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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Call That Should Be Easily Met.

Just now the Red Cross workers are busy on a campaign to secure clothing for those who are in dire need in the war devastated countries. This is one of the calls for help that should be easily met. It is different from the most of the demands made to relieve those whom distress has overtaken on account of the war. This is not like making a pledge to raise money or any other kind of supplies because it is for something that is already on hand. There is no investment that calls for outlay because the ladies at the head of this drive only ask for what is already in stock and which can be spared.

Another thing is that none of the contributions can by any possibility be misplaced or go astray from the object for which they are intended. There can never be any scandal over misappropriation of cast-off clothing.

But the essential fact is that the condition of the people in the devastated districts is truly horrible. There are thousands who are shoeless and hatless and most pitiful of all, little children that are merely swaddled in rags and scarcely that.

The only "investment" or trouble is that of a few minutes' work in selecting out the stored away articles of apparel that would a lot better be gathered up and put in a place where the collecting trucks can get them than to take up the storage room they now occupy and remain of no use or benefit whatever to any one. All such things should be on the way to clothe the people who have no other means of covering themselves.

This is in reality the easiest drive of all, if only those who can contribute will go to the trouble of gathering the supplies together. Mrs. C. C. Bull or Mrs. D. M. Pague will do the rest.

An Emblem That Is Misused.

The federal law framed to prevent the display of the red flag in public places seems to have gone to the discard, along with much other desirable legislation, in the closing days of the session. However, the favorable report on it made by the senate judiciary committee served a useful purpose, and even without a formal prohibition there will not be much more flaunting of the Socialist banner in this country.

The incident serves as a reminder of the degradation of a symbol whose original purport was not only unobjectionable but admirable. The Socialists who first adopted the red flag as their emblem chose it precisely as Americans chose the red in our national banner, merely emphasizing its significance. They regared that color as emblematic of human brotherhood. It ...ified the blood whose color is the same in the hearts of all mankind. It meant universal love and sympathy.

By a monstrous perversion, that red flag has come to suggest, to most people, not the sameness of blood, but the shedding of blood. And while there are unquestionably many humane Socialists who still hold to the old view, the bulk of present-day Socialists have drifted so far from their original ideas that they think of the red flag very much as the general public does.

To only too many of them it really stands for bloodshed, in pursuance of a war of violence against society, rather than for the peace reorganization and regeneration of society through warm, loving sympathy.

As a Substitute for the Saloon.

In view of the continued discussion of quarters to be established to take the place of the saloon, the following quotation from an editorial in a New Rochelle, N. Y., paper, has real suggestive value:

"In all districts there should be rooms well lighted and warm, liberally supplied with daily papers and current magazines (minimizing the 'high-brows'). There should be checkers, chess, cards, puzzles, good coffee and cocoa served at cost, also rolls and crackers and soda in summer. Let those who come smoke all they will and talk within reason. No man should be barred unless quarrelsome or unnecessarily dirty.

"There must be an absolute avoidance of any appearance of patronizing and no sectarian influences must be allowed to get a foothold. The average man is of a very independent nature, and any attempt to force reform down his throat is futile. He especially has a distaste for insidious religious propaganda."

There is much sound sense in the above lines, and real comprehension of the problem. It will be very difficult for many people interested and truly desirous of being helpful to remember that what must be offered, if the saloon-going man is to be attracted, is a substitute for the saloon, not an uplift movement with smoking room attractions.

The uplifting will come of itself to a very great extent, as men begin to learn how much the same life is without alcohol—that really all one misses is the morning headache.

TO ENDOW MOTHERHOOD

English Proposal Would Provide Regular Incomes for Families.

LONDON, March 24.—"Financial endowment of motherhood" has been definitely proposed by the family endowment committee to the national birth-rate commission. This calls for the provision by the state of a regular weekly income to families with children under 15 years of age. Every mother would receive the equivalent of $3.12 weekly until her youngest child reaches the age of 15 years.

In addition $1.25 a week would be paid for the support of the first child and $3.12 for subsequent children, until such children attain "school leaving age."

The total cost of the scheme is estimated at $240,000,000 yearly.

