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ond-class matter.

Facing the Facts.

The national debt of the United States at the end of the fiscal year 1911-1912, was \$1,040,340,000, or \$10.40 for each person living in this country, figuring on a basis of 100,000,000 population. The national debt of the United States on June 1, 1919, was \$25,421,151,270. This simply means that every person in the United States faces a national debt that averages \$231.10. If conditions that have become so radically changed by this so greatly increased debt are to become in any wise normal they can come in just one way—the absorption of this bonded debt by the saving of the people.

The answer given the Senate committee by the governor, W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, to their query as to what legislation was needed at this time to relieve the financial situation, was: "The Federal Reserve Board believes that any currency legislation at this time is unnecessary and undesirable and would suggest that whether viewed from an economic or financial standpoint, the remedy for the present situation is the same: namely, 'Work and Save.'"

Mr. Harding is a man of acknowledged ability, with an opportunity of studying from every angle our industrial problems; a study that includes in its scope the financial affairs of the world. Mr. Harding's interpretation of the sign of the times must be given earnest consideration and careful study. Such opinions as his merit consideration.

The real and true basic principle of the thrift campaign this year is arresting the attention of the American public to the end that it adopt as a habit the ideas and the thoughts of systematic saving. This is the central thought of every plan, the motive of every act. It takes time, patience and the co-operation of every branch of our industrial and our financial interests.

The people have got to spend less and save more. The banks occupy a peculiarly important position in spreading this message, because all business revolves about the banks. The people naturally turn to them for advice and it is right they should.

The people can save. Uninvested money is dissipated too easily and is wasted too often. If the money is in the pocket, that new luxury really not needed, is usually gotten; for it is easily convince ones

self that it is good business to buy the thing one wants. Invested money earns interest, it is not so easily spent and it encourages the saving of more. If bankers and financiers will encourage habits of thrift, keeping in mind Governor Harding's suggestion, "Work and Save," the national debt will soon get back nearer to its pre-war figures.

ANSWERS Y. M. C. A. CRITICISM

Richmond, Va., Sept. 15.—In a statement issued to the press here today, S. A. Ackley, executive secretary of the state committee, Y. M. C. A. of Virginia, expressed surprise at finding many of those who have supported the Young Men's Christian Association are now accepting the criticism against the association without investigating the facts of the case.

"It has been a comparatively short time since I returned from war work," stated Mr. Ackley, "and I have been surprised to note that many good people who have been interested in the Y. M. C. A. believe many of the stories that are being circulated in criticism of the war work, particularly overseas." Mr. Ackley added that he knew if the people were really informed of the great work which the Red Triangle did in France, that the criticism would soon disappear. "I am continually receiving reports, many of them late to be sure," said Mr. Ackley, "which show, despite the criticism, that the 'Y' work in France was one of the noblest achievements of the war. I have facts to back that statement.

For instance, you sometimes hear that the Y. M. C. A. was pretty good in the S. O. S. and in the leave areas where there was little or no danger. But it is a matter of statistics that seventy-one Y. M. C. A. workers died in service overseas; eleven were killed in battle; three died of wounds, and fifty-seven are classified as 'died of accident and disease,' which really means exposure and hardship. Anyone can see from those figures that those deaths could not have happened unless there was extensive Y. M. C. A. welfare operations in the advanced areas.

"In connection with the same circumstance it is interesting to note that 141 Y. M. C. A. workers were wounded, gassed or otherwise injured, while two more were made prisoners, making the total casualties of the Y. M. C. A. overseas until the signing of the armistice 214. In addition to that, thirty-one workers died in service in the army camps of the United States.

"More than 100 Y. M. C. A. workers were decorated with war medals and a great many more were cited for bravery or for special service to troops under heavy fire."

When questioned concerning the duties of the workers of the front line areas, Mr. Ackley added that the strain on such

workers was terrific and that they had to depend almost entirely on their own physical strength to get up supplies and serve the men because of difficulties in transportation more complex than any one dared to dream of.

"Many of those men exhibited the most remarkable courage," said Mr. Ackley. "It is one thing to go into battle with a machine gun or rifle and another to go in with nothing but your bare hands and gas mask in line of protection. Yet the latter is just what scores of 'Y' men did in many fights. Being non-combatants, they were not permitted weapons under the rules of war. It is true that many such workers saw red when the boys they served dropped about them, and grabbed the first weapon they could get their hands on, knowing full well that if they were captured with it they would be shot forthwith."

"In justice to the Y. M. C. A., the public should know these facts. It would be unfair to the home of the Y. M. C. A. to have them remain in ignorance of them."

