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RED CROSS COLUMN

Every day; All aboard for the Big Red Cross Auction sale Saturday of this week. We are going to have a big crowd. A big crowd has promised to come. The Pampa and Miami bands will furnish a good program; and Crudgington of Amarillo will be here for a speech; and we might have a hundred other reasons why you should be in Miami Saturday. Do not let any of our neighboring towns beat us on the Red Cross Auction sale. Your co-operation is absolutely necessary. First of everything the success of this sale. Two business men, Messrs Jamison and Barber of Pampa have kindly offered services.

Following is a partial list of articles which will be sold.
Cake, 2 dozen eggs.
Registered hog.
Jersey Milk Cow.
Fancy Pillow Top.
Aluminum Perculator.
Large Oleander.
General Potted Plants.
Large Steer.
Large Hand Painted Picture.
Small Hand Painted Picture.
Picture Frame.
Fine Buff Orphington Rooster.
Setting Buff Orphington eggs.
Bosson Hat.
Six Necktie.
Gallon Good Paint.

Butter.
Canned Fruit.
This list is a very partial list, and is less than a third of articles to be sold. However a complete list is available to get for the reason many have promised to bring in articles and have not said what they will endeavor to give a complete list with the name of the article and the amount sold for.

Following are the Committees and the names of the persons comprising the Red Cross second Fund Campaign.
Fund Campaign Manager for Roberts County, J. A. Holmes.
Executive Committee.
Rev. C. E. Pitts.
Rev. J. H. Hicks.
H. K. McKenzie.
C. Coffee.
W. E. Stocker.
Publicity Committee.
T. L. Certain, Chairman.
L. G. Waggoner.
C. R. Cowan.
C. L. Thomas.
R. J. Curtis.
War Fund Committee

LIBERTY DAY WAS A BIG ONE.

Liberty Day in Miami, Friday of last week was observed in a very elaborate manner. All the business houses closed in the afternoon, and a large delegation gathered at the school house and formed in line with the school children. The Miami Band led the procession to the main street crossing where a program lasting near two hours was well received.

Band music, patriotic songs and speeches made up the program. Rev. Whatley, Rev. Hicks, Rev. Pitts, Atty. Holmes, Atty. Coffee and Mr. McAdams of Canadian were the speakers. Rev. Pitts gave the flag talk and Old Glory was hoisted, beneath which hung our county service flag bearing 68 stars, then our Liberty Loan Quota Honor flag and the Red Cross flag.

BOYS JOIN TEXAS GUARD.
Mr. McAdams of Canadian spoke on the new company of Texas Guards and received six applications for enlistments. Those being accepted were Newtie Carter, Harvey Huffman, Jno. W. Wright, William Martin, Roy Fitzgerald and Jim Tucker. George Mathers made application but was rejected in the medical examination at Canadian Monday of this week.

The boys expect to be called within the next few days to go into training, and will likely be located at Austin.

REPORT OF NELSON NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION.

At the present writing the Nelson National Farm Loan Association has had fifteen applications for loans appraised. The total of the amount applied for is \$87,808.31. These applications have been approved by the Local Committee for \$80,230.00. Four of the applications have been returned to the Secretary for corrections. The amount of these four applications, total \$23,528.31 and these have been approved by the local Committee for \$22,450.00. The Federal Land Bank of Houston has approved the eleven applications that were not returned, for \$53,620.00. The four applications pending will very likely be approved by the Federal Land Bank of Houston for \$20,000.00. The total of the applications approved by the Federal Land Bank of Houston is \$53,620.00 approved by the local Committee is \$57,780.00, and \$64,280 was applied for.

Rev. C. E. Pitts, Chairman.
Rev. J. H. Hicks.
Rev. B. F. Jackson.
Atty. J. A. Holmes.
Lists and Estimates Committee.
S. E. Fitzgerald, Chairman.
H. E. Baird.
Thos. J. Boney.
W. S. Martin.
War Fund Cashier.
W. S. Martin.

THE HOUSTON FOOD MEETING.

Our County Food Administrators returned Tuesday from a two days session of the Food Administrators of Texas. One of the main objects of this meeting was to get uniformity in all food rulings, and put every county under the same rule as near as possible. The great shortage of food, and the absolute necessity of following all rules to the last letter, and going one better where possible at all were strongly impressed by every speaker.

A representative from Mr. Hoovers office at Washington was present and it was indeed gratifying to hear his report of the great amount the American people have saved. One can feel certain that when they have saved a loaf of bread, a slice of meat, etc., that others all over our dear land have been doing the same thing and the grand total of the amount saved is remarkable.

The picture of why Russia collapsed solely because of food and the great loss by Italy from the same reason was vividly impressed. The only weapon now left for Germany is to break down the spirit of America. They would if possible, attempt to do this through food shortages.

The great message of conservation is wheat. Before the war the French diet was 52 per cent wheat—over half of what she ate. Before the war her annual production was eighteen billion bushels. This year her crop is only a little over one million. She has lost in killed and wounded three million men, which compared with our own population would equal eight million men in per cent. Think of us after losing eight million men and then picture France in her present state with loss of this great food commodity, the only one they know how to use. What are we going to do about it?

No special rulings were given out at this meeting, further than those already given. Many explanations were given of present rules and each was impressed more deeply with the necessity of following them. A report from the various sections of the state showed that Texas was doing her share of saving. Some communities were doing more than they have been asked to do, others could do more than they have been doing.

Texas has been taking the lead in food conservation, but other states are rapidly following our example. Our adjoining states of Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico had representatives present, and they assured Texas that their states would enforce all food laws to the last letter and would not permit Texas to save any more food than they did.

Taken as a whole, the meeting was strictly a business proposition from start to finish. It was very interesting and instructive, and there will come an untold amount of good from it.

AGED CITIZEN DIES.

Justice of the Peace, T. J. Fletcher died at the family residence Friday night of last week after several weeks of illness. Mr. Fletcher was 76 years old and had been in bad health for the past several months, but not confined to his bed all the time.

He has been a citizen of Miami for the past five years moving here from Kentucky. Soon after his arrival, he was appointed Justice of the Peace, which position he has held ever since. He was one of our best citizens, and loved and respected by all. He was born in Mt. Gomery county Kentucky, and married to Miss Marguerite Reed. Three children were born to the union, all of whom live in this county.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. Pitts and Rev. Hicks after which the remains were laid to rest in the Miami cemetery to await the call of the Great Master.

Mr. Fletcher was an ardent member of the Church of Christ and its members, together with the many friends of the family are in deep sympathy with the good wife and children for the loss of their dear husband and father.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those who so willingly, and carefully cared for, husband and father during his illness and death, also Bro. C. E. Pitts and Bro. J. H. Hicks who spoke words of comfort and hope over the remains.
We desire through these columns to extend our sincere thanks.
Mrs. T. J. Fletcher and children.

DIVISION PUBLICITY OFFICE 90TH DIVISION, U. S. N. A.

Camp Travis, Texas, April 27 1918.
For the reclaiming to useful service in the army, of defectives, physically and mentally, a special battalion has been organized at Camp Travis and placed in the hands of experienced officers. It had been thought that the nation was too busy with the haste of preparation to give attention to the matter of improving the quality of material sent to its cantonments by the drift machinery. The theory of the selective draft was selection, but some of the local boards failed to grasp the idea at the time of the first increment, and defective feet, defective teeth, defective eyes and numerous other ailments were represented among the new men. Now and then a man would be found who just naturally had to think deliberately. His thought grooves were sluggish in action. As a result his response to commands was always just slow enough to spoil the unity of action on the part of the whole company which is demanded by modern warfare.

The army had the choice of keeping these men, or sending them home. Many of them were anxious to stay in camp, although they realized the hardships under which they work. To keep in a place of responsibility a man whose body or mind is at less than its best, is nothing less than criminal negligence when fighting assumes the complex and exacting character which the war has now reached. And it is only too true nowadays that every place in every command is responsible, from lowest private to highest officer. For that reason the reclamation battalion was organized.

The men in the battalion are given such exercise and drill as they are capable of, and attention is constantly given to individual cases, so that each soldier has a chance to make of himself a full power fighting member before he is asked to face the demands to be made upon him in the fields and trenches of France. As the men attain normal efficiency they are returned to their former organizations. Thus it is that Uncle Sam is remaking men at Camp Travis.

Not only men but materials are conserved in the army. Even the trash cans of the camp are sorted and every usable thing set aside before the refuse is consigned to the huge incinerator. In this way large amounts of paper are recovered. As long as anything in the way of army equipment or material has a sound part about it it is within the province of the repair shops maintained by the government at Camp Travis. Old hats and old shoes are furnished up, clothing mended, sorted and stored away, vehicles are repaired, motorcycles rebuilt, typewriters "doctored" up—in fact nothing is junk until the army shops have passed it up as beyond hope.

The army man plays his indoor baseball out doors. Almost every company has a ball and bat and participation in the game during off hours make the organization areas ring with shouts of the impromptu teams as they tell the opposing pitcher what they think of his curves. Real, "sure enough" baseball comes in for its share, too, and the Camp Travis team has more than one former professional who cavorted in his civilian days with the fastest company in the country. One thing is very noticeable, too, about these army baseball games. The fans are no more considerate than in civilian parks—but they never question the umpire. It is sometimes the case that the batter is a lieutenant and the umpire a corporal. But the army ump has no pop bottles to fear. His word goes, and no mouthing is heard. That's the army way.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Baccalaureat Sermon Sunday at the Auditorium by Rev. Hicks was attended by a packed house and Rev. Hicks delivered a message that touched the hearts and minds of all present. The Miami Choral Club rendered several choruses from the Messiah which were indeed very beautiful and the club received many compliments and encouraging remarks. Rev. Pitts preached Sunday night to a union gathering at the Baptist church.

The State Department of Education respectfully calls attention to the following facts relative to the spring term college entrance examinations.

The Committee on Inspection, Classification and Affiliation of Texas High Schools with State Institu-

GROCERIES

WE WILL SUPPLY YOUR DEMANDS IN GROCERIES AT A PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATION. THE ADMINISTRATION ASKS US ALL NOT TO PROFITEER ON ANY FOOD COMMODITY. WE ARE NOT. ONLY A LEGITIMATE PROFIT IS ASKED AND WE WILL SERVE YOU THE BEST GROCERIES OBTAINABLE. WE ARE ASKING FOR A LIBERAL SHARE OF YOUR GROCERY BUSINESS ON THESE TERMS AND FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL BE MORE THAN PLEASED IF YOU WILL GIVE US A TRIAL.

HERBERT C. HILL,
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tions of Higher Education, has requested the Division of High Schools of the State Department of Education to prepare and distribute questions for college entrance examinations regularly submitted in May of each year. The Committee designated May 13 to 16 inclusive as the dates for the examinations, and questions will be sent, upon request, to superintendents and principals of all affiliated high schools, and also to county superintendents to be administered under his or her direction to students coming from the rural schools not affiliated.

It is the opinion of the Committee that there are many capable and worthy students in the non-affiliated high schools who, if given a chance to take the college entrance examinations, will be encouraged to pursue their studies in some institution of higher education. This is the first time in the history of the State that college entrance examinations will be administered by the county superintendent of public instruction for the special benefit of students residing in rural districts.

MAY 7th Dr. Wilbur Chapman, world-famed evangelist, will be the principal speaker at a great Patriotic Rally at Amarillo under auspices of the National Service Commission. The newspapers where Dr. Chapman has recently been are warm in their commendations, stating that his messages are both timely and different from any other heard during the war.

Dr. Chapman is making a tour of the Nation under the auspices of the National Service Commission, and by reason of his crossing the Continent from the Pacific slope the Amarillo people were fortunate enough to secure him for this Rally.

No man who has come to Texas for War work is better known or has a greater message, not excepting Secretary McAdoo. Accustomed to speaking to thousands, Dr. Chapman has never disappointed his hearers.

Arrangements are being made that those visiting Amarillo to hear Dr. Chapman may have seats reserved for them until time for the Rally by writing Franklin Dunn, Amarillo, (or phoning 187.) No charge for this, seats and reservations are free.

It is requested that full announcement of this great Patriotic Rally be made at all public gatherings in our community, including church and Sunday School service, from now until May 7th.

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 Miami Texas.

Thursday, May 2nd, 1918.

 This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war

- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 We are authorized to announce the following names, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27th, 1918.
- For Tax Assessor
W. A. DYER
TOM PURSLEY
 - For Sheriff and Tax Collector.
L. A. COFFEE
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JOHN H. SHORT
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R. R. MCGREGOR
 - For County Treasurer.
J. B. SAUL
G. G. FLETCHER
MISS CORA McCLUNEY
 - For County Judge
J. K. McKENZIE
 - For County Commissioner, Precinct 4.
W. G. LYONS
W. B. KITCHEN.
 - For County and District Clerk.
M. M. CRAIG, Jr.
MRS. OLIVE DIXON
 - For Representative 124th District.
H. B. HILL
C. W. TURMAN.
 - For Commissioner, Precinct 1.
E. T. GILL.

