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Calls It the "Thanksgiving Loan."

Carter Glass, secretary of the treasury, says that the forthcoming Victory loan might well be termed the "Thanksgiving Loan," because if ever a people had cause for thanksgiving, we are the people.

It is a happy thought. And while it would hardly profit to change its official designation, the loan may well be undertaken in a genuine spirit of national thanksgiving.

The war is over, far sooner than any reasonable American could have expected. The cost in men and money is far smaller than could have been expected. Congress is now, as the secretary says, "writing off the books the fifteen billions of dollars' expenditure which had been authorized, and which would have had to be spent with billions more, if the war had gone on another year. In the new loan the government will only ask for about one-third of that saved fifteen billions.

We have more capital available now, whether for public or private purposes, than ever before. In every way we are in far better shape than any of our allies, and of course in immeasurably better shape than the enemies whose criminal aims we have foiled.

The war has ended in complete victory, and the victory is now being consummated at Paris in a constitution of peace and a league of nations that may be expected to prevent any recurrence of the tragedy.

It ought to be easy to raise the next loan. It will be, if our people are not hopelessly ungrateful for their blessings and blind to their opportunities.

No Prohibition for Tobacco.

A professor in Syracuse university is said to have organized a Tobacco League of America, not, as the name might suggest, to make everybody smoke, but to obtain a national prohibition to stop everybody from smoking. The president of the W. C. T. U. in Cleveland is quoted as saying that her organization is planning to conduct an active anti-narcotic campaign in the county this year.

Such acts and utterances naturally tend to arouse indignation in the hearts of smokers. Possibly too much is being made of them. Some temperance workers charge that this wave of anti-tobacco publicity is a deliberate attempt on the part of the liquor men to discredit prohibition.

Dr. Clarence T. Wilson, general secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church, takes this view. He condemns "the desperate effort of the outlawed liquor traffic to make credulous people believe that vicious prohibitionists will now demand a constitutional amendment against tobacco, not to mention dancing and failure to attend Wednesday evening prayer meeting."

While insisting that the tobacco habit is a bad one, particularly for young people, and that its evil effects should be brought home to the youth of the nation, he disclaims all desire to prohibit it, because tobacco is not so bad in its effects as alcohol, and "the tobacco business has not corrupted politics, bought journalism, tried to remake the country in the image of Germany or allied itself with prostitution and gambling as the beer business did."

It is well that this assurance is

given. A time may come, and may even be ardently desired, when tobacco will go the way of booze. But mankind is not yet evolved to the requisite stage of enlightenment and self-reliance.

What a Strong Man Can Do.

The conditions in Seattle are rapidly settling down to something like order principally because there is a virile, red-blooded man in the mayor's chair in that city. Ole Hanson is that man. His stand is not to be construed as a direct slap at organized labor or anything of that nature, but it is a courageous defiance of the element which is anxious for a row, regardless of the matter of involving the rights and privileges of those who have nothing to do with the wage question, but who were threatened with inconveniences and hardships while they are in no way connected with the cause of either labor or capital in the abstract sense or in its direct relationship with the mechanical trades. The mayor declared most emphatically that the ordinary municipal functions and necessary business for the safety of the people of Seattle must be permitted to proceed, and from all accounts this dictum has carried the day.

In one other way Mayor Hanson showed the right kind of stuff. He was promised full federal aid if necessary, and this he has declined and declared such a course to be unnecessary, because he has the confidence that he can do it himself and, therefore, outside aid has not been called upon.

The principle of union labor is not at stake in the Seattle trouble, for the strike is not wholly approved throughout the country—particularly the "sympathetic" part of it. Many of the strongest and best managed branches of organized labor are directly opposed to the precipitation of this turmoil in Seattle. The principal agitators are among those who would abolish wages altogether and maintain as a principle that there is but one side to the question and that is against the man or set of men who have a dollar. To them a strike and trouble is what they feed on. By them such an affair as was started in Seattle is heralded as the beginning of the happy period when all property rights will be destroyed and all government will be abrogated.

Such doctrine does not make much headway in the face of such determined men as Mayor Hanson of Seattle.

"Luxury Tax Faces Big Fight." Of course we can get along without luxuries; but when it comes to luxuries, it's the sacred right of every free-souled American to stand up and howl.

When an aviation "ace" comes back home, the men call him a king, and all the queens fall for him. Doesn't it beat the deuce!

The government is planning to use poison gas to exterminate the flu. Well, if it worked with Germans it ought to work with germs.

