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While the people should practice every reasonable economy, it does not appear necessary that business should become disorganized because of the war. In fact the present campaign of preparedness is aimed largely at preventing this condition. It seems likely that there will be no shortage of money. In fact it appears likely that unless larger crops of foodstuffs are grown this year, people with money to spend may find it difficult to buy many articles they have heretofore been accustomed to enjoying. We do not think there is any need for the people to become panicky—rather to view the situation from a commonsense standpoint. Work hard, cut out waste, and make the best of the situation, is our advice.

The importance of the South growing sufficient foods to feed the South may be seen from the fact that the department of agriculture puts the amount of foodstuffs shipped to the South at \$700,000,000. Coming down to a final analysis it appears that it is within the range of possibility for the South to actually win the war by planting foods. If this importation of foods into the South can be absolutely stopped, the country will have an excess of foods certainly to the amount of seven hundred millions over previous years. This is something to give serious attention to. We believe that the people of this county are going to do everything possible to help the situation, and if the farmers all over the State will do as much as Bamberg county there will be a lot more food grown this year than in the past.

It is indeed difficult to grasp the magnitude of the seven billion dollar "Liberty Loan." To give some idea of what a huge sum seven billion is, one can better grasp the amount by the fact that seven billion one dollar bills placed end to end would encircle the globe thirty-four times. It would take an express train running forty miles an hour two and a half years to cover this distance. It would take one man 750 years to count seven billion one dollar bills, counting one per second. Suppose one had a fortune of seven billion dollars, and had it invested at six per cent. interest. If his expenses were one million dollars a day, after spending a million a day for seventy years, he would then have fourteen billions—twice as much as he started with. He could not even keep up with the interest by spending a million a day.

Somewhat we feel that news censorship is not the thing for the American people. Our people have never relished the idea of news, good or bad, being suppressed from publication. The unwarranted optimism of America today toward the war is due, in a large measure, to the censorship of the news by Great Britain, according to our opinion. All the successes of the allied forces, but very few—only the glaring reverses, were made public by the British censors. Consequently the American people naturally believed the war was rapidly nearing a victory for the allies. We are now beginning to see that the war is not near at an end. Many bitter months of struggle are yet ahead before the end can be achieved with the success that America must demand. We do not believe the American people will ever flinch from a truth, no matter what that truth may convey.

Bottle of Gold Found in Hollow.

A story, much like the ones in Arabian Nights, or what you see in the movies, floated into the Index office yesterday. Whether it is absolutely true or absolutely not, cannot be said now, but this is how an Index reporter heard it.

R. E. Griffin, who runs a saw mill about five miles from Troy, had bought a body of woods, and was having trees cut down to be converted into lumber. A negro, while cutting down a tree, struck something hard in it with his axe. Examining the place carefully he discovered that he had cut the neck off a bottle which was in the tree. Fearing that it might be some dynamite placed there by the Germans, he ran to tell Mr. Griffin.

They returned quickly to the place and in a few minutes had cut the tree down. Instead of one, they found two bottles. After pulling them out of the cavity they opened them and before their eyes was a large amount of glittering gold and a number of confederate bills. Quickly counting it the sum came to something like \$4,200. Mr. Griffin divided the money equally with the negro. The Index does not vouch for this story, of the dividing of the money, but prints it as told a reporter from two different sources.—Greenwood Index.

PORTUGAL'S SOLDIERS.

No Mythical Beings and Already on French Front.

According to a dispatch from an American correspondent with the British armies on the Western front, officers of the Portuguese expeditionary force have arrived on the front and are preparing to tackle the work before them with enthusiasm. This marks the beginning of Portugal's actual participation in the fighting in Europe. The officers are said to present a smart appearance, and they appear to be impatient to get their troops on the fighting line. The troops are well armed and equipped and supplied with several batteries of the celebrated 75-millimetre field guns, and they display good training and discipline, it is said.

It remains to be seen what account these troops will give of themselves. It is a long time since Portuguese troops figured in European strife outside of their own borders. There was a time when Portugal ranked with Spain in her achievements of exploration and discoveries, but as in the case of Spain decadence set in and she fell behind in the world struggle for existence until she became one of the poorest and most backward of all the European nations.

Signs of the Times.