The Chief is a little short on something this week as account of so much absence from the office. We will be right again next week.

Panhandle towns have went over the top with their Liberty Loan campaign. This week closes the campaign, and we hardly know of a county but what has went over their quota.

Congressman Marvin Jones spent part of last week in the Panhandle in interest of the Third Liberty Loan. Mr. Jones has been making us a good Congressman and is using much of his time in interest of all the Liberty Loans.

Some of our exchanges report the loss of a few subscribers because said subscribers could not endorse a 100 per cent American newspaper. In other words a Pro-German does not like to patronize a 100 per cent American newspaper. We never heard any of the newspapers hollering about it. And we never will. Any "Gink" who is not 100 per cent American, ought not be allowed to read a good patriotic weekly anyhow. It would dishonor the weekly. We are glad that the Chief subscribers are American from sole to crown. If we have any pro-Germans on our list it will be considered a favor if they will permit us to remove their names.

FOR SALE, two nice coming 3 year old fillies. High grade stock.
 Harry A. Nelson.

Proper Food for Weak Stomachs
 The proper food for one man may be all wrong for another. Every one should adopt a diet suited to his age and occupation. Those who have weak stomachs need to be especially careful and should eat slowly and masticate their food thoroughly. It is also important that they keep their bowels regular. When they become constipated or when they feel dull and stupid after eating, they should take Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen the stomach and moved the bowels. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

DIMES LENT TO TREASURY SOON MAKE DOLLARS

MONEY INVESTED IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS FAT-TENS—COMES BACK WITH GOOD INTEREST.

This little bag of money represents the cost of a War Savings Stamp. It is the price of the smallest interest-bearing bond issued by the United States Government. The money in this bag, if lent to the Government, will aid materially in winning the war. Every time a War Savings Stamp is purchased the Government is lent enough money to buy one hundred rifle or machine gun cartridges, a pair of soldier's shoes—hundreds of things American fighters must have if we win the war and for which they look to the Government and the folks at home to supply them. They must have those things or lose.

This big bag of silver and gold represents the money that the postmaster will give for every War Savings Stamp brought to the postoffice on January 1, 1923. War Savings Stamps pay their owner four per cent interest compounded quarterly; they commence bearing interest the very day they are sold. During March a War Savings Stamp can be bought for \$4.14. On January 1, 1923, the Government will take it back and give the owner a crisp five-dollar bill or five shiny silver dollars for it. In March 200 War Savings Stamps, the greatest number that the Government will permit one person to own, cost \$828.00. On January 1, 1923, the Government will redeem them for \$1,000.00.

Every month adds a cent more to the purchase price of a War Savings Stamp. In April they will cost \$4.15; in May \$4.16 and so on until in December the buyer of a War Savings Stamp will have to pay \$4.23 to get one. After December 31, 1918, no more of the War Savings Stamps of this issue can be bought. The little Government bonds are on the bargain counter for one year only.

By purchasing War Savings Stamps, Texans are saving money; they are making money; they are helping materially to win the war; they are doing a necessary patriotic duty; they are laying foundations for their own prosperity—putting away a protecting umbrella which will rob the rainy day of its discomforts. By investing regularly in War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps, the little twenty-five-cent brothers of the War Savings Stamps, and refraining from the use of non-essentials, so that goods and service needed to win the war may be released, Texans are mastering the basic principles of thrift which will bring to them prosperity and plenty.

Money invested in these little Government bonds is not given to the Government; it is lent to the Government and every stamp buyer is given a mortgage on the United States of America. It is no sacrifice to buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps. The person who buys them shows long-headed financial judgment and has the satisfaction of knowing that he is helping his country to win a war upon which his own safety and happiness depend.

The time to talk patriotism has passed. It should be practiced now. Get a War Savings Stamp.

Your dimes will grow into dollars if invested in War Savings Stamps.

Are the children in your town getting a square deal? Are they being allowed to learn the principles of thrift?

"Every Bank Should Sell Stamps; Every Texan Should Save"
 —Howell Smith.



President Texas' Bankers Association

In purchasing Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps Texans not only show their loyalty to the Government, but they are feathering their own nests and making the best kind of an investment. Victory is brought nearer. This is the way that Howell Smith of McKinney, President of the Texas Bankers' Association, regards the thrift movement of the National War Savings Committee.

"They are splendid investments—these little dividend-paying stamps which have been placed on sale at bargain counter prices," declares Mr. Smith. "Every banking house in Texas should carry a stock of them for sale to its patrons and every Texan should buy a stamp every time he can.

"It is to the interest of Lone Star bankers to see that the people become thrifty by buying Thrift and War Savings Stamps. It is to their interest to do so. Of course they ought to be for it enthusiastically because of the patriotic significance; but one of the big advantages in getting their patrons and friends to buy the stamps is that they are making these people more prosperous. As a community saves and prospers, the banks and all business houses will prosper. Thrift begets prosperity. This buying of Thrift Stamps is good business anyway you look at it—the Government is helped and all kinds of businesses are helped and the individual prosperers.

"If the bankers of Texas have any fear that their savings deposits will be decreased if their people buy Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps, they are mistaken. Just look at what happened in England during the first eighteen months of the thrift campaign over there. Within a year and a half the people of England purchased \$650,000,000 worth of Victory Stamps and during the same period the savings deposits in English banks increased over 100 per cent. The little Thrift Stamps and the principles of thrift learned in the campaign did that. Not only did the people buy as many Thrift Stamps as they could purchase, but they saved and deposited with the banks a 100 per cent more money than they had ever deposited.

"The banker who does not sell Thrift and War Savings Stamps and push their sale is standing in his own light and keeping prosperity from his patrons."

Every War Savings Stamp you buy brings the end of the war that much nearer.

Is your county going to make its quota of War Savings Stamps? Help push it over the top.

A Thrift Card in your pocket beats a dozen flags on your coat lapel.

If we win our fight at home our soldiers will win theirs in France. Save wisely, not miserly, and invest in Thrift and War Savings Stamps and you are serving your country in one way that is effective.

Do You Mean business?

Do you really want to help WIN THE WAR? Of course you do— BUT WHY do you let your machinery lay out in the weather? Every new machine you have to buy takes the material and labor to build a Liberty Motor. The rains will come, if not in time for wheat, sure, in time for the row crops. Now is the time to build one of those

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CHAPTER XXIII.
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Holt Frees His Mind.

Macdonald whirled in his tracks. Old Gid Holt was leaning on his elbow with his head out of the window. "You better come and beat me up first, Mac," he jeered. "I'm all stove up with a busted leg, so you can wallop me good. I'd come out there, but I'm too crippled to move."

"You're not too crippled to go back to Kuskiak with me. If you can't walk, you'll ride. But back you go."

"Fine. I been worrying about how to get there. It's right good of you to bring one of these here taxis for me, as the old sayin' is."

"Where have you cached the gold you stole?"

"I ain't seen the latest papers, Mac. What is this stuff about robbin' a bank and shootin' Milton?"

"You're under arrest for robbery and murder."

"Am I? Unload the particulars. When did I do it all?"

"You know when. Just before you left town."

Holt shook his head slowly. "No, sir. I can't seem to remember it. Sure it ain't some one else you're thinking about? How come you to fix on me as one of the bold, bad handits?"

"Because you had not sense enough to cover your tracks. You might just as well have left a note sayin' you did it. First, you come to town and buy one of the fastest dog teams in Alaska. Why?"

"That's an easy one. I bought that team to win the Alaska sweepstakes from you. And I'm goin' to do it. The team wasn't handled right or it would have won last time. I got to mullin' it over and figured that old Gid Holt was the dog puncher that could land those huskies in front. See?"

"You bought it to make your getaway after the robbery," retorted Macdonald.

"It's a difference of opinion makes horse races. What else have you got against us?"

"We found in your room one of the sacks that had held the gold you took from the bank."

"That's right. I took it from the bank in the afternoon, where I had had it on deposit, to pay for the team I bought. Milton's books will show that. But you didn't find any sack I took when your bank was robbed—if it was robbed," added the old man significantly.

"Of course, I knew you would have an alibi. Have you got one to explain why you left town so suddenly the night the bank was robbed? Milton was killed after midnight. Before morning you and your friend Elliott routed out Ackroyd and bought a lot of supplies from him for a hurry-up trip. You slipped around to the corral and hit the trail right into the blizzard. Will you tell me why you were in such a hurry to get away, if it wasn't to escape from the town where you had murdered a decent old fellow who never had harmed a soul?"

"Sure I'll tell you. The black eyes of the little man snapped eagerly. "I came so p. d. q. because that side partner of mine Gordon Elliott wouldn't let me wait till mornin'. He had a reason for leavin' town that wouldn't wait a minute, one big enough to drive him right into the heart of the blizzard. Me, I tagged along."

"I can guess his reason," jeered the Scotsman. "But I'd like to hear you put a name to it."

Holt grinned maliciously and waved a hand toward the girl who was pillowing the head of her lover. "The name of his reason is Sheba O'Neill, but it's to be Sheba Elliott soon, looks like."

"You mean—"

The little miner took the words triumphantly out of his mouth. He leaned forward and threw them into the face of the man he hated. "I mean that while you was dancin' and phillanderin' with other women, Gordon Elliott was buckin' a blizzard to save the life of the girl you both claimed to love. He was muddin' into fifty miles of frozen hell while you was fillin' up with potted grouse and champagne. Simultaneous with the lame goose and the monkey singlestep you was doin', this lad was windjammin' through white drifts. He beat you at your own game, man. You're a bear for the outdoor stuff, they tell me. You chew up a blizzard for breakfast and throttle a pack of wolves to work up an appetite for dinner. It's your specialty. All right. Take your hat off to that chechnako who has just whaled you blind. He has outgamed you, Colby Macdonald. You don't run in his class. I see he is holding his hand up again. Give him another half-hour and he'll be ready to go to the mat with you again."

The big Alaskan pushed away a fear that had been lingering in his mind ever since he had stumbled on that body buried in the snow yesterday afternoon. Was his enemy going to escape him, after all? Could Holt be telling the true reason why they had left town

so hurriedly? He would not let himself believe it.

"You ought to work up a better story than that," he said contemptuously. "You can throw a husky through the holes in it. How could Elliott know, for instance, that Miss O'Neill was not safe?"

"The same way you could a' known it," snapped old Gideon. "He phoned to Smith's Crossin' and found the stage hadn't got in and that there was a whale of a storm up in the hills."

Macdonald set his face. "You're lying to me. You stumbled over the stage while you were making your getaway. Now you're playing it for an alibi."

Elliott had risen. Sheba stood beside him, her hand in his. She spoke quietly. "It's the truth. Believe it or not as you please. We care nothing about that."

The stab of her eyes, the carriage of the slim, plant figure with its suggestion of fine gallantry, challenged her former lover to do his worst.

On the battered face of Gordon was a smile. So long as his Irish sweetheart stood by him he did not care if he were charged with high treason. It was worth all it cost to feel the warmth of her brave, impulsive trust.

The deepest eyes of Macdonald clinched with those of his rival. "You cached the rest of the gold, I suppose," he said doggedly.

With a tilt of his shoulders the younger man answered lightly: "There are none so blind as those who will not see, Mr. Macdonald." He turned to Sheba. "Come. We must make breakfast."

"You're going to Kuskiak with me," his enemy said bluntly.

"After we have eaten, Mr. Macdonald," returned Elliott with an ironic bow. "Perhaps, if you have not had breakfast yet, you will join us."

"We start in half an hour," announced the mine-owner curtly, and he turned on his heel.

The rifle lay where Sheba had dropped it when she ran to gather her stricken lover into her arms. Macdonald picked it up and strode over the brow of the hill without a backward look. He was too proud to stay and watch them. It was impossible to escape him in the deep snow that filled the hill trails, and he was convinced they would attempt nothing of the kind.

The Scotsman felt for the first time in his life old and spent. Under tremendous difficulty he had mused for two days and had at last run his men down. The lust of vengeance had sat on his shoulders every mile of the way and had driven him feverishly forward. But the salt that had lent a savor to his passion was gone. Even though he won, he lost. For Sheba had gone over to the enemy.

With the fierce willfulness of his temperament he tried to tread under foot his doubts about the guilt of Holt and Elliott. Success had made him arrogant and he was not a good loser.



Sheba Had Gone Over to the Enemy.