Why get all wrought up about telegraphing to Mars? Isn't the service on this earth had enough without taking on any more trouble?

This reconstruction business would move along better if congress would begin by reconstructing itself.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

"Not guilty" is an innocent remark.

Today's worry is the result of yesterday's neglect.

A beautiful girl is one who is pretty and doesn't know it.

Yet the way of some transgressors is altogether too smooth.

About nine-tenths of what people say doesn't amount to anything.

Every old lady likes to tell how beautiful she was when she was a girl.

If a married man admits he is a fool it is his wife's duty to agree with him.

An egotist is a man who expects a woman to marry him for himself alone.

After the cow jumped over the fence she probably wandered down the windy way.

Many a man firmly believes that marriage is synonymous with Sherman's definition of war.

If there is anything a man should know more than another it is a speaking portrait of his wife's mother.

When a young man tells a girl that he loves her for herself alone it's equivalent to an injunction against the rest of the family.

Have the label, which stands for working conditions, put on your job printing. The Observer is one of the two shops in town observing union principles. Phone Main 37.

MONTHLY WAR STAMP QUOTAS FIXED FOR TWELFTH DISTRICT

The Treasury Department has assigned to the Twelfth Federal Reserve District the following monthly quotas to be raised in War Savings Stamps during 1919:

Table with 2 columns: Month and Quota. January: \$4,200,000; February: 4,800,000; March: 5,400,000; April: 6,000,000; May: 6,600,000; June: 7,200,000; July: 7,800,000; August: 8,400,000; September: 9,000,000; October: 9,600,000; November: 10,200,000; December: 10,800,000. Total: \$96,000,000.

The total to be raised throughout the country is \$1,600,000,000.

FUEL BY WEIGHT

Foresters Say Heating Value Does Not Depend on Bulk.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—Wood for fuel should be sold by weight instead of by cord measure, for the heating value depends not upon the bulk of the wood but upon its weight, say foresters of the United States department of agriculture in Bulletin 753, recently published. A pound of dry wood of one species has about as much heating value as a pound of any other species, but two cords may vary 100 per cent in their value for heating.

It is the custom to sell hard woods and soft woods at slightly different prices because of differences in heating values. This is only a superficial classification, however, as two species of hard woods may have heating values widely different. Where hard woods and soft woods are mixed together without regard to the proportion of each, the values may be so different that one man may, for the same money, buy twice as much heating value as another. The shape and size of the sticks may also cause great variation in the actual amount of wood substance, and therefore of fuel, if weight were the measure, the species, shape, and size of sticks would make little difference, provided the wood were thoroughly seasoned. It would be necessary, however, to fix certain standards as to time of seasoning of wood, the specialists say.

The bulletin points out that there is special opportunity for greater use of wood for fuel in New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and the Lake states, where there is a rural population of about 20,000,000 which is estimated to use annually 18,000,000 tons of coal. A considerable proportion of these fuel users will find wood available close enough to their own neighborhood to make long freight hauls unnecessary. But to turn to wood they will not only conserve the fuel supply and relieve transportation, but are likely to contribute to the prosperity of their own community. For one thing, the opportunity to sell wood fuel would tend to encourage the improvement of farm woodlands by proper thinning.

An increased market for wood fuel should open up good opportunities for operators of thrasher and silo-cutting outfits or others who have gasoline or kerosene engines to do custom sawing during the winter, according to the bulletin.

The bulletin contains many suggestions as to how to develop and handle the woodlot, to best advantage. How to produce wood, how to sell it, and how to use it are all covered in a practical way.

Now is the time of year when hand and face lotions and creams are much needed. The violet cream that Silverthorn's sell is very nice and will please you. They also prepare and sell many creams and rubbing creams that are fine. Their compholstrum for burns, sore lips and sore throat is a fine preparation. 2-10-19

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

MEXICAN ALLIANCE FORMED.

Not a Political Party, but Will Work for Ending of Disputes.

Enrique C. Lorente, confidential agent at Washington of the provisional Mexican government in 1914-15, announced yesterday the formation of a new organization of Mexican citizens in this country and Mexico whose object is to unite the liberal political factions in that country in the hope of establishing a government which will be recognized. The new organization has taken the name Alianza Liberal Mexicana (Mexican Liberal Alliance). The movement was begun last November by prominent Mexicans in this country and the alliance now has ten chapters in the United States.

"We are extremely desirous," said Mr. Lorente, "of impressing on the minds of the people of the United States that we have not organized a political party and that we will not tolerate any effort to form such a party, either to support or to oppose the present regime in Mexico. Our hope is that we may exert sufficient influence to bring about a coalition of the political divisions in Mexico, and put an end to factional disputes of any sort that may result to the injury of the Mexican people."

