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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.

THE WHEAT GUARANTEE

The problem of handling the 1919 wheat crop is yet to be solved, but Congress will doubtless find it necessary to create a government agency to buy and sell wheat, both at home and abroad. At home it will, of course, pay the guaranteed price of \$2.20, but it should be authorized to sell the wheat where there is a demand, at prices based upon the world's market, and to maintain the home prices to mills and consumers, on a parity with the world market as nearly as possible. This will give home consumers the benefits of any fall in world wheat prices.

This plan involves, of course, government control of wheat and wheat-products prices, as well as the control and licensing of all mills and selling agencies for at least another year. It is apparent that some such plan is absolutely necessary to carry out the government's guarantee to the farmers. The losses involved will thus be borne by the nation collectively, and not by the individual consumers.

THE DUTIES OF PEACE

The sudden ending of the war imposed new duties upon us all. As some failed to realize their war duties, so some fail to understand the duties imposed by peace. The nation owes a debt of gratitude to those who fought in the first lines and to the soldiers in the camps who backed them up. But gratitude alone does not discharge debts.

To justly meet our obligations to our soldiers and sailors united effort is needed now as much as during the war. We must not put our selfish interests above the interests of the nation. That is the sure way to lose the fruits of victory. We cannot take things easy because the war is over; but must continue to give our best efforts to the country. That is the only way to create prosperity. Keep pushing. We can't lay down on the job now! Keep things going. Co-operate as we never have before! America is the best land on earth, the best home in the world. If we would preserve and perpetuate this for our children and our children's children, class consciousness must cease, co-operation must prevail, and every thinking man must study the problems that now confront us. The past is behind us; we cannot afford to let the future take care of itself. Every man must feel himself responsible for what the future will bring forth.

TWO KINDS

Aliens who come to America to live here and die here, to raise a family, to create a home, and to acquire citizenship are always welcome, for such men obey the laws, make an honest living, take a man's part in the upbuilding of the country, and are always ready to work or to fight for it, if need be.

But he who comes to reap without sowing and to claim rights without duties is unwelcome and undesirable. He is a parasite that should be expelled. Not even the right of asylum belongs to such, for he does nothing for the country which has offered him everything. In peace selfish and clannish; in war disloyal or yellow. Throw him out.

The Clackamas county court has promised the people of Macksburg and Needy that no particular route for the proposed Molalla-Canby paved highway will be chosen until the commissioners, the roadmaster and engineers have made a complete investigation of the routes proposed by several localities. It is believed that Clackamas county is so thoroughly aroused over road matters that 1919 will be a banner year in that county.

The National Council of Defense has found it necessary to continue the state council of defense system because of the multiplicity of problems that still perplex the nation. These are the problems of Americanization, the problem of unemployment, the transference of \$37,000,000,000 of war risk insurance from a war to peace basis, and others equally acute. There is also the problem of disloyalty, again becoming bold when peace draws near.

An Oregonian headline refers to Representative Weeks of Marion county as "Mr. Wicks." Weeks is somewhat radical, a worker and a fighter—but no Bolshevik! The Oregonian owes him an apology.

WHO SAYS IT?

Slogging through the mud of France,
Camping in the rain;
Hiking in a frozen trance
Down some German plain;
"Fall in!"—hear the sergeant yell,
Far from home and clover;
Tell me, who the bally hell
Said the war "was over?"

Chow for breakfast—slum for noon—
Who says men are free
While the bugler's foolish tune
Pipes the reveille?
"Right dress!"—hear the sergeant buzz
From Mainz across to Dover;
Tell me who the hell it wuz
Said the war "was over?"

Cleaning up a mass of wire,
Stained with clotted blood
Where the big trucks bog and mire
In the winter mud;
Full of filth and fleas and fuzz—
Cannoneer and drover,
Tell me who the fat-head wuz
Said the war "was over?"

—Grantland Rice.

Cable the Peace Conference

America's prestige is at stake in the coming Victory Liberty Loan. The eyes of the world are fixed upon us. The nations of the world are going to rate us on this last effort. It is right that they should judge us, not by what we do in the heat of the struggle, but by our condition after the fight.