He hated the man who had robbed him of Sheba, but he could not escape respecting him. Elliott had fought until he had been hammered down into unconsciousness and he had crawled to his feet and stood erect with the smile of the unconquered on his lips. Was this the sort of man to murder in cold blood a kindly old gentleman who had never harmed him?

The only answer Macdonald found was that Milton had taken him and his partner by surprise. They had been driven to shoot the cashier to cover up their crime. Perhaps Holt or another had fired the actual shot, but

Elliot was none the less guilty. The heart of the Scotsman was bitter within him. He intended to see that his enemies paid to the last ounce. He would hurry them to the gallows if money and influence could do it.

None the less, his doubts persisted. If they had planned the bank robbery, why did they wait so long to buy supplies for their escape? Why had they not taken the river instead of the hill trail? The story that his enemies told hung together. It had the ring of truth. The facts supported it.

One piece of evidence in their favor Macdonald alone knew. It lay buried in the deep snows of the hills. He shut his strong teeth in the firm resolve that it should stay there.

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The weather had moderated a good deal, but the trail was a protected forest one. The two teams now going down had come up, so that the path was packed fairly hard and smooth. Holt lay propped on his own sled against the sleeping-bags. Sheba nudged behind Gordon. She chatted with them both, but ignored entirely the existence of Macdonald, who followed with his prize-winning Siberian dogs.

Though she tried not to let her lover know it, Sheba was troubled at heart. Gordon was practically the prisoner of a man who hated him bitterly, and who would go through fire to bring punishment home to him. She knew the power of Macdonald. With the money back of him, he had for two years fought against and almost prevailed over a strong public opinion in the United States. He was as masterful in his hatred as in his love. The dominant, fighting figure in the Northwest, he trod his sturdy way through opposition like a Colossus.

Nor did she any longer have any illusions about him. He could be both ruthless and unscrupulous when it suited his purpose. As the day wore toward noon, her spirits drooped. She was tired physically, and this reacted upon her courage.

The warmer weather was spoiling the trail. It became so soft and mushy that though snowshoes were needed, they could not be worn on account of the heavy snow which clung to them every time a foot was lifted. They were mukluks, but Sheba was wet to the knees. The spring had gone from her step. Her shoulders began to sag.

For some time Gordon's eye had been seeking a good place for a day camp. He found it in a bit of open timber above the trail, and without a word he swung his team from the path.

"Where are you going?" demanded Macdonald.

"Going to rest for an hour," was Elliott's curt answer.

Macdonald's jaw clamped. He strode forward through the snow beside the trail. "We'll see about that."

The younger man faced him angrily. "Can't you see she is done, man? There is not another mile of travel in her until she has rested."

The hard, gray eyes of the Alaskan took in the slender, weary figure leaning against the sled. On a soft and mushy trail like this, where every footstep punched a hole in the loose snow, the dogs could not travel with any extra weight. A few miles farther down they would come to a main-traveled road and the going would be better. But till then she must walk. Macdonald gave way with a gesture of his hand and turned on his heel.

At the campfire Sheba dried her mukluks, stockings, caribou mitts and short skirts. Too tired to eat, she forced herself to swallow a few bites and drank eagerly some tea. Gordon had brought blankets from the sled and he persuaded her to lie down for a few minutes.

"You'll call me soon if I should sleep," she said drowsily, and her eyes were closed almost before the words were off her lips.

When Macdonald came to order the start half an hour later, she was still asleep. "Give her another thirty minutes," he said gruffly.

Youth is resilient. Sheba awoke rested and ready for work.

While Gordon was untangling the dogs she was left alone for a minute with the mine-owner.

The hungry look in his eyes touched her. Impulsively she held out her hand.

"You're going to be fair, aren't you, Mr. Macdonald? Because you—don't like him—you won't—"

He looked straight into the dark, appealing eyes. "I'm going to be fair to Robert Milton," he told her harshly. "I'm going to see his murderers hanged if it costs me every dollar I have in the world."

"None of us objects to justice," she told him proudly. "Gordon has nothing to fear if only the truth is told."

"Then why come to me?" he demanded.

She hesitated; then with a wistful little smile, spoke what was in her heart. "I'm afraid you won't do justice to yourself. You're good—and brave—and strong. But you're very willful and set. I don't want to lose my friend. I want to know that he is all I have believed him—a great man who stands for the things that are fine and clean and just."

"Then it is for my sake and not for his that you want me to drop the case against Elliott?" he asked ironically.

"For yours and for his, too. You can't hurt him. Nobody can really be hurt from outside—unless he is a traitor to himself. And Gordon Elliott isn't that. He couldn't do such a thing as this with which you charge him. It is not in his nature. He can explain everything."

"I don't doubt that. He and his friend Holt are great little explainers." In spite of his bitterness Sheba felt a change in him. She seemed to have a glimpse of his turbid soul engaged in battle. He turned away without shaking hands, but it struck her that he was not implacable.

While they were at luncheon half a dozen packmules laden with supplies for a telephone construction line outfit had passed. Their small, sharp-shod hoofs had punched sink-holes in the trail at every step. Instead of a smooth bottom the dogs found a slushy bog out to pieces.

At the end of an hour of wallowing Macdonald called a halt.

"There is a cutoff just below here. It will save us nearly two miles, but we'll have to break trail. Swing to the right just below the big willow," he told Elliott. "I'll join you presently and relieve you on the job. But first Miss O'Neill and I are going for a little side trip."

All three of them looked at him in sharp surprise. Gordon opened his lips to answer and closed them again without speaking. Sheba had flashed a warning to him.

"I hope this trip isn't very far off the trail," she said quietly. "I'm just a wee bit tired."

"It's not far," the mine-owner said curtly.

He was busy unpacking his sled. Presently he found the dog mukluks for which he had been looking, repacked his sled, and fitted the shoes to the bleeding feet of the team leader. Elliott, suspicious and uncertain what to do, watched him at work, but at a signal from Sheba turned reluctantly away and drove down to the cutoff.

Macdonald turned his dogs out of the trail and followed a little ridge for perhaps a quarter of a mile. Sheba trudged behind him. She was full of wonder at what he meant to do, but she asked no questions. Some wise instinct was telling her to do exactly as he said.

From the sled he took a shovel and gave it to the young woman. "Dig just this side of the big rock—close to the root of the tree," he told her.

Sheba dug, and at the second stroke of the spade struck something hard. He stooped and pulled out a sack.

"Open it," he said. "Rip it with this knife."

She ran the knife along the coarse weave of the cloth. Fifteen or twenty smaller sacks lay exposed. Sheba looked up at Macdonald, a startled question in her eyes.

He nodded. "You guessed it. This is part of the gold for which Robert Milton was murdered."

"But—how did it get here?"

"I buried it there yesterday. Come." He led her around the rock. Back of it lay something over which was spread a long bit of canvas. The heart of Sheba was beating wildly.

The Scotsman looked at her from a rock-bound face. "Underneath this canvas is the body of one of the men who murdered Milton. He died more miserably than the man he shot. Half the gold stolen from the bank is in that gunnysack you have just dug up. If you'll tell me who has the other half, I'll tell you who helped him rob the bank."

"This man—who is he?" asked Sheba, almost in a whisper. She was trembling with excitement and nervousness.

Macdonald drew back the cloth and showed the rough, hard face of a workman.

"His name was Trelawney. I kicked him out of our camp because he was a troublemaker."

"He was one of the men that robbed you later?" she exclaimed.

"Yes. And now he has tried to rob me again and has paid for it with his life."

Her mind flashed back over the past. "Then his partner in this last crime must have been the same man—what's his name?—that was with him last time."

"Northrup," he nodded slowly. "I hate to believe it, but it is probably true. And he, too, is lying somewhere in this park covered with snow—if our guess is right."

"And Gordon—you admit he didn't do it?"

Again he nodded, sulkily. "No. He didn't do it."

Joy lit in her voice. "So you've brought me here to tell me. Oh, I am glad, my friend, that you were so good. And it is like you to do it. You have always been the good friend to me."

The Scotsman smiled, a little wistfully. "You take a mean advantage of a man. You nurse him when he's ill—and are kind to him when he is well—and try to love him, though he is twice your age and more. Then, when his enemy is in his power, he finds he can't strike him down without striking you too. Take your young man, Sheba O'Neill, and marry him, and for God's sake, get him out of Alaska before I come to grips with him again. I'm not a patient man, and he's tried me sair. They say I'm a good hater, and I always thought it true. But what's the use of hating a man, when your soft arms are round him for an armorer?"

The fine eyes of the girl were wells of warm light. Her gladness was not for herself and her lover only, but for the friend that had been so nearly lost and was now found. He believed he had done it for her, but Sheba was sure his reasons lay deeper. He was too much of a man to hide evidence and let his rival be falsely accused of murder. It was not in him to do a cheap thing like that. When it came to the pinch, he was too decent to stab in the back. But she was willing to take him on his own ground.

"I'll always be thanking you for your goodness to me," she told him simply. He brushed that aside at once. "There's one thing more, lass. I'll likely not be seeing you again alone, so I'll say it now. Don't waste any tears on Colby Macdonald. Don't fancy any story-book foolishness about spilling his life. That may be true of

halfling boys, maybe, but a man goes off his ain gait even when he gets a bit fiercer."

"Yes," she agreed. And in a flash she saw what would happen, that in the reaction from his depression he would turn to Genevieve Mallory and marry her.

"You're too young for me, anyhow—too soft and innocent. Once you told me that you couldn't keep step with me. It's true. You can't. It was a daft dream."

He took a deep breath, seemed to shake himself out of it, and smiled cheerfully upon her.

"We'll put our treasure-trove on the sled and go back to your friends," he continued briskly. "Tomorrow I'll send men up to scour the hills for Northrup's body."

Sheba drew the canvas back over the face of the dead man. As she followed Macdonald back to the trail, tears filled her eyes. She was remembering that the white, stinging death that had crept upon these men so swiftly had missed her by a hair's breadth. The strong, lusty life had been stricken out of the big Cornishman and probably of his partner in crime. Perhaps they had left mothers or wives or sweethearts to mourn them.

Macdonald relieved Elliott at breaking trail and the young man went back to the gee-pole. They had discarded mukluks and wore moccasins and snowshoes. It was hard, slow work, for the trail-breaker had to fight his way through snow along the best route he could find. The moon was high when at last they reached the roadhouse.

CHAPTER XXIV.
Diane Changes Her Mind.

The news of Sheba's safety had been telephoned to Diane from the roadhouse, so that all the family from Peter down were on the porch to welcome her with mingled tears and kisses. Since Gordon had to push on to the hospital to have Holt taken care of, it was Macdonald who brought the girl home. The mine-owner declined rather brusquely an invitation to stay to dinner on the plea that he had business at the office which would not wait.

Impulsively Sheba held out both her hands to him. "Believe me, I am thanking you with the whole of my heart, my friend. And I'm praying for you the old Irish blessing, 'God save you kindly.'"

The deep-set, rapacious eyes of the Scotsman burned into hers for an instant. Without a word he released her hands and turned away.

Her eyes followed him, a vital, dynamic Alaskan who would do big, lawless things to the day of his death. She sighed. He had been a great figure in her life, and now he had passed out of it.

As soon as she was alone with Diane, her Irish cousin dropped the little bomb she had up her sleeve.

"I'm going to be married Thursday, Di."

Mrs. Paget embraced her for the tenth time within an hour. She was very fond of Sheba, and she had been on a great strain concerning her safety. That out of her danger had resulted the engagement Diane had hoped for was surplussage of good luck.

"You lucky, sensible girl."

Sheba assented demurely. "I do think I'm sensible as well as lucky. It isn't every girl that knows the right man for her even when he wants her. But I know at last. He's the man for me out of ten million."

"I'm sure of it, dear. Oh, I am so glad," Diane hugged her again. She couldn't help it.

"One gets to know a man pretty well on a trip like that. I wouldn't change mine for any one that was ever made. I like everything about him, Di. I am the happiest girl."

"I'm so glad you see it that way at last," Diane passed to the practical aspect of the situation. "But Thursday. Will that give us time, my dear? And who are you going to have here?"

"Just the family. I've invited two guests, but neither of them can come. One has a broken leg and the other says he doesn't want to see me married to another man," Sheba explained with a smile.

"So Gordon won't come."

"Yes. He'll have to be here. We can't get along without the bridegroom. It wouldn't be a legal marriage, would it?"

Diane looked at her, for the moment dumb. "You little wretch!" she got out at last. "So it's Gordon, is it? Are you quite sure this time? Not likely to change your mind before Thursday?"

"I suppose, to an outsider, I do seem fickle," Miss O'Neill admitted smilingly. "But Gordon and I both understand that."

"And Colby Macdonald—does he understand it too?"

