HEAVY SALES OF SAVINGS STAMPS

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WAR CREDITS BOARD WORK

When and Why It Authorizes Advance Payments to Contractors—New Committee Will Mobilize Colleges for the Training of Troops.

(From Committee on Public Information.)

Washington. — Treasury receipts from the sale of War-Savings stamps are running at the rate of $11,000,000 a week. Savings bank deposits in the last few years have been increasing at the rate of $700,000 a business day. Treasury receipts show the American people are putting their small savings at the service of the nation through War Savings stamps at a rate far in excess of prewar savings bank accumulations.

Two billion dollars of war-savings securities will be issued. If these are all sold this year the treasury will receive about $1,980,000,000, and at the end of five years the government will repay the loan together with $320,000,000 in interest.

A statement prepared by the war credits board includes the following explanation of its functions and activities:

"When a contract that has a contract with the war department for supplies has shown the board that it needs financial assistance and has been able to comply with the act by giving adequate security, the board has approved an advance payment and the money has been received; in many instances where the case was urgent the money has been paid over to the contractor the same day the application has been filed. However, the board does not act in any sense as a bank. It is only when the manufacturer has reached a point where financial assistance is needed, in addition to his banking lines, that application for advance payment for his goods is considered favorably by the board."

Between the time of its creation in November and January 24 the board approved advances to contractors totaling $145,551,000.

It is estimated that within the next six months 75,000 to 100,000 men will be given intensive military training in schools and colleges. They will be drawn from the armed forces of the nation, men now in training camps of about to be called, and registrants under the selective service law.

With a view to mobilizing the educational institutions of the country for this special training there has been created in the war department a "committee on education and special training." It will encourage and arrange for the technical education of men needed by the several branches of the army.

A "War Cyclopedia," providing the public with information on the great war in the form of a handbook, is the latest publication issued by the committee on public information.

The salient facts of the war are briefly stated in alphabetical form in 300 pages. The cyclopedia also contains a chronology of outstanding events ranging from the murder at Serajevo of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, June 28, 1914, to the British national labor conference's approval of President Wilson's war aims, December 29, 1917.

The volume may be obtained by addressing the Committee of Public Information, 10 Jackson place, Washington, D. C., and inclosing 25 cents to cover cost of printing.

While figures are not yet available on the proportionate number of $1 and $5 smileage books being purchased for use by men at the camps and cantonments, the commission on training camp activities, in charge of the sale, states that there has been unexpected demand for the larger books. Smileage books selling for $1 contain 20 coupons good for admission to camp entertainments; books selling for $5 contain 100 coupons.

From two to five coupons are required for admission to Liberty theaters at the camps, although many of the productions are of the class which command $2 prices in metropolitan houses.

Plans for the aerial mail route between Washington, Philadelphia and New York contemplate the use of machines capable of carrying 300 pounds of mail a distance of 200 miles without stop. A special postage rate would be charged not exceeding 25 cents an ounce.

In reply to inquiries regarding the possibility of redistilling seized spirits for alcohol the war department has announced that the small amount of alcohol recovered, the cost of transportation, recooperage and redistillation would make the cost to the government greater than it is now paying. The average yield from confiscated liquor would not exceed 5 per cent of alcohol.

The war department now permits women to qualify as inspectors of small arms, according to an announcement by the civil service commission.

News of schemes to swindle farmers by men advertising to be authorized farm-loan association organizers is met by the statement by the federal farm loan board that organizers are not employed.

In order to borrow money under the farm-loan act farmers must organize co-operative national farm-loan associations in their local communities. It is a violation of a ruling of the farm loan board for a national farm-loan association or a joint-stock land bank to spend money for promotion purposes.

After an inspection trip to a base hospital, Secretary of War Baker made the following reply to an inquiry concerning hospital conditions:

"With Surgeon General Gorgas and Doctor Hornsby I made this morning a personal inspection of the entire base hospital at Camp Meade. The hospital is very large, fully equipped with scientific laboratories and facilities, has an adequate number of trained nurses under the supervision of a skilled superintendent; its medical and surgical staffs are made up of competent men filled with enthusiasm for their work. The hospital throughout is clean and well cared for; there was an abundance of clean linen, a plentiful supply of well-prepared and appetizing food, and every evidence of considerate attention to the patients was manifest. I talked with a large number of the patients, none of whom knew who I was, and found them cheerful and without a single complaint as to their treatment or comfort. Doctor Hornsby told me at the conclusion of our inspection that the base hospitals in the cantonments throughout the country were substantially like the one we visited this morning. It was a most reassuring visit. I have long been interested in hospitals, and if I were to have a personal illness which required hospital treatment I should be perfectly content to be sick in the base hospital at Camp Meade, satisfied that I would receive the attention necessary and under comfortable conditions."

In England priority must be given to the manufacture of war-time boots over all but government work. The boots must be made of classes of leather and to specifications approved by the director of raw materials; the manufacturer must stamp on the upper his registered number and on the sole the retail price, together with the words "war time."

