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### Heaven or Hell, Freedom or Slavery: Which Do You Choose?

(By RICHARD H. EDMONDS,  
Editor Manufacturers' Record.)

Liberty Bonds stand for freedom and Heaven.

Germany stands for slavery and hell.

Which will you have?  
Germany is fighting to enslave mankind and make of all the world a hell under German domination.

America and our Allies are fighting to save human freedom and make a Heaven on earth. The battle is on; we will have one or the other.

To the extent that you back our nation in every way in your power and buy Liberty Bonds to the utmost strength of your ability you are working for freedom and Heaven.

To the extent that you fail to do your share you are helping Germany in its effort to enslave mankind in an earthly hell, ruled by the vilest brutes that the earth ever knew.

You cannot shirk your individual responsibility without being a traitor to your country, a traitor to every soldier who has offered his life to save you and yours, a traitor to outraged womanhood, a traitor to God and to all mankind.

No one else can do your duty. If you knew the Liberty Loan would be over-subscribed a hundred-fold, your duty to subscribe would be just as great as though you knew the needed amount would not be raised.

What others do does not relieve you from your responsibility any more than the protection by a neighbor of his family through life insurance releases you from obligations to protect your family in the same way.

In buying Liberty Bonds you are helping to buy Liberty for our country and all mankind.

In buying Liberty Bonds you are protecting your loved ones from the fearful crimes wreaked by savagery upon the women and children of Belgium and France.

In buying Liberty Bonds you are standing by the millions of our beloved boys who over in Europe are being blinded and maimed and murdered in your defense and mine.

In buying Liberty Bonds you are doing infinitely more than making the world safe for democracy, for you are helping to make the world safe for your wife and your daughter and your mother, and the millions of other women whose honor would be gone if once the German beast broke down the barriers of armies and navies which have stood between us and a "made in Germany" hell, or a "made in hell" Germany.

In buying Liberty Bonds you are making it possible for civilization to beat back barbarism, for Christianity to drive back atheism, for the civilized nations to punish the murderers,

the outragers, the manglers of babies, the highwaymen, the looters, the freebooters, the destroyers of temples, the wreckers of cities, the "bully" of the world, the only people who glory in war as a holy thing and preach frightfulness as a duty.

These are some of the things which Liberty Bonds mean, and unless you buy to the utmost of your power you become a slacker, and a slacker, whether financially or physically, is a co-worker with the men guilty of all these beastly crimes.

Which do you choose?  
Will you stand by America and its soldiers?

Will you stand by our devoted Allies?

Will you stand by outraged France and Belgium and Italy and Serbia by buying Liberty Bonds; or,

Will you be false to all that is sacred on earth, false to man and to Heaven?

There is only one true answer possible, and deep down in your heart you should make your answer before Almighty God, and vow:

"I will buy Liberty Bonds to the last dollar I can invest, for world salvation from German damnation."

## Corporations

In Wise County Are Subscribing Liberally to Bond Issue.

To Chairmen and Buyers of Bonds:

The large corporations with four exceptions, who do their principal banking business away from Wise county have made subscriptions for Liberty Bonds in Wise county, which subscriptions are additional purchases over what they are expected to buy and what they do buy in the cities in which they do their banking. They do this to be identified with the Wise county efforts to make this Fourth Liberty Loan one of the most successful Liberty Loans ever asked of Wise county, and the subscriptions of these large corporations in Wise county does not indicate the amount of Liberty Bonds they are buying of this Fourth issue; it only indicates the additional purchases they are going to make over what they are expected to buy in the cities in which they do their banking; it indicates an interest in our affairs that ought to encourage individuals in the county to strain every effort to go the "limit" in the purchase of Liberty Bonds, and this statement is made so that the public generally will know that these corporations are making additional subscriptions due to their desire to be numbered among those who have a civic pride in our county reputation.

We hope to have some subscriptions from the four companies from whom we have not as yet heard.

A report will be made of these subscriptions for public information at the end of the campaign.

