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**UNCLE SAM AND THE BANKS**

In these parlous times the government is unable to "eat its cake and have it too." Not only so, but it must eat its cake before the cake is supplied by the people, using the banks as a temporary commissariat.

The government is asking the banks of the nation for \$750,000,000 every two weeks—an amount approximating two and one-half percent of their gross resources. Up to the first of November, 1918, the amount loaned to Uncle Sam by the banks will have reached the enormous total of six billions of dollars. The certificates of indebtedness bearing 4 1/2 percent interest which are issued to secure the banks, will then be redeemed from the proceeds of the next great Liberty Loan, which it is expected will be floated the latter part of October. It will be observed that the proceeds of this loan will virtually have been mortgaged to the banks by Uncle Sam, thus indicating his constant need of vast sums in the financing of the great war in behalf of himself and his allies.

The banks are patriotic. They are straining every nerve to meet the government's demand—for a demand it is. They did not fail last February, when a similar plan was adopted, and they will not fail now. They are impressed by the government's appeal as set forth in the letter dated June 12 received by The Farmers Bank of Weston from Secretary McAdoo:

Already more than 700,000 of our splendid American boys are on the soil of France, and many of them are actually fighting among the heroic defenders of the Western front. Fresh contingents of American troops are constantly going forward to France, and this stream will not stop until there is enough of American manhood and valor on the battle line to defeat the Kaiser and his minions and enforce peace upon the righteous basis which will make secure the liberties of mankind. America's sons are dying daily in those battles of fire and poison gases that are now raging in France. The heart of every American must thrill with pride and emotion as he thinks of the sacrifices our sons are making for our safety and our liberty. The bankers of the United States can render a peculiarly helpful service to our gallant sons by keeping the Treasury of the United States supplied with the money required by the Government to furnish every American hero with the things he must have to fight victoriously or to die gloriously. I am sure that no patriotic banker in the United States will fail to do his full meed of essential service to his country and to her noble defenders.

The banks, in fact, are learning the lesson of self-sacrifice and devotion. They are learning of things greater than profits and nobler than dividends. Not only do they freely loan their funds to the government at rates of interest much less than received from ordinary channels, but they do a vast amount of free clerical work and do it cheerfully. To a degree greater than any other class of business institutions they are essential to a triumphant conclusion of the war, and the public should aid them by refraining from any requests for loans except such as are indispensable. In this connection an editorial article which we clip from the Saturday Evening Post is pertinent:

Whatever else may be debatable in this matter of economizing to meet the war, one point stands out clearly enough: There should be no borrowing; no use of credit except for productive or really necessary purposes.  
This applies to the individual. He has no business to borrow or go into debt except to increase his productivity or for some unavoidable need. If his house has burned down

he might be excused for borrowing to rebuild it. He is not excusable for going into debt to build an addition, or to buy needless luxuries, or for any such purpose.

It applies especially to states, towns, and other political divisions. Streets and roads must be kept in reasonable repair and necessary upkeep should be attended to. But all public improvements that cannot justify themselves as contributing directly to the health and industrial efficiency of the community should be deferred. The new court house, the new park, the new highway can wait until this other tremendous job of winning the war is disposed of.

The rule is incumbent upon all public bodies, not only because their undertakings are on a large scale, and so set up a more formidable competition with the national government for materials, labor and credit, but because their example must have great influence on individuals. The man who wishes to build a new garage this year will probably lay aside his plans when the city lays aside plans for mere adornments and conveniences.

Small towns and rural districts must remember this duty as well as big cities. An unnecessary public improvement, undertaken now, advertises obtuseness to national need.

There's a good deal of Bulgun in Portland, that bellicose evangelist having made his presence felt again in the sinful metropolis. "If I were the devil what in hell would I do?" was one of his recent texts. This is a helluva question, Brother Bulgun. We fancy, however, you would be looking for the hen in Gehenna, if it happened to be of the yellow-legged variety.

Somme wallop, Somme wallop, ye Anzacs brave!

With the sound of mighty cannon in its ears, figuratively speaking, Ben Sheldon can hardly interest Weston with his normal school pogpugn.

Some of us are in a position to assure Uncle Sam that total prohibition will be a pretty good thing for him.

Sometimes we haven't agreed with Colonel Roosevelt, but we are bound to admire him as the father of his sons.

The Pan Germans are credited with a victory in the change of foreign ministers—which is the only kind they can win.

Having killed the Hun ambassador, the Russ has demonstrated an encouraging tendency to turn his homicidal instincts in the right direction.

Some businesses made excess profits as high as 2108 percent in 1917, but we hasten to add that they did not include country editing.

If Hindenburg is in the bug house, the only sympathy called for is toward his fellow bugs.

