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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.

## A MILITANT CHAPLAIN

An idea of the treatment which the American Bolsheviks (if there are any such) may expect after our military forces are demobilized can be gleaned from a letter from Lieutenant Beard, chaplain of the 346th machine gun battalion, now in France. Chaplain Beard formerly was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hoquiam. He has seen active service and his patriotism has not only been intensified but has taken a strongly practical turn. Writing to a friend in Hoquiam, according to the Aberdeen Daily World, he says:

The very first man that I hear say one word against the Government of my country I intend to punch between the eyes just as hard as I can; and if he is a foreigner who has lived in Europe under European conditions and should know better, I will add a swift kick with a pair of hob-nailed boots.

The chaplain admits that this may not sound very "ministerial", but there will be general agreement that no apology is called for. It is the very human and practical expression of the feeling of one who has been through the fire and who is experiencing the realities of life. If this is the sentiment of a chaplain, having due regard for the restraints of his position, how much more is to be expected from the men who have been his comrades on the battlefield!

There are reasons for believing that those who have loyally supported the flag during the war will be more strongly patriotic than ever, if that is possible, in the days of peace. Those who believe that the slacker, both military and industrial, has been in a negligible minority will view the outcome with optimistic equanimity.—The Oregonian.

The recent reports of the condition of the banks of this section show a most satisfactory growth which is all the more remarkable when it is recalled that immense sums have been withdrawn from each banking district during the past eighteen months, to pay for government bonds and war stamps. Practically every bank in this part of the Willamette Valley, including the Aurora State Bank, First State Bank of Donald, Hubbard State Bank, Farmers' Bank of Wilsonville, Canby State Bank, The First National Bank of Canby, the Molalla State Bank, and the Monitor State Bank, have met large demands upon their resources and banking facilities made by the government in every financial campaign. Yet at the end of eighteen months of war, their resources have greatly increased, and their time and all their facilities are at the command of the government for any purpose desired. Banks are impersonal institutions, often placed in the class of the soulless corporations, yet during the struggle now happily closed, the banks have been the chief agencies to bring the government close to the people. The officers and banking personnel, assisted by community hustlers have unearthed the cash for Uncle Sam, and thereafter the banks have done all the work to place the government in possession of the cash, and the bond purchasers in possession of his bonds. All this work and almost endless detail has been done without compensation or hope of it by the banks and the business men and farmers who have locally conducted the financial drives for the government. Every bank and every man and woman who have given their time and energies so generously deserve the thanks and appreciation of the people and the support and patronage of the public as some small compensation for their efforts.

At this very minute 180,000,000 people in hungry lands are looking to America for a large share of their food—food which no other people can furnish. France, Belgium, Servia, Roumania, Poland, Montenegro, Armenia, and even Germany must be fed. The food must be supplied by America. We must save that we may supply it. It is our opportunity as well as our mission and our duty.

Ex-King Manuel of Portugal and his wife are now living in England where they are raising poultry and garden-truck for a living. Before the war, they had an income from German securities owned by the ex-queen, but the trading with the enemy act shut off this income. Hence the ex-royalties had to turn in and dig for a living which America considers much more respectable and honorable than the king and queen business.

The women of Germany were quick to cry for mercy for the vanquished Huns, yet we heard not one woman's voice raised in behalf of the ravaged women and girls of Belgium, Serbia or France, when the heel of the Hun was upon their breasts. The German women implore their "sisters in the United States, who are mothers like ourselves," to intercede with our government and the Allies to secure easier terms, yet they dare not call themselves sisters of the 12 year-old Belgian and French girls who became the mothers of Hun offspring during the last three years. They dare not say, "you are mothers, like ourselves; have pity on our sons." There was no pity for the vanquished in the Hun heart. Let American women steel their hearts against the deceptive appeal of the women of the nation which still terms us "hog-dogs." It was no fault of the Hun (only a lack of power) that American girls did not receive the same barbarous treatment from Hun soldiers as did the Belgian, French and Serbian women.

The National Anti-Saloon League will (as soon as the necessary 36 states have ratified the Federal prohibition amendment) present a bill to Congress to provide for the enforcement of the "dry" provision. The bill will provide that the collector of internal revenue shall be responsible for the enforcement of the prohibition law. Alcoholic liquors are defined to include distilled, malt, spiritous, and vinous liquors. Near-beer and all home-made liquors come under the ban. Liquors used for sacramental, medicinal, or industrial purposes must be manufactured, sold, bought, possessed and used under a governmental permit. This proposed law will make a desert of the so-called dry-states, where at present an alcoholic oasis is not hard to locate.

Marion county to date has purchased only 80 per cent of its quota of war saving stamps. Its quota is \$971,800, while it has purchased stamps amounting to only \$772,856. Eight counties have already passed the 100 per cent mark. They are Coos, Clatsop, Jackson, Lincoln, Tillamook, Baker, Sherman, and Wheeler. Clackamas county has purchased 75 per cent of its quota. Jefferson county is the lowest with only 27 per cent. Twenty counties are ahead of Marion in the percentage of stamps purchased. With only a month to go, in which to sell \$100,000 more stamps, this county and its war stamp managers will have to hustle some to land in the 100 per cent column, with a clean record.

