

# The Evening Herald

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### WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING.

Col. George Harvey in "Harvey's Weekly," in summing up the utter failure of the present administration in the management of the railroads, has this to say:

The railroads are one case in point. They are under dictatorial government control; and the administration is trying its utmost to keep them in perpetuity. What is the result? February, 1918, was the worst month down to that time in the history of American railroads. For that there was a reason. There was a scarcity of coal, and the weather was extraordinarily inclement. But February, 1919, proved to be still worse for the railroads. Conditions were reversed. There was plenty of coal and the weather was extraordinarily mild and pleasant. Moreover, freight rates had been considerably increased. Yet the net operating income of the roads was less by \$2,225,000 in February, 1919, than in the disastrous February of 1918. Rates were increased about 25 per cent, but the income decreased 14 per cent, and the service was slower. Nor was that month singular. The net operating income in January was \$37,000,000 below the average of three years. The deficits thus created must, of course, be met out of taxation. In 1918 the deficit averaged \$17,000,000 a month. This year it has thus far averaged \$37,000,000 a month. Expert figures and account-mongers may juggle with these facts as they please. The facts which appeal beyond all contradiction to the public mind are these: The railroad service is poorer than it has been before in this generation. The trains are slower, less frequent and less trustworthy. The cost of the service to the immediate patrons of the roads is higher than it has been before in this generation. Passenger fares are higher; freight rates are higher. The people are being taxed as never before in this generation, through inquisitorial incomes, stamp, and other taxes, to meet a deficit of hundreds of millions of dollars a year in railroad accounts. In brief, government control of the railroads has meant, and now increasingly means, poorer service at higher cost. Let not this criticism be misunderstood. We are not disputing the desirability, perhaps even the necessity, of making some of these arrangements as war-time expedients. We do not believe even that it would have been necessary or desirable if affairs had been properly managed before the war. For example, if the government had not for years been apparently trying to starve the railroads to death, the war would not have found them in so inefficient condition as to call for government intervention. The simple fact is that the government itself was chiefly responsible for the poor condition of the railroad service; and it is notorious that as soon as it took control of the railroads it immediately did with the roads the very things which it had refused to let them do for themselves. Only, if I had let them do those things for themselves, the service would have been improved; while, when the government itself did them, the service was not improved but impaired. Nevertheless, let us concede that at least some of these extensions of government control were necessary as war measures. It was only as such that they could be justified; and the results to date are nothing short of a "horrible example" to warn us against continuing such control in time of peace. That is the great object lesson before the American nation today; a lesson so striking and so beneficent as to be worth all its

enormous cost to the nation. If only the nation will heed it and learn it and act upon it. Government control has meant and means less efficiency and greater cost; it has meant and means higher prices for the necessities of life. It has been weighed in the balance of practical experience and has been found wanting in profit to the public welfare.

### BILLVILLE PHILOSOPHY

The grouchy people wouldn't find the autumn lonesome if they'd get a hustle on and sweat the cussedness out of 'em.

The world's a-rollin' 'round the stars, and how do you know, but that it's tellin' heaven all about you, long 'fore you knock at the gate?

It might be worse. If we could always see Trouble comin' 'praps we'd break our necks tryin' to get away from it.

The earth's a lot of territory for one man to want, 'specially when some of us don't know how to manage ten acres.—Atlanta Constitution.

### "TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE," INSISTS U. S. SENATOR

#### J. Hamilton Lewis Advises All to Go Limit in War Securities

"I can give no sounder advice to the American people than to invest in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps," James Hamilton Lewis, United States Senator from Illinois, says in a statement issued in Washington. Senator Lewis is one of the self-made men of the West, having as a young man practiced law in Seattle. "This is a wonderful proposition," he said, speaking of the opportunity afforded to the workers of the nation to become investors in their Government. "Every man, woman and child in the Republic ought to go his or her limit in buying these Government securities. To the citizens of the Republic is offered the opportunity of not only helping their Government make good its obligations and to maintain the prestige it has gained but at the same time to increase their personal holdings. To me it is too good to be true."

Put off buying the flivver until next fall and sink the money in Victory Bonds.

There are no Liberty Loans ahead of you after the Victory Loan, so mortgage your future for Victory Bonds. Thousands of our soldiers and sailors mortgaged their futures.

### LEND A PENNY FOR EACH YANK KILLED IN WAR

#### A Problem in Simple Division for Those Who "Have Done Enough."

Army and Marine Corps casualties reported by General Pershing up to the opening of the Victory Liberty Loan are shown below. If you subscribed one cent for every American boy killed, wounded, or missing, you would invest \$2,823 in the Victory Loan.

You would have to subscribe \$746 at the same rate for every Yank killed.

The Toll.	
Killed in action.....	33,705
Died of wounds.....	14,154
Died of disease.....	22,688
Died of other causes.....	4,036
Total dead.....	74,583
Taken prisoner.....	4,777
Missing in action.....	4,951
Wounded.....	198,037
Grand total.....	282,348
Invest.....	

