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Editor of the Gazette-Times:

In my last letter I spoke of the way in which the large capitalists are seeking to force us to take a course of action which will inevitably lead us directly to another war similar to the one that has just ceased. This time I wish to point out another way in which they are acting that is contrary to the best interests of the laboring, farming and small business people.

The roots of this action extend back to the war period, but owing to the censorship of the press and the suppression of freedom of speech and assembly, those of us who were most interested in preserving the rights of the people in general had no opportunity to give warning in any effective manner. It rests in the raising of the funds to carry on the war by the sale of bonds and stamps rather than by taxation alone. The reason given for the sale of bonds and stamps instead of raising more taxes was, of course, that we could not bear the burden of so much taxation all at once; to the unthinking this reason seems plausible. But as a matter of fact it had no validity whatever. Let me explain a little here. It must be evident to everyone that, since we did not buy anything from foreign countries with which to carry on the war, we must have produced it all ourselves. Whatever food, clothing, iron, powder and other materials we used in the war were taken from the

people of this country. That is, we really paid for the war as we went, and we could not have done otherwise, since we could not buy from foreign countries. This is the fact whether the money to buy these products for the army organization came from taxation or from the sale of bonds. The effect is the same and the burden as thus far developed fell exactly the same on the people. Thus the assertion that we could not pay for the war as we went is a pure fabrication.

But during the war the big business men stood firmly and solidly for the plan of raising the funds by the sale of bonds and they wanted a much greater portion raised by this method than that which Congress finally consented. Now why did the big capitalists thus stand for bond issues? There are various reasons, but the main reason was that by the use of the bond method a greater portion of the taxation would be ultimately be levied on the poorer people than would be if we paid the cost of the war by taxation as we went. If we had used taxation alone, the big business enterprises who were making enormous profits out of profiteering and government contracts would have had to raise more taxes, of course, pay heavier income and excess profit taxes, for the simple reason that the poorer people could not have paid the taxes or would not have paid them. It is interesting to note that in England a much heavier tax was levied on the great capitalists than in this country. On the other hand, if bonds were sold there would be no necessity for such high taxes, for the money for the war would be paid by the common people rather than the money for himself, and after the

war, when expenses were less, there would still not be any excuse for taxing him in any way. In this after-war period the money for the payment of the principal and the interest on the bonded debt would be raised by the ordinary processes of taxation which always fall more heavily on the laborer and the small property holder than on the great capitalist. This is the main reason why we have our bonded debt now instead of being out of debt for the war.

Now the great capitalists and their supporters succeeded in their struggle to have the funds raised by bonds rather than by taxation. But even since the war, the present administration has determined to raise great sums by taxation in order to begin to pay off the debt and to provide for future necessities. But to do this it will have to continue to raise large amounts by taxing the incomes of the great capitalists and these gentlemen cannot escape with so much of the spoil of the war as they wish. Therefore they are opposed to any such proceedings. The Republican party is largely dominated by the representatives of these interests. Such men as Lodge and Penrose and Roosevelt just simply cannot bear to see their friends, the large capitalists, pay such heavy taxes. Therefore these leaders in the Republican party have determined to prevent the levying of taxes of this sort in 1920. This means that a great deal more of the payment of the national bonded debt will be paid by the common people than the present administration would have permitted and the common people should pay. By this policy the men who are the most

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able to pay the debt will almost entirely escape the payment.

The duty that we of the common people have is to see to it that no man for whom we vote, be he Republican or Democrat or otherwise, is returned to Congress whom we do not know will stand to raise the money by taxation on those who can bear it and that as rapidly as possible. It is only thus that we can do our part to make the capitalistic barons pay the portion of the debt which they justly should pay.

Respectfully,
GLENN BURROUGHS.

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N. E. WINNARD,
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER.

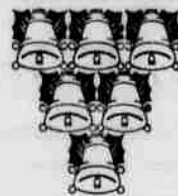
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