The following are examples of styles and prices per pair: Men's heavy shoes, $4.50; city clerks' shoes, $4.87 to $6.39; women's stout shoes, $3.16 to $4.20; women's first-grade glace shoes, $4.87 to $6.39; boys' shoes, $2 up; girls' shoes, $1.87 up. Altogether there will be 39 types of wartime boots. The heels of women's shoes are not higher than 1¾ inches, but it is understood that wartime shoes represent in all particulars the manufacturers' ideas of what the public desires.

Small stocks of corn in the hands of dealers in New England and other Eastern and Southern states, with the exception of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, where surpluses were produced, are indicated by reports to the department of agriculture. Actual available supplies in the Southeastern states are said to be greater than ever before, although the amount of corn in the hands of distributors and other dealers is much below normal.

Most districts in the Southeastern states have sufficient supplies for local needs, while dealers in many places, especially Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida have shipped large quantities of corn to the larger markets.

No commodities may now be exported from the United States nor imported, without license. According to a statement by the war trade board the military and tonnage situations have made increasingly apparent the necessity of instituting a complete and thorough-going control of all exports and imports.

Licenses for the export or import of coin, bullion, currency, evidences of debt of ownership of property and transfers of credit will be issued by the treasury department; licenses for all other exports and imports, including merchandise, bunkers, ships' supplies, etc., will be issued by the war trade board.

The director of athletics at one army camp has arranged a program as a means of determining the relative athletic caliber of the companies in the division. Each man is required to pass in eight of the following tests to obtain a positive mark for his unit:

Jump 8 feet from a standing position; chin 10 times; clear a bar at 4 feet 2 inches; throw a 12-pound shot 33 feet; climb a 20-foot rope in 15 seconds; dash 50 yards in 7 seconds; run a mile in 6 minutes; lift a 90-pound weight over the head with one hand; sit up from a supine position with a 50-pound weight suspended from the back of the head.

There is no standard recipe for "victory bread," the only requirem nt being that it must contain not more that 80 per cent of wheat flour, the remaining 20 per cent being composed of corn meal or corn flour, rice, potato flour, or other cereals recommended by the food administration. "Victory" pies and doughnuts, which contain not less than one-third nonwheat flour, may be sold on wheatless days if the same recipes are used throughout the week.

The limit of time for filing income tax returns has been extended to April 1.

In order to assure prompt and accurate identification, the war department has adopted a system of numbering enlisted men of the army. The system provides for one series of numbers, without alphabetical prefix, for all enlisted men. The number assigned to a soldier will become a part of his official designation, and will never be changed nor assigned to another man. It will be entered on identification tags.

The annual expenditure of the United States for candy is approximately $400,000,000.

Before the war the navy's bureau of identification had the finger-print records of 300,000 men. In the last year the number has increased to about 600,000. In taking the finger-print record of the navy recruit the impressions of all ten fingers are obtained.

Advice to Sentimental.

When a fellow's in love he might as well go right up to her and make a fool of himself first as last. Anything is better than holding it in until he gets spontaneous combustion.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Bowser Is Sad

But His Sadness Departs All of a Sudden

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By M. QUAD.

After dinner Mr. Bowser lighted his cigar and sat down on the front steps to smoke. The cat sat with him and for an hour he seemed to have many thoughts and paid but little heed to what was going on around him. By and by he went into the house and sat down with Mrs. Bowser and presently said:

"I was having a revery out there by myself and it has made me feel sad."

"Then you were thinking of sad things?" queried Mrs. Bowser.

"Yes, they were sad. I was thinking of mother's death. She called me to her when she was dying and told me to always speak the truth. I can remember every word she said. Dear mother, but I hope she has long been with the angels."

"That is the reason why you always speak the truth, now, is it?"

Mr. Bowser looked at her rather doubtfully. He realized that he lied sometimes, as all men do, but he hoped she would never find him out and was, therefore, not using any sarcasm.

"And my father," continued Mr. Bowser, "when he was dying he called me to him and told me always to be honest and upright and plundered. We never hurried that case. They added it on to the bill just to help themselves toward buying autos and steam yachts. Do you think I will stand this? Do you take Senator Bowser for an easy mark? I will show them!"

"You can call in there when you go to the office in the morning. The office will be closed at this hour of the night."

"Then I will break in the door and kick the whole outfit into the river."

And he went right away, carrying the bill in his hands and flourishing it around his head in broad circuits. He found the gas office locked. He gave a slight kick on the door. There he stood

"The Cat Sat With Him."

back and looked all over the front of the office building, and presently he put the bill in his pocket and walked back home. He was no longer sad. He no longer desired to commit murder. He just wanted to tell Mrs. Bowser that if he went into chicken raising on scientific principles he could make 10,000 from dollars every year for the next hundred years.

Most Cosmopolitan City.

Cairo, which is the meeting place of the East and the West, is popularly supposed to offer more varied types than any other city in the world, but even Cairo is not so cosmopolitan as Jerusalem. People come here from everywhere on earth as they go to Cairo, but they do not become fused with the other races. The Bokharan Jew is easily distinguished by his strikingly Mongolian features, and the Yemen Jew learns no language but Arabic, while his brother from Russia often speaks Yiddish and the men who come from Portugal and Spain cling to their respective languages, customs and costumes, having only Hebrew beliefs that make them Jews of a common stock. The same thing is true of most of the other people from Europe. Nations have their respective quarters, and their inhabitants do not mingle with the people of other nations to any degree. The same thing is true of the religionists. America has been called the "melting pot" of the nations, and it is true that over there all the nations are being fused. In Jerusalem, as in no other place, they never fuse, and remain always the same.—Exchange.