### CROOKS AND FOOLS

The American people, called spend-thrifts by the rest of the world, were taught the remarkable lesson of thrift in the four Liberty Loan campaigns which were held before the signing of the armistice November 11. Thousands of persons who had never saved a penny in their lives are now holding Liberty Bonds bought on the installment plan.

If you have bought a Liberty Bond, hold it. You have the best investment in the world. Every day people who have paid hard earned money for their bonds are trading them for worthless stocks of a dozen different varieties. These stocks will never pay them a cent of dividend. They are investing their money in a Mississippi Bubble.

Don't let yourself be led astray by a nicely engraved yellow-back certificate that has no guarantee of value and is only supported by gilt edged promises. Before you relinquish your Liberty Bond be certain that you have a better investment. If you follow this rule you will probably keep your bond.

Today's News Today in The Herald.

### ONE YEAR AGO TODAY (April 30)

Germans renew powerful attacks against weakened British and Belgian lines in Flanders.

In the bitterest day's fighting of the 1918 offensive French lose Scherpenberg hill, north of Ypres. Few American troops thrown into the fighting below Amiens to stem Hun tide.

Von Arnim applies crushing tactics to destroy Allied line from Arras to the North Sea.

Council of Allies agrees only American troops can save the war, and plans to release all shipping to hasten troop movements from America.

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE PAID FOR VICTORY THEN?

### FAMOUS WAR FLAG FOR FIRST STATE IN VICTORY LOAN

#### Emblem that Flew When War Was Declared to Go to State With Best Record

The flag that floated over the capitol building at Washington when Congress declared war on Germany will be presented to the state attaining the highest percentage of oversubscription of its quota in the Victory Loan. Already it is a historic relic.

Not only was this flag flown during the passage of the war resolution, but twice before, the first time during President Wilson's second Inaugural, March 5, 1917, and the second time while the president was making his plea before Congress for war on Germany, April 2, 1917.

Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol building, gave the flag to the Treasury Department which will make the award.

In years to come many a pilgrimage will be made to the capitol building of the state winning it as a prize in the Victory Loan.

### ONE YEAR AGO TODAY (May 1)

British lines stagger before relentless attacks of the Huns on fifteen mile front in Flanders.

Appalling losses fail to halt German assaults in the Noyon sector. Ypres salient still held by the French and British, but at a tremendous cost.

Germans massing thousands of reserves at Liege to force decision regardless of losses.

Vanguard of America's millions lend small reinforcement to hard-pressed Allies.

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War Savings Stamps are the best remedy for an over-worked bank account.

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

### STOP THIEF!

Are you sneaking through the alleys these days with your American citizenship? Are you the kind of a fellow who brings the cry of "Stop Thief!" from honest citizens?

You are unless you have taken your share of the Victory Loan or honestly intend to do so before May 10. You are stealing your citizenship.

Don't forget that. It's as true as God made little apples. And don't forget that your neighbor and the fellow who works with you in shop or office is judging you.

A prominent Pacific Coast banker, a real American citizen who lost his only son in the war, said the other day:

"To my dying day when a man comes to my office for a loan I'm going to ask him if he subscribed to every Liberty Loan. If he hasn't, he won't be able to borrow one red cent from our house, no matter if he offers one hundred per cent interest."

That's how hard he believes in America.

Don't forget right now you are making or breaking your reputation in this community. We are not going to forget. The fathers and mothers of the boys who were lost or wounded won't let us forget what each and every one of us do in this Victory Loan. They are going to cry "Stop Thief!"

### Here Are the Terms—And They're Easy

10 Per Cent With Application	
10 Per Cent.....	July 15
20 Per Cent.....	Aug. 12
20 Per Cent.....	Sept. 9
20 Per Cent.....	Oct. 7
20 Per Cent.....	Nov. 11

VICTORY LOAN.

The official Victory picture, "The Price of Peace," will have more than 3000 feet of film and will show reels of actual fighting on the Western front during the closing days of the war. In addition, ten pictures, staging as accurately as possible some of the most heroic deeds performed by Americans on the battlefields, will be used in practically every moving picture theater in the United States.

### LOAN TO RIDE TO SUCCESS ON WAR TANKS

#### Each of Seven Pacific Coast States Given Tank to Advertise Victory Loan

Each of the seven states in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District will be given at least one of the twelve tanks assigned this district for use during the Victory Liberty Loan drive which starts April 21. The tanks have been assigned in the following manner: Two to Washington, one to Oregon, one to Idaho, one to Utah, one to Nevada, two to Northern California and two to Southern California and Arizona. The remaining two tanks will be carried on special trains, one of which will tour the Northwest and the other to travel through California and the Southwest.

War Veterans to Drive  
The tanks will be handled in the campaign by twenty-four veterans with European service, to their credit. All of the drivers have actually seen service in France, before being sent out over the district the camouflage tanks will parade and give a sham battle in San Francisco.