One of the best guarantees of world peace for years to come would be the successful flotation of the Victory Liberty Loan for five or six billion dollars. Even a combination of powers inclined to start another war would hesitate in the face of such a display of tremendous national strength. Every man who buys a Victory Liberty Bond next April, moreover, will be adding to the determination with which America speaks at the Peace Conference. There are undoubtedly going to be many moments during that Conference when every whit of the power of the United States will be needed to shape into actualities those ideals for which we entered the world struggle.

Let the cables carry into the Quai d'Orsay this message:
"America has oversubscribed her Fifth Liberty Loan by more than a billion dollars."

THINK STRAIGHT

This is a time for straight thinking. Make sure the other fellow is not talking drivel. Analyze his thought, don't follow it. He may be suffering with phrasologic hemorrhage. It is epidemic now—days like influenza and much more serious.

For instance in regard to the Victory Liberty Loan and these fellows who thumb their vests, frown wisely, and say "Let the banks do it. They are bursting with money." They are talking drivel. It sounds fine but it isn't good sense. Nor is it good economics, which amounts to the same thing.

If the government thought it was wise to "let the banks do it," the government would let them do it. There would be no Victory Liberty Loan in the popular sense. But the government knows better than to let the banks do it.

This is the period of reconstruction right now. It is a period of many possibilities economically. One possibility is industrial depression. One preventative of industrial depression is plenty of money at favorable rates of interest to stimulate private enterprise. That means our banks must not be clogged with government securities. It means that we can't afford to "let the banks do it." The people must do it—do it from their earnings, present and future.

Think straight.
Support the Victory Liberty Loan.

FARMERS IN BEST FINANCIAL SHAPE OF RECENT YEARS

Smooth Transition of Agriculture to Peace Basis Predicted by Federal Reserve Board

American farmers are in better financial shape than they have been for years, according to a recent report of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, which also predicts a smooth transition of agriculture and industry from a war to a peace basis. The board's review of economic conditions throughout the country is based on detailed reports made to it by the governors of the twelve federal reserve banks.

"The farmer is said to be in the best financial shape for many years," the review says. "In the South he is able to hold his cotton for better prices and is marketing his output conservatively.

"Excellent crop prospects are reported from the wheat states of the West and from California. On the Pacific Coast the prospects for excellent crops are exceedingly bright."

"Victory year" crops, according to another government report, added \$17,000,000,000 to our wealth. The principal contributions were:

Corn—2,582,814,000 bushels, \$3,528,313,000.

Wheat—\$17,100,000 bushels, \$1,874,623,000.

Oats—1,538,359,000 bushels, \$1,092,423,000.

Barley—256,375,000 bushels, \$235,269,000.

Rye—\$9,103,000 bushels, \$134,947,000.

Potatoes—397,676,000 bushels, \$475,731,000.

Hay—75,459,000 tons, \$1,522,473,000.

Tobacco—1,340,019,000 pounds, \$374,318,000.

Apples—173,632,000 barrels, \$229,990,000.

As a result of the flourishing condition of the farmer in general the government expects him to take a large block of Victory Liberty Loan Bonds in April.

BORN OF WAR

It is difficult yet to value accurately or in some instances to perceive all the war has brought to our national life or pruned from it. The things we think little now may appear to posterity the greatest. The Thrift Stamp idea seems to be one of these. Originated as a war emergency measure, it has taken hold; has appealed to the common sense of America, and may yet shape the destiny of the nation.

It is patent, now that the war is over, that the Thrift Stamp has come to stay. If we get nothing else out of the war but the habit of saving, which begets the corollary simple living, we will have reaped the full fruit of the war. For a thrifty democracy is a firm democracy, a potent democracy, a democracy strong enough to preserve itself.

A man who saves is a better citizen than the man who does not save. He becomes a stockholder in his government and he is jealous for the welfare of that government in war and in peace. In war he will fight for it with his life. In peace he will protect it from those who would tear down.

As America saves from this day on so shall she grow in benign power and in the eyes of mankind. "A bank account for every American citizen" should be one of our national slogans.

The Thrift and War Savings Stamp idea is freighted with a mighty change for the better in our national life.

The Thrift Stamp is backed by the United States government. Without doubt it is the greatest investment ever offered and it is in such a form that every American, big and little, can take advantage of it.

