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WELCOME TO OUR BOYS.

After all, our own boys look the best. We are glad that it is possible for us to see our own boys again tonight for a short space of time before they leave for New York and France. We will be glad to see them, we are sorry that their stay could not be longer, and we are proud of them as they go to our country's service.

HOW ENGLAND SAVED.

In strong contrast to their neighbors, the French across the English Channel, the masses of the English people a few years ago were proverbially a spendthrift rather than a saving race. But the great war has wrought a change.

In the year 1916 although purchasing billions of dollars of war bonds the small savings banks depositors in England increased their deposits over \$60,000,000.

It was patriotism that started this great change in the people of the nation. The English people started saving their money because they saw that it meant saving England. But thrift and economy begot thrift and economy. They economized and saved for their own sake as well as for England's sake. More than 1,000,000 English workers were purchasers, out of their savings, in the second great war loan of Great Britain, and 8,000,000 subscribed to their last war loan.

Neither in ability nor in patriotism are the American people second to the English or the French or the German or any other nation. The liberty loan is at once an appeal and a pride. It appeals to their patriotism and their civic pride; it is an opportunity to save and an opportunity to serve their country.

No American need fear that the results of the American people's support of the liberty loan will fail to maintain America's traditional patriotism and power. The more than 4,000,000 subscribers and the more than a billion over-subscription to the first issue of the liberty loan bonds are eloquent testimony of the American people's loyalty to their Government and their willingness and ability to give it full financial support.

INSURING OUR FIGHTING MEN.

The plan of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for life and indemnity insurance for the soldiers and sailors of the United States, after discussions by representative insurance men and report on by advisory committees, has been put in definite form and submitted to President Wilson.

Supporting the Government

This is a time for every citizen to support the United States Government and many are doing so at considerable cost or sacrifice to themselves.

We have joined the Federal Reserve Banking System established by the Government to give greater financial stability and strength to the member banks and protection to their depositors.

You can give your support to this great Government enterprise and also obtain its protection for your money by becoming one of our depositors.

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Observations

The man who seeks fame merely for the money that is in it deserves neither.

One of the mysteries of life is the mystery men make of it.

If you bring up your boy in the way he should go it won't be your fault if he takes some other path after he grows up.

Any woman will tell you that she'd rather have her husband's company and attention than his money.

A pretty girl's idea of perfect happiness is enough short skirts and silk stockings to wear.

THE FORUM

Congratulates The Observer. Congratulations on the latest issue of the Observer. I like it fine, especially the News of La Grande Column.

LLOYD PERKINS.

Personal And Society

Lillian Sims went to Rieth this morning to visit with Mrs. C. R. Broderson.

Jess Klemback, of Palmer Junction, is in town today.

Mrs. Geo. Auld returned to Portland last night after spending the summer here with her daughter, Mrs. E. Daly.

Mrs. Lydia Mulkey returned Tuesday evening from a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Sharp, of Eldorado, Kansas.

The President's comment was as follows:

"I have examined the enclosed papers very carefully and take pleasure in returning them with my entire approval."

A bill has been introduced in Congress along the lines suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury and approved by the President.

In essentials it is proposed that the Government furnish at cost to the soldiers and sailors of the United States life and indemnity insurance.

The main features of the Secretary's plan are that the Government shall bear all the cost of the administration of the insurance plan and that no expense of any kind shall be a charge on the funds created by the payment of premiums by the soldiers and sailors. Relieved of over-head charges, \$8 a year for every \$1000 insurance will be an adequate charge, under the plan, and this figure will put the maximum insurance of \$10,000 within the reach of practically every private soldier or sailor. Insurance in private companies would cost many times this sum for men actually engaged in warfare.

After the war the insurance may be converted into other forms. The insurance is to be payable in installments, is non-assignable and free from the claims of creditors of the insured or of the beneficiary, and is limited to the wife, children, and other specified kindred.

If total disability results or disease is contracted in the course of service, the compensation is to be based on percentage of pay, with a minimum, however, of from \$40 to \$75 a month according to the size of the family. Partial disabilities are to be computed on a basis of percentages of total disability.

Medical, surgical and hospital treatments, supplies and appliances are to be given. Rehabilitation and re-education of the injured soldiers or sailors, fitting them for lives of activity and usefulness is part of the plan.

The plan also contemplates free allowances to the families of soldiers and sailors the Government supplementing the sum set aside by the soldiers and sailors out of their wages.

The insurance is not to be a gift of the Government but is to be paid for out of the pay of the insured men. The Government, however, is to take upon itself the cost of collecting and administering the funds and also the extra hazard caused by the war, the rate of \$8 per \$1000 being a normal rate in peace time and an entirely inadequate rate for war risk.

The workmen's compensation laws and the experiences of insurance companies in this country and the laws and experiences of other countries have been studied and used in the preparation of this bill.

Secretary McAdoo emphasizes the justice and rightfulness of such a function of the Government by citing the fact that in this war we are not relying upon the volunteer system but are drafting American men and compelling them to undergo danger and, if necessary, make the supreme sacrifice for their country. A higher obligation, he says, therefore rests upon the Government not only towards the fighting men but towards those dependent on them and a just, generous and humane government should see to it that so far as is practicable they should be given

Shoes for School

Don't Economize by Buying Cheap Shoes

Did you ever buy a 75c ax? How long did it last? You can buy shoes the same way—cheap shoes, but how long do they last? Ask yourself the question when you are looking at shoes this Fall. Now is the time when cheap-made shoes can easily get by—because you are paying a little more for good shoes while the cheaper ones take the prices you used to pay for the good ones.

We have shoes in stock now that we have kept over from Spring and Fall and are selling them at their old prices—you will find these shoes cheap in price but perfect in quality. Come in and let us show them to you.



Black dull button	\$1.75
Black kid button	\$1.75
Gun metal button	\$2.00
Patent button, white kid top	\$2.75
Patent button, cloth top	\$3.25
Dull button, broad toe	\$3.25
Elk skin rompers, Scuffer style	\$2.50
Tan button romper—Scuffer style	\$2.50
Black button romper—Scuffer style	\$2 and \$2.50
Dull button romper—Scuffer style	\$2 and \$2.50
Patent button, canary tops	\$2.50 and \$3
Gray kid, button, cloth tops	\$3.25
Dull button, plain toe	\$2.25
Patent white top, sport bal.	\$4.50
Patent button, dull top	\$2.35
Patent button, cloth top	\$2.65
Black English lace, dull	\$4.00
Black English lace, white rubber sole	\$6.00

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this protection, not as a matter of mercy or charity but as a matter of right. And that they should enter into the service of their country with the certain knowledge that if death or misfortune comes to them they and their dependents are protected by insurance afforded them by their government as part of the compensation for the service they are rendering their country.

In conclusion Secretary McAdoo points out that while this plan may call for considerable expenditures at present, yet the eventual cost to the Government of this plan will be very much less than that which would result from the adherence to the present pension program of the country, and, further, that the pension system will not provide the same benefits nor cover the subject in the same comprehensive, humane and equitable way.

There is no use to which the funds derived from the sale of liberty loan bonds can be put which will be more cordially approved by the people of the country than to provide this just and deserved protection to the men who are braving all the dangers of this war on land and sea in the service of their country.

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