C. S. CARTER, Chairman  
Liberty Loan Organization of  
Wise County.

## Belgian Relief

General R. A. Ayers chairman and Miss Minnie Fox, vice chairman, of the Red Cross wish to express publicly the personal thanks for the generous contributions in the recent drive for clothes for the suffering Belgians.

Stonega, Keokoe, Arno, Roda and Exeter sent large boxes and barrels of clothes, much of them are new goods from their own Commissaries. George Brown, D. C. Wolfe and W. W. Taylor & Sons sent in goods from their stores. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bostic gave their store room on 5th Street for a receiving station. Mr. James Seaton gave generously of his time and help assisted by Coy Livesay, A. L. Wedge and John Mullins lauded the collection.

To Mrs. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Bliss is due the credit for handling the contributions.

The colored people who gave their help are Squire Bettis, Hugh Lyons, John and Harry Patton.

The Committee reports the total collection as weighing 3,625 lbs which was sent on Tuesday to the Warehouses of the Commission for Belgian Relief at Newark, New Jersey.

### Death of Mrs. Gurtman.

Mrs. Alice W. Gurtman, aged 60 years, wife of the late John W. Gurtman, who died about a year ago as a result of an injury received at the furnace, died on last Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. P. Mason, near the Southern depot, after an illness of several days. Mrs. Gurtman was married twice, her first husband being John W. Roller. She was a faithful and consecrated member of the Freewill Baptist church for many years and leaves a host of friends who greatly mourn her departure.

The deceased is survived by the following children: Mrs. Flora Rollins, Mrs. Owen P. Mason, and Mrs. Frank H. Nickels, all of Big Stone Gap.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Friday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Smith, assisted by Rev. W. M. Robinette.

### Schools, Theater and Churches Closed.

In order to prevent the spread of influenza in Big Stone Gap and community the board of health has ordered all the schools, churches and picture show closed until further notice. While there are several cases here the disease has not become epidemic and will not

if our people will avoid congregating together and keep their children at home until the danger is passed. This is the proper thing to do and all assistance possible should be given the health board in combating this dreadful disease, which is sweeping all over the country and killing hundreds of people. All the schools in this entire section have been closed on account of this disease.

### Trip to High Knob.

The Camp Fire Girls accompanied by their guardian, Miss Edna Catron and Misses Mailen and Myrtle Nickles and the Boy Scouts, accompanied by their Scout Master, Prof. O. R. Easley, left Friday afternoon in the ice truck for Hoot Owl Hollow. They hiked from there to High Knob carrying their provisions with them and spent Saturday and Sunday gathering chestnuts.

### Death of Infant.

Freda June Olinger, 18 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olinger, of Olinger, died on last Wednesday after an illness of two weeks. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Smith Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and the little body was laid to rest in the Reesor cemetery in Turkey Cove.

## The Thrice-a-Week Edition of The New York World in 1919

Practically a Daily at the Price of a Weekly. No Other Newspaper in the World Gives so Much at so Low a Price.

The value and need of a newspaper in the household was never greater than at the present time. We have been forced to enter the world war, and a mighty army of ours is already in France fighting great battles and winning magnificent victories. You will want to have all the news from our troops on European battlefields, and 1919 promises to be the most momentous year in the history of our universe.

THE THRICE-A-WEEK WORLD'S regular subscription price is only \$1.00 per year, and this pays for 156 papers. We offer this unequalled newspaper and THE BIG STONE GAP POST regular price \$1.00 per year together for one year for \$1.65. The regular subscription price of the two papers is \$2.00.