"Oh, yes." Her smile grew broader. "He told me that he didn't think I would quite suit him, after all. Not enough experience for the place."

Diane flashed a suspicious look of inquiry. "Of course that's nonsense. What did he tell you?"

"Something like that. He will marry Mrs. Mallory, I think, though he doesn't know it yet."

"You mean she will get him on the rebound," said Diane bluntly.

"That isn't a nice way to put it. He has always liked her very much. He is fond of her for what she is. What attracted him in me were the things his imagination gave to me."

"And Gordon likes you, I suppose, for what you are?"

Sheba did not resent the little note of friendly sarcasm. "I suppose he has his fancies about me, too, but by the time he finds out what I am he'll have to put up with me."

The arrival of Elliott interrupted confidences. He had come, he said, to receive congratulations.

"What in the world have you been doing with your face?" demanded Diane. As an afterthought she added: "Mr. Macdonald is all out up too."

"We've been taking massage treatment," Gordon passed to a subject of more immediate interest. "Do I get my congratulations, Di?"

She kissed him, too, for old sake's sake. "I do believe you'll suit Sheba better than Colby Macdonald would. He's a great man and you are not. But it isn't everybody that is fit to be the wife of a great man."

"That's a double, left-handed compliment," laughed Gordon. "But you can't say anything that will hurt my feelings today, Di. Isn't that your baby I hear crying? What a heartless mother you are!"

Diane gave him the few minutes alone with Sheba that his gay smile had asked for. "Get out with you," she said, laughing. "Go to the top of the hill and look at the lovers' moon. I've ordered there expressly for you:



As Lovers Will to the End of Time.

and while you are there forget that there are going to be crying babies and pursemaids with evening gowns in that golden future of yours."

"Come along, Sheba. We'll start now on the golden trail," said Elliott.

She walked as if she loved it. Her long, slender legs moved rhythmically and her arms swung true as pendulums.

The moon was all that Diane had promised. Sheba drank it in happily. "I believe I must be a pagan. I love the sun and the moon and I know it's all true about the little folk and the piper and—"

"If it's paganism to be in love with the world, you are a thirty-third degree pagan."

"Well, and was there ever a more beautiful night before?"

He thought not, but he had not the words to tell her that for him his beauty lay largely in her presence. Her passionate love of things fine and brave transformed the universe for him. It was enough for him to be near her, to hear the laughter bubbling in her throat, to touch her crisp, blue-black hair as he adjusted the scarf about her head.

"God made the night," he replied. "So that's a Christian thought as well as a pagan one."

They were no exception to the rule that lovers are egoists. The world for them tonight divided itself into two classes. One included Sheba O'Neill and Gordon Elliott; the other took in the uninteresting remnant of humanity. No matter how far afield their talk began, it always came back to themselves. They wanted to know all about each other, to compare experiences and points of view. But time fled too fast for words. They talked—as lovers will to the end of time—in exclamations and the meeting of eyes and little endearments.

When Diane and Peter found them on the hillside, Sheba protested, with her half-shy, half-audacious smile, that it could not be two hours since she and Gordon had left the living room. Peter grinned. He remembered a hill-top consecrated to his own courtship of Diane.

The only wedding present that Macdonald sent Sheba was a long envelope with two documents attached by a clip. One was from the Kuskiak Sun. It announced that the search party had found the body of Northrup with the rest of the stolen gold beside him. The other was a copy of a legal document. Its effect was that the district attorney had dismissed all charges pending against Gordon Elliott.

Although Macdonald lost the coal claims at Kamathah by reason of the report of Elliott, all Alaska still believes that he was right. In that country of strong men he stands head and shoulders above his fellows. He has the fortunate gift of commanding the admiration of friend and foe alike. The lady who is his wife is secretly the greatest of his slaves, but she tries not to let him know how much he has captured her imagination. For Genevieve Macdonald cannot quite understand herself, how so elemental an emotion as love can have pierced the armor of her sophistication.

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Doubling the Farmer's Wheat Dollar

By Charles W. Holman (In the Country Gentleman)

SELLING the farmer's share of the wheat dollar is one of the war-time jobs Uncle Sam has done since food control became possible. After five months of grappling with the problem, Uncle Sam is now turning the pockets of both producer and consumer benefits derived by the Nation.

The Food Administration Grain Corporation, which supervises the sale, or itself buys every bushel of wheat produced in the Nation in its progress from country elevator to foreign buyers or domestic consumers, marks a new step toward national efficiency.

One fine fall afternoon, Col. Bill Jenkins, who farms somewhere in Missouri, loaded his wheat into a wagon and drove along the black road that led across the prairie to town.

"When you want to sell this wheat?" "I donno," he answered. "One time's about as good as another—how days. I won't weigh any more later," he added, with a dry smile.

"What's wheat today?" asked Col. Jenkins, getting interested.

"Well, let me see," parleyed the manager. "I guess this wheat'd be a good No. 2 under the new grades."

"Hold on, Colonel," said the elevator man, good-naturedly. "The Food Administration is not to blame. Congress passed the act and told the Department of Agriculture to fix the grades. They became effective last July. I sent out a letter on it."

"Well, I guess you better sell for the best you can," said the farmer. "I am needed at home." And he drove away.

A New Order In the Grain World. CONVERSATIONS of this kind might have taken place in almost every town in the great grain belt of the Nation after August 10, for revolution in grain markets was taking place.

Uncle Sam had started on this remarkable experiment; he was going to see whether wheat could be marketed minus rakes-offs to the speculators. This necessitated complete control by the Government of storage facilities, transportation and distributive agencies, and the marketing machinery for wheat and rye.

Everybody was troubled; most of all, the officials of the Food Administration Grain Corporation who had undertaken, without salary, and at the sacrifice of their personal connection with the grain trade, to whip into shape the forces that would drive forward the big business machine for marketing American wheat.

This work is a necessary arm of the Food Administration, allowing the Government to do business quickly and without red tape. Its stock is held in trust by the President of the United States. For the time of the war it will supervise the rate or purchase the part commercially available of the 950,000,000 bushels of wheat and the 50,000,000 surplus of rye grown in America in 1917.

Its job is to find a market for every bushel, irrespective of class and grade. Under its patronage, wheat screenings are moving just as easily as No. 1 Northern. It must also work out satisfactorily the local prices for wheat at each of almost 20,000 country elevator points, adjust thousands of complaints, organize the gathering and analysis of data, inspect concerns reported as dealing unfairly, solve vexatious disagreements among the trade, and deal effectively with the allies' purchasing agent and the neutrals who may desire to purchase.

By an administrative arm of the Government formed to buy grain or supervise its sale at the prices determined by the commission, and it must do its work on the basis of the new grades. But to return to our farmer and his expectations of price.

Introducing Two Bushels of Wheat. Lying side by side in his wagon had been 2 bushels of wheat that fate had marked for strangely different ends. They were very much alike, those bushels of wheat, and to look at them you would not have suspected the strange and wonderful adventures in store for them.

High war costs of production gave our Missouri farmer much concern as to his returns and accounted for his depression over the prospects of his wheat "grading down"; for that meant a reduction of 3 cents per bushel under the No. 1 grade. But it graded No. 2.

The elevator would also deduct an additional 5 cents a bushel to cover the fixed charge made in this locality for handling and selling. The 5-cent charge included the commission of 1 cent per bushel customary in 1917 among commission men for selling the wheat to domestic millers or foreign buyers.

The elevator man was none too sure as to how to set at the price which this wheat should bring. He knew considerably more about human nature than freight rates and decided to "check up" the problem to the nearest state agent of the Grain Corporation. So he wrote a letter to the representative stationed at St. Louis. That letter was referred to the traffic expert in the New York office, who transmitted the following rule for determining the price of wheat at any country point:

There is only one price for wheat at a country point. That price is always to be arrived at by taking as a basis the price at the most advantageous primary market where we have fixed a price and deducting the freight to that market and a fair handling profit. That is the price to be paid for wheat at any station, regardless of the point to which it may be shipped.

Working out the price which should be paid for wheat at your station is a fine occupation for an off day. If you cannot find the answer, write to the Food Administration Grain Corporation in New York City and its traffic expert will give you aid.

Finding the Price of No. 2 Wheat at Sikeston. TAKE an actual example: An elevator man in Sikeston, Mo., wanted to know what price No. 2 wheat should bring at his station when No. 1 wheat at New York City was \$2.25 per bushel. Here is how he went about it:

The freight rate from Sikeston to New York being 16.98 cents per bushel, he deducted that from \$2.25 per bushel and found the price at Sikeston to be \$2.1102. From this he deducted 1 per cent per bushel for the commission firm's charges, which put the net price f. o. b. Sikeston at \$2.1002.

He next compared this price with what he could get if he sold at St. Louis, his nearest primary market. At St. Louis the basic price is \$2.18 per bushel, and the freight rate from Sikeston to St. Louis 6 cents per bushel. This would make the Sikeston price \$2.12, less 1 cent per bushel for selling charges, or \$2.11 net. The St. Louis price would therefore govern, being advantageous to the Sikeston seller.

If our imaginary 2 bushels of wheat had started from Sikeston, since it was a No. 2 grade, we must deduct 3 cents per bushel, which would bring the price f. o. b. the elevator point to \$2.0802 per bushel. As our imaginary elevator man is charging 5 cents per bushel for handling, which includes the commission fee just mentioned, we deduct an additional 4 cents to arrive at the price the farmer received. This price would be \$2.0402 at the elevator. Some of that 4 cents will return to our farmer if the elevator prospers; for it is owned co-operatively.

When Farmer and Elevator Man Disagree. Had this elevator been owned by private firm or person, or had it been a "line" plant, Col. Jenkins would not have been so bland and trustful.

He might have refused to sell at all and arranged to store his wheat or he might have taken it over to a competitive concern which offered a higher price; for the Food Administration has not yet attempted to regulate the prices paid farmers for wheat at country points. It does, however, offer to sell for any farmer or farmers' organization wheat offered at terminal points, but makes a commission charge of 1 per cent for its services.

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- Provide horses to draw a gun in an ammunition train.

ONE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND WILL:

- Buy an X-ray apparatus outfit
Buy six cases of operating instruments for a base hospital.

EIGHT ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BONDS WILL:

- Furnish four mules to draw an ambulance.

ONE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND WILL:

- Supply bicycles for the headquarters company of an infantry regiment.

FOUR ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BONDS WILL:

- Buy an X-ray outfit.

THREE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BONDS WILL:

- Clothe a soldier and feed him for one year in France
Buy a motorcycle for a machine-gun company.

TWO ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BONDS WILL:

- Buy a cavalry horse
Buy an ammunition mule
Buy a horse for the captain of a machine-gun company
Buy a mule to draw a water cart.

ONE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND AND ONE FIFTY DOLLAR BOND WILL:

- Clothe and equip an infantry soldier for service overseas.
Feed a soldier for a year.

ONE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND WILL:

- Clothe a soldier
Feed a soldier for eight months

- Provide five rifles
Provide 30 rifle grenades
Provide 45 hand grenades
Provide 25 pounds of ether
Buy 145 hot water bags
Buy 2000 surgical needles.

ONE FIFTY DOLLAR BOND WILL:

- Provide trench knives for a rifle company
Buy 23 hand grenades
Buy 14 rifle grenades
Buy 37 cases for surgical instruments.
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We are living in an age of "Safety First." The "safety first" principal makes the same demand upon the individual as upon the institution, and the only way the individual can maintain a legal reserve guaranteeing the payments of his debts is by the use of legal reserve life insurance.

The Missouri State Life Insurance Co. "All that's good in Life Insurance."

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TO THE MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY.

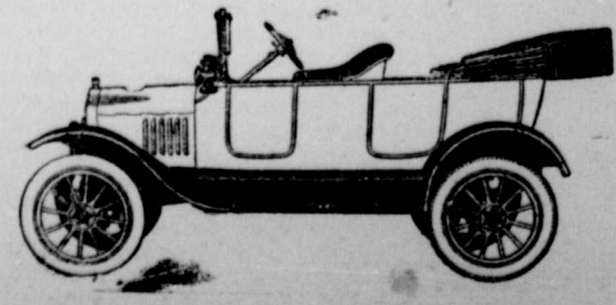
The National Lodge gives you choice of the following Premiums. 1 Gents Watch 1 Wrist Watch 1 Diamond ring (ladie or gents) and \$15.00 in Thrift Stamps for securing 15 new members.

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Member of the United States Food Administration.

Miss Mamie Clouse returned to her home in Amarillo first of the week after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Jno. Short.

Messrs Ben Severson, Knudson Segel and C. Thompson of McPherson, Kansas are here this week visiting the Thos. Cook and Gus Severson families. They are also looking over some Panhandle land bargains with a view of purchasing.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Elliott were over yesterday from Mobeetic.

