes, Mr. Farmer, for these will enrich you, and help to win the war of human liberty.

Up to the present time the country as a whole has been practically sleeping with regard to the war. But we will wake with a sudden start when the selective draft begins to draw our own sons and brothers to the trenches. There will be no lack of interest from then on. Once thoroughly aroused to the seriousness of the situation, the Americans will wake up with sleeves up and stick until the last trench is taken.

The metropolitan dailies are raising a howl because of the censorship of the papers. The big dailies want to not only tell about our military movements, but the "enemy's" as well. Congress should pass the rigid censorship law, even if it does displease a few big publishers. We can afford to have our liberties curtailed for a short while if we are enabled to defeat our mortal enemy the quicker thereby.

The United States had better exert its utmost energy to defeat Germany now, while France, England, Italy, Russia and others are helping, because if Germany cleans them up, and it is not impossible, she will come over here, with the captured British and French fleet added to hers, and we would have a swell chance to lick her, or even to escape subjugation at her hands.

The Government should have power to censor news and newspapers. We are at war, and all great wars need the power of censorship. While some of our duties are over ambitious about publishing "news" for us, they are at the same time giving information to the enemy. By publishing the arrival and departure of vessels, the German submarines may be enabled to send a transport of our soldiers to watery graves.

The transactions of the world have gone a long way since the time when \$1,000,000 was regarded as a very large sum of money.

A farmer hitched up to his old wagon the other day and brought a load of twenty five bushels of potatoes to town. He traded his load for a new wagon, sold his old one to a second hand dealer for twenty dollars more than the potatoes cost him to raise, and left for home wearing a smile visible from the rear. Who says the tales of the Arabian Nights are fiction?—Exchange.

The great trouble with Mr. Bryan and his celebrated peace treaties at this juncture is that he never persuaded Germany to sign one of them; and if he had succeeded, what would it have amounted to?

Germany is running short of potatoes, but her professed friendship for the Irish doesn't seem likely to bring any remedy.

Closing Exercises

Tuesday night the Public School at this place closed another very successful year under the efficient and thorough principalship of Prof. A. J. Wolfe.

The exercises began Saturday night with a delightful entertainment by Miss Nemo. Vineyard's primary music class at the public school, each pupil acquitting himself or herself very creditably, which showed careful and efficient training.

Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the Baccalaureate sermon was preached in the auditorium by Rev. J. B. Craft, assisted by Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. H. D. Coffey and Prof. Wolfe. There was special music by a large choir from the different churches, which was enjoyed also the duet by Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. J. C. Taylor.

The seniors and faculty marched into the auditorium and occupied the first five rows of seats in the center section, which were marked with green and white ribbon streamers, the senior colors.

Monday night Mrs. Sally A. Bailey's larger music pupils rendered a splendid successful program, which consisted of instrumental solos and drills. The dialogue, "Peterson's Proposal," by Hiram Draper and Vera Pettit, which was given at Mrs. Bailey's primary recital was repeated and was enjoyed persistently. Mrs. Bailey should be congratulated on the progress of her larger pupils, four of which have only had music this year, on the successful way they rendered their pieces, which displayed both poise and artistic technique.

Tuesday night the graduating class held their exercises on the stage of the auditorium, which was beautifully decorated with small flags crossed around the stage. Large flags being effectively used for the background. The class motto, "Tonight We Launch Where Shall We Anchor?" in green was used in the fore ground, under which were judgments of beautiful roses in the center of which was a large cut glass vase of white carnations, the gift to the Senior Class of Dr. and Mrs. J. W.

Following was the enjoyable program:

- Invocation - Rev. J. M. Smith
- Song - Flag of the Free - Wagner
- Salutatory - Senior Class
- DeWitt, W. H. Jr.
- Essay - Edgar Allen Poe
- Bertie Malahy
- Quarantine - The Rosary by request, Norma
- Mrs. T. C. Taylor, Miss Vineyard,
- Mabel Willis and Bruce Skeen
- Blessy - American National Red Cross
- Four Jones
- Class History - Bruce Skeen
- Dues - Electric Light, Gas, and Telephone
- Edith Van Gorder
- Essay - Great Virginians
- Mary Baker
- Essay - The Development of Wireless
- Reginald Smith
- Oratorical - Edith Van Gorder
- Dues - Soldiers' Christmas
- Faust - Gounod
- Mary Baker and Bertie Malahy
- Class Prophecy - Dorothy Owens
- Class Motto - Tonight We
- Launch Where Shall We Anchor?
- Edith Van Gorder
- Presentation of Flag - Wilbur Elmer
- Valedictory - Civic Trade
- Edith Van Gorder

At the close of the program the beautiful senior medal was awarded to Miss Edith Hill Van Gorder by Judge Skeen.

