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### DISTRIBUTION OF 15,000,000 HAND GRENADES STOPS

#### War Department Cancels Contract to Supply Treasury With Bombs

San Francisco—The War Department has refused to proceed with the delivery of 15,000,000 hand grenades to the Treasury Department for conversion into savings banks to stimulate thrift and the sales of War Savings Stamps, according to a telegram received by C. A. Farnsworth, associate director of the War Loan Organization of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District. A contract which the Treasury Department had with the War Department was cancelled.

The grenades, filled with TNT, were ready for shipment to American Expeditionary Forces when the armistice was signed. The plan of the Treasury Department was to convert these grenades into savings banks by removing the explosive and to offer them as souvenirs of the war to purchasers of War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates of the 1919 series. The plan met with instantaneous success throughout the country, millions of them having been ordered. They were to be awarded through banks and trust companies which in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District alone ordered nearly 100,000 of them. These orders will all have to be cancelled.

"To say that I am disappointed is putting it lightly," said Farnsworth. "The demand for the grenades was tremendous, which proved that they were an excellent means of stimulating the habit of saving and investment in government securities. Moreover, they were the best possible souvenirs of the war. However, a Certificate of Achievement to be signed by Secretary Glass will be given instead of the grenades to the person who would be entitled to a grenade."

W. S. S.

#### THE FRUGAL

"It is the thrifty and frugal who are the backbone of the nation. It is they who supply its funds. It is they upon whom rests its credit. It is they who are not dependent upon society. It is they who support all its institutions, particularly its charitable ones. It is they who are not haunted by the grim spectre of want throughout their lives. It is they who are forming habits of self-sacrifice and providence. And further, it is they who, as a rule, are the happy persons. . . . It is the thrifty who have enjoyment because they can afford it, and enjoyment unobscured by the fear of want tomorrow. It is the thrifty who are happier in the present because not fearful of the future—the saving, frugal, insured classes of the country. It is the thrifty who can afford to give their time to public matters, because not tied down to the actual needs of the day. And further, it is the thrifty who, by habits of self-sacrifice and foresight and frugality, are building the character that made the nation great when it was young, and that alone can keep the nation great. A man or a nation is worth what he saves and not what he spends."—Edward A. Woods.

The United States Government sells War Savings Stamps to give every man, every woman, every child the chance to save. A Thrift Stamp costs 25 cents. A \$5 War Savings Stamp costs \$1.25 this month. Buy one at the post office. Get started.

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Thrift prompts to industry and encourages self-reliance. Buy W. S. S.

### EARLY BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

#### Youth's Wise Employment of Leisure Hours Means Everything in His After Life.

If the young man could only assimilate very early in his life the fact that merely to live and eat and drink and sleep, and then die, is not enough, but that he must rob himself of many of the pleasures usually taken up by young men if he means to make his life of the highest possible use to the world, he would set his foot on the pathway to accomplish something worth while.

There is no harm in billiards or pool or in dancing, baseball or card-playing, or any one of the scores of different diversions and recreations open to young men. The natural inclination usually is to devote a large part of the leisure hours of young manhood to such pleasures. But the youth who is really earnest in his ambition to do something worth while will discipline himself to resist such temptations during his early, formative years, for the whole fate of a man is largely determined by how he utilizes his plastic years. He may be restricted by circumstances, by environment, by family ties in his selection of his daily work, but every young man, particularly nowadays, has many hours that he can call his own, and it is how he chooses to use these hours that counts most and tells most.—Forbes Magazine.

### SOMETHING MORE THAN PLAY

#### Crippled Soldier Pleasantly Surprised at Result of Work at Which He Amused Himself.

How a ring got a wounded soldier a new occupation in life is told by the federal board for vocational education, which is helping the handicapped men of the army, navy and marine corps get back into the workaday world.

A veteran of Belleau wood called upon the board. His left leg gone, he appeared listless and without hope. He sat talking to the adviser, now and then slowly turning a ring on his finger. The adviser, to get the man's confidence, asked to see the ring.

The man suddenly became animated. "I made that," he said. "Hammered it out of silver myself, and engraved those figures on the outside. Nothing but some playing of mine," he added. The adviser looked at the ring, noted the engraving, and said:

"How would you like to learn en-

graving?" "Doing this?" said the soldier, angering his ring. "Say, this ain't work—it's just play."

