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EVERYONE CAN HELP

Every man, woman and child in this country who wants to serve the country, can serve it and serve it in a very simple and effective way, says the treasury department. That service is to lend your money to the government. Every 25 cents loaned to the government is a help at this time and practically every man, woman and child by making some trifling sacrifice, some denial of a pleasure, or giving up some indulgence, can render the government that support.

Every 25 cents will do something to help a wounded American soldier, wounded fighting for the American people and American liberty. Every cent loaned the government contributes something for the safety and strength and success of our soldiers and sailors, equipping them, maintaining them, clothing them, feeding them, and giving them artillery and ammunition and all things needed for their efficiency and triumph.

The question is: "Are you willing to help the fighting men of our nation, and in helping them to help yourselves? Are you willing in helping yourselves to make the atrocious, the infamous and unspeakable crimes against civilization committed by Germany impossible?"

BUSINESS VERSUS POLITICS

Wherever an industry or business succeeds, some one must pick the manager who makes it a success, says the Pacific Coast Manufacturer. It continues: Usually in the free operation of natural and economic law the right man finds himself for the job.

Whether industries, be they railroads or shipyards, are under socialism or private capital, success is in the manager. This man is always picked because of his experience fitting him to handle the job, while in politics he is picked for other reasons. In politics his political opinions must suit the picker, or the one who picks the man must be his friend and admirer.

Politics often picks second-rate men to handle the most important work of the nation, as experience proves. Business, a corporation, or selfish capitalists, would pick a practical man for the work he was to manage.

Politics picks a man with his head full of economic theories, while business would demand a man who knew his job.

TIGHTEN THE BELT

The treasury faces a deficit of ten billion dollars for the current fiscal year, which ends next June. Allowing for the proceeds of the first and second Liberty loans and for the full amount of taxes levied, the sums appropriated would still outrun receipts by about ten billions. The full amount appropriated may not be spent because the government is unable to get the work done; but as every dollar spent means that much war preparation accomplished there is no satisfaction in deferred payments. To meet this deficit the

Nation Imperiled by Its Low Standard of Physical Efficiency

By REPRESENTATIVE HORATIO C. CLAYPOOL of Ohio

My mind has been deeply impressed for a long time by the necessity for some governmental action designed to encourage and establish the practice of physical culture among the citizenship of this country. The appalling condition, disclosed by the recent physical examinations of the young men of our nation before the exemption boards has sent a thrill of alarm and a sense of profound concern into the heart of every thinking and loyal citizen. The question naturally arises within the mind of every serious man, What practical thing can be done to decrease the percentage of physical deficient and raise the standard of physical efficiency among the men of our nation?

There is overwhelming evidence that the people of this nation are living in profound ignorance of the vital and imperative necessity of training their bodies with the same care and thoroughness as they do their minds. "Cram the mind, though the body be crippled," has been the abiding practice of our people so long that when the hour of great necessity arises, when the moment of peril is upon us, and the things that are more priceless to us than our lives are in jeopardy and the cry of a ruthless enemy is heard at our gates, and the nation turns with confidence to the surging millions of its citizens for defenders, an amazing host is found nervous, timid, uncertain, doubtful, hesitant, and with waning and depleted vitality. Well might we hang our heads in shame at the exhibition, and doubly so, because in all the wonderful achievements of this peerless nation it has neglected the apparent and imperative duty of training its citizenship in the necessity of physical culture.

It is easy for a healthy man to be courageous, hopeful, optimistic and enthusiastic, and it is easy for a sick man to be a coward. If the resplendent glory of this nation is to remain un sullied, it will be because of the devotion, courage, masterfulness, resourcefulness and physical vigor of its citizens.

treasury is already selling four per cent short term certificates and war savings stamps and certificates. Later on it will offer another issue of Liberty bonds.

Paste that figure of ten billions in your hat. It measures what the government requires of you between now and June thirtieth. In 1917 the public took about six billions of bonds and certificates; of which, however, several hundred millions remained in the hands of the banks—owned by them or as collateral for loans. We must beat that record from now to the end of June.

Don't wait for a Liberty Loan drive. The real drive is on right now. It will be here as long as war lasts. See what you can save. Particularly take up with these savings certificates and stamps. They are on sale everywhere. Get the habit! The United States has undertaken to set a world record in producing and saving. We have promised it to those who are fighting our battles on the physical field. It is your promise, made by your government. Redeem it!—Saturday Evening Post.