The g. o. p. in Oregon will not lack for a Tongue to proclaim its greatness.

**700 Canadian Troops Saved.**  
Boston.—The rescue by an American patrol boat of 700 troops from the Canadian troopship City of Vienna, wrecked off the Atlantic coast, was reported here.

**Germany to Aid Austria.**  
Paris.—Germany will send three army corps to the aid of Austria, according to a Rome dispatch.

**THE MARKETS**

**Portland.**  
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$40 a ton.  
Barley—Standard feed, \$52 per ton.  
Corn—Whole, \$73; cracked, \$74.  
Hay—Timothy, \$32@33 per ton; alfalfa, \$24.50.  
Butter—Creamery, 45c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 37c per dozen.  
Potatoes—Burbanks, \$1.50 per hundred; new, 3 1/2c per pound.  
Poultry—Hens, 25@27c; broilers, 20@22c; ducks, young, 25@30c.

**Seattle.**  
Butter—Creamery, 45c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 45c per dozen.  
Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 35c; light, 33c; broilers, 40c; roasters, dressed, 28c; ducks, live 30c, dressed 34c; geese, live 27c, dressed 35c.

**FEASTING AND ENJOYMENT AT CAMP McDUGALL**

Perhaps the grandest of good times ever witnessed in the Blues was had the Fourth of July at Aunt Sarah McDougall's camp. It was not in the nature of a celebration, but a jolly, sociable and neighborly gathering in honor of Mrs. McDougall, pioneer of pioneers, who came to Weston as early as 1863—when there was no Weston, by the way. Herbert E. Hoover might not altogether have approved of the wonderful spread served under the trees, but he could not have resisted the temptation to partake. Chicken was the "piece de resistance," but there were numerous other viands, delectable and nourishing. Ice cream was served for dessert. There were seven tables, improvised for the occasion, at which the number of diners was as indicated: Mrs. McDougall, 11; S. A. Barnes, 24; Joe Hodgson, 15; P. C. McCausland and A. O'Harra, 14; L. I. O'Harra, 6. The following were present:

J. M. O'Harra and wife, Albert O'Harra and wife, Newton O'Harra and wife, Miss Wavel O'Harra; Levi, Elwin and Ray O'Harra.

R. W. Brown, Joe Read and wife, Miss Dorothy Proebstel, Miss Fay Warren, Cyril Proebstel, Gilbert Jones.

J. M. Price and wife, Frank Price and wife, Mina and Eldred Price.

Mrs. L. Maloney of Walla Walla, Ross Maloney and wife and Barbara Maloney.

Mrs. F. C. Small and two children of Walla Walla, P. C. McCausland and wife and two children, Miss Eliza Morrison.

E. C. Rogers and wife and four children, J. W. Porter and wife and two children.

Joe Hodgson and wife, Lee Kirk, Miss Myrtle Hodgson, Robert, Lester and Lloyd Hodgson.

Sam Darr and mother of Adams, Harry McBride and wife and two children, Miss Ruby Hall.

Mrs. J. W. Hyatt, Will Hall and wife and three children, Roy May and wife and child, Charles May and wife and two children.

Mrs. Ray LeRoux and five children of Walla Walla.

Mrs. Hattie Wilsey, Lester Wilsey, Mrs. Phoebe Smith and child of Beckleton, Wash.

C. W. Avery, wife and child.

L. I. O'Harra and wife, Richard Gerberding.

S. A. Barnes and wife; Anice, Doris and Mamie Barnes; Mrs. Sarah McDougall, Mrs. Rebecca Culley; L. W. Barnes of Chelan, Wash.; William Killgore of Athena.

George Nesbitt and wife and two children.

John Hyatt, wife and child.

Dr. Parker and wife of Pendleton.

Dr. Farnsworth and wife of Pendleton.

Miss Ellen Shick of Athena.

**He Saw a French Ace**

Worth Watts, Weston boy who is in Michigan with his parents, saw a French aviator in action at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, and grew enthusiastic over the spectacle. The flyer was Lieutenant George Flechaire, an ace who has destroyed eleven German planes, and Worth thus describes the bird man's activities in a letter to his uncle, E. C. Rogers:

"He was some flyer—he did his stunts so close to the ground. He flew upside down some of the time—or I could see the wheels in air sometimes. Once or twice he started down toward earth and made his machine spin around on end. Then he would act as though he were going to land, but about the time he got close to the field he would speed up the motor and fly off. Once he went right over our car toward the river, just a little way up. He finally landed and was surrounded by the people. We got a good view of his machine, but did not get to touch it. He wore a mechanic's suit and a leather helmet. He had some attendants who helped start the motor. When they started the engine they held the plane and he speeded up the engine and cautioned some of the people's hats to take flight. It was great."

