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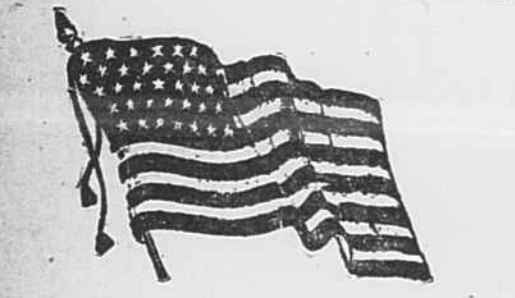
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## BOND MARKETS.

PEOPLE who make a business of dealing in bonds are usually reasonably astute regarding money matters, but it would be the most natural thing in the world if it should turn out that the twelve brokers who gave an excuse for not offering a premium for the three issues of bonds sold here Monday that they were conserving their resources for participation in the big bond transaction which the Federal government is soon to launch, made a mistake.

Marion county road bonds pay 5 per cent per annum, and for any amount that it is legal to offer them they are just as good and sound as anything the government at Washington issues. The government war issue, on the other hand, will draw but three and a half per cent, and unless all present indications are at fault there will be scant "pickings" for the brokers that handle it. By the time the war financing is well under way Wall Street and money changers generally are quite likely to know a few things they do not now know about the Federal Reserve system.

Section One of the Bill authorizing the bond issue provides that they shall first be offered at not less than par as a popular loan in such a way "as will give all citizens of the United States an equal opportunity to participate." Any portion not so sold may be otherwise disposed of by the Secretary of the Treasury, "but no commissions shall be allowed or paid."

## PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE, who "controls" the London Times, London Daily Mail and a whole lot of other English publications and is the English journalistic Napoleon who is either a menace to or the savior of the British empire—depending upon how you look at such matters—has written an article for the current issue of The Metropolitan which he calls "A Friendly Talk About Your Out-of-Date Government" and which every wide awake American ought to read.

In an introduction exactly 29 words long the distinguished and able writer intimates that what he has to say will prove disagreeable to his readers. That remark is the only thing in the whole deliverance that does not show intimate knowledge of America and keen insight into American character. As a matter of fact, what Lord Northcliffe has to say about our government educated Americans have been saying themselves for many years. In the main American readers will so heartily agree with his strictures over conditions here that they are likely to pass with approval over one or two minor points that are not well

## RUFF STUFF

BY RED

Some heroes deserve medals. Does Seaman?  
 The cops are beginning to chase the Clarksburg chickens out of town with the approval of everybody in the city.  
 Several hundred citizens were at camp yesterday to view the dress parade and all were glad they went.  
 You never see a soldier at his best until you see hundreds of them strictly disciplined marching before the reviewing stand which contains Col. Joliffe and Adjutant Layman.  
 What have you to produce at the Made in Fairmont exhibit?  
 If you feel like fighting, join the army.  
 If you feel like running, join the army.  
 No married men allowed.  
 They probably are too timid to fight

founded. One of these is his somewhat caustic attack upon our so called patriotic societies. He says:

"You see, your minds turn toward the past more than ours do. You have a most astonishing cult of local antiquities. You also have a unique array of impressive patriotic clubs and societies (especially for women) to which nobody may belong unless descended from some special group of historic persons somewhere in the remote colonial or revolutionary past. We cannot compete with you in such matters at all. We are much immersed in the present. We maintain no influential organizations of persons who fought against you a hundred years or a hundred and forty years ago. Our purely social life contains virtually no concerted efforts to keep the memory of certain ancestors green and to keep the prestige of these ancestors intact."

In the main this is true, both ends of it, but snobbery, admitting there is a lot of it, is not the mainstay of the patriotic societies, any more than politics is the explanation for the numerically stronger patriotic lodges, although that, too, is sometimes charged. The truth is that neither lodges nor societies could have survived if they did not serve a very practical purpose. Educators, statesmen, intellectual leaders in the church circles all encourage them because they are one of the best possible agencies for setting a pattern of political and family life. England has a history a thousand years long and in spite of the mobility of its politics, which Northcliffe so cleverly points out, its ways are fixed; it is not, in short, a melting pot. As a nation we are less than a century and a half old and when the great war broke out we were receiving and attempting to assimilate a million immigrants a year, many of them having absolutely no acquaintance with the Anglo-Saxon traditions, forms of government and law.

