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I pledge allegiance to my
flag and the republic for
which it stands, one Nation,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice to all.

WHAT WILL YOU SACRIFICE?

President Wilson has asked the Nation for \$100,000,000 for Red Cross work, and in every nook and corner of this wide land, men and women are asking for aid for this great Universal Service of Mercy. The work done by the Red Cross is to establish hospitals, furnish and pay doctors, nurses, stretcher-bearers, to supply medicines, bandages, ambulances, and a thousand other things necessary to meet the terrible needs of our wounded soldiers; to establish vocational schools for soldiers whose wounds incapacitate them for their ordinary and usual work; to care for mothers and wives whose sons or husbands are killed or wounded, and who had no other support, and to care for war made orphans. These are some Red Cross duties in war. In peace, is the organization no less active. At every great fire, flood, plague, epidemic or other catastrophe, our first thought is of the Red Cross.

No other organization can do its work. The United States cannot do its part without the Red Cross. And the Red Cross must have money—and lots of it—to do its work. In this war millions will sacrifice their lives. Will you not sacrifice a few paltry dollars for the men whose sacrifice may be life itself? Your friends and neighbors believe you will.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES

The railroads of this country, like all other enterprises, find themselves paying from 15 to 200 per cent more for everything they use than in normal times, but the cost of transportation remains the same. Railroad rates are fixed by the Interstate Railroad Commission and the State Commissions, hence the railroads cannot raise their rates to meet the increased costs. An increase in freight rates should be considered only in connection with a adequate service. The shippers of the country need adequate railroad facilities far more than they need low rates at the cost of bad and inefficient service, and it is but just and fair to the people whose savings are invested in our transportation system that the return on their investments shall be protected.

The railroads are important factors in the development of the country. Their request that they be given the recognition due to a legitimate business undertaking which is menaced by increased cost of upkeep without commensurate return is sound.

In other words, the railroads ask the people to bear in mind the outstanding fact that adequate freight rates are necessary to adequate railway service.

It is astonishing how few of the country newspapers published the local subscriptions to the Liberty Loan Bonds. Whether it was to lack of enterprise, innate timidity, or some other equally poor reason, the fact remains that the local papers overlooked the biggest piece of local news of the year. The local people who bought Liberty Bonds did a patriotic act, and the time will come when they will be proud to "admit" that they individually and collectively assisted the government to the extent of their ability.

According to the Donald Record "parties who do not live more than a thousand miles from Donald," are responsible for several robberies that have taken place there recently. As Aurora comes within the prescribed distance we hasten to disclaim any knowledge of the whereabouts of Jim Feller's potatoes, Mike De Sart's spuds, Mays & Carver's nickels and dimes, or the post-office safe.

The nation should be proud of the response the people made to the Liberty Loan bond issue. Though the loan was over-subscribed a billion dollars, it is evident that the mass of the people are not awake to the war situation. Had they been, the loan would have been over-subscribed many times. However, it is plain that it will not be long before there will be other calls for other billions, which will give everyone another chance.

With the resignation of George Palmer Putman as private secretary of the Governor, another amusing incident is closed, and the stage is set for the next scene.

Why not call out the Home Guards to fight the German measles which is said to be the only epidemic that ever visits Woodburn?

The Great Secret.

The regulation of our time is more important than the effort to get money. When we know how to regulate our time enough money will always come. Earning a living is only a matter of learning how to spend one's time. And singular as this may seem, it is not the time spent in earning a living that counts so much as the time spent when we are not earning it. It is what you do when you don't have to do anything that tells in the long run.

When, therefore, you are not busy trying to make both ends meet spend your time in associating with millionaires and people who have nothing to do but spend enormous incomes. You'll be a millionaire yourself before you know it. If you want to catch a disease always expose yourself to it.—Life.

Justice White a Great Walker.

Chief Justice White could give the noted Edward Payson Weston a good handicap and beat him in a walking match. Mr. White brims over with good nature, says Elisha Hanson in Cartoons Magazine, and he is a welcome visitor on any street which he picks for his rambles about Washington. He probably knows more women and children in the poorer sections, between the capitol and the exclusive northwest of the city, than any other Washingtonian. Frequently he is seen trudging along in the midst of a lot of rickshaws, none of whom shows the slightest regard for the great dignity of his office, but who bask equally under the radiance of his beaming smiles.

Caught Him.

A small boy whose record for delinquency at school had always stood at a hundred came home one day recently with his standing reduced to ninety-eight.

"What have you been doing, my son?" asked his doting mother. "Been doing?" replied the young hopeful. "Been doing just as I have been doing all along, only the teacher caught me this time."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Times Change.

"I see that Fll Flubbub, the actress, is so temperamental that she swoons at the odor of tuberoses. So her management has to watch her constantly." "Um! Time brings great changes. I knew her once. She was raised in a block next to a gas house."—Exchange.

The Optimistic View.

The Rising Young Artist—All that I have accomplished in art I owe to the struggle for the necessities of life. The Cartoonist—That's the way to look at it—if the cost of living goes high enough you'll be greater than Michelangelo.—Art Young in Masses.

Her Taste.

"The actress you were talking about is crazy over free notices." "I should say so. Even when she goes to lunch the first thing she orders is a puff."—Baltimore American.

Don't Do It Till They Are Receipted. How to cut your grocery, meat and coal bills in half: Use an ordinary pair of scissors.—Louisville Herald.

One Reason.

She—I wonder why men do so. He—Because their wives are so blamed inquisitive.—Boston Transcript.



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