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Wise to be held at Norton and Big Stone Gap on September 27, 1919, to fill the position of rural carrier at Pound and St. Paul and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

They Got the Present All Right.

J. Polk Wolfe, who was recently married to a Miss Long, of Dante, as they were returning from their wedding tour they stopped off in the Gap Saturday to visit Mr. Wolfe's relatives. On Saturday afternoon, not knowing they were in town Mrs. I. T. Gilly was telling her father, James Gilly, Polk's grandfather, about the wedding and as Mr. Gilly was telling her if she saw Polk to tell him if he would bring his wife around to see him he would give them a nice present, they looked up and there Polk and his wife stood in the door. It is needless to say they got the present.

For some years the women of the Western states have had full suffrage. In the middle states they have partial suffrage, and in most of the Eastern states they just suffer for the vote.

An American soldier who fought his way up to the grade of lieutenant-colonel in France solved the job question himself by donning overalls and going back to his old position of janitor of the high school building in his home town

Orlando Amburgey, of Norton, was visiting relatives and friends in the Gap Sunday.

Wm. A. Stuart returned last week from a business trip of several days to Richmond.

Mrs. Walker Kennedy and attractive little daughter, Carolyn, and Miss Bertha Kennedy, of Umatilla, Fla., are visiting relatives and friends here.

E. A. Compton, who was recently appointed superintendent at Dunbar, moved his family to that place last week. Little Virginia Churchill, their older daughter, will remain in the Gap and attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mahaffey and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davis left Monday morning for a ten days automobile tour through Tennessee and North Carolina.

I. T. Gilly, E. W. Nickels and L. J. Horton motored to Rogersville, Tenn., last Friday where they spent a few days visiting relatives and friends, returning to the Gap Sunday night.

Charlie Willis and Ed. Edens, who have been in the merchant marine service for several months, was recently discharged and returned to their homes here a few days ago.

Orlando Amburgey was down from Norton yesterday renewing old acquaintance. Mr. Amburgey recently placed a large order for his new song, "At the Foot Hills of Old Virginia," and is wearing an indelible smile. It looks as though this beautiful lyric is going to be one of the hits of the season, and to put it prosaically, a rich gusher for its author.—Appalachian Progressive.

Mr. Chas. Evans, field secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society movement, will speak in the Presbyterian church, Thursday night at eight o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

J. S. Beaman has purchased lots in the Payne addition and will commence the erection of a new residence on them in the near future. Mr. Creech of Coeburn, has also purchased lots in this addition and expects to build a residence on them and move his family to the Gap as soon as completed.

O. C. Bell, Jr., of Bedford, Va., formerly with Fox & Peck at this place, who has been with the 17th engineers of the American expeditionary forces in France since 1917, spent a few days last week in the Gap, having arrived from overseas only about a week ago. His many friends were glad to see him again.

About every nation of Europe is looking to the United States for assistance in some way or another. And the fellow who relies on another to care for him seldom evinces any particular desire to do something for himself. Europe should go to work.

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To the Voters of Richmond Magisterial District:

I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace for Richmond Magisterial District, Election November 10th, 1919. Your help and influence will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
W. S. BREEDING,
FOR COMMISSIONER

To the Voters of Wise County, Va.:
Gentlemen:—You have a vote to give some man in Richmond District for Commissioner this fall, and for the fact that I am not physically able to do manual labor I am asking you for this gift. However, I am not asking that you commit yourselves to me without first investigating to see if it is proper and right, or you to do so. As for my qualifications pertaining to the duties of this office, I do not hesitate to say to you that I am competent and fully qualified to do this work and that I am equal to the task. If I should be the people's choice, which I hope to be, I shall endeavor to do the duties of this office in a straight, honest, business like way.
J. J. TAYLOR,
Appaloohi, Va.

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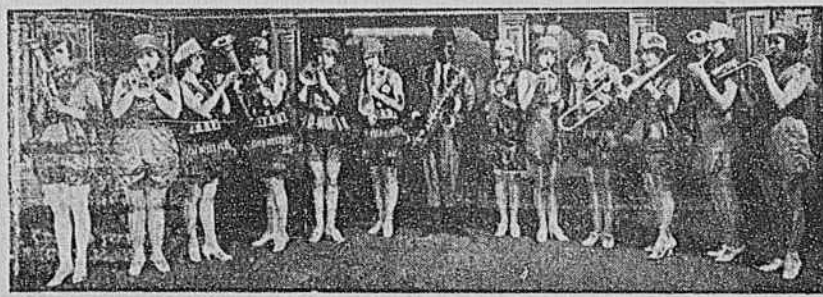
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