The patriotic societies decidedly are all right. And so are the humbler patriotic lodges. But both types would be the better for an occasional shaking up such as the English editor gives them. It would serve as a reminder that they would not be permitted to last long if they lost sight of their real field of usefulness.

Some one has proposed a Marion county demonstration garden on the Court house lawn to be supervised by County Agent Smith and worked by the Boy Scouts. It is a good idea except the Court house lawn part of it. When all the arable land in the city is under cultivation it will be time enough to talk about tearing up the green spots in the center of the city.

The new salary schedule for teachers of the Fairmont district elementary schools which begins at \$50 per month and runs up to \$65 per month in seven years is little enough considering the nature of the work and pay that persons of like training can get in business careers in this district. It is all very well to have fine buildings and complete equipment, but after all it is the kind of brains that preside in the class rooms that determines the quality of the schools.

Not a vote against the war loan in the Senate. Now let's have a show down on the conscription measure.

This morning's April showers were fine for the gardens. Did you have your planting done in time to get the benefit of them?

It was announced in the English parliament yesterday, when the bill to extend the life of the existing parliament until next November was put upon second reading, that Premier Lloyd George would make a statement of the Government's intentions with regard to the Irish question next week. And when it comes it is quite likely to be a plea for more time, but the English reactionaries might as well make up their minds now as later that when the war is over if the Government does not treat the Irish with absolute good faith public opinion will turn as completely and relentlessly against it the world over as it did against the Germans when they violated their solemn pledge to respect the neutrality of Belgium. This is no day for Tories to attempt sharp politics.

Reaction had a field day yesterday in the Pennsylvania legislature. In addition to voting down the resolution to resubmit the equal suffrage amendment the House similarly disposed of the bill to abolish capital punishment. The latter measure made a very good showing, and in all likelihood would have passed had it not been for the Eddystone outrage which caused a revulsion of feeling at the last moment. In the House the bill got 83 favorable votes to 97 against it and in the Senate the vote was 32 affirmative and but 12 negative.

The baseball season opened at Columbus yesterday and the crowd was so large that the grand stand collapsed and 30 or 40 people were sent to the hospital. That can scarcely be called an auspicious opening in spite of the large-gate receipts.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Raising the potato is one sort of underground warfare to be highly commended.—Bluefield Telegraph.  
 There is good reason to believe that Congressman Kitchin is not a full-sized Kitchin, being only a Kitchennette.—Charleston Mail.  
 A few days ago we were living in the State of West Virginia. Now we are living in a state of war.—West Virginia News.  
 The farmer who wastes his time loafing in town this summer is a friend of Germany.—Spencer Times-Record.

the Germans.  
 No American married or single would do what the Germans did in Belgium.  
 Some fellows never would graduate except in time of war.  
 West Virginia will have enough scientific farmers to feed the world if the land owners will hand it over for use.  
 The King's Daughters showed the clean patriotic spirit.  
 This New York team of Giants must be exactly what they have been doped, of champion caliber.  
 Question: If newly made moving pictures of Mobilization Camp can be shown what's the use of arresting Germans who happen to be photographing old log houses.  
 What's the use of arresting them anyhow—they can be shot easily enough to save jail keeping expense.  
 It's still a bum war—no fighting yet.  
 Who said we were a nation of shots? 'Twas not the commander of the sub that shot at the destroyer Smith.  
 But perhaps the Germans felt that

one Smith more or less would never be noticed.  
 The Peerless fire truck is certainly getting its bumps.  
 108 horsepower is most too strong to be fooled with.  
 It's a good boat and ought to be used for war purposes.

## Joy Ride Ended in Triple Smashup

When H. L. Heintzelman's chauffeur went to the Heintzelman garage this morning to get the car he was alarmed to discover that the hap on the door was broken and the car, a new Packard, was missing. It developed that the car had not been stolen but had simply been requisitioned for a joy ride which ended when the big car while speeding out Cherry avenue crashed into a Mitchell, owned by Sam R. Nuzum, and a Ford, the owner of which is not known. All three cars were damaged considerably, the Ford being completely overturned by the impact.  
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## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE (BY CONDO.)



## BITS OF STATE NEWS

Last week's Monroe Watchman contained the following:  
 "George Clowers, whose home was in Summers county, near Shanklin's Ferry, came to his death a few days ago as the result of a strange accident. On Friday last, April 6, he was riding a horse of Mr. Clay Walker when the animal got to floundering in a deep mud-hole, and growing excited, reared up and fell backward upon his rider. The horn of the saddle struck Mr. Clowers in the pit of the stomach with all the force the weight of the horse imposed, injuring him internally. He was taken to his home and there died on Saturday night, April 7. Mr. Clowers was 47 years of age and was a respected man who had lived in that community for the last seven or eight years. The remains of the deceased were interred last Monday at Red Sulphur Baptist church, near Ballard, this county. Rev. Henry Dillon conducted the funeral services."