"Let's have a try at it," replied the adviser.

The federal board sent the man to learn engraving, and in a few months he qualified for a good job in a jewelry store.

#### Chinese College Girls.

The most picturesque school in Nanking is Giling college, a recently opened institution, operated by five boards, presided over by a faculty of eight and including 18 girls. As this is only the second year of operation, 18 is a goodly number. Last year there were hardly enough girls to go around. The college is housed for the present in a charming old "gung gwan" or official residence belonging to the estate of Li Hung Chang, and once occupied by one of his relatives. For Chinese women to come into such an inheritance, even by renting it, is enough to make anyone enthusiastic. Only two years of college work are done at present, but a year's work is being added over autumn, so that it will soon tax the eight teachers to keep the class work up to the high standard that has been decided upon.—Christian Herald.

#### Rigorous Mourning.

"Germany's week of mourning over the harshness of our peace terms was rigorously observed—nit," said Major Frederick Palmer, the famous war correspondent.

"There's a story about the week of mourning from Berlin. A Berlinese assistant theater manager said to the manager:

"Is our burlesque going to observe the week of mourning, boss?"

"Rigorously, sir, rigorously," the boss replied.

"Close down—is that the idea?" said the assistant.

"Close down nothing!" said the boss. "We'll put all the chorus girls in black silk stockings."

#### To Keep Castaways Dry.

Louis O. Anderson has invented a "storm cover" for boats which, when adjusted, covers both boat and rower so completely that waves and rain will roll off it as water rolls off a duck's back. The suit, which includes a headpiece, is made full of its juncture with the rubberized cover, says the Popular Science Monthly, so that the person may try to paddle with one of the oars while sitting in the stern with the tail spread out behind him. His other oar makes a backbone for the cover.

### The Sebering Bundle

By Walt Mason.

When you have a bunch of bundles in the bank just up the pike, you'll stand up for Yankee Doodle, law and order and the like. Then no crowd of devastation, such as Russian outlaws shriek, will receive your confirmation—you'll denounce it like a streak. When a man is broke and busted, with no package laid away, he is evermore disgusted with the laws we all obey. He would see our courts all leveled, and the Judges on the rack, and the plutocrats bedeviled till they gave up all their stock. He would see all things upended, Justice he would render mute; then his chances would be splendid to accumulate some loot. I have seen some agitators stirring up the people's souls, and they all wore cast-off gaiters and their pants were full of holes. And they said their chains were clanking, as they damned the plutocrat; if they'd only do some banking they would soon get over that. I have heard the spieles thrifless putting up their werry song; I have heard the weak and shiftless saying everything is wrong. But the man who saves his money thinks the Russian creed absurd, and he thinks it heastly funny that so many yawps are heard.—Copyright, 1919. (By permission.)

Walt Mason buys War Savings Stamps. Do you?

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### BUYING WISHES

"The man who buys only what he needs, and when he needs it, would neither sustain a 'marked down sale' nor a marked up one. He would apply the law of demand according to its ultimate power, and the level of supply and demand would sooner be reached. It follows that as long as people keep on paying high prices, because they think they must have 'better living conditions' and still better, and buy because of a wish rather than a legitimate want, prices will remain abnormally high. . . . The consumer does know at all times what he can 'make do,' what he can and ought to pay for a necessary article, and if he lives up to the law of economy and necessity, he exercises the power of demand upon price to an appreciable extent and helps to lower the cost of living. Primarily goods are made to use and not to sell. And when a people will not use them they will not sell, when they will not sell they come down in price or go out of existence. . . . To use a carping phrase, much of our present-day trouble is due to the fact that 'we want what we want when we want it.' The truth is we have 'cut loose' from our war-time inortuus in economy. . . . But the effects of this great war are not over. If we resume in having everything we want, the other resumption must wait. An ounce of economy is worth a pound in price. Less calling and more working, less spending and more saving would go far toward reducing the high cost of living." Commercial and Financial Chronicle.

A Thrift Stamp is an ounce of economy. A War Savings Stamp is a pound of the same stuff. Get it through your head that high wages won't bring better times unless you save part of them. Save and invest with Uncle Sam.

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There are 1,200,000 children attending grammar school in the seven states of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District. Figure it out yourself what they alone would save in a year if they each bought one \$5 War Savings Stamp each month.

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