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What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to others?

—Geo. Elliot.

LEND—NOT SPEND

LEND your money to the United States government and let Uncle Sam do the spending. In that way you will save money for the inevitable "rainy day," that comes into every man's life and you will provide the country with one of the essentials of force which the President has promised shall be used unflinchingly for the overthrow of the German autocracy.

If you lend your money to the government, you may be quite sure that it is going to be used for some national purpose—to prosecute the war successfully, to care for, equip, arm and supply our soldiers in France; to be used by our Navy in ridding the seas of the murderous U-boats.

But if you spend your money even with the belief that by putting it into the channels of trade others into whose hands it comes will lend it to the government, you will have done something the patriotism of which may be very questionable.

First, you have withdrawn from the supply of material of the nation something to replace which in the market will require labor and material which should be devoted to war purposes.

Second, the person to whom you pay your money may also use it to purchase things requiring material and labor which should be devoted to war purposes. And the person to whom he pays it may repeat the operation.

But when you lend your money to the government instead of spending it, you will at once lessen the drain to a certain extent on our country's resources, its materials, its labor and its transportation facilities, and in addition you supply your government with money to be used in winning the war.

Every purchase of a Liberty Loan Bond is an individual act toward bringing victory to America and her allies.

The badge of honor for the next six months will be the new Liberty Loan button—a border of red, a field of blue and a Liberty Bell with the words, "Third Liberty Loan," in white. See to it that you wear one.

MADOO, A TYPE WE used to know McAdoo, now Secretary of the Treasury, as one of the "Big Business" crowd and the yellow magazines and the yellow papers warned us as to what we might expect from such as he. We shuddered, yes indeed we did, when he was elevated to the Secretaryship of the Treasury. Here was one from the very citadel of the "Financial Forces," the very center of Wall Street, with all the wealth and treasure of the nation placed at his disposal.

We had been taught to look with suspicion upon McAdoo. It was inferred, if not directly charged, that he was not to be trusted; that he was a man of much wealth and large financial connections, and, therefore, must be hand in glove with the awful trusts and their unscrupulous manipulators.

business and the war, it is quite evident that the one big important factor in bringing victory will be the genius of our big business organizations in handling efficiently and economically the necessary resources of the country, and it is refreshing to observe that the nation apparently is awakening to the serious effects of hampering the normal development of our industries by unjustifiable criticism and by restrictive and injurious legislation.

Along this line, Charles E. Hughes, himself as vigorous an opponent of dishonesty in business as the country has ever known, in an address before the New York Bar association, had this to say: "Is it too much to expect that we shall have a saner attitude toward our big business organizations, that we shall have a better appreciation of the direction of all our resources of men and things, can we not learn to distinguish the real evils from the bogies of the imagination? I hope that the days devoted to the application of the uncertainties of such statutes as the Sherman act are numbered. May we not hope for a better appreciation and a more precise definition of wrongs. What an absurdity it is to find that the very legislation which the nation finds necessary for its own economic salvation is denounced as a crime in time of peace."

It is no nