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MALICIOUS RUMORS.

Either thoughtlessly or maliciously someone today started a rumor that the Hospital Unit had sailed and had been sunk. With 80 boys from 80 La Grande homes in the company, what greater crime could be committed than the starting of such an unfounded, false rumor which affects so many?

Had the party who started the story stopped to consider, had used their head for a single instant he could not help but realize that such a rumor, no matter how false or how unfounded, would bring grief and worry to scores of homes even after proof of the untruth of the statement had been obtained. Had this individual even looked ahead enough to see the anguish of the mothers of the boys in the corps, who anxiously await news from their sons and to whom news of this sort would bring the most heartrending sorrow, he would possibly have kept his idle gossip to himself.

We muzzle dogs to keep them from biting, can we not devise some method of treatment for those who start such fiendish lies as this one? The parties concerned may not be pro-German but they sure are pro-devil and need watching as much as any of our enemies.

THE LOAN MUST SUCCEED.

We must make this loan a success. We can make it a success. The failure of a single issue of Government bonds would be worse for America than a disaster upon the field of battle. We must never let that happen.

A few days ago I read the following manifesto issued in Berlin by the League of German Municipalities:

"If money talks, the President of the United States may learn by October 18, when the subscription lists close, that the echo of the new war fund given by the German people will have drowned out completely the clamor of unending protests to which his reply to the Pope has given stimulus."

Let us meet the challenge by a subscription to our second Liberty Loan on the 27th day of October, nine days after the close of the German loan, which will make clear to the German military despotism that America marshals not alone her brave soldiers upon the field, her invincible Navy upon the high seas, her industries throughout the length and breadth of this land, but as well her financial resources, and that she is determined to use them all without stint and regardless of sacrifice to vindicate American

rights, outraged too frequently by German infamies.—From Secretary McAdoo's speech before the American Bankers' Association September 28, 1917.

STANDING BEHIND OUR SOLDIERS.

You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest interest and with the deepest solicitude not only by those who are near and dear to you but by the whole Nation besides, for this great war draws us all together. * * * —From President Wilson's address to the soldiers of the National Army.

If the heart of the whole country is with our soldiers of the National Army, and it is believed that it is, the money of the Nation will be back of them. The Liberty Loan is to be used to arm, equip, and maintain our soldiers, to prepare them for the conflict in France, and make them as effective and powerful as possible, and safeguard them in every way possible. In addition, it will be used to give them life and indemnity insurance and provide for their dependents. The uses of the Liberty Loan appeal to every patriotic American, for it is used for our soldiers and sailors and the principles which they uphold, which the heart of the whole country is with.

The foundation of our great country is liberty; its superstructure, peace.—William McKinley.

FOOD PLEDGE WEEK, OCT. 21-28.

Women in millions of American homes will read the message of the "Home Card" and will follow its suggestions. If enough millions do this, the problem of feeding the allies and ourselves is solved, and the war won. This is the belief of the United States Food Administration, who hope, during "Food Pledge Week," October 21 to 28, to organize the American Women into a volunteer food conservation army. The duties of these women, as stated by the Home Card, are merely to eat and serve less wheat, beef, pork, dairy products and sugar, and more of the other foods of which we have an abundance, and which cannot so readily be shipped to our allies.

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

AN OLD APPEAL.

One of the bravest and most gallant struggles for national liberty in all the history of the world was the war for the independence of the Netherlands against Phillip II of Spain. William of Orange—William the Silent—led his people through years of war to ultimate victory, though he did not live to see that great result. In unselfish devotion to his people and his country, in courage and ability, he stands in the annals of his country as Washington stands in ours. Of him it was said by Motley, the historian, "when he died the little children cried in the streets."

The great and powerful United States arrayed against Germany is in no such condition as was the Netherlands confederacy arrayed against the power of Spain, yet the Prince of Orange's appeal to the Dutch people to give financial support to the cause of liberty possesses a timely interest when the United States Government is asking the American people to give their financial support to their Government in this war for liberty in the world.

The Prince of Orange in his address to the inhabitants of the Netherlands used these words:

"Let not a sum of gold be so dear to you, that for its sake you will sacrifice your lives, your wives, your children, and all your descendants, to the latest generations; that you will bring sin and shame upon yourselves, and destruction upon us who have so heartily striven to assist you. Think what scorn you will incur from foreign nations, what a crime you will commit against the Lord God, what a bloody yoke he will impose forever upon yourselves and your children, if you now seek for subterfuges; if you now prevent us from taking the field with the troops which we have enlisted. On the other hand, what inexpressible benefits you will confer on your country, if you now help us to rescue that fatherland from the power of our enemies."