According to present plans all of the tanks will arrive in San Francisco about April 6. They will be taken to a four acre tract of land near the Southern Pacific freight station where they are to be assembled and the camouflage retouched by the men who are to drive them during the campaign. The tanks will be equipped with Maxim machine guns or 37 M.M. smoke bombs with special pistols and lights.

Trophies From France  
On the special trains which are to carry the tanks will be a complete display of war trophies which have been collected on the battlefields of France and brought back to this country since the signing of the armistice. With the tanks will travel heroes of the American Expeditionary Forces who will speak for the Victory Loan.

### VICTORY SLOGAN CONTEST WILL END ON APRIL 5

The last day for the Victory Loan slogan contest will be Saturday, April 5. Any slogan in the mail on that day will be considered in awarding the \$30, \$20 and \$10.

Slogans need not be in rhyme and although the limit is 12 words, shorter slogans are preferred. There is no limit to the number of slogans each person may send.

Here are samples of the 10,000 slogans that have been received at 420 California street, San Francisco:

- "Your bond keeps faith with those who died."
- "Insure the Victory with Victory Bonds."
- "Victory Bonds Bind Victory."
- "Punch the Bond out of Bondage."
- "Make good the Liberty that Victory has won."
- "You've finished the Kaiser. Now finish the job."
- "Don't quit because the Kaiser did."
- "Remember the Argonne. Buy a bond."
- "If it was worth dying for it's worth paying for."
- "Don't be a quitter."

### ARMY TO GET TALKS IN THRIFT CAMPAIGN

To teach thrift through subscriptions to the Victory Loan and War Savings Stamps, three lectures on wise buying will be delivered to 1,500,000 soldiers now in the service. The talks will be made under the approval of Brigadier General Edward L. Munson, General Staff, U. S. A., and will be given under the direction of the Y. M. C. A.

### OUR SOUL WILL PAY

There was very little to find fault with in the spirit which the American people showed when the war was brought home to them daily by deeds of heroism sent back from the fields of France. In those days, beneath the selfishness of commercialism, was laid bare the soul of our people. It was the same true, untarnished soul which built the country through nearly a century and a half of struggles which tested every fiber of our being as a nation.

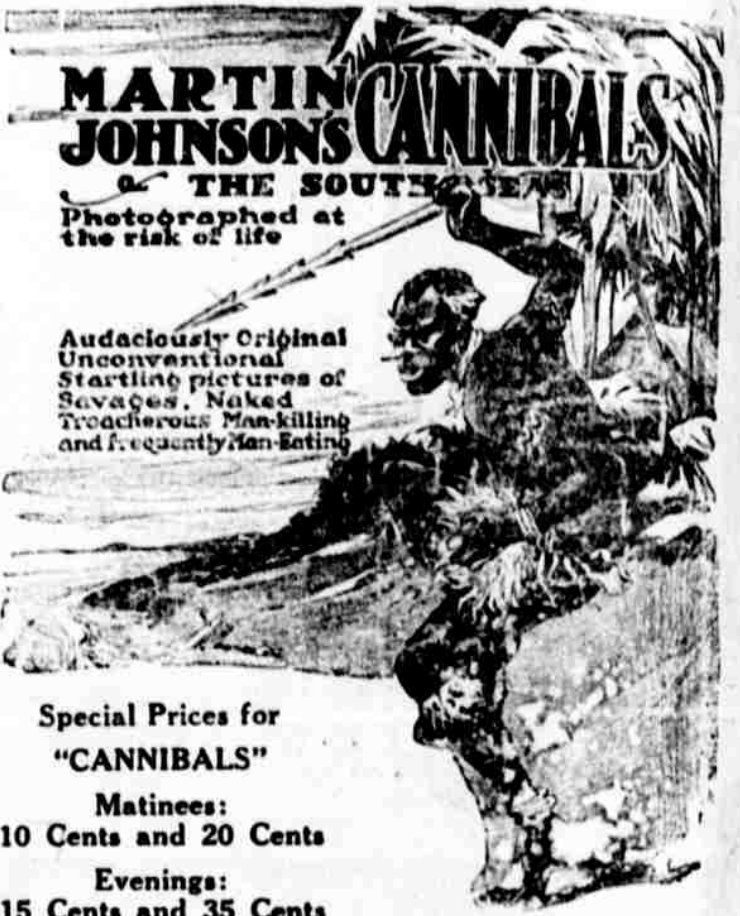
It is this spirit and soul of our nation which makes possible the achievement by the American people of any task which they set themselves to do from the bottom of their heart. Our nation never went into anything with a more determined will than it did to defeat the abominable militarism which had been the lone star of the German people. The American people won that battle.

The government is now making an appeal to the same spirit which won that victory. The only work that remains to be done to make sure of an oversubscription to the fifth loan is to bring home to the American spirit which won the war the realization that there is another great task which it is right to be done. That is paying the bill of the war. The American people know the bill is just and will pay it.

A dollar saved is a dollar made. Invest in War Savings Stamps.

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