Sargeant Halley Parnell of Chicago spent the past few weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. J. M. Parnell. He has been in the service four years and has been busy the past several months breaking in new recruits.

Duniven Brothers are extending their Blacksmith building back eighty feet and will use same for automobile repairing. They are also putting in a new concrete walk, which we understand it to be continued to connect with the Christopher building.

Mrs. W. G. Duniven entertained Sunday with a birthday dinner for her husband and his brother, R. D. A sumptuous dinner was served to 47 guests and such a delightful time one could hardly describe. The Dial families, W. P. Thornhill, Rube Anderson and Mr. Kingman and families were present with the two brothers and families. W. G. refuses to tell us exactly what birthday his celebration was for. He gladly informed us how old R. D. was, now as soon as we can see R. D., we are sure he will give us W. G.'s age and we'll tell you all about it next week.

E. H. Beler and family of Montague County are visitors this week with the W. A. Dyers. Mrs. Beler and Mrs. Dyer are sisters.

Miss Carrie Gatling is a visitor this week with Miss Beth Mathers.

The J. H. Hale family are moving to town this week. They will occupy the Sohns residence near the court house.

G. G. Fletcher has resigned his position with the First State Bank, taking effect May 1st. George has not stated what he will enter for the future.

Geo. Bean of Lubbock is in town today visiting the Jim Johnston family and other Miami friends of early day history.

Clyde Mead and Flake George leave today for their training camp. They have spent several pleasant days with Miami friends. Mrs. George and daughter, Miss Zella entertained the Senior High School Class together with Clyde and Flake last night with a six o'clock dinner. The dining room was very tastefully decorated with the class colors and a delightful time was spent. After the delicious dinner was served, the crowd enjoyed a few hours of social conversation.

We have been requested to announce that Rev. M. W. Rogers will preach at the County Line School House Sunday night.

Miss Bessie Roach returned this week from a two weeks visit with relatives.

Miss Beulah Lee of Mobeetic is spending this week with Miami friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Oil Davis visited the Parental John Van home first of the week.

Mrs. Jno. Short is visiting parents in Amarillo.

The Miami Choral Club spent Monday and Tuesday in Amarillo attending and participating in the Spring Musical Festival. They all report a splendid time and that the Festival was a decided success from every standpoint.

Lee Thompson came in first of the week from Fairview, Oklahoma and is visiting friends.

Sherrill Burks received a broken arm from the kick of a jitney Saturday. His arm was set and he is out this week.

Dan Reid, brother of F. P. Reid of Mobeetic left Tuesday for his home in Canada after a few weeks visit in the Panhandle. Mr. and Mrs. Reid brought him to the railroad.

Mission Society met on Friday night of last week with Mrs. B. F. Jackson for their social meeting to entertain their husbands. About 30 was present. A good program was rendered consisting of charades, contests, music and bean bags. A delicious two course luncheon was served, consisting of sandwiches, salad pickles, coffee, cake, and ice cream. Every one had a good time.

We invite you to look over a new line of Men's shoes Monday, May 6th when a full line of Florshiem Brand will be shown. Locke Bros.

Road to Happiness.
Be amiable, cheerful and good natured and you are much more likely to be happy. You will find this difficult, if not impossible, however, when you are constantly troubled with constipation. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and get rid of that and it will be easy. These tablets not only move the bowels, but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion.

HOW TO SECURE A LIBERTY BOND

You may be one of many people, anxious to do your share towards helping Uncle Sam beat the Hun, but are in doubt just how to proceed, and the details concerning Liberty Bonds may be a little vague to you.

For the benefit of all, a few facts may clear things up.

The Bonds, guaranteed by the United States Government, and consequently the safest investment in the world, are of the following values:—\$50.00, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00, \$5,000 and \$10,000.00.

The interest at the rate of 4% per annum is payable on September 15, 1918, on March 15, 1919, and thereafter on each September 15th and March 15th.

The Bonds are redeemable in gold on September 15, 1928.

Sign the application form which you can obtain from any banker or Liberty Loan salesman.

You can pay for your bond in full at the time of your application.

If you would rather pay by installments you can pay the banker or salesman 5% of the amount of the Bond you intend to purchase, that is \$5.00 on every \$100.00, and pay the balance as follows:—

20% on May 28, 1918.

35% on July 18, 1918.

40% on August 15, 1918.

The Bonds bear interest from May 9th, 1918, so if you buy on the installment plan you will be asked to add to your August payment the small amount of interest you are not entitled to, owing to the fact that the Government has not had the use of the full amount of your subscription until you made the final payment. The amount involved is so small that it is not worth considering.

The money you pay for the Bonds and the interest you receive on them is free from taxation, except Inheritance Tax, and the surtaxes on large incomes. A man must be very wealthy before his interest of 4% is reduced by even one-half of one per cent, so to the average citizen the Bonds are tax free.

Arrangements have been made to deliver Bonds at a few days notice as soon as they are paid for in full.

There are two kinds of Bonds—Coupon and Registered. Coupon Bonds bear Coupons which you tear off and exchange for interest money at your bank or Post Office. Registered Bonds have no Coupons, but the interest is mailed to you twice yearly. Up to the \$10,000.00 value Bonds you can take your choice as to which you will buy.

Bonds of \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 are issued but must be registered.

Your application must be in by May 4, 1918. The Government specially asks you however to place your order before this date.

Many banks are willing to arrange for a small payment down, and monthly payments for the balance. This of course, is for the benefit of those who do not at the moment, have the ready funds to pay for their bonds in full.

The main thing, of course, is to get busy immediately on some basis, for the emergency is urgent, and it must not be said that we are not ready to follow with our money, the boys that are ready to fight our battles "over there."

Ranch for Leas on River North Panhandle, Also Cattle for Sale.

Will sell below market value the following described cattle and transfer an absolute 2 year lease of 2,240 acres costing \$700.00 per year.

125 cows, mostly coming 3 years olds, fair quality and splendid calf crop by registered bulls, price \$85.

33 coming 2 year olds, black muley, 50 or 60 per cent calf crop, price \$65.00.

25 coming 2 year old heifers and steers price \$55.00 and 65 year old steers and heifers, price \$40.00.

7 good 2 year old registered bulls \$150 to \$250 each. These cattle have been well wintered, are in good fair flesh, and a very good quality, a real bargain.

The ranch is fenced and cross fenced, plenty living water, about 125 acres valley land in farm, ideal protection and good grass, a splendid little proposition. The lease is absolute for 2 years. If you want it don't wait.

320 acres in Carson County lying up against station on E. I. R. E. near school, has small house, well and wind mill out side improvements, fenced and cross-fenced, about 170 acres in farm, a perfect piece of land, no lakes, price \$27.50 per acre on good terms.

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Red Dwarf Maise Seed per pound	5cts
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Spanish Peanuts per pound	10cts
June Corn per bushel	\$3.50

All sacked in new bags, the above prices are for bag lots.

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Don't forget to look at our fine new line of shoes. We have just received a splendid display of work, Army and Dress shoes for men. They are the very finest wearing quality and the prices are right.

Better also look over our samples of Tailor made suits. We have them at all prices and guarantee a good fit.

Glad to do your cleaning, pressing and mending. We do it promptly and do it right.

THE TOGGERY

We have just received a car load of White Star Motor Oil. This oil is used exclusively and recommended by the Ford Motor Company at their main office and all branches. It is the best oil for Ford cars, cost no more than good oil and is better than the best.

J. A. Covey and Sons.

Just unloaded a car load 5 Oakland Touring cars and sold in less than one week. Will have another load of Oakland Touring cars this week. Bring your old car in if you think we wont give you a trade.

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Best Remedy for Whooping Cough.
"Last winter when my little boy had the whooping cough I gve him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. J. B. Roberts, East St. Louis, Ill. "It kept his cough loose and relieved him of those dreadful coughing spells. It is the only cough medicine I keep in the house because I have the most confidence in it." This remedy is also good for colds and croup.

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Recall that wild ride the night you battled the elements for every inch? Sure you do. Every motorist has had a few such rides.

Your mental strain was focused on each one of the four tires on your car.

At such a time

Miller Tires

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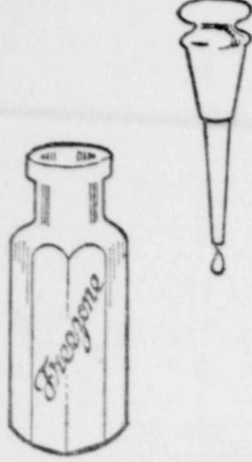
present their best argument. The thought that each one of your MILLERS was brimful of rugged strength to endure—gave you confidence.

Millers will pull you through where others give up the battle. Give us a chance to prove Miller stamina.

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At all up-to-date grocers.

His Fear. "Are you not tempted to retire from politics?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum; "that's a proposition concerning which I fear compulsion, not temptation."

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

More Than One Way. Jonah entered the whale. "Another way of saving daylight," he remarked.

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH. You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

Why She Broke It Off. Dick—Everyone says I'm a puzzle. Tess—In that case there's only one thing for me to do—give you up.



Building-up for the Spring Attack at the Front is a good deal like putting the body in condition for an invasion of the germs of grip, pneumonia or "Spring fever" here at home.

At this time of the year most people suffer from a condition often called Spring Fever. They feel tired, worn out, before the day is half thru. They may have frequent headaches and sometimes "pimply" or pale skin and white lips. The reason for this is that during the wintertime, shut up within doors, eating too much meat and too little green vegetables, one heaps fuel into the system which is not burned up and the clinkers remain to poison the system—a clogging up of the circulation—with inactive liver and kidneys. Time to put your house in order.

For an invigorating tonic which will clarify the blood, put new life in the body, sparkle to the eyes, and a wholesome skin, nothing does so well as a glyceric herb extract made from Golden Seal root, Blood and Stone root, Oregon grape root and Wild Cherry bark. This can be had in convenient, ready-to-use tablet form at all drug stores, sixty cents, and has been sold for the past fifty years as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. By reason of the nerves feeding on the blood, when the blood is pure the nerves feel the effect, and neuralgia or other nerve pains disappear because such pain is the cry of the starved nerves for food. When suffering from headache, frequent or scanty urine, rheumatic pains here or there, or that constant tired feeling, the simple way to overcome these disorders is merely to obtain Dr. Pierce's Anuric from your druggist. In tablets, sixty cents.

HOME TOWN
HELPS

TO DISTRIBUTE GARDEN CROPS

Disposition of Vacant Lot Produce in Cities Will Be Systematized This Coming Season.

In every city where the vacant lot gardening movement received attention the past summer—and the number is represented most accurately by an atlas of the United States—there has been in full swing a movement having in view the preservation and conservation and wise distribution of the abundant crops produced. Demonstrations in drying, canning and preserving of fruits and garden produce were given all summer from one end of the land to the other, so there seems little danger of the wastage or loss of the city land's abundance. And that is not all.

City officials and civic organizations have actively concerned themselves with plans for next year. Fall planting was provided for. Needed enrichment of the soil and the securing and proper distribution of fertilizers are being considered. More systematic and more thoroughgoing methods for the direction and handling of the city gardening movement are being worked out. In a word, the thought and intent of the city dwellers of the United States are for a still more abundant harvest next season from the vacant lots and waste places of the congested communities.

The men and women of American cities, joining hands with the men and women of American farms, are quietly and consistently setting about to prove that it is not yet possible to starve the civilized world, much less America, while soil and rain and sunshine last.—Mac Lean Libbey in Collier's Weekly.

LET SHEEP GRAZE IN PARKS

Good Idea Both From Financial Standpoint and in Improved Appearance of the Grass.

For many years European cities have turned out flocks of sheep, municipally owned to graze in their parks. The sheep is one of the best of lawn mowers. It crops closely, yet not too closely, insuring that smooth-shaven effect which delights the eye. And grazing sheep, as well as well-trimmed lawns, are highly ornamental.

The city of Denver, keenly aware of the necessity for the utilization of all available land in the production of foodstuffs, has decided to purchase no fewer than 3,000 sheep to mow its park lawns next year. The agricultural experts have decided that where the grass is heavy and well rooted three sheep to the acre can be easily maintained. They will buy ewes ready for lambing, according to plans, and will make a handsome profit upon the mutton and wool.

There are 150 cities in the United States with populations in excess of 50,000, and practically every one of these cities has hundreds of acres of park land. These park acreages, the government believes, could easily maintain 150,000 sheep each summer.

Public Health Too Much Neglected.

