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"I am sorry that you do not wear a flag every day and I can only ask you if you lose the physical emblem to be sure that you wear it in YOUR HEART; the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."—President Wilson.

NOTES AND COMMENTS



America Speaks

By W. T. Perkins, Portland, Ore.

(Dedicated to the Liberty Loan)

Ye Sons of Freedom, bring to me
With flaming hearts and bended knee
Your offering to Liberty!

Ye are my sons; my bounteous breast
Hath nourished you, and on you prest
Its richest gifts; nor sought I rest.

Gaze now upon thy golden fields;
Mark how the earth its fruitage yields
Beneath the star-strewn Flag that shields.

Behold thy cities, proud and strong;
Behold thy homes, where evensong
Ascends to heaven, free from wrong.

My noble sons! Awake! Arise!
Behold sad Europe's smoking skies;
Gird ye my limbs ere Freedom dies.

Think now of Belgium's fields of red;
Behold where stricken France hath bled;
Remember Lusitania's dead.

My sons! my sons! your hearts I know;
Bring, then, thy gifts and let me go
With blazing sword, to meet the foe.

Liberty Bonds pay more interest than the banks will pay after the first of next year and they are free from taxation up to \$5,000. See the point? That's why Secretary McAdoo wants the small investors to own these bonds.

The London Daily Chronicle says: "The war has reproduced the tragedy of Enoch Arden in not a few cases. Recently the wife of a young officer—whose death had been presumed by the war office—married a clergyman. Now she has received a letter from her husband, written from a prisoners' camp. It should be a warning against rapid remarriages. The courts are loath to presume death without very exact evidence. In

one doubtful case, for nearly twenty years leave to wind up an estate has been refused."

It is always best to be loyal to your country. You feel much better and your conscience will be clear, and you know you are right. No one should make a pretense of living in the United States unless he can uphold the Stars and Stripes and be a true American.

J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' Union, and G. E. Spence, master of the State Grange, have jointly issued a letter asking the farmers of Oregon to purchase liberally of Liberty Bonds. They call attention to the fact that on the first Liberty loan many farmers were not in position to buy heavily, but they have received such good prices for their crops, these men say, that they should give their government all the aid possible.

Say, Mister Big Eater, do you know that overeating kills more people in the United States than undereating? Don't you think it would be better for you and the nation if you stopped eating just a little before you reached the limit of your capacity and left a little to Jack and Bill and Sam, who have given up so much to go across the pond and fight for you and I? Don't think that because you have bought a Liberty Bond and donated to the Red Cross that you have a right to eat all

JIM DALE

Young Jimmy Dale, across our street,
Is just a gawky lad,
He grew so fast, the doctors said,
His heart was mighty bad;
They wouldn't let him do much work
Or any hearty play
But, just the same, they drafted Jim,
And Jim has gone away.

Jim was sort of a great, big kid
And fooling all the while
So, when they ordered him to camp,
He went there with a smile.
Jim Dale is in the army now,
Lank legs, bum heart and all,
To fight like other drafted men
That got the country's call.
God, yes! Jim's heart may drop him
dead

Or he may live to be
Shot all to pieces "over there"—
What odds to you or me?

By thunder! it's these odds to you!
If kids like Jim can go,
With smiles to fight our wars for us
We can put up the dough.

If we can buy a bond or two
And don't, while Jim, poor cuss,
Goes smiling off to death or wounds—
Then hell's too good for us!

—Ellis Parker Butler.

you can buy. This nation is still a democracy and we must sacrifice for each other to keep it so; but if you insist on eating things that should go to the fighters, Uncle Sam may have to assume the roll of step-father and tell you just how much you can ram down your throat. And Uncle Sam would very much hate to do that.

TWO COLLEGE BOYS

Two boys left home with just money enough to take them through college, after which they depended entirely upon their own efforts.

They attacked the collegiate problems successfully, passed the graduation, received their diplomas from the faculty, also commendatory letters to a large shipbuilding firm with which they desired employment.

Ushered into the waiting-room of the head of the firm, the first was given an audience. He presented his letters.

"What can you do?" asked the man of millions.

"I should like some sort of a clerkship."

"Well, sir, I will take your name and address, and should we have anything of the kind open will correspond with you."

As he passed out he remarked to his waiting companion, "You can go in and leave your address."

The other presented himself and his papers.

"What can you do?" was asked.

"I can do anything that a green hand can do, sir," was the reply. The magnate touched a bell, which called a superintendent.

"Have you anything to put a man to work at?"

"We want a man to sort scrap-iron," replied the superintendent. And the college graduate went to sorting scrap-iron.

One week passed, and the president, meeting the superintendent, asked, "How is the new man getting on?"

"Oh," said the boss, "he did his work so well, and never watched the clock, that I put him over the gang."

In one year this man had reached the head of a department and an advisory position with the management at a salary represented by four figures, while his whilom companion was "clerk" in a livery stable, washing harness and carriages.—Western Farmer.

TEMPORARY PEACE NOT DESIRABLE

Those who eagerly catch at every plea for peace which emanates from Berlin and who constantly call for a definition of our war aims, would do well to keep in mind these words of General Smuts, the great Boer leader, uttered in an interview with the Paris Journal:

"But before thinking of peace we must be certain of having finished with military imperialism. Before accepting any peace, those who are charged with the des-

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tinies of the nations should give serious consideration to the terms, for on the pact that we sign will depend for generations the peace and future of the whole world. The stake is the greatest that the human race has ever played for; patience and confidence are all that we now need in order to be certain of winning it."

We are fighting to destroy an institution, the continued existence of which would render permanent peace impossible. That is our war aim, stated in a sentence.—Portland Oregonian.

WAR PROSPERITY

The Oregonian has heard of two citizens of a thriving county in Eastern Oregon who have each flocks of twelve hundred sheep. From these sheep during the current year these sheepmen have realized each \$17,000 in cash, by the sale of wool and lambs. They have not parted with a single ewe sheep.

It is a fair estimate that in an ordinary year the returns in wool and lambs from a flock of 1200 ewes would be from \$3000 to \$4000, and the owner would have done well.

Here, then, is an excess profit of \$13,000 to \$14,000 for each of these lucky shee-men, made out of the war. Except for the war they would have been struggling along on 15-cent or 20-cent wool and \$1.50 or \$2 lambs.

We should say that the subscription in war bonds from every such sheep and wool profiteer ought to be at least \$5000.—Portland Oregonian.

A full line of the famous McKinley 10c sheet music at the Book Store.

The U. S. War Department has announced that it will pay 50c a day in commutation of rations at O. A. C., instead of the 30 cents originally promised. This is paid in place of rations to advanced members of the reserve officers' training corps, chiefly the juniors and seniors. Payment is from the time the boys sign up to the end of the year, through vacations and all. This makes fifteen dollars a month for the year. Freshmen and sophomores get uniforms, but not rations, during the training period.

A desire to comply with the city council's "clean-up" order cost Ernest Brown a badly cut leg Saturday, when he swung a gunny sack filled with broken glass against his left leg.



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