

**In Some Town Over There is a Baby
Who Can Live If You
Say the Word**

By BRUCE BARTON.

I sometimes picture it to myself this way. Suppose that somewhere down town in New York, or in Chicago or St. Louis, there were a huge auction room, where the lives of men and of little children were on sale.

Suppose that every day the auctioneer's red flag hung out as a sign that on that day so many men were to be allowed to die; so many women; and so many little ones.

Allowed to die, just for the lack of a few dollars. Just for the want of the little sum that would ransom them.

Suppose that were the case, I say to myself; could I possibly stay away? Is there any argument I could give to myself that would keep me from going there day after day, and buying with all my power? Buying men and women and children, at that auctioneer's block, with the dollars that would mean life to them?

It's not a very pretty picture; yet compared to the pictures that I have seen from stricken Armenia and Syria, and all the empires of the Near East, it is almost beautiful.

For men and women and children are dying over there—dying for the lack of sums that seem pitifully, miserably small.

I am not rich, and I have all the little worries that are common to us middle class folks. Worries about next year's income tax; and about the future of business, and where my income will go to if such and such things take place.

But I have a worse worry than that. The worry for what my conscience will say to me, if in this hour of the world's tribulation I do not do my share.

The worry lest in my ears for the rest of my life there should be the cry of a man, or a woman, or a little child whose life I might have saved.

For they are crying over there today, stretching out their weak, tired arms. And it's a marvellous thought to me, that modest as my income is, it's big enough to let me save the life of one of them—big enough to give me a man, or a woman, or a child who will never cease to be thankful that I did my part.

They are waiting for our answer over there: yours and mine: A poor stricken man broken by the war; and a woman, weak from her struggle and terror; and a baby who can live and grow up into useful manhood or womanhood, if only you say the word.

BREVITIES

Take a slant or two at our ad, please. Liberty Auto Co.

Charles Wilson has gone to Pendleton to engage in garage work.

The Ladies' Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. R. G. Saling next Thursday afternoon, April 3.

Lost—On the way to the depot, a doorknob tied to a handkerchief. Finder will kindly return to this office.

Frank Berlin has bought the Reeder homestead north of Athena, 125 acres including the crop, for \$35,000. The price of \$280 an acre is indicative of the growing value of East End land.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hancock and two daughters and Miss Lois Gross of Walla Walla and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hedrick and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis south of town.

W. H. Harris, Supreme Instructor of the United Artisans, was in Weston last Friday and called on some of the local members. He expects to make an official visit to the assembly here in the near future.

At the recent meeting of stockholders of the Weston Mercantile Co., all the incumbent members of the board of directors were re-elected. They are Dr. F. D. Watts, Iley Winn, Frank Price, Joe Hodgson, J. H. Key, S. J. Culley, J. H. Williams.

C. W. Avery has been reappointed by Assessor Strain as deputy assessor for Weston district, in which capacity he served last year. The district embraces the Weston neighborhood, the mountain region and Meacham creek. Mr. Avery will be ready to begin work next week.

Henry Beamer, overseas soldier, dropped in rather unexpectedly on home and friends Wednesday. His coming brought much joy to his young wife and his parents, and Henry himself showed no signs of regret at getting back. While abroad he saw a few places a bit bigger than Weston, but the old town still looks good to him.

The twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Shurte was celebrated March 19 at their home in Arlington, Oregon. A wedding dinner was served by their daughters, Misses Helen and Edna Shurte, to a gathering of old-time friends, and they were the recipients of numerous gifts. It so happened that Mrs. Shurte's brother, Leo E. Read, now with the American army overseas, sent some curious home which arrived in Arlington on the anniversary day and were gladly received. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Shurte was Miss Lella Read of Weston.

A train laden with all kinds of relics and souvenirs of the war is to visit Weston at an early date, according to announcement of Victory-Liberty loan officials. The train is to be officially designated as "The Trophy Special," and is to make a complete tour of the state, making stops at all points reached by railroad. The object is to give the people of Oregon an opportunity to see war instruments and implements of which they have often read. At the places visited the train will be open to all visitors and the exhibits will be explained by competent attendants accompanying the train.

At the commercial club meeting Monday evening it was decided to appoint a committee to consult the state highway commission with regard to the route through Weston. It is generally desired here that the road lead through Main street and pass the public fountain, which has given Weston much favorable advertising among the automobile tourists. As set forth in the road bond notices, however, the route continues north on Water street to the town's northern boundary. President Porter appointed S. A. Barnes, R. G. Saling, S. J. Culley, Dr. Watts, J. H. Price and Joe Hodgson on the committee.

J. F. Snider has sold the tools and equipment of his blacksmith shop to Messrs. Smiley and Peat, recent arrivals from Missouri. Mr. Peat is accompanied by his brother, and all three men have families, so that they will be substantial additions to Weston's citizenship. Houses were secured for them by A. W. Lundell, who negotiated the deal. One of the new comers is an expert wood worker, and they expect to handle all classes of work in their line. After more than a dozen years at his anvil in Weston, Mr. Snider will enjoy the luxury of doing nothing for a spell, before making definite plans for the future.

Athena Press: You can put your sport car to the ground and distinctly detect mutterings of approbation favoring a baseball team in Athena this season, composed of local players. There is no mistaking the sounds which indicate a real comeback of the great national game.

Miss Virginia Wright celebrated her ninth birthday Saturday, March 22, at the home of her grandfather, Merritt A. Baker. Games were played the entire afternoon and a good time was enjoyed by all. Dainty refreshments were served by Hortense Baker.

There will be work at the Red Cross rooms Friday afternoon, April 4, and every Tuesday and Friday afternoon thereafter until further notice. Mrs. S. J. Culley, local chairman, urges a large attendance of workers.

Mrs. C. F. Bulfinch is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Walker, at Wasco, Oregon. She was accompanied to Wasco by her son, Charles, who paid his respects to Mr. and Mrs. Walker, prior to his departure for New York.

Raymond W. Sowers has been appointed state agent for Stransky's Vaporizer, which he has handled locally with much success. He will leave soon for the western part of the state to place county agents.

Because of the very serious condition of the son-in-law of Pastor Powell, it is announced that no services of any character will be held next Sunday at the Methodist church.

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TRACTOR GANG PLOWS

just the same

You should see the new self-lift John Deere Gangs we are sending out this week! The most Nifty, Nobby, Powerful and easy-going gang and lift you ever saw.

You will notice that those who seeded their wheat last Fall with KENTUCKY or VAN BRUNT DRILLS are not obliged to reseed this Spring---with a possible exception here and there.

(Exceptions prove the rule.)

Our 4-wheel Deere and Weber wagons are built to handle 3-ton hay, 200-bushel potatoes or 60-bushel wheat.

Our sewing machines will sew wood shingles day or night ---and we will stake a sale on it.

Our electric washers squeeze the blueing and buttons too from any overalls under one year old.

Boost for the Memorial Hall to our Pioneers and Soldier Boys. Plans are being drawn by architects.

We have on exhibition one of the four tires, Goodyear All-Weather Tread, that went to Detroit and all over Michigan and return last year, totaling over 9000 miles. Match it.

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