Public health work in this country is still in its infancy. All tests applied showed the health departments in the smaller cities to be weaker than those in the larger cities. Perhaps the most surprising finding is that the Southern and Pacific cities have better developed municipal health departments than the Northern cities from the Rockies to the Atlantic. The Central Northern cities stand at the foot of the list. A recent report concludes that the appropriations granted most health departments in this country are grossly inadequate for the new functions modern science requires them to perform. It is stated that health departments should be allowed a "minimum wage" of 50 cents per inhabitant per year, as compared with the present average allowance of 22 cents.—Government Bulletin.

Stranger Understood.

The stranger in Cleveland accosted a man whom he judged to be an old inhabitant.

"Have you lived in Cleveland long?" asked the stranger.

"About twenty years," acknowledged the Clevelander.

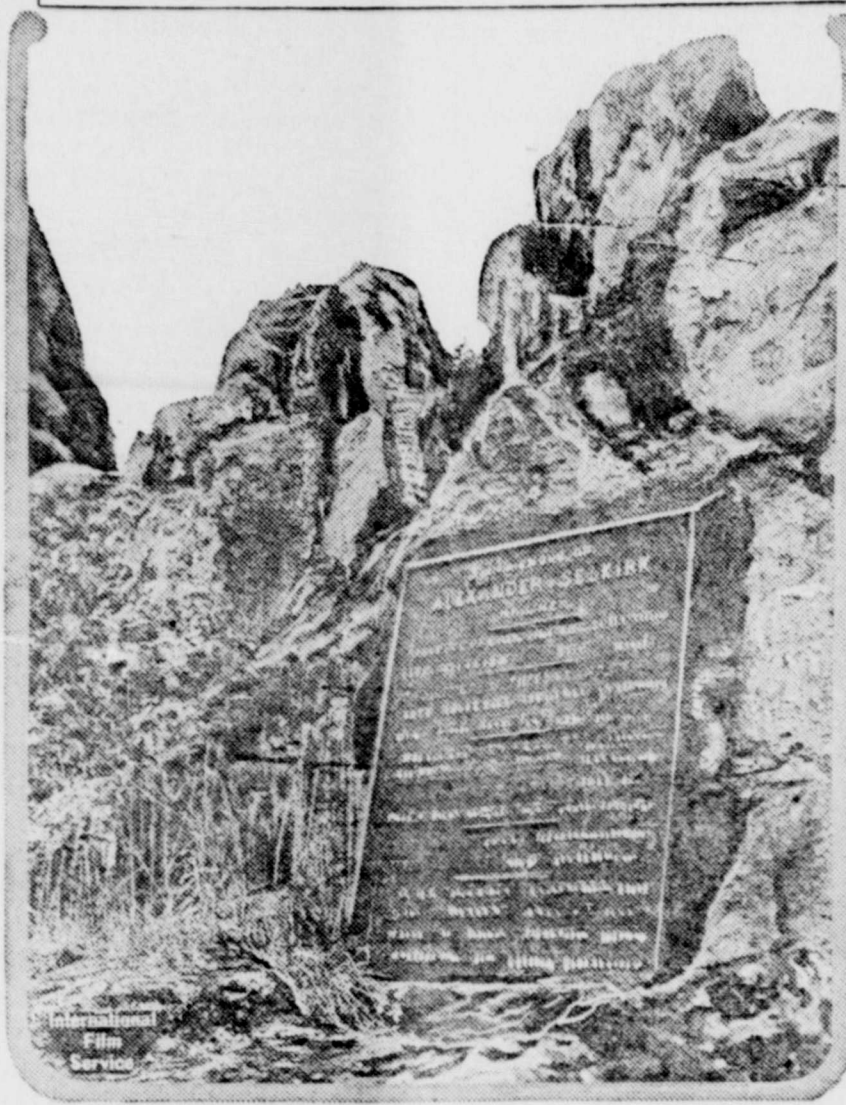
"Is the climate here salubrious?" "Is the climate here—? Say, you can just bet it is. And would you mind putting that word down on a piece of paper for me? I can use it. I've used all the cuss words I know of on this doggone climate, and that sounds like a new one. How do you spell it? Yes, sir; I'll bet this is the most salubrious climate this side of hell, where are you going?"

But the stranger had learned all he wanted to know.—Cleveland Leader.

Knowing What You Want.

The girl who always knew what she wanted would be too wise for her years. Often when she is surest if she were left to follow her own path it would mean bitter disappointment. It is well for a girl if she has faith enough in those who have her welfare at heart, to believe what seems rather hard on the face of it, that they know what she wants better than she knows herself.—Girl's Companion.

Juan Fernandez



Tablet Erected to Alexander Selkirk's Memory on Juan Fernandez.

There have been recent references to the Island of Juan Fernandez in the south Pacific ocean, 550 miles off the coast of South America. Juan Fernandez lies under about the thirty-seventh parallel of south latitude and is a little south of west from Valparaiso, Chile, from which it is distant about 600 miles. Close upon the Island of Juan Fernandez is the much smaller Island of Santa Clara, and something more than 100 miles farther out to sea, west by a trifle south, is a lone island the name of Masafuera. There are no islands between Juan Fernandez and the mainland. And it lies in a particularly lonesome part of the vast ocean. The eighth parallel of longitude passes nearly a hundred miles west of Juan Fernandez, and that parallel also passes between two small islands, St. Felix and St. Ambrose, nearly 1,000 miles north of Juan Fernandez, Santa Clara and Masafuera.

Not only have there been recent references to Juan Fernandez Island, but frequent references to it may be read in the public prints, and nearly always it is referred to as Robinson Crusoe's Island. Yet the reference is inexact and many thousands of miles out of the way. However, it is probable that the geographical or literary error has been given too much headway ever to be overtaken and corrected, and no doubt it will be perpetuated.

Not Crusoe's Island.

There are few places in the world which have given so much interest and entertainment to boys as the lonely island on which Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday had their adventures. There is no telling just where Defoe thought Robinson Crusoe's Island was, but it most certainly was not in that part of the world where the Island of Juan Fernandez lies. If anywhere, it was on the Atlantic side of the great continent of South America, off the eastern coast of Venezuela or the north coast of British Guiana, somewhere about the mouth of the Orinoco river. But then there are several mouths to that vast river and, though there are islands there, no evidence of occupancy by Robinson Crusoe has been found and none of the footprints of Friday have been discovered.

The only clue to the island is found in Defoe's magnificent story itself, where Robinson Crusoe speaks as follows:

"I asked him how far it was from our lands to the shore and whether the canoes were not often lost; he told me there was no danger, no canoes were ever lost, but that after a little way out to sea there was a current and wind, always one way in the morning, the other way in the afternoon. This I understood to be no more than the sets of the tide as going out and coming in; but I afterwards understood that it was occasioned by the great draft and reflux of the mighty River Orinoco, in the mouth or gulf of which river, as I found afterward, our island lay, and this land which I perceived to the west and northwest was the great Island of Trinidad on the north point of the mouth of the river."

Where Selkirk Was Marooned.

The Island of Juan Fernandez became associated with the story of Robinson Crusoe from the fact that on that island Alexander Selkirk was put ashore at his own request after a quarrel with the captain of the ship Cinque Ports, of which he was sailing master. Selkirk lived on the island for four years, and in 1712 there appeared a book entitled "Cruising Voyage Round the World," which was written by Capt. Wordes Rogers, who had rescued Selkirk from the island. Part of the adventures of Selkirk were told in that story, and it is supposed that it was this hint which stirred Defoe's imagination and led to the writing of Robinson Crusoe.

Captain Rogers' book, in which the adventures of Selkirk were told, was also the inspiration, or rather the text, of Cowper's poem, which is generally called "Solitude," but which the poet, in what was fashion in the eighteenth century, called "Verses Supposed to Be Written by Alexander Selkirk During His Solitary Abode in the Island of Juan Fernandez."

A literary man who took up the connection between Selkirk's adventure and Defoe's story of Robinson Crusoe has written this:

"There was more than enough of a nudge for Defoe, for Cowper, for scores of others. But Defoe never got his hero, Robinson Crusoe, round the Horn or into the Pacific at all; he started him from England, shipwrecked him in Africa, sent him as a planter to the Brazils—as he always pluralizes the name—and finally blew him north, shipwrecked again on an island which Defoe carefully labeled on the title page of the first edition as being 'at the mouth of the mighty Orinoco,' a continent and parts of two oceans removed from Juan Fernandez."

The Island of Tabago in the Caribbean archipelago was mentioned by one writer as the island of Crusoe, but Tabago, north of the Trinidad, is too far from the mouth of Orinoco to agree with what Crusoe says of the location of his island. Louis Rhead, in a preface to one edition of Robinson Crusoe, wrote: "A map has been prepared to show the real location, which is at the mouth of the Orinoco, thirty miles northwest of Trinidad, an island lying just in the Caribbean archipelago. The island is now known as Tabago."

A good many distinguished writers have mistaken the Island of Juan Fernandez for the Island of Robinson Crusoe, and among them was R. H. Dana, Jr., who, in his "Two Years Before the Mast," wrote that he saw the Island of Juan Fernandez "rising like a deep blue cloud out of the sea" when his brig, the Pilgrim, was seventy miles away. After the brig's stop at the island Mr. Dana wrote: "I gave it a parting look and bid farewell to the most romantic spot of earth my eyes had ever seen because of the associations which every one has connected with it in their childhood from reading Robinson Crusoe."

Unreasonable Expectations.

We would not be disappointed in our friends so often if we were more reasonable in our expectations. The best people have faults. No one is so sweet-tempered that he will not at some time say an impatient word. The wisest blunder, not once, but many times. Do not look for perfection in those you love. It is enough if they are doing their best to conquer their faults.—Girl's Companion.

Why Aluminum Shoes Are Used.

The scarcity of leather, principally, has brought on the market an aluminum shoe for workers, leather and rubber being used in small amounts for added foot ease. These shoes are durable, waterproof, comfortable and noiseless; they do not gather snow or mud, do not slip, and quickly adjust themselves to the shape of the foot, hold their shape to the last and are very economical.

Sure-Fire Trench Grenade.

Military authorities speak well of an airplane bomb type of hand grenade that has been invented and turned over to the government by a corporal stationed at Fort Douglas. It consists of a streamline bomb, supplied with four vanes and a handle of liberal length. Detonation is said to be certain, for when hurled the missile always falls nose down.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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Her Paradoxical Position. "A vessel is different in one way from anything else." "What is that?" "It is when she is tied up that she can't make any knots."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are best for liver, bowels and stomach. One Little Pellet for a laxative, three for a cathartic. Ad.

Supply and Demand. "Are the markets regulated by supply and demand?" "Yes," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "The latest system is based on a limited supply of stuff and a large demand for money."

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Do You Want to Know the CATTLE BUSINESS? Drop us a post card today and get FULL INFORMATION about the New Book "CATTLE BREEDS AND ORIGINS" about all breeds of cattle on sale OR DAVID ROBERTS' VETERINARY CO., 110 S. WABASH, CHICAGO, ILL.

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Heal Skin Troubles That Itch and Burn with Cuticura. The Soap to cleanse and purify the skin. It soothes and heals. Everywhere Soap 25¢ Ointment 25¢

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Win the War by Preparing the Land
Sowing the Seed and Producing Bigger Crops

Work in Joint Effort the Soil of the United States and Canada
CO-OPERATIVE FARMING IN MAN POWER NECESSARY TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR LIBERTY

The Food Controllers of the United States and Canada are asking greater food production. Scarcely 100,000,000 bushels of wheat are able to be sent to the allies overseas before the crop harvest. Upon efforts of the United States and Canada rests the burden of supply.

Every Available Tillable Acre Must Contribute; Every Available Farmer and Farm Hand Must Assist

Western Canada has an enormous acreage to be seeded, but man power is short, and an appeal to the United States allies is for more men for sowing operation.

Canada's Wheat Production Last Year was 225,000,000 Bushels Demand From Canada Alone for 1918 is 400,000,000 Bushels

To secure this she must have assistance. She has the land but not the men. The Government of the United States wants every man who effectively help, to do farm work this year. It wants the land in the United States developed first of course; but it also wants to help Canada. Whenever we find a man we can spare to Canada's fields after ours are sown we want to direct him there.

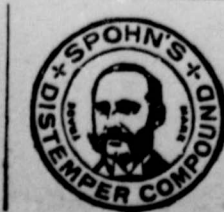
Apply to our Employment Service, and we will tell you where you can best be combined interests.

Western Canada's help will be required not later than May 5th. Wages to be paid help, \$50.00 a month and up, board and lodging.

Those who respond to this appeal will get a warm welcome, good wages, board and find comfortable homes. They will get a rate of one cent a mile from Canadian points to destination and return.

