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**The Pledge.** I pledge my allegiance to My Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## THE CASE OF DUPREE.

It makes no difference whether Mr. C. F. Dupree in March or April ordered the forty sacks of flour that were withheld from delivery here last Thursday, or whether he ordered them when he wrote to the Juntura Mercantile company Saturday or Monday a week ago. If Mr. Dupree is a good patriotic citizen he will see that by observing the wheatless days and by mixing substitutes with his wheat flour that forty sacks is more than any man who is only feeding fifteen persons should have.

As a matter of fact by observing the spirit of the food orders that forty sacks of flour would last fifteen people more than a year. No man, who wants America to win this war, and who, if he is intelligent and not a selfish cad, wants a year's supply of wheat flour on hand when by doing so he may be denying some soldier boy of food.

## GET THE THRIFT STAMPS.

When a community does well in one line of endeavor it is apt to focus all its attention to that one thing, and overlook other meritorious activities. Just at present Ontario is inclined to do that with the Red Cross and forget the little Thrift Stamp.

All of the war work is important. All of the various efforts must go forward. It is a fact that nothing matters much unless we win the war, so all of the efforts must be carried forward with a will.

In a few weeks there will be another Liberty Loan campaign. Ontario will be called on to do its share in that, and it should, and no doubt will meet the quota. It should do so because there are enough people here with the money who can buy the Liberty Loan Bonds. There is no need of denying that. It is also true that there are many for whom the purchase of a Liberty Bond means a real deprivation.

If those who have plenty, and more than plenty of this world's goods, will do their share in buying Liberty Bonds it will leave the Thrift Stamp market to those who are less fortunate. It can not be impressed too strongly on the minds of those who have wealth that their pile would not be worth much to them if Germany wins this war. It is also true that the allies cannot win, Uncle Sam cannot win, unless some of the citizens

who have "held-on," loosen up and show some faith in their government.

Of course, if those who have the wealth of the nation continue their practice there is nothing to prevent the confiscation of wealth. Public opinion would justify that in many communities now. It is something over which the wealthy and the near wealthy should think. If they have not been letting their money do its bit, a new fact is certainly advisable.

## SENATORIAL CRITICS.

Back in Washington the principal activity seems to be that of the critic. Hardly a day passes without the most violent outburst of scathing denunciation of the lack of adequate plans and lack of co-ordination between the various departments conducting the war.

As in the beginning, so the critics continue to aim their artillery at Secretary of War Newton G. Baker. For the time-being at least Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is gaining a respite while his colleague is the target.

In all this it must first be noted that the most violent and the most caustic indictments of the administration officials have been drawn by democrats, Senators Chamberlain and Hitchcock. Similar charges have also been made by other democrats, both in public and private life. Of course, there are those who declare that this makes the criticism more damning.

That is not, necessarily, the case for the credence which may be given a critic of the administration is not to be measured by his political affiliation. A minority party member may be inspired by as high motives in his criticism as the most exalted administration official in his conduct of office.

The whole situation, therefore, must be viewed entirely aside from its political bearing. The controversy has apparently resolved itself into a question of whether or not Secretary Baker is right temperamentally to be Secretary of War. Everyone who has spoken appears to recognize in him a man of ability, but not the kind of ability required for the position he holds.

There has been a marked absence of a free consultation between the administration and the Republican leaders, in spite of the fact that the Republicans have uniformly sustained the President in a majority of the war measures. While urging the elimination of agitation and politics at this time, the administration itself has seldom seen fit to recognize the fact that others than party followers exist. This fact was called to the attention of the public by ex-Secretary of War Lindley L. Garrison, who left the cabinet because he was not in accord with the administration's pre-war policy.

The public generally wants to believe that Secretary of War Baker is correct in his statements concerning the adequacy of the preparations that have been made. The public wants the administration to vindicate itself, therefore, in spite of the criticisms of Baker and Hitchcock, the public will wait for further evidence before utterly condemning Secretary Baker. In the meantime the public hopes that the critics will succeed in keeping the department on its toes to prevent further criticism.

This space is devoted to the expression of the opinions of the youths of Ontario and was edited by the pupils of the Seventh Grade

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## GARDENS.