An exhorter who preaches fire and brimstone overlooks the picture that might be drawn of a place of punishment where a man has to put in eternity fighting a frozen heating plant.

There should be some way of holding to account those who spread false and misleading gossip about our soldiers in France. Such gossip is hotly resented in the homes of the nation.

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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church of the Brethren**—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. C. W. S. at 6:30 p. m. Bible Study, Life of Christ, at 7:30 p. m. John Bonewitz, elder.

**Methodist Church**—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. S. E. Powell, pastor.

**United Brethren Church**—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. C. E. meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. E. F. Wriggle, pastor.

**Baptist Church**—The Church with a cordial welcome for all. Sunday school at ten o'clock, preaching at eleven. Also preaching at eight o'clock in the evening. W. R. Storms, pastor.

**It's Up to Us.**

"Germany's war of starvation is a challenge most of all to America," says a Food Administration Bulletin. "Against Germany's lust for dominion, America's purpose is to establish the society of nations. Against destruction, America's aim is healing. Against misery, America's ideal is service."

"We cannot surpass the steadfastness of Britain, the courage of Italy, the exaltation of France."

"We cannot excel the Allies in heroism, in endurance, in fortitude. Our force in battle, though it may be decisive, will not be as great as theirs."

"We can hope to contribute most to the common cause from our larger resources. To relieve desperate privation, America can supply food."

"Giving up wheat is a little thing compared to their death struggle—in which our soldiers are splendidly sharing."

"A little thing—yet we can do it with greatness of spirit. Supporting our army and adding whole-hearted service to humanity, it is in America's power to defeat forever the passion of conquest."

"Now is the hour of testing. Wheat is the test."

**Give the Children Milk.**

Milk is one of the most important food sources the human race possesses. For the proper nourishment of the child, it is absolutely indispensable and its use should be kept up in the diet as long as possible. Not only does it contain all the essential food elements in the most available form for ready digestion, but the recent scientific discoveries show it to be especially rich in certain peculiar properties that alone render growth possible.

It is not enough to take off your hat to the flag—take off your coat and roll up your sleeves, and having made those preparations, do something useful for America and her cause.

Twenty-two finished hulls were contributed to the government's "bridge of ships" in the Portland-Columbia river district on the Fourth of July. Of these 20 were for the government direct and two were for private owners. Their aggregate tonnage was 90,000 tons. While every one of the 22 vessels were completely ready for launching, and two more could have been turned loose on the ways, making a total of 24 by stretching a point, freshest conditions at and near Portland made the launching of the majority of them impracticable. Actually about 25,000 tons were floated, seven government hulls being released from the ways, the record for the district going to Astoria, were four vessels left their berths.

A measure passed by the last legislature which gives the state tax commission the authority to initiate a bill to increase the tax levy will undoubtedly obviate the necessity of the governor calling a special session of the legislature to arrange for more funds to meet war emergencies. While Governor Withycombe was considering the question of calling a special session of the legislature, Attorney General Brown directed his attention to this law. Governor Withycombe said he believed this authority conferred upon the tax commission will make a special session of the legislature unnecessary, and he said he would call a meeting of the tax commission next week for a preliminary discussion of the situation.

**Really "Playing the Game."**

When a soldier plays the game, he does things which it requires a braver man than himself to accomplish; he never knows when he's done; he acknowledges no limit to his cheerfulness and strength; whatever his rank, he holds his life less valuable than that of the humblest; he laughs at danger not because he does not dread it, but because he has learned that there are ailments more terrible and less curable than death.

**BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR**

American troops stationed in a sector of the Vosges region carried out a raid in which prisoners were taken.

On the British portion of the western front 123 German airplanes were downed and 73 driven out of control during the past week. It was announced. Fifty-two British machines are reported missing.

Australian and American troops swept forward on a four-mile front between Villers-Bretonneux and the river Somme and penetrated German positions to the depth of a mile and a half, capturing the village of Hamel, Vaire wood and other vital points beyond Hamel.

Victory in a five-day battle and recapture of the entire coastal zone around the mouth of the Piave river was announced by the Italian war office. All Italian material and guns abandoned in the first rush of the Austrian offensive have been recaptured, with immense quantities of Austrian military supplies, the statement said.

The allies in a series of raids improved their positions at various points along the main front. American, British and French troops took valuable ground and more than 5000 prisoners from the enemy. The most interesting of these raids from the American viewpoint was the successful attack on Vaux. This town was taken by a nicely-planned American attack in which the 9th and 23d regiments of infantry furnished the infantry contingent and the 12th, 15th and 17th regiments of field artillery supported the attack. These troops form a part of our second division, which is under the command of Major-General Omar Bundy.

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