For particulars as to routes and places where employment may be had apply to

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



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Stop to all
Distemper
CURES THE SICK

And prevents others having the disease no matter how exposed. Consumers may order direct from the manufacturer. Send remittance with your order. 50 cents \$1.00 a bottle; \$5.00 and \$10.00 the dozen, delivered.

SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Mfrs., Goshen, Ind., U. S.

Spring Colds Are the Worst

They lead to catarrh and pneumonia. They weaken the entire system and leave it unable to resist the sudden changes. They interfere with your digestion and lessen your activity. Neglected they soon become that dread disease known as systemic catarrh. Don't neglect them. It's costly as well as dangerous.

PERUNA Will Safeguard You

Have a box of Peruna Tablets with you for the sudden cold or exposure. Tone your system up with a regular course of the liquid Peruna, fortify it against colds, get your digestion up to normal, take care of yourself, and avoid danger. If you are suffering now begin the treatment at once. Give Nature the help she needs to throw off the catarrhal inflammation, and again become well.

Peruna has been helping people for 44 years. Thousands of homes rely on it for coughs, colds and indigestion. It's a good tonic for the weak, as well.

The Peruna Company
Columbus, Ohio

HAVE YOU A SWEETHEART

Son of Brother in training camps in the American Army or Navy? If so, mail him a package of ALLIN'S FOOT-EASE, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot-bath. The American, British and French troops use Allen's Foot-Ease, because it takes the friction from the shoe and freshens the feet. It is the greatest comforter for tired, aching, tender, swollen feet, and gives relief to corns and bunions.

The Plattburg Camp Manual advises men in training to shake Foot-Ease in their shoes each morning. Ask your dealer to-day for a 25c. box of Allen's Foot-Ease, and for a 2c. stamp he will mail it for you. What remuneration could be so acceptable?

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Watson E. Coleman
D. C. Advice and books free
Reasonable. Highest references. Best service.

The Reason.
"Why did you make an open fire in this room?" "Because I saw the grate opportunity for one."

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY
Is her hair. If yours is streaked with gray, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it to the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

An implement has been patented by a New York man to enable a blind person to thread a needle.

Builders of air castles are spared all worry about labor strikes.

Had To Quit Work Gave Up Hope of Recovery, But Doan's Restored His Health. Has Been Well Since.

J. B. Ragless, carpenter, 210 W. 60th St., Chicago, Ill., says: "My back gave out completely and I had to quit work. I could hardly endure the pain in my back and nights I tossed and turned, unable to sleep. Often in the morning my back was as stiff as a board, so that I couldn't stoop to dress myself. When I did manage to bend over, everything before me turned black. My head seemed to be whirling and sometimes I was so dizzy I had to grasp something to keep from falling."

"The kidney secretions were irregular in passage, getting me up at night and the passages burned cruelly. I lost my appetite, was weak and listless and went down twenty-five pounds in weight. When I had almost given up hope, Doan's Kidney Pills cured me. Soon after, I passed an examination for life insurance and I'm glad to say my cure has lasted."

Written before me,
GEO. W. DEMPSTER, Notary Public.

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DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

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BRINGING IS HERE, your production is increasing. I want that increase and we are willing to pay a profitable price for it. Our DIRECT SHIPPER department makes you to market your cream with a minimum of trouble. Just deliver the can to the express company, WE DO THE REST.

THE MERIDEN CREAMERY CO.
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ECZEMA!

Doan's Salve, formerly called Doan's Ointment, is guaranteed to cure eczema. It is guaranteed for that purpose and money will be promptly refunded without question if Doan's Salve fails to cure eczema or other skin diseases. The salve is sold by mail from
RICHARDS MEDICINE CO., SHERMAN, TEXAS

COUGHING PISO'S

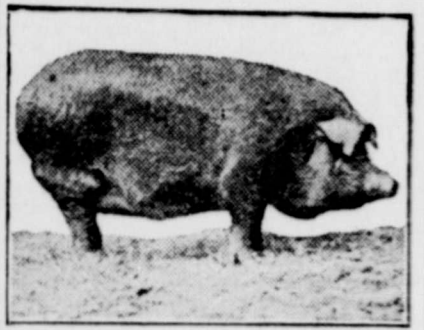
Others and hurts you. Relieve throat irritation and tickling, and get rid of coughs, colds and hoarseness by taking at once

LIVE STOCK

ANIMAL FATS ARE REQUIRED

Both the Feeder and the Nation Will Benefit if Pigs Are Fed to Heavier Weights.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
While the little pig makes a pound for pound gain on less feed than the older hog, there are advantages from both an individual and a national standpoint in feeding hogs to a heavier weight. Animal fats are needed. No way exists of increasing the supply more rapidly than by building up the number of swine in the country. And as every farmer knows, it's the heavy hog that carries the fat. The need for fat also was reflected in the



Good, Heavy Pig Such as Nation Wants—This Animal Weighed 430 Pounds at Age of Eleven Months.

market in December by a wider spread in prices paid for receipts, the fat hogs topping the market.
Market reports for early winter also showed that hogs were being sent to packing centers at a much heavier average weight than has been the custom for some time, thus indicating that farmers were finding it profitable as well as patriotic to put more fat on their hogs. The feeding for more weight has been done by the farmers in direct response to the many requests that hog production be increased. It was impossible to enlarge the number of hogs immediately; that will come with the spring litters, and again in the fall. It was possible, however, to add weight to the hogs on hand. An abundance of feed, although in some localities of poor quality, has greatly favored farmers, and those favorably situated should feed hogs until they weigh 250 to 300 pounds. Not only have they kept hogs on their farms until the animals carried weight, but the demand at packing centers for feeder or light-weight hogs to be shipped back to the country was unprecedented during the early winter.

Those who have to buy feed or find it necessary to economize on feed which they have purchased may find it more to their advantage to market hogs at lighter weight because of the relative slowness and higher cost of putting flesh and fat on heavy hogs. A weight of about 200 pounds may be attained at from ten to eleven months of age.

PROPER BROOD-SOW RATIOS

Feed Has Much to Do With Strength of Litter—Results Obtained at Iowa Station.

The brood sow's ration has much to do with the strength of the litter, according to results obtained at the Iowa experiment station.

In a lot of gilts fed a ration of ear corn plus one-tenth as much tankage by weight, 98 per cent of the pigs were classed as strong at birth. The percentage of strong pigs with corn alone was 68. The percentage with other rations follows:
Shelled corn, chopped clover and molasses, 86 per cent strong; ear corn plus clover in rack, 94 per cent strong; ear corn plus alfalfa in rack, 94 per cent strong.

BEEF DESIRED BY CONSUMER

Well-Matured Yearling Produces Quality More Economically Than Any Other Animal.
Well-finished heaves when fattened for market under two years of age offer greater choice in the matter of selecting the date of marketing. The average consumer prefers the size and quality of the cuts which are obtained from the carcass of a well-bred, highly finished yearling. In addition to high quality, thickness in steaks and other cuts of beef is desired by the consumer and these can be produced more economically in the well-matured yearling than in any other class of beef animal.

FEEDING ALFALFA TO HORSES

Crop Should Be Regarded as Concentrate Rather Than Roughage—Has Much Protein.
Feeding alfalfa hay to horses in limited quantities has been proved a desirable practice, but this crop should be looked upon as a concentrate rather than a roughage. One pound of alfalfa hay contains 35 per cent more available protein than does a pound of shelled corn.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

Has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart caused by gases in the stomach. August Flower is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion both in stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and alimentary canal, stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. Sold in all civilized countries. Give it a trial.—Adv.

Has His Hands Full.
"I thought I knew what it was to have responsibilities," said the head of a large concern.
"But you found yourself mistaken?"
"Yes. My wife went away, leaving a poodle, a Maltese cat and a bowl of goldfish in my care."

COVETED BY ALL.
but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Wasted Energy.
"What a pity Narcissus, who pined away because he couldn't eat or sleep for admiring his own beauty, didn't live in these times."
"Why, how would that have helped him?"
"You poor boob, he could have kept on admiring himself and got a lot out of it as a movie idol."

Lemons Whiten and Beautify the Skin! Make Cheap Lotion

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoother and beautifier.
Just try it! Make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the hidden roses and beauty of any skin. It is wonderful for rough, red hands.
Your druggist will sell three ounces of orchard white at little cost, and any grocer will supply the lemons. Adv.

Only One Road to Freedom.
Know ye not who would be free themselves must strike the blow? By their right arms the conquest must be wrought.—Byron.

Cuticura Kills Dandruff.
Anoint spots of dandruff with Cuticura Ointment. Follow at once by a hot shampoo with Cuticura Soap, if a man; next morning if a woman. For free samples address, "Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston." At druggists and by mail. Soap 25c, Ointment 25c and 50c.—Adv.

A spring gun has been invented for casting fishing lines farther than can be done by hand.

Middle Aged Women

Are Here Told the Best Remedy for Their Troubles.

Freemont, O.—"I was passing through the critical period of life, being forty-six years of age and had all the symptoms incident to that change—heat flashes, nervousness, and was in a general run down condition, so it was hard for me to do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me as the best remedy for my troubles, which it surely proved to be. I feel better and stronger in every way since taking it, and the annoying symptoms have disappeared."—Mrs. M. Gordon, 925 Napoleon St., Fremont, Ohio.

North Haven, Conn.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health after everything else had failed when passing through change of life. There is nothing like it to overcome the trying symptoms."—Mrs. Florence Izella, Box 197, North Haven, Conn.



In Such Cases
LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND
has the greatest record for the greatest good
LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.

He Did.
He finally managed to get the words from between his teeth.
"Will you marry me, Ethel?" he stammered.
She had just met somebody she liked better, and trying to let him down easy, she began: "I thought you knew better."
He choked back the lump of bitterness when he realized the position which she was attempting to assume: "Oh, sure I do, but they have all turned me down," he replied.

How's This?
We offer \$100.00 for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Sold by druggists for over forty years. Price 50c. Testimonials free.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Combination.
"What's the matter with that nut?"
"He's a natural-born screw."—Baltimore American.

SOAP IS STRONGLY ALKALINE
and constant use will burn out the scalp. Cleanse the scalp by shampooing with "La Creole" Hair Dressing, and darken in the natural way, those ugly, grizzly hairs. Price, \$1.00.—Adv.

Different.
"Is young Huggins still paying attention to your daughter?"
"No; they're married now."

To Drive Out Malaria and Build Up The System.
Take the Old Standard QUININE TASTELESS TONIC. You know what you are taking as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a Tasteless form. 50c.

No Trouble.
"Have any trouble with your daughter's beauty?" "No; I use this 'stop-go' signal in the parlor."

Many a man who has a reputation for talking too much doesn't talk enough at the right time.

Carter's Little Liver Pills
You Cannot be Constipated and Happy
A Remedy That Makes Life Worth Living
Genuine bears signature
Small Pill Small Price
Small Price

ABSENCE of Iron in the Blood is the reason for many colorless faces but CARTER'S IRON PILLS will greatly help most pale-faced people

Scenes of Prosperity Are Common in Western Canada

The thousands of U. S. farmers who have accepted Canada's generous offer to settle on homesteads or buy farm land in her provinces have been well repaid by bountiful crops of wheat and other grains.

Where you can buy good farm land at \$15 to \$30 per acre—get \$2 a bushel for wheat and raise 20 to 45 bushels to the acre you are bound to make money—that's what you can do in Western Canada.

In the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta you can get a **HOMESTEAD OF 160 ACRES FREE** and other land at very low prices.

During many years Canadian wheat fields have averaged 20 bushels to the acre—many yields as high as 45 bushels to the acre. Wonderful crops also of Oats, Barley, and Flax. Mixed Farming is as profitable an industry as grain raising. Good schools, churches, markets convenient, climate excellent. Write for literature and particulars as to reduced railway rates to Supt. of Immigration, Ottawa, Can., or to

G. A. COOK
2012 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.
Canadian Government Agent

Send for Swift & Company's 1918 Year Book

It shows that Swift & Company sells the meat from a steer for less money than the live steer cost!

Proceeds from the sale of the hide, fat, and other by-products covered all expense of dressing, refrigeration, freight, selling expense and the profit of \$1.29 per steer as shown by Swift & Company's 1917 figures as follows:

Average price paid for live cattle per steer	\$84.45
Average price received for meat	68.97
Average price received for by-products	24.09
Total received	93.06
This leaves for expenses and profit	8.61
Of which the profit per steer was	1.29

There are many other interesting and instructive facts and figures in the Year Book.

We want to send our 1918 Year Book to anyone, anywhere—free for the asking. Address Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

If you are looking, for the tastiest, dress shoe on the market, the Florshiem line will please you. Full line on display at our store next Monday. Locke Bros.