In Greeley, Col.: "Others have cheated you. Why not give me a chance?"—The Ennis Shoe Shop. In Laurel, Mont.: "William De Worst—Plumber." In the Stockton, Ill., opy house: "Any one using this fire escape only in case of fire will be fined for trespass." In a list of phonograph records in Davenport: "The Harp That Went Through Para's Hall." In the Hotel Gants, Humboldt, Kan.: "Heat in your room 25c extra." In Douglas county, Illinois: "Keep off drug roads when muddy."—Chicago Tribune.

New Problems of Finance.

In one way or another the United States has loaned \$2,750,000,000 to Europe since the world war began and the total of railway securities repurchased here in the same time is more than \$1,500,000,000, but in any war financing which the United States may do, and to almost any extent, the economic problems would not include foreign credit operations. The United States would simply avail itself of possibilities of credit within its own borders and payment on account need not imply huge and bond issues. The wealth of the nation is so great that a respectable portion of the expense would be met by current increased revenue. The "pay as you go" principle is beginning to find popularity not only with individuals, but with municipalities, States and larger governments, and should we be unfortunate enough to have to incur on our own account a staggering war bill it does not follow necessarily that we would come out of the conflict with an unwieldy wealth of the nation is so great that a respectable portion of the expense would be met long time bond issues. The volume of bond expressed war debt.

Therefore, people who may hesitate to buy government bonds because of the prospective opportunity to get them cheaper later on are apt to be fooled in two ways: first, the supply will not be as abundant as imagined, and secondly, the conversion principle will in the end put all the bonds on an equal basis.—Financier.

Why?

Diner—That man at the round table gets much better food and attention than I do. I shall complain to the manager. Where is he?

Waiter—He's the man at the round table, sir.—London Opinion.

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Honesty, however, compelled him to speak out.

"I tell yer, mate, that this mare's got two faults."

"Only two? A dozen, I should think! But what are the two?"

"Well, once yer let that mare out ter grass, it'll take yer about a week to catch her; and when you catch her she ain't worth catching! Otherwise she's all right."—Chicago News.

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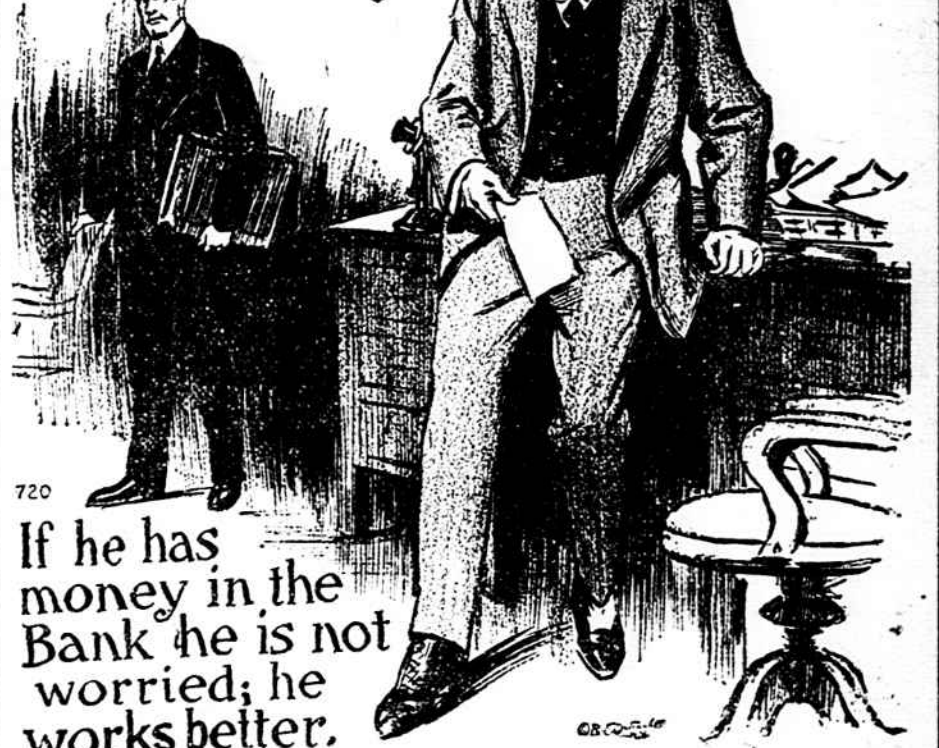
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