Well posted farmers are just now making every effort to open their surface drainage ditches and keep them open and clear of all obstructions during the winter. This will enable them to begin work much earlier on the land next spring than if the ditches were allowed to choke up and flood the fields. Most farmers know the value of keeping these surface runs open and hence do not allow any preventable surface water on the lower lands. They tear out of the open ditches, the weeds, brush and vine and pile them up to burn. The fallen-in dirt is removed by plow and shovel. Soils thus protected from standing water are less acid, more porous, better aerated and more retentive of the summer moisture.

All churches have been asked to have read from the pulpits of all denominations a personal message from Herbert Hoover, impressing upon the people the need of continuing the saving of food and sharing it with the Allies and the liberated nations. Wednesday, December 4, a similar message will be read to all women's clubs. December 6, it is asked that special patriotic exercises be held in all public schools, and a special message from Mr. Hoover will be read to the boys and girls. Will all the local organizations see to it that these requests are complied to!

## Wants, For Sale, Etc

### LOCAL AD RATE.

A uniform and invariable charge of 5 cents per line is made for all advertising notices of every description in the news columns of this newspaper. This rate applies to for sale, for rent, lost, found, card of thanks, "want ads," and to all kinds of similar notices as well as to all notices of entertainments, fairs, socials, shows, etc. No reductions or discounts.

FOR SALE—White spring oats, about 70 bushels. Sidney Graham, Route 3, Aurora.

FOR SALE CHEAP—An Oliver Plow in good condition, good as new. Will sell cheap. W. F. Prahl, R. 3, Aurora.

Marry, if lonely. For speedy marriage, try my club, very successful, best, largest in the country, established 11 years; thousand wealthy wishing to marry at once. Confidential descriptions free. Reliable Club.—Mrs. Wrubel, 732 Madison St. Oakland, California. 12-7-1917

The Observer will send the home paper to any soldier or sailor from this section at \$1.00 per year. We will change the address as often as notified.

FOR SALE—New double barre. Stevens' shot gun, 12 gauge, weight 74 pounds, top lever. Cost \$27.50, will sell for \$20. War stamps same as cash. Inquire at Observer Office, Aurora, Oregon.

Application blanks for the 1919 registration of your automobile or motorcycle may be secured at the Observer office by calling for them. Chauffeur registration application blanks may also be obtained. No charge for these blanks.

A model 90 Overland for sale. Run only 4000 miles.—Earl Grim, 2 miles southwest of Aurora. (81)

FOR SALE—Bay team, 4 and 5 years old, full sisters, weight 2800, nicely matched. Price reasonable. A. D. Clutter, Sherwood, Oregon, Route No. 5, Mulloy Sta. Oregon Elec. 35-4t.

FOR SALE—Sixteen head of shorthorns, weighing from 60 to 80 pounds. Ernest Worle, Hubbard, Ore. (35-4t).

MARRY IF LONLEY; for results try me; best and most successful "Home Maker"; hundreds rich wish marriage soon; strictly confidential; most reliable; years of experience; descriptions free. "The Successful Club", Mrs. Purdie, Box 558, Oakland, Calif.



Alexander Hamilton  
First Secretary of the Treasury



When eleven years old he was put to work as errand boy in a bank. By study,

industry and thrift he learned the business, saved enough to make profitable investments, became prominent, fought in the Revolution, signed the Declaration of Independence and was first Secretary of the Treasury.

If you are ambitious to get ahead in the world, begin by saving a part of your regular earnings, for money paves the way to the desirable things of life.

Start an account with us this week and add to it every pay day. Soon you will have enough to buy property, take a desired trip, send your son to college or make profitable investments.

Multiply your money in our care.

## AURORA STATE BANK



# HEAR THIS CALL

from OUR HOME TOWN BOYS

# OVER THERE

LETTERS from our boys in the trenches and from the women in canteen and other war work, all bring to us the same message—SEND US NEWS FROM HOME.

World news is all right, but OUR BOYS want NEWS OF THIS TOWN. They want the home newspaper. Publishers are prevented from sending their papers free to anyone, even boys in the service. Consequently a national movement has been started by Col. William Boyce Thompson of New York, who is acting as President of the Home Paper Service of America to give the boys what they are calling for. Every community is joining the movement. Let us see that our boys are not forgotten.

Send to the publisher of this newspaper whatever amount of money you can—5 cents or \$50.00. We will publish a list each week of those contributing, and the amounts contributed.

Every cent received will be used to send this paper to our boys at the front. If at the end of the war, there is any surplus, it will be turned over to the local Red Cross Committee.

There is no profit in this to the publisher—even in normal times, subscriptions are not sold at a profit. With war prices prevailing, and the high rate of postage on papers sent to France, our cost will scarcely be covered by our full subscription price.

Remember that over in France, some brave soldier or sailor from this town—perhaps even some splendid woman working within sound of the guns—is depending on you to "KEEP THE HOME LOVE KINDLED."

They are calling to YOU from "Over There"  
GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

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Hot Lunches and Sandwiches

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MARRY—Thousands lonely, congenial members, worth \$50,000 up, will marry. Descriptions FREE. Ralph Hyde, San Francisco, Cal.

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