A newspaper of enterprise, high character, high courage and high ideals is of incalculable value to a city morally, financially, industrially. It is the cheapest thing in the world, considering the service it performs.—Western Newspaper Union.

Pacific coast shipyards are begging the Shipping Board for more contracts. At the same time the Shipping Board is asking Pacific Coast mills to furnish ship timbers for Eastern and Southern yards. The latter are falling down on their contracts because they have no suitable material. It doesn't seem the part of economy to burden already congested transportation lines with big timbers, when they could be hewn into vessels right at home. But then, there are some things the average man cannot understand, unless he is well posted on politics.

"Half the world does not know how the other half lives," says an old proverb. This, we think, however, is a large overestimate of the number of people who mind their own business.—Boston Transcript.

A wounded American in France called for "Germans, beefsteak and onions." Wanted them served together it is supposed.

Of course men are not vain, but

just tell a man over fifty that he doesn't look a day over thirty and watch the effect.

Don't get into the habit of going around with your bristles up. Someone is liable to smooth them down—the wrong way.

Nothing is more exasperating than a fool friend who is always reminding you of your faults for your own good.

There is one advantage in being your own boss—you can work overtime and on holidays if you want to.

The surer a girl is about a man being in love with her the less she is about being in love with him.

The Germans are not so much after a peace with Russia as a piece of Russia.

Happy is the wife who imagines that her husband is the best man on earth.

How Ohio Feels About It
"We know our kind employer doesn't want us ever to say anything in this column that we wouldn't say in the drawing room," writes the paragrapher of the Ohio State Journal, "and hence we say mildly: Damn the profiteers, as well as to hell with 'em!"

SPRING DOGGREL

When the cold north wind doth freeze us,
And the fleas no longer peeve us;
When Dame Nature doth deceive us
With visions of the sun,
Then our energy doth leave us,
The War no longer attune us
In our hatred of the Hun;
For our thoughts are now a'reaming:
From business we are turning
To visions of our prowess
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—Bandon Rod and Gun.

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Her canning in season;
The wise man invests
When he sees a good reason;
But now we are thinking
Of canning the Kaiser—
Let's invest in some cans,
And the sooner the wiser.
—H. C. Endicott.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

It is realized more and more by thinking men that facilities for distribution are essential to public welfare, and that among facilities for distribution good roads occupy an important place. It is a scandal that when the farmers' toll has been rewarded with bountiful crops consumption may be retarded by inability of farmers to make deliveries "unless the Almighty freezes the roads in the North and withholds the rains in the South." The appreciation of this fact is going to be manifested in a practical way in the near future. All over the country, and notably in the middle West, wide-awake citizens of late have been lending their influence to the good roads movement. Recent legislation, state and federal, provides machinery by which the good roads movement may be made effective. Wisconsin will perform her part in the improvement of the country, says Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. Before long there will be trunk line highways, crossing one another at intervals and stretching across the state from east to west and from south to north. The construction of these highways will cost money, but the investment will bring large returns.

Broadly speaking, America must be content to allow its allies to dictate the military and naval policy of the coalition. It should be willing to place at their disposal its available economic and military forces, says New Republic. They have the experience, and the war is being fought on European territory and in European waters. But in deciding matters of political policy it has a point of view of its own to assert, and the assertion of its interests will strengthen the political position of the whole coalition. Along among the members thereof it is peculiarly pre-occupied with that part of the program which is of common concern, and it can assume, consequently, in reference to the special objects of the powers the attitude of mediator and reconciler—and if necessary of opponent. It can help to organize political unity and convert it into an offensive weapon.

And then there is a whole lot of pretty good sort of "no man's land" in the United States that about a million of trifling rascals and loafers of the cities ought to be made to cultivate and make something for the army to eat. In time of war and food shortage, we need a rule of "no workee, no fightee, no eattee."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Highway Construction,
Coos County, Oregon

Sealed bids for the construction of a Gravel Wearing Surface on the Bandon-Curry Section of the Coast Highway, in Coos County, Oregon, will be received by the County Clerk of said County at its office in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon, until 10:00 o'clock A. M., March 7th, 1918.

No bids will be considered unless accompanied by cash, bidder's bond, or certified check for an amount equal to at least 5 per cent of the total amount of the bid.

A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half the total amount of the bid.

Proposal blanks and full information for bidders may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk of said County, or at the office of the Deputy State Highway Engineer, in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon.

Plans and specifications and forms of contract may be seen at the same place or may be obtained upon the deposit of \$15.00.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for said County.

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