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This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war.....

THE GREAT EXPERIMENT.

(By Franklin K. Lane.)

There is no such thing as Americanism unless Americanism is in our soul. We have got to feel it first, and then we have got to put it out among other people.

American is an inspiration. American is a spirit. It is the constant and continuous searching of the human heart for the thing that is better.

Our wars have been fought by men of foreign birth, we see their names every day in the list of those who are dead on the battlefields of France.

There is no such thing as an American race, except the Indians. We are fashioning out a new people. We are doing the unprecedented thing in saying that Slav, Teuton, Celt, and the other races that make up the civilized world are capable of being blended here, and we say this upon the theory that blood alone does not control the destiny of man; that out of his environment his education, the food he eats, the neighbors that he has, the work that he does, there can be formed and realized a spirit, an ideal which will master his blood.

We are trying a great experiment in the United States. Can we gather together people of different races, creeds, conditions and aspirations who can be merged into one?

If we cannot do this, we will fail indeed, we will have already failed. If we do this, we will produce the greatest of all nations, a new race that will long hold a compelling place in the world.

TURN THE AMERICANS LOOSE

When as a whole the American nation prospered more in fifty years before the war without socialism than any of the socialistic or paternalistic nations of the rest of the world, it is worth remarking that the sooner the American people are left to resume normal conditions of attending to their own business the better, says an exchange. All the boards, commissions, functionaries and army of experts and specialists that have been created by the war are saying their services are indispensable for at least two years to keep the country from going to the bows.

This is not the case. Americans do not need to be coddled. War measures are one thing, peace measures another.

All citizens should be free to resume normal activities and private initiative should be free to reach out for starting everything from the smallest to the greatest enterprises. The sooner the entanglements of red tape can be taken off the better for our country. The military establishment will take several years to adjust itself to peace conditions but the civil army directing officialism in food, farming, building, manufacturing and transportation must also be disbanded and Americans must resume the American ways if business is to prosper and industries are to become normal. Americans can be trusted to stem the breastworks of business apathy and the fortresses of suspended or congested circulation and restore the equilibrium.

HOLD YOUR LIBERTY BONDS.

The money invested in Liberty Bonds if kept so invested until peace is established will be worth much more than now.

Every provident man and woman in the United States who holds his or her Liberty Bonds may find the money so invested worth twice as much in purchasing power after the war as now. How sure and safe an investment it is, and how profitable an investment, to keep your money invested in Liberty Bonds until its



Sanitary Grocery Stores Mean Saving of Food

Many grocery stores have fallen away from prewar standards of cleanliness, say officials of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, in charge of the enforcement of the Federal Food and Drug Act. State and city inspectors attribute this partly to scarcity of help and to less efficient help.

Cleanliness in handling food is even more important in times of war than in times of peace, says the specialists, in order that the maximum efficiency of our army of fighters abroad and our army of workers at home may be maintained. Clean stores not only promote health, but prevent waste of food. That they can be kept clean under prevailing conditions is shown by the fact that some of the best stores are maintained in standards of cleanliness which insure that the food they handle will not be contaminated. This is evidence that this most essential factor in the health of the Nation need not be neglected under war conditions.

The small country grocery is one of the most difficult problems of the food inspector. The country store is both a collecting and distributing agency of foods. It buys from the farmer such products as eggs, poultry, nuts, fruits, grains and vegetables and sells to him everything in the food line not produced in the community. It handles food both coming and going. If the store is dirty, with dust on the shelves and cobwebs in the corners, with insects and vermin under the counters and in the bins, and with flies everywhere, the food both for the country and for the city is sure to become contaminated. When the country as a whole is considered, the loss of food through spoilage from contamination, however, in the opinion of Federal, State and city food officials, is the danger to the health of the people who consume the food. A dirty, insanitary store or food shop is a most potent factor in the spread of disease.

Competition in Cleanliness. Where there is keen competition, cleanliness is more likely to prevail. A clean, well-lighted store attracts customers. The cost of scrupulous cleanliness is more than overbalanced by the gain in the prevention of spoilage, and by its custom-drawing value. Novel methods have been adopted by state and city officials to bring about competition in cleanliness. One State has reported excellent results

purchasing power becomes greater than at present. It is a better investment than wildcat stock. It is a better use and a wiser use of money than speculating with it. It is a duty to your country and to yourself and to your children to hold your Liberty Bonds.

The Thanksgiving season is a good time to examine self and see if there is anything in our life that hinders the progress of the neighborhood. It may be that we are standing in the way of community progress unawares. It may be that while we feel that we are leaders we should be followers instead, or at least one who works with others instead of in advance of them. Society does not care whether we lead or whether our neighbors lead. What society wants is progress and we will be held responsible if we do not sacrifice our own peculiar views if necessary for the welfare of the neighborhood.

CUSTOM AN OLD ONE

The idea is prevalent throughout the United States that our Thanksgiving day is peculiarly an American custom of New England origin. This is true in part only. The general observance through many years of a set day on which to give thanks to Almighty God for his blessings has made the custom distinctively American; but its origin long antedates the settlement of this western continent and we must look elsewhere for it.

In old old Egypt, when the harvest had been gathered, it was the custom to observe a day of feasting and to lay offerings upon the altars of Isis, the goddess of agriculture. The Jewish festival was the "Ingathering," or the "Feast of the Tabernacle," mentioned in Exodus and other parts of the Old Testament. This was more particularly a thanksgiving for the fruit harvest, but as it came at the close of the entire harvest is probably was intended also as a general thanksgiving "for the bounty of nature."

The goddess of the Roman harvest was Ceres. Her festival was cele-

brated annually and was called Cerialia. It was a day of worship and rustic sports. Men and women formed processions and went to the fields with music. In one way or another, a thanksgiving day had been observed in Christian Europe for centuries before its celebration in New England. The early Christians kept such days as the bishops named them within their jurisdiction. On the continent, and for a time in England, it occurred at Martinmas, which was a day of feasting and drinking. Occasionally, too, civic authorities recommended the observance of some fixed day.

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Federal State and City Cooperation Federal, State and city food officials cooperate in enforcing laws applicable to foods and drugs, and in conducting educational campaigns for cleanliness. At a recent meeting of the Association of American Dairy Food and Drug Officials plans for closer cooperation were worked out. City food officials were admitted to membership in the association and arrangements were made for the organization of State associations of food control officials and for associations of sectional groups of Federal State and city food officials who have common conditions and common problems. The Federal Food and Drug Act does not confer authority to regulate directly the sanitary conditions of stores and shops where food is put up or sold. However, if food becomes contaminated in an insanitary store or in any manner, and is afterwards shipped into interstate commerce, the party responsible for the shipment may be prosecuted under the Federal law, and the contaminated food may be seized.

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Great Scientist's Error. The theory that the earth is a sphere and moves about the sun was held by a large part of the ancient world and was dropped and discredited largely through the influence of the greatest philosopher and scientist of all times, Aristotle

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