SEND ME THE BILL



George Peabody
Banker and Philanthropist



When eleven years old he was a store boy, at middle age a merchant prince,

friend of royalty and active American patriot. Peabody gave millions for free education in America and England. "Economy and thrift" was his motto.

If you aim to get ahead in life you could adopt no better motto. The man who works steadily and honestly, lives sensibly and saves a portion of what he earns is certain to enjoy some "luck."

Deposit a part of your pay this week in this bank, where it will be absolutely safe and always subject to your call. Add something every week. Get ready thus to meet opportunity half way. Be prepared to endure the rainy day cheerfully.

Multiply your money in our care.
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QUOTAS OF LOAN WILL DEPEND ON WAR STAMP SALES

Oversubscriptions of January and February Savings Campaign Allotments to Reduce Loan Task

Victory Liberty Loan quotas of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District are to be determined in some measure by the amounts loaned the government by each district in War Savings Stamps during January and February. If a district oversubscribes its War Savings Stamp quotas for the first two months of the year, its Victory Liberty Loan quota will be decreased to the extent of the oversubscription. Conversely, if a district fails to reach its January and February Stamp quotas, its Liberty Loan quota will be increased.

When Lewis B. Franklin, director of the War Loan Organization, was in San Francisco recently, he revealed that on the day the armistice was signed there was in progress in Washington a meeting to formulate plans for the continuous sale of Liberty Bonds—such a plan as governs the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps. Moreover, the Liberty Bond and War Stamps work was to be closely coordinated.

These plans were immediately discarded when the Germans signed the armistice and when Secretary of the Treasury Glass took office he announced that the Victory Liberty Loan would be the last. In the face of suggestions that the Victory Loan be put on a cold commercial basis, he added that the men making these suggestions were discounting the patriotism of the American people and he would depend upon the patriotism of the American people rather than place securities of the United States government upon a plane with the paper of private corporations.

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The Aurora Observer has due it from two good nurseries four or five hundred trees and some other nursery stock, which it promised to order by December 15. But the nurseries have agreed to extend the time into January, the date depending on how long their stock holds out. To dispose of this stock we will sell it at the following low prices, if ordered at once:

Apple trees	15c
Plums and Prunes	15c
Peaches	15c
Pears	20c
Cherries	25c
Walnuts (seedlings)	30c
Walnuts (grafted)	\$1.00 to \$1.50
Quince	40c
Apricots	25c
Currants	10c
Gooseberries	10c
Ornamentals	25c to 50c
Roses	25c to 50c
Grapes, dozen	\$2.50
Blackberries, dozen	\$1.00
Red Raspberries, dozen	\$1.00
Black Raspberries, dozen	\$1.00
Loganberries, dozen	\$1.00

Varieties

Apple trees—Nearly all varieties.
Pears—Bartlett, Anjou, Winter Nellies, Bosc, Fall Butter, Flemish Beauty, Idaho, and Comice.

Plums—Peach Plum, Reine Claude, Satsuma, Petite Prune, Silver Prune, and a few others. No Italian Prunes.

Peaches—Early Crawford, Elberta, Hales, Fitzgerald, Charlotte, Salway, Lovell.

Cherries—Gov. Wood, Kentish, Black Republican, Lambert, Binz Royal Ann, May Duke, Etc.

English Walnut—Franquette and Mayette Seedlings 4 to 6 feet.

Gooseberries—Oregon Champion, Poorman, Victoria, Chautauqua.

Currants—Perfection, White Grape, Prolific, Cherry, Red Cross, Black Naples.

All this stock is guaranteed good matured stock, true to name, and free from disease. Send us your order, or come in and talk it over. We can save you money.

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RAILROAD TIME CARD SOUTHERN PACIFIC

NORTH BOUND	
No. 16 (on flag)	7:54 a.m.
No. 28 (on flag)	10:18 a.m.
No. 18 (stop)	2:59 p.m.
No. 24 (stop)	7:47 p.m.
SOUTH BOUND	
No. 23 (stop)	8:59 a.m.
No. 17 (stop)	2:46 p.m.
No. 27 (on flag)	4:56 p.m.