If you have a vacant lot that is not in use, plow it this summer and raise vegetables that will make a reduction in the grocery bill. You can sell some, too. If your father and mother have a garden get them to give you a part of it. Take good care of it, and you will find you are well repaid for your labor. It may seem petty hard to get out in the hot sun and hoe or weed. If so, get up early in the morning and do your work before the sun gets hot. Besides helping the grocery bill it is helping to can the Kaiser also.

LEONARD FOX.

## UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

Universal military training is one of the most uplifting things a nation could have. This does not mean that we would be a war-seeking, belligerent nation like Germany. If we had it now many of our young men, instead of drilling would be in France fighting for our colors. We would have a healthy, strong nation, ready at an instant's call.

RUTH HOMAN.

The children of Miss Platt's room are working very earnestly in earning the money and in learning to knit, so that they can join the Junior Red Cross when it is organized. Edgar Fortier is the first boy to finish a wash rag and wristlet.

MARGARET DRANE.

## SOURDOUGHS RING THE BELL ON ANOTHER NOVEL PLAN

Some of our "farthest North" chapters have again rung the bell when it comes to thinking up novel ways for assisting the Red Cross.

The latest scheme, which originated in Fairbanks, Alaska, is the "Visiting Basket," and there is no reason why this should not work out splendidly in every community where funds are being raised for Red Cross work.

## CHINESE SCHOOL.

The Seventh grade tried out the Chinese system of training. One-half the pupils, acting as teachers, teach the other half. From the report of the teachers, it shows that it was quite successful. Altho it made quite a racket the pupils knew their lessons in the end, better than if they had been taught in the customary way.

FRANK VAN PETTEN.

Last Friday, on the first day of February, the Seventh grade had a debate on which did the more for his country, Jefferson or Hamilton. The leader of the affirmative side was Alice Berlin and the others were Leonard Fox and Dorothy Oram. The leader on the negative side was Karl Luehrs, and others were Elizabeth Whitmore and Robert Linzy. The judges, Mrs. Blumm, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Shaw, decided for the affirmative side.

DOROTHY ORAM.

The Fifth grade is getting along very nicely with their knitting. Miss Biggs' room is trying to organize a Junior Red Cross and Miss Boydell's room has nearly all their money collected.

RUTH HOMAN.

Tiny flags decorated the desks of each boy or girl in Miss Boydell's room who's deportment and application to work are worthy of the flag.

## EDUCATION.

As every one knows it is the best plan to be educated. Many young women and men who have the chance never take it, and those that haven't the chance would be thankful for it.

I hope the Seventh grade in Ontario will try and stay together, and also influence others to join in with us thru the coming five years.

AUDRA PHIPPS.

In the First grade there is a little Spanish girl that when she came to school could not speak English. Now she can read English and does Third grade arithmetic.

The First grade is going to help their country. They have all joined the Junior Red Cross and are going to make gun wipes and pin balls.

MARGARET BLACKABY.

The Third grade have all joined the Red Cross, ready for any little tasks their country asks of them. They also have learned several little "folk dances," and are now preparing to celebrate George Washington's birthday.

MARGARET BLACKABY.

There are about 20 different varieties of lizards in this country that we still call horned toads. There is one kind that when you hold it in your hand its eye will come out of its socket and it will shoot blood at you.

RICHARD ADAM.

Here is the plan: A large market basket is donated and filled with other donations, consisting of homemade articles, fruits, jellies, jams, caps, aprons, etc., as well as books, and in fact, any small readable article. In each case the price the article should bring is marked on it by the one making the donation.

The basket is then started out on its visiting tour among the neighbors and upon its arrival at your home you may purchase any article that meets

with your approval, writing your name and the name of the article purchased in the book and placing your money in a bank provided for the purpose.

At the same time you may add another article from your home with the price, etc., marked upon it and send the basket on to your next neighbor, notifying him by phone that it is on its way and to receive it with a royal welcome.

## DOWN AND OUT

This was the plea advanced by the defendant. The judge, however, told him that while he might be "down" it would be six months before he would be "out."

TOO MANY people are willing to admit that they are 'down' and 'out'. Occasionally some customer advises that he is "down and out." We wish they would go 'out' before they go 'down.' A little more effort, a little more economy, and they would be over the top, and once over the top they would stay there. The best way to stay over the top is to pay cash as you go, then you know just where you stand.

OUR SLOGAN IS "UP AND COMING," and we'll show you (if given an opportunity) that we live up to our convictions.

## WILSON BROTHERS

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