"The Mexican Liberal Alliance has submitted to the American Federation of Labor a memorial urging that every influence be brought to bear to nullify the efforts of a certain financial group to promote a sentiment in favor of American armed intervention in Mexico."

"In view of the vast program of reconstruction now being undertaken by the American nation, the alliance feels that it has every right to hope for certainly the moral support of the people of the United States in all attempts to reconstruct the national life of the Mexican people. This work of reconstruction is having its beginning through a campaign of education. The work of the chapters already formed within Mexico is being largely aided by the chapters in the United States."

Invitations have been sent to the leaders of the other political groups in Mexico by the alliance, asking them to reconcile the divisions in their parties. Mr. Lorente said he, as executive officer of the New York chapter, had received many enthusiastic replies.

We have now fine imported blue serges. They will not turn purple. They are good for three years' wear. Cost very little more than the ready-made suits and will outwear two. The Toggery. 2-10-19

For Skin Tortures

Don't worry about eczema or other skin troubles. You can have a clear, healthy skin by using Zemo, obtained at any drug store for 35c, or extra large bottle at \$1.00. Zemo generally removes pimples, blackheads, blotches, eczema and ringworm and makes the skin clear and healthy. Zemo is a clean, penetrating, antiseptic liquid, neither sticky nor greasy and stains nothing. It is easily applied and costs a mere trifle for each application. It is always dependable. The E. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

The Man Who Frowns

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THE BOOKWORM
The arrival in this country of Madame Freshkovsky, the "Little Grandmother of the Russian Revolution," suggests the reading of her life written by Alice Stans Bizenwell. The book is popular in the public library, and anyone who wishes it will have to ask to have it reserved ahead. In spite of the description of hardships and sufferings undergone by Catherine Freshkovsky, the book is neither depressing nor pessimistic, but on the contrary, full of lively and hopeful interest.

Heretofore, there has been no medical library available to citizens of this part of the state. Arrangements have recently been made whereby books from the University of Oregon medical school may be lent to public libraries through the state library. Nurses or others actually in need of professional literature may use the books in a constant use in the library. This is of course very technical literature, child care and prenatal care, which are of interest to the general public, and which are to be found in small libraries.

Oregon is to conduct no further organized campaign in collecting books for soldiers, but there is still a demand for popular fiction and new books and magazines for hospitals, troop trains, etc. Bring books to the public library and they will be shipped to Portland and distributed. New magazines should be taken to the Red Cross for canteen service.

"In-thru-enza" is reported to be a popular disease just now. The signing of the armistice was the signal for great numbers of people to stop sending their magazines through the post office (Burleson magazines). The men need them just as much as ever; and more than ever, the magazines should be fresh and up-to-date. Send not only the cheap ones you would not keep anyway, but the high class expensive magazines. Don't assume that "Snappy Stories" is the limit of the army intelligence. On the contrary, there are more above-average men in the army than out of it.

Grant county, with no county library or other collecting agency, sent nearly twice as many books for soldiers to Portland than La Grande did. They paid postage on them too.

Parents and teachers are invited to examine the library copy of "Eliabeth," by Margaret Muller, before it is destroyed. It has been discovered to be a particularly objectionable piece of German propaganda; written with the deliberate intent to ridicule American institutions as compared with German. The majority of so-called pro-German books which have been temporarily retained contain nothing which is very convincing to a real American adult, but this is the real pro-German material.

SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S
Rev. Van Waters will conduct services at St. Peter's Episcopal church on Tuesday evening, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock.

Getting Rid of Colds.
The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use, however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed until fully recovered. It is better to stay in bed three days at the start than three weeks later on—adv.

The Corset Makes or Mars the Beauty of Your Gown



Some women pay high prices for their gowns, yet never look stylishly dressed. Others pay modest prices and their dresses or suits have a smartness and fashionable appearance that is admired wherever they go.

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IT PAYS YOU IN SATISFACTION. When a merchant asks you to come to his store he obligates himself to sell you quality goods "as advertised." You have a right to expect satisfaction from what you buy and you get it.

IT PAYS YOU IN TIME SAVED. When you know exactly what you want to buy and where you want to buy it, you don't have to "look around" and waste time finding it.

Don't YOU want to save money and time? Wouldn't you like to be sure of getting satisfactory service and quality goods every time you go to a store? Then read the advertisements and patronize the stores which can serve you best.