## South-West Insurance Agency

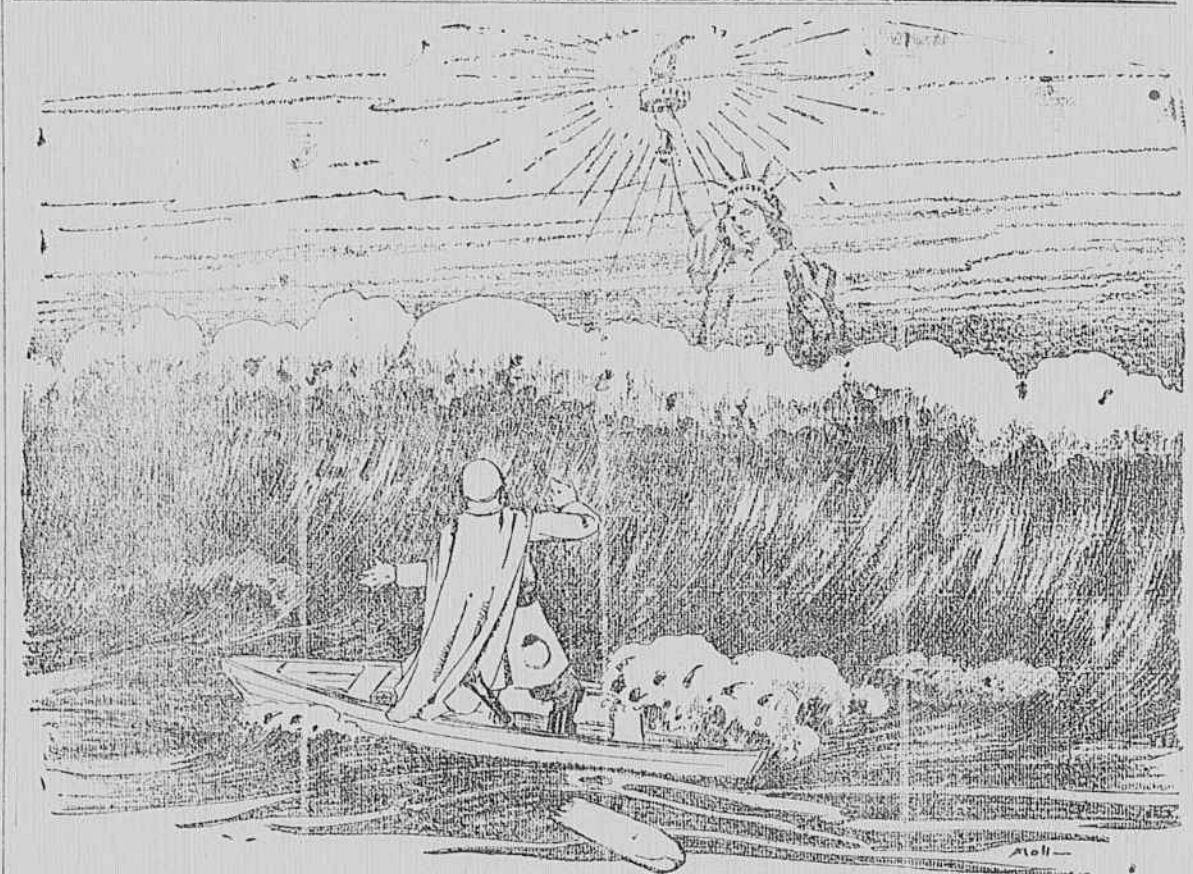
Incorporated  
Fire, Life, Accident and Casualty Insurance, Fidelity and Other Bonds  
Real Estate and Commission Brokers.  
BIG STONE GAP, VA.

In considering the question of peace by diplomacy we must remember that howitzers and machine guns are the peace arguments best adapted to the understanding of Germany—and she is likely now to get enough of both to convince her.

### The Church of Christ.

Preaching on first and third Lord's day mornings; Second and fourth evenings. Would be delighted with your presence.

FESTUS N. WOLFE, Minister.  
The Invincible Union—Fighting dollars and Fighting Men.



# The Tidal Wave of Victory

Liberty Bonds Create the tidal wave of Victory in this war, - - - an early complete, triumphant victory.

If we are to win the war abroad - - if we hope to submerge the Kaiser - - we must first learn to spend wisely, to abandon selfishness, and invest every dollar we possibly can in bonds which provide materials and equipment, without which the war cannot be won.

**Save and Serve! Go to Your Bank Today and Buy Liberty Bonds**