Importance of Discipline.

There is not that thing in the world of more grave and urgent importance throughout the life of man, than is discipline. What need I instance? He that hath read with judgment of nations and common wealths, of cities and camps, of peace and war, sea and land, will readily grant that the flourishing and decaying of all civil societies, all the movements and turnings of human occasions, are moved to and fro as on an axle of discipline. So that whatsoever power and sway in mortal things weaker men have attributed to fortune, I durst with more confidence ascribe either to the vigor or the slackness of discipline. And certainly discipline is not only the removal of disorder . . . but the very visible shape and image of virtues; whereby she is not only seen in the regular gestures and motions of her heavenly peace as she walks, but also makes the harmony of her voice audible to mortal ears.—Milton.

Love of Music Among Birds.

The theory advanced by Darwin that the singing of birds is merely a sexual characteristic, and that their power of song has been developed because only the best singers were propagated, is no longer accepted by naturalists. Miss Henry Oldys holds that birds are mostly motivated by a love of music similar to that experienced by human beings. In support of this contention he cites the fact that birds will sing when happy and be quiet when unhappy and that they will listen to and imitate superior singers of their own kind. Cummings has found by other canaries of superior musical ability who are often worth large sums.

Savage, but Sensible.

The Jamamadi tribe of the Amazon region has a physical test for marriage for men which might be introduced with profit to the more highly civilized society. The prospective bridegroom must first get consent from his parents, from the girl and her parents and from the chief. Then on the morning of the wedding after he has had his bath in the river he is taken by the chief to a heavy log. The young buck must carry this log on his shoulders a fixed distance. If he is unable to do so he is not allowed to marry. In this way inherited weaknesses and physical defects are eliminated, and a strong, vigorous race is the result.—New York Sun.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—Appointment of Administrator.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1918. Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

SAMUEL CLARK LAND, Deceased.

Ida A. Ford, daughter and heir-at-law of said deceased, having filed in said Court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Ross Lamb, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 25th day of March, A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
GEORGE A. BROWN, Register of Probate.
8-Mar

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Sayre D. Harger and his wife, Lillian M. Harger, and Leverett Harger and his wife, Jennie B. Harger of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, to Daniel La Dow of Pontiac, Michigan, dated the 18th day of October, A. D. 1915, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1915, at 11:30 o'clock, A. M., of said day, in Liber 206 of Mortgages, on page 448, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Seventeen Hundred Thirty Four and Thirty-one one hundredths dollars ($1734.31) and an attorney fee of forty dollars ($40.00) as provided for in said mortgage, to be legally agreed to by the terms of said mortgage that should any principal or interest be not paid at the end of thirty days from the time it is due, the mortgagee can, at his option, declare all said principal and interest due) and more than thirty days having elapsed, and said interest not having been paid, said mortgagee hereby declares all principal and interest is due and payable, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 1918, at ten o'clock A. M. the undersigned will, at the easterly front door of the Court House, in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held), sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: All those certain pieces of parcels of land known and described as follows, to wit: All in Town Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, as follows: The Northeast fractional one-fourth (1-4) of Section Thirty (30) excepting therefrom the following described piece or parcel of lands, commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Thirty (30), thence Westerly on the North line of said Section forty-two (42) rods, thence Southerly to the North line of the Detroit and Howell Plank Road, thence Northeasterly along said Plank Road to the said Detroit and Howell Plank Road to the point of intersection with the North section line of said section, subject to the rights of the said Detroit and Howell Plank Road Company, the land intended to be conveyed containing one hundred fifty-four (154) acres more or less.—Dated Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 8, 1918.—DANIEL LA DOW, Mortgagee.

MANLY D. DAVIS, Attorney for Mortgagee, 601 Majestic Building, Detroit, Michigan.

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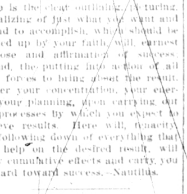

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The True American.

Of the whole sum of human life no small part is that which consists of a man's relations to his country, and his feelings concerning it.—Gladstone.

Language of Heaven.

A correspondent sends me a story which is a good parallel (or, rather, the exact opposite of a parallel) to that of the minister who prayed in Gaelic. There was in Dublin an old lady both eccentric and devout. One day she picked up by your faith, will, earnest purpose and affirmation of success around, the putting into action of all our forces to bring about the result. After your concentration, your everyday planning, and carrying out the processes by which you expect to achieve results. Here will, fidelity to following down of everything that will help on the desired result, will sow cumulative effects and carry you reward toward success.—Nautilus.

Very New.

A little girl out walking with her mother saw a dog with a license tag on his collar and exclaimed: "Oh, mother, there's a new dog that they haven't taked the tag off of yet."

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