The high school scholarship medal given by the U. D. C. Chapter was awarded to Miss Crystal Fatum and the grammar grade medal given by the U. D. C. was awarded to Otho Hibel by Rev. J. M. Smith, followed by the awarding of the beautiful picture given by the U. D. C.'s to the first grade for having the fewest tardy marks the past year of the four primary grades. Little Jack Taylor, who hasn't been tardy nor absent the whole year, received the picture for his grade, which was presented by W. H. Nickels.

Following this, Rev. J. B. Craft with a very appropriate speech presented to Prof. A. J. Wolfe a beautiful pair of gold cuff links given to him by the faculty and two music teachers in appreciation of his loyalty and their high esteem. The Rev. Smith presented him with a beautiful watch chain, the gift of the senior class, also as a token of their love for him. The diplomas were delivered to the graduating class by Prof. Wolfe.

After the singing of "Vale" by the seniors the exercises closed, after which the seniors were invited to the residence of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Paint.

where they were given a delightful banquet by the Alumni Association, a full account of which will be given in our next issue.

Red Cross Workers

The Red Cross workers met Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the exposition hall. About twenty-five ladies were present. They worked for two hours and accomplished a great deal. Several new members have joined the Red Cross making the members quite large. The Episcopal Guild is going to meet Thursday afternoon in the Exposition Hall to work for the soldiers. This is a very good example for other societies to follow.

Up To Us To Win

About the only danger that could threaten the success of our arms in the war upon which this country is launched would be a minimizing of the importance of the work before us.

After almost three years of war, after pouring out blood and treasure until nearly bankrupt in both, the allied nations yet seem almost as far from victory as at the beginning. Their leaders admit the terrible destruction wrought by the U-boats, and frankly rejoice that this country has decided to cast its lots with them, practically admitting that without our aid victory would still be far in the future.

Now that we are committed to the fray it should be our single aim to carry it to a successful issue. This will never be done by half-hearted measures. What the allies need is material assistance—money, food and men. These we must furnish to the limit of our resources. We must pour money into their coffers; we must dispatch to their shores every pound of food not absolutely needed to sustain life here; we must send to France a tremendous army that, added to those of the allies, will by its sheer weight of number crush out all opposition.

Man Risks Life to Raise Flag at Downs Track.

H. J. Kidd, of 749 M Street, a contractor, proved himself a true patriot yesterday.

He risked his life in order that he might see "Old Glory" wave from the 200-foot flagpole at Churchhill Downs.

Mr. Kidd lives a few blocks from the race track and the flagpole is in view from his front yard. Several months ago he and his neighbors learned that someone had cut the pulley ropes from the pole, making it almost impossible to hang a flag.

Early yesterday morning Mr. Kidd took a ladder from his workshop to the roof of the Downs club house. He first climbed to the roof of the clubhouse, took the ladder up with him, and then leaned the ladder on the frail pole.

With "Old Glory" tucked safely beneath his arm, he ascended slowly to the top of the staff. Had he fallen, he probably would have met in stout death. A while later, he was back on the ground, and he had the satisfaction of seeing his Nation's emblem thrown into the breeze.—Louisville Herald.

Mr. Kidd formerly lived in Big Stone Gap and has many relatives and friends in this section.

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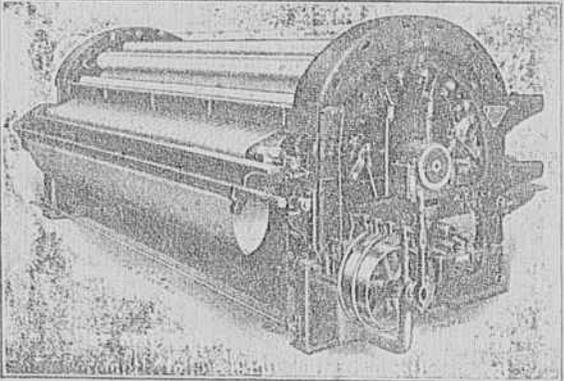
Yet every minute of your day is filled—at home. The real problem of woman's war-time service is not to find the women—it's to find the time.

But wait. The problem of finding time is not a new one. In days of peace, women have discovered how to give their homes and children better care and still have hours free for other things.

They merely simplified their tasks. Electrically they did the work of home. They took short cuts. They clipped off minutes here, more minutes there. They modernized their methods—sewed, cleaned, washed and ironed, even cooked, by snapping on a switch or pressing buttons.

Today this force is waiting at your door. The power that lights your city, runs your cars, makes movies move, pumps water, weaves and spins the fabrics that you wear—electricity—is waiting to lighten every burden in your home, to be your drudge, to leave your time and energies free for bigger, greater tasks ahead. And ask us now how little these things cost.

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