The records of the prison in this city, says the Marlinton Times, shows that no person has found temporary judgment there from the 1st day of January up to the present time. This means that the drunks have disappeared. For a town of this size, the place where thousands of husky woodsmen take their pleasure, not to have a case of drunkenness in three months speaks wonders for the prohibition law. The conditions are better for the enforced sobriety. We cannot make this too emphatic.

Nearly two million dollars have been paid out to employees of West Virginia industries since the workmen's compensation law became effective, while during the same period investments for the fund have been made to the amount of \$1,696,500 and on the 1st day of April cash to the amount of \$80,125.92 remained in the depositories of the state to the credit of the fund.

## Preaching on Upper Plum Run Saturday

J. Frank Ice, of Barrackville, will preach at the Upper Plum run church house Saturday night and Sunday, April 21 and 22. Subject for Saturday night, "The Right Division of the Word." Sunday at 10:30, "I Must Be About My Father's Business." Sunday night, "Moses, as a Type of Christ." Everybody is invited to attend these services.

Last week the West Union Record printed the following: "C. A. Dowler, who is superintending the drilling of the Hoppe's deep well at Volcano, Wood county, informs us that they are now drilling at a depth of 3,200 feet in a ten-inch hole, which is supposed to be the deepest drilling ever done in the world in this sized hole, and from present prospects it looks as though the well would be drilled to the contemplated depth of 8,000 feet."

From the Spencer Times-Record the following was clipped: "Judge Thos. P. Ryan had a very unusual, but highly pleasing, experience one day last week. A lady walked up to him on the street and said she wished to see him in his office. He turned about and retraced his steps to the office. The lady took out a check book and wrote a check for \$45 and handed it to Judge Ryan, remarking that she was unable to pay the interest at the time. It developed that the lady was the wife of a man whom the Judge had defended in court in a criminal proceeding fifteen years ago. He was unable to pay the \$50 fee when his freedom had

## Follow This Tip

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## Mrs. Wm. Dewfriend's Body Brought Here

The body of Mrs. William Dewfriend, mother of Mrs. William Custer, of 426 Main street, whose death occurred on Sunday in St. Louis, was brought here last evening for interment in the Jones cemetery at Bellview beside the body of her grandson, Arthur Sullivan, whose death occurred here last summer. The body was accompanied by Mr. Dewfriend and a son, Joseph Dewfriend, and Mrs. Custer, the latter having been at her mother's bedside for a number of weeks. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Custer residence and interment will be made under the direction of Undertaker Williams.

## Miss Jessie M. Floyd Dies at Farmington

Miss Jessie Madeline Floyd, aged 24 years, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Fernina J. Floyd, at Farmington, after a week's illness. The deceased who had been employed in the Monongah glass factory in this city, was the support of her aged grandmother. Her mother also survives. Miss Floyd was secretary of the Sunday school of the M. E. church, south, in Farmington, and was a young woman of splendid character. Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment will be made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery by Undertaker Cunningham.

## JAMES HOUSTON BURIED

Funeral services over the body of James Houston, whose death occurred Monday, were held this morning at 9 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. W. R. Huffman, on Ridgeley avenue. Rev. Ira C. Moore conducted the services and the body was taken to Barrackville at ten o'clock where interment was made in the Ice cemetery by Undertaker Musgrave.

## Creation Rehearsals Drawing to an End

Three more rehearsals remain in the preparation of the "Creation" which will be produced by the Fairmont Choral society on Thursday, May 3, in the M. P. Temple. The regular weekly rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and on May 1st with an extra rehearsal on Thursday afternoon preceding the concert.  
 As heretofore announced the solo work will be done by Elsie Gundling Duga, soprano of Wheeling; W. D. Barrington, tenor, and Jack Abbott, baritone, the latter two members of the Choral Society.  
 At the conclusion of the rehearsal last evening Prof. Louis Black under whose direction the oratorio will be given, stated that the chorus work was rounding up satisfactorily.

VINELAND, N. J.—Prof. E. R. Johnstone maintains that kindness to a hen means more eggs.

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