SILAGE FOR DAIRY COWS.

Silage is the dairy cow feed that many practical dairymen are depending on to take the place of other succulents in next Winter's rations when grains become too expensive to be used as feeding stuffs. Good hay, silage, and such by-products as bran and dried beet pulp, will be used to maintain the milk yields.

With the outlook for high prices for dairy products, and a scarcity of feeds and labor, the place of the silo will be more important than ever before. As a labor saver in feeding, a conservator of all forage crops grown on the farm, an insurance against crop failures, short pastures and damaged hay, the silo is unequalled. Silage is grown and stored with less cost than other succulent feeds, does not freeze as does kale, and if any part is not fed it may be kept over till the next year without loss.

Corn is one of the principal silage crops in Oregon. Rich in carbohydrates, it conduces to a balanced ration with home grown feeds. Clover, vetch, alfalfa and oats, being rich in protein, must be supplemented with carbohydrates to yield a balanced ration.

GOOD WORK OF THE BOY SCOUTS.

Reference has heretofore been made to the splendid work done by the Boy Scouts of America in promoting the sale of the first issue of Liberty Loan Bonds. Though possibly many other subscriptions were indirectly induced by

their efforts, it has been carefully figured out that subscriptions aggregating some \$23,000,000 were taken in by the Boy Scouts, representing 152,000 individual subscribers.

Seven thousand six hundred and eighty-six Boy Scouts of America earned the war-service emblem by selling 10 or more Liberty Loan Bonds and will receive in time the badges of honor.

The Boy Scout holding the highest record for bonds sold is Fred Shelton, of Troop 1, Hayfield, Ky., who sold 324 Liberty Loan Bonds, aggregating \$24,750. He is a farmer boy, and obtained subscriptions for the bonds in the neighborhood of his home.

The patriotism and efficiency of the Boy Scouts will be utilized to the greatest extent possible in the Second Liberty Loan campaign. It is an inspiring thing to see the boys of America actuated by a great national feeling rendering great national service. They are the citizens of tomorrow, and their tomorrow must see the world safe for democracy. In aiding the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds they are performing their part to that great end.

President Wilson has just issued a letter commending the work of the Boy Scouts in the last Liberty Loan campaign, and wishing them greater success in the coming one.

The President will present, it is announced, a United States flag to the Boy Scout troop selling the largest amount of Liberty Loan Bonds of the second issue.

THIS IS THE FOOD PLEDGE CARD—SIGN IT DURING FOOD CAMPAIGN WEEK, OCT. 21 TO 28.

Pledge Card for United States Food Administration. If you have already signed pass this on to a friend. To the Food Administrator, Washington, D. C.:

I am glad to join you in the service of food conservation for our Nation and I hereby accept membership in the United States Food Administration, pledging myself to carry out the directions and advice of the Food Administrator in my home, insofar as my circumstances permit.

Name
Street
City State

There are no fees or dues to be paid. The Food Administration wishes to have as members all of those actually handling food in the home.

Anyone may have the home card of instruction, but only those signing pledges are entitled to membership window card, which will be delivered upon receipt of the signed pledge.

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By WALT MASON

Homesick.



WALT MASON

There is no sickness more severe than that a fellow knows when far away from comrades dear, from good old friends and foes. A man may have the croup or mumps, the jaundice or the gout, and never know the doleful dumps, if he's a nifty scout. But courage will not brace him up, when, far removed from home, he yearns for book and chair and pup, and for his fine-tooth comb. I used to scrap with David Dose, my neighbor, every day, and thought that I'd enjoy repose when I had gone away. I built me then a little crib, among the mountains bare, and took my tucker and my bib, and spent the Summer there. And how I longed no person knows, while I lived in that shack, to throw some bricks at Mr. Dose, and see him throw them back. Man longs for old familiar things when he abroad may roam; no new surrounding ever brings the joy he feels at home. Some neighbors envy me my cot beside a snow-capped hill, where there are never flies to swat, and heat waves do not kill. But when I'm there I huddle up before the glowing fire, and long to see my cat and pup, and book shelves and my lyre.

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The Woman Who Pays



by check instead of in currency escapes a lot of worry about money matters. She has an accurate record of where her money goes and a receipt for every penny she has paid out. Besides it's so much safer to have the cash in the bank than in the home. Our special department for women will be glad to give information.

La Grande National Bank