Mary Pickford in "Johanna Enlists." A treat for the children. Star theatre. Saturday and Sunday. 3-25-4t

CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for furnishing 75 cords of 3 foot 8 inch yellow pine and red fir wood, one-half of each, to be free from limbs and knots, cut from green timber, and to be delivered and corded in the basement of the court house at La Grande, Oregon, not later than October 1st, 1919. All bids must be filed with the county clerk on or before March 31st, 1919, and must be accompanied by a certified check of at least 5 per cent of the amount bid. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. K. McCORMICK,
County Clerk.

3-24-6t

BRITISH WOOL TRADE

Government is Gradually Relinquishing Restrictions to Pre-war Basis.

LONDON, March 25.—The wool trade of Great Britain, which has been controlled by the government since the middle of 1916, is gradually being freed from restrictions and soon will be practically on a pre-war basis. The only remaining restriction will be that the government, which has bought the forthcoming Australasian clip, will act as merchants and put this on the market at auctions at fixed minimum prices, which, however, will be somewhat elastic as the sales proceed.

The first auctions will be held in the first week of April and about 80,000 bales are expected to be catalogued during that month. Belgian, French and Italian buyers will be allowed to compete with the British trade for supplies but there will be no American competition.

The chairman of the Wool Council, in making the latter announcement the other day, said that "the contract for 325,000 bales, free on board, Australia and New Zealand, entered into just before the armistice, appeared to cover very fully the requirements of the United States for some time to come, and no provision had therefore been made in the British import program for any sales of wool to America through London. If any alteration in their arrangements were desired it would be necessary to consider such proposals very carefully, with a view to provide for reasonable American requirements, but of course, to do this would need some months notice."

Regarding prices he said it was impossible to continue the favored position wherein British manufacturers have not been placed on [illegible] the war of obtaining their wool supplies very much below the American level of prices. "The policy of the United States," he continued, "quite naturally appeared to be to reduce the selling prices of heavy stocks of government wool to more or less the British level, whatever that may be from time to time."

The value of Australasian wool is now about 60 pounds against a prewar value of 20 pounds while a bale of South African wool is worth 50 pounds.

GENERAL WOOD STOOD TEST

The Leonard Wood Republican club of Colorado has been incorporated.

Without partizanship, but having an admiration for the persons named, we can say, may the organization prosper and grow in numbers. It represents something worth while. There is no flamboyancy about it. The name does not stand for a passing hero.

Leonard Wood—we are dealing with the citizen just now—has kept the silence, which is equal to the faith. He must be an unusual charater. A great Roman said centuries ago and it is still true, that adversity is the test of strong men. In the last two years Leonard Wood has stood that test without flinching. The reader understands what we mean. Today Leonard Wood is a bigger man than any one of those who sought to belittle him in his profession.

If Leonard Wood had been a person of medium caliber he would have permitted a political agitation against this treatment and set the nation by the ears immediately following our entry into war. But he would not permit anything of the kind. What was given him to do he did with all his might. At Camp Funston he made a splendid record. He rendered service to his state in an inconspicuous manner. He turned out men that made history in France. If he failed to get to France to take that part in the struggle for which native ability and training entitled him, "there's not to reason why; their's not to make reply." It was for him to serve in a less conspicous place.

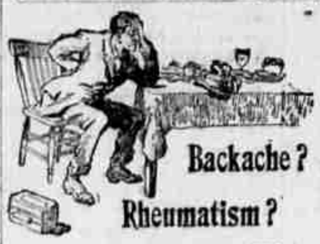
For chief executive of the nation Leonard Wood has a number of qualifications. He is a first-class executive.—Rocky Mountain News.

BURLESON ORDER ENJOINED IN SOUTH DAKOTA COURT

PIERRE, S. D., March 25.—The state supreme court Monday granted an injunction on the application filed by the state railway commission against the carrying out of Postmaster General Burleson's order putting into effect new telephone rates, insofar as they affect intrastate business.

Just arrived—shipment of Bosch magnetos. Special Ford magnetos. Hamilton Garage, corner Fir and Jefferson. 3-5-tf

Machine hemstitching done by Mrs. L. H. Norton, 807 Penn. avenue. First block west of library. Black 3161. 3-14-tf



Backache?

Rheumatism?

