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One of the great uses of the proceeds of the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds is the protecting of our soldiers in France—protecting them by arming and equipping them with every means of offense and defense and supplying them with proper food and medical attention and everything needed to make them powerful and effective.

This idea of protection of our soldiers has been further enlarged as Secretary McAdoo now proposes life and disability insurance for the men who go to the front, and adequate provision for the support and protection of their families. A conference was held in Washington lately with representative insurance men of the country and it seems that this insuring will have to be done by the government and will not be done by private insurance organizations. Here is another wise and just use of government funds that will meet with the approval of the nation. In a speech before the conference Secretary McAdoo in part said:

"It is a crime for a great nation to take a man and send him to fight for his country and refuse to make adequate provisions for him and those who are dependent upon him and leave them possible objects of the charity or generosity of their neighbors.

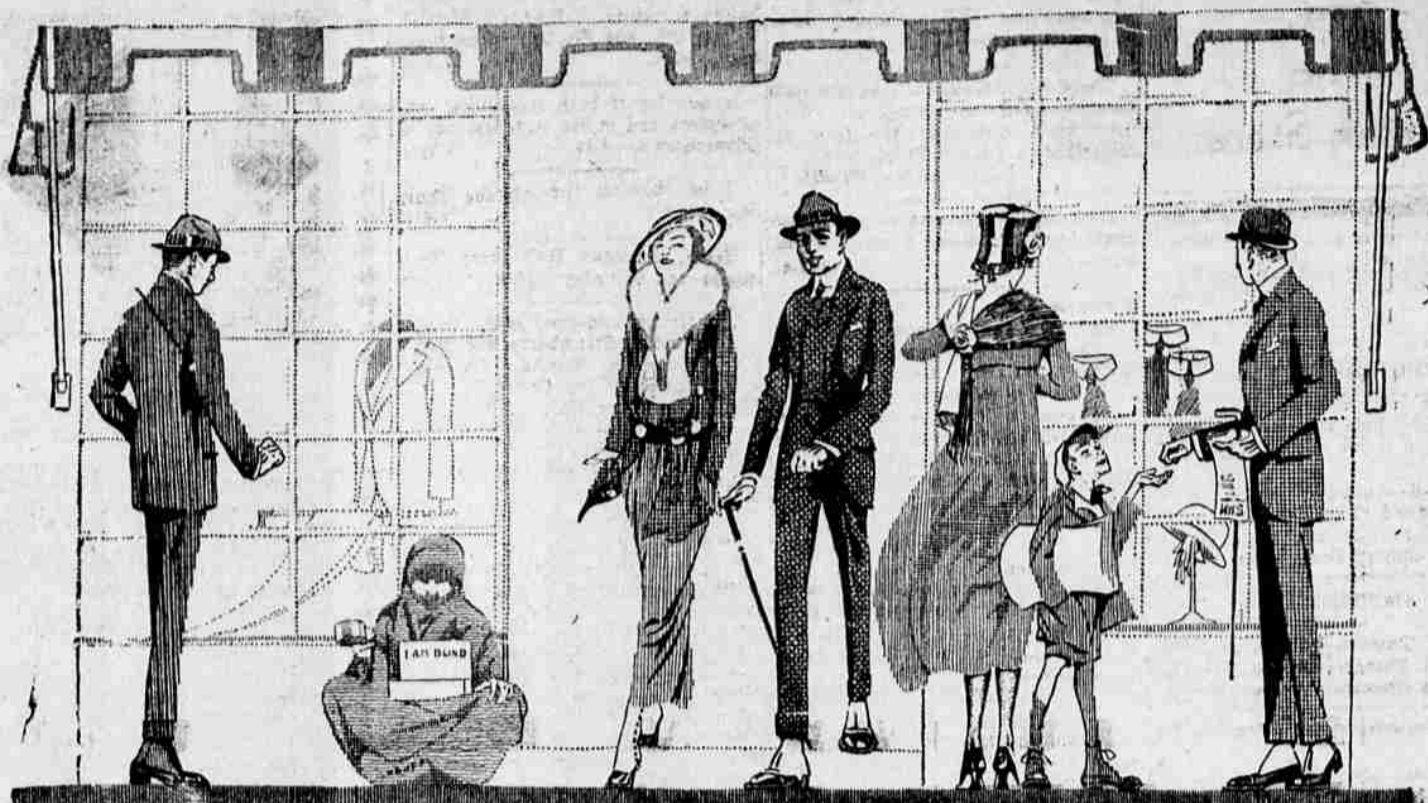
"We must see to it not only that every American soldier is equipped with the best that American money, ingenuity and skill can provide, in order that he may fight with the utmost effect and sell his life as dearly as possible for his country, but we must see to it also that every American soldier shall go to the front with the comforting and supreme satisfaction of knowing that his loved ones will not be dependent upon charity, but that they are as much entitled to compensation for what they are sacrificing in order that he may go to the front as he is entitled to compensation for what he does at the front."

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

The labor situation in Portland remains at normal, and there are no reasons outstanding for expecting disturbances in the near future. There is no feeling of unrest generally prevalent among the mechanics of that city.

The ship yards are going ahead and if labor strikes can be avoided, there is every reason to believe that Oregon is entering on an era of prosperity that will not only last for a period of years, but will affect every section of the state.

In the minds of many thinkers it is believed that the world will never again abandon wooden ships as commerce carriers. A fleet of five wooden ships can be built and



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operated for the cost of one large steel vessel. If the demand for wooden ships shall continue the Northwest must supply the greater portion of them and in their construction, a great army of men will be employed. Up state districts will supply the food and clothing and other necessities for these workmen and their families.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Stage-Play.

It is impossible to conclude, from the events of the last week or two, that any real progress is being made in Germany towards democratization. The resolution which has been brought forward by the reform party for passage in the Reichstag, and which is being opposed with apparent bitterness by the military party, might easily be the latter's own proposition if they were honest with themselves. There is in it the same pitiful pretence that Germany was forced into the war and the same pompous assertion of Germany's invulnerability which has been the bombastic claim of the military party from the very first. The resolution insists upon peace "without indemnities and without annexations." This will, before long, or at least in the end, be the prayer of the German government when

it really asks for peace. But it will be a prayer that Germany be not compelled to pay indemnities and that none of her territory, stolen from France, shall be annexed.—The *Bache Review*, New York.

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WHY--

The Business Man and
 The Banker should encourage and
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Diversified Farming

(By Kenneth Gilbert. These articles are reprinted from the "Business Chronicle" of Seattle, Wash., by permission of the publisher. They appeared in serial form in that publication, Feb. 24 to April 21, 1917. A copy may be had by addressing the Union Pacific System.)

Better Farming, Better Crops, Less Waste, Larger Profits, Better Homes, a Higher Quality of Citizenship and Patriotism.

The war has stimulated greater interest in the propaganda of bigger crops, yet something like the present movement toward greater production would have occurred had war not been declared. From an economic point of view, *Business Chronicle*, some six months ago foresaw, in general outline, the present situation. This series of articles was born of that prescience. If they have been helpful in any way in implanting a seed of economic forethought that will grow and bear valuable fruit in this momentous hour, this newspaper will deem itself well repaid for its work.

These articles have dealt broadly, and more or less theoretically, with the question of what business men, and especially bankers, may do toward bettering economic conditions in farming communities. Within a few weeks another series—dealing with what individual bankers and business men of the Pacific Northwest have done along this line—will begin. This series, giving the names and business connections of these men, will show what may be accomplished in a practical way when business men, trained observers of the world's progress, undertake to wisely counsel that hard-working, but frequently opportunity-blind individual, the farmer.



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