GENTLEMEN. If it's a plow and farm tractor that will do the work you want done, call J. W. Phillipott, at Miami and secure the Allis-Chalmers. This tractor can be seen at his farm at the O'Loughlin ranch, 14 miles S. W. of Miami.

FOR SALE. A 1917 Maxwell car, almost good as new and in fine running condition. Will sell or trade for livestock. E. M. McCracken.

We will pay the highest market prices for your butter and eggs. Locke Bros.

FOR SALE. A Deering 12 foot combination Header, good as new. Also two Barges. Bargains see J. W. Fultz, Mobeetie, Texas. Phone 9.

MODERN CEMETERY MEMORIALS. Several Hundreds designs from which to make selections. Prices ranging from \$9.75 up. Honest goods, Honest dealings and high-class service to all. J. T. Cantrell, Miami, Texas.



LOOK OVER YOUR GLASSES. There! That proves they DON'T FIT YOU. The kind we fit you with are made so you can see through them. So they correct your visual defect. So that they are of benefit to you. That's the reason for your own sake we ask you to let us fit you with glasses.

A. M. Jones Drug Co. THE CAREFUL DRUGGIST. MIAMI, TEXAS.

S. D. PARK. The big loan man of Mobeetie is making land loans now at 8 per cent instead of nine which has been the regular rate. SEE, PHONE OR WRITE HIM FOR LOANS.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Roberts.

Whereas by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Roberts County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 22nd day of February 1918 in favor of Thos. Cook and against T. J. Reeves, No. 538 on the docket of said court, I did on the 27th day of March 1918 at 4:15 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Roberts and State of Texas and belonging to the said T. J. Reeves to-wit: All of the South one-half of section No. 209, Block No. 42, Abstract No. 759, and containing 320 acres of land, and on the 7th day of May 1918 being the first Tuesday in said month between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on said day at the Court House door of said county, I will offer for sale the right, title and interest of the said T. J. Reeves in and to said property.

Dated at Miami, Texas, this the 10th day of April 1918. O. B. Hardin, Sheriff Roberts County, Texas.

REVIVAL MEETING AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. Beginning Sunday, May 5, the Church of Christ will hold a series of meetings at the local meeting house. Evangelist W. P. Skaggs, of North Texas, has been secured to do the preaching and O. M. Reynolds, local minister, and an experienced song leader, will lead the singing. Evangelist Skaggs is an experienced Gospel preacher of considerable power as a preacher and is a good, pure man. He believes in preaching nothing but the pure Gospel of Christ, in earnest, but gentleness and kindness.

The general public has an urgent and cordial invitation to attend every service possible. Remember the date and COME. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Everybody is invited to attend the services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and night. We will endeavor to give you something worth while and again extend you a hearty welcome. C. E. Pitts, Pastor

ARE YOU FOR AMERICA OR FOR GERMANY?

Which Will YOU Wear? The Kaiser would gladly confer the Iron Cross on the man who dodges buying a Bond of the THIRD LIBERTY LOAN. UNCLE SAM proudly gives this button to the man who buys a THIRD LIBERTY LOAN BOND.

You think this an unnecessary question, but stop and think! A traitor is a man who gives aid and comfort to the enemy. Do you know of any better way of giving aid and comfort to the enemy than to leave your money in the bank doing nothing, when it could be used by the Government to build ships, make ammunition, and so help win the war? The Kaiser would ask nothing more of an American friendly towards Germany. He could hardly ask him to openly fight the Government of this country, because he would go straight into an internment camp, but he would ask him to do all in his power to hold up contribution of money to the allied cause, because the Kaiser knows that at the very end it will be money and resources, and nothing but money and resources, that will beat him to his knees.

You may say "If I do not subscribe to the Loan that is no reason why other people should not, therefore the matter is entirely a personal one." It is not. Example is everything in such matters. If you subscribe freely your neighbors will subscribe freely. If you are a tightwad your neighbors will see no reason why they should be anything else but tightwads.

Do not feel offended at having this matter put up to you so plainly. There is many and many a good American who believes that he has done his full duty when he has not done it at all. This war is now three thousand miles away, and it is a little hard to realize all the grave necessities of the situation.

Read over a perfectly true incident which occurred only last week at the Union Station, Dallas. The writer of these lines vouches for the truth of the story, which follows:

"Last night I saw a soldier taking leave of his mother at a railroad station. The two drew away from the crowd, the woman threw her arms around the boy's neck, and looked up at him as she sobbed words which will remain forever sacred to the occasion.

For a moment I could not see very clearly, and as a consequence I bumped into a friend of mine, a man, by the way, who has made more money this year than ever before in his life. After a friendly greeting he said, 'Say, you fellows are hitting us up pretty hard on this Liberty Loan business. Do you realize that we are having to make some terrible sacrifices to meet our quota?'

"My friend has a business, owns farm land, and has a substantial bank balance; he has no boy in the army, and he has subscribed ten thousand dollars to the Liberty Loan. His sacrifice consisted of the loss of about one and three-quarters per cent on ten thousand dollars, for probably he would have secured six per cent instead of four and one-quarter per cent had he invested his money in some way other than the purchase of Liberty Bonds.

"What is the matter with my friend? Is he a pro-German or a traitor, or a poor American even? Not a bit of it! He just has not the right glasses for his mental vision. He doesn't see things quite right. That's all. He will, though—I am sure of it."



The Banner of the World's Salvation. Provided You Do Your Share

General Haig said to his men, just before the last great German offensive: "I call upon every man to conduct himself as though the result of the battle depended upon his personal efforts alone."

No deeper or more significant message was ever delivered to men entering a life and death struggle. This was the philosophy of the Soldier—it must be the philosophy of the Civilian. It is impossible to over-emphasize the very real and deep personal responsibility of every man and woman in the great National crisis. Every American faces a lifetime of satisfaction or regret for the part that he plays in this war. Experts in figures assure us that the average American is called upon to set aside about one-fifth of his income for the use of the Government, the money to be handed over to the Government in the form of taxation or the purchase of Liberty Bonds. It is not only one-fifth of your neighbor's income, but your's, that is called for. Have you done your share?

ALLIES DEMAND MORE CEREALS

American Meat Restrictions Relaxed to Effect Greater Wheat Savings.

ARGENTINE ARRIVALS SHORT.

Meat Supply Here Considerably Enlarged — Food Administration, However, Warns Against Waste.

The allies have made further and increased demands for breadstuffs, these enlarged demands being caused to some degree by shortage in arrivals from the Argentine. It is, therefore, necessary for the U. S. Food Administration to urge a still further reduction in the consumption of bread and breadstuffs generally if we are to meet our export necessities. The Food Administration has issued a statement explaining the situation in detail, particularly the reasons which lead it, for the purpose of centering effort for the time being upon the cereal situation to relax temporarily the restrictions on meat consumption.

Experience shows, this statement says, that the consumption of breadstuffs is intimately associated with the consumption of meat. For various reasons our supplies of meat for the next two or three months are considerably enlarged, and we can supply the allies with all of the meat products which transportation facilities render possible and at the same time somewhat increase our own consumption. In these circumstances the Food Administration considers it wise to relax the voluntary restrictions on meat consumption to some extent with a view to further decreasing bread consumption.

Conservation of food must be adjusted to meet necessities from time to time, for neither production, nor allied demands are constant factors, nor can any of these factors be anticipated for long periods in advance in the disturbed conditions in which we at present live. While the world situation is not one that warrants any relaxation in the efforts to eliminate waste or to relax economy in food, the Administration desires to secure better adjustment in food balances.

So long as the present conditions continue the only special restrictions we ask are the beefless and porkless Tuesday.

The meatless meal and the porkless Saturday are no longer asked.

The farmers of the United States are responding to the national call to increase hog production. Their increase, to all appearances, is being attained more rapidly. Of more immediate importance, however, are several complex factors which have effected an immediate increase in meat supplies.

The transportation shortage before the government took over the railroads, the bad weather in January and early in February, the large percentage of immature corn in the last harvest and the necessity of feeding this corn as rapidly as possible to save it from decay, have not only resulted in backing up the animals—particularly hogs—on the farms for a longer period of feeding, but have resulted in a great increase in their average weight and will result, with improved transportation conditions, which already appear, in larger than normal arrivals at market for the next two or three months. The weight of hogs coming to the market for the past two weeks indicates an increase in weight of from an average of 203 pounds last year to the almost unprecedented average of 232 pounds, or a net increase in their meat value of over 15 per cent. This is a distinct addition to the nation's meat supply. It therefore now seems certain that we have such enlarged supplies for at least some months to come, that we can not only increase our exports to the allies to the full extent of their transportation facilities, but at the same time can properly increase our domestic consumption.

The response of the public to our requests for reduced consumption of meat during the past few months has been most gratifying, and this service alone has enabled the government during this period to provide such supplies as transportation to the allies permitted. The Administration also suggests that in those parts of the country where the old fashioned home preservation of pork is still the custom, this practice should be extended at the present time, as it will relieve the burden upon transportation to and from the packing houses and is economically sound as saving the cost of packing operations and at the same time will provide home supplies of pork to last over the months of decreased supplies.

The Food Administration desires to repeat that it does not want to give the impression that these are times when simplicity and moderation of living are not critically necessary, but that its sole desire is to secure an adjustment between our different food supplies and meet changing conditions from time to time and to keep the public fully and frankly advised of its position with the full confidence and reliance that whenever it becomes necessary renewed appeals for saving will meet the same loyal response as in the past.

DIVISION PUBLICITY OFFICE 90TH DIVISION, U. S. N. A.

Camp Travis, Texas, April 13, 1918. "There has been no ground glass found in the food served to Camp Travis soldiers. No Mennonite preachers are under arrest at Camp Travis on charge of disloyalty." This is the statement of Major General Henry T. Allen, Commanding the Ninetieth Division at Camp Travis. General Allen emphatically denies the rumors to the effect that many soldiers and their families have become ill as a result of eating food in which ground glass has been added. Rumors have been current of the action of aliens in placing ground glass in food in all sections of the United States, but direct charges alleging detection of such work at Camp Travis had never been made until recently when an officer, formerly connected with the camp military police was given as authority.

Every instance reported to the Ninetieth Division Headquarters has been thoroughly investigated. Every report was carefully traced down, but absolutely no grounds were found to warrant belief that ground glass had been placed in foods, nor has there been any case of illness that could be attributed to such a cause.

Parents of the thousands of soldiers at Camp Travis have been misled in believing that the soldiers were being fed food that contained ground glass. As a result numerous letters and telegrams have been received asking confirmation of rumors. In order to put at ease the minds of all persons interested in men at Camp Travis, General Allen has issued a flat denial of any of the statements made either as to ground glass or the Mennonite preachers within the camp on the ground of disloyalty.

The officer responsible for the rumors is now in the hospital. He is suffering with a nervous break down. The fact that the cost of living in San Antonio is unusually high, coupled with the extremely crowded condition of the city with reference to the housing of visiting families, as compared to the other smaller cities of Texas and Oklahoma has led the Commanding General of the Ninetieth Division at Camp Travis to take steps to discourage families of men in his coming to San Antonio. Directly, the effort is being made to discourage families of enlisted men reliant upon the soldiers small pay and the government allowance in coming to San Antonio.

There is no certainty as to the delivery of allotment checks. As a result the families of many enlisted men have suffered from hunger and cold.

In many instances they have made calls upon local charities which have been unable to handle the large number of applicants. At the Red Cross Headquarters announcement has been made that chapters of the Red Cross in the localities from which men come are responsible for these people.

Social workers in San Antonio have found that the conditions arising from the influx of soldiers' families have a tendency to endanger moral and health conditions. Frequently families are grouped together in houses and rooms without sufficient ventilation and sanitary arrangements. Much sickness has been caused thereby. Attention has also been directed to the temptation thrown in the way of those left in the city without sufficient money to get away.

There is no determined period as to the number of weeks that soldiers in Camp Travis may remain in the city. For that reason it has often happened and is liable to happen that families and wives of soldiers are left stranded in the city when their husbands or fathers have been ordered to move on short notice.

There is no work for transients in San Antonio. Manufacturers of which there are only a few and other business concerns do not care to employ soldier assistance because of the unreliability of the length of service. Therefore, even when parties have desired work to stay they have been unable to get it.

It has been further noted that soldiers are able to render better service when they are aware their families are cared for and are located. The advantages and the desirability of soldiers' families remaining in their home towns rather than coming to San Antonio in the idea that they can live by securing employment or by using the government allotment are many. It may be months before the allotment checks will reach families at regular intervals.

Effort are being made to have families of enlisted men reliant on the government allowance and soldiers' pay to return to their homes where war time prices are not so high as in San Antonio, where health is possible, where health and moral conditions will not be endangered. A census is being made to determine the number of cases in Camp Travis.

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