Those of us who are past middle age are prone to eat too much meat and in consequence deposit lime-salts in the arteries, veins and joints. We often suffer from twinges of rheumatism or lumbago, sometimes from gout, swollen hands or feet. There is no longer the slightest need of this, however, as the new prescription, "Anuric," is bound to give immediate results as it is many times more potent than lithia, in ridding the impoverished blood of its poisons by way of the kidneys. It can be obtained at almost any drug store, by simply asking for "Anuric" for kidneys or backache. It will overcome such conditions as rheumatism, dropsical swellings, cold extremities, scalding and burning urine and sleeplessness due to constant arising from bed at night.

Send to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for a 10c. trial package.

HANFORD, CAL.—"I recommend Doctor Pierce's Anuric very highly. I have suffered for the last three years with catarrh of the bladder, having tried every remedy I heard of but without relief. I saw Anuric advertised in the paper, and like a drowning man grabbing at a straw I thought I would try it also, which I did with great success, as it relieved me almost immediately, before I had taken all of the trial package, and having great confidence in the remedy I immediately sent to the drug store and bought a full-size package. I can say to all suffering from any disease of the kidneys or uric acid troubles, try this remedy and suffer no longer. I have great faith in Dr. Pierce's remedies."—E. P. HENSLEY.

BETTER THAN CALOMEL

Thousands Have Discovered Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a Harmless Substitute.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the substitute for calomel—are a mild but sure laxative, and their effect on the liver is almost instantaneous. They are the result of Dr. Edwards' determination not to treat liver and bowel complaints with calomel. His efforts to banish it brought out these little olive-colored tablets.

These pleasant little tablets do the good that calomel does, but have no bad after effects. They don't injure the teeth like strong liquids or calomel. They take hold of the trouble and quickly correct it. Why cure the liver at the expense of the teeth? Calomel sometimes plays havoc with the gums. So do strong liquids. It is best not to take calomel, but to let Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets take its place.

Most headaches, "dullness" and that lazy feeling come from constipation and a disordered liver. Take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets when you feel "logy" and "heavy." Note how they "clear" clouded brain and how they "perk up" the spirits. 10c and 25c a box. All druggists.

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Get your car in good condition, for spring is here. Let us serve you and prove our efficiency.

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YOUR EYES--What Would You Do Without Them?

Remember, Doctors refer their patients to us, and come themselves for properly fitted Glasses, to stop the headaches and waste of nerve-energy.

Our office is equipped with the Latest and most scientific instruments for proper examination of the eyes.

If glasses are not needed, we will tell you so. We grind our own lenses—plant on the premises.

J. H. Peare & Son

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March 24 to 30
The Red Cross
want your old clothes. You don't need to "Hooverize" now by wearing your old clothes—give them to the Red Cross at the Red Cross shop.
THIS WEEK.

The New Spring STETSONS

If you buy a Stetson, it always justifies its price. Every ounce of material and every detail of manufacturing which contributes to its production is the best obtainable. Economical days demand that only the best be purchased. A Stetson represents the best in headwear.

We have the new spring Stetsons in now. The best shapes and colors obtainable for the season.

Come in and try on some of these hats—See if we have the color you want. We're glad to show them to you any time.

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NEEDED TO SAVE LIVES
10,000 Tons

The Third Collection of Used and Surplus Cothing for the distressed and suffering people of Europe will be made by the American Red Cross during the week of—

March 24th---29th, 1919

Our Northwest Quota is 600 Tons

Give and Collect

Garments of all kinds—for all ages and both sexes, Piece Goods, Ticking, Sheeting, Blankets and Woolens, Light Canton Flannels to make garments for new born babes, and shoes of every size, BUT—

Please don't offer these afflicted people a miscellaneous lot of flimsy material—This clothing will be subjected to the hardest kind of wear and must be strong and durable.

The clothing problem is the most serious yet faced and an ammediate supply is absolutely vital to the health and very life of the men, women and children who have been freed from the German yoke.

DO NO MENDING

There are thousands of women in Europe who will be glad of the opportunity to earn a small but self-respecting wage by mending or making over garments more suited to their own countries, so

Clean Out Your Closets--Put the Old Clothes to Work

Send or take your contribution to nearest collecting station: Joel's Grocery, Palmer Mill Boarding House, Baker Sanitary Grocery, Lee's Grocery, Old Town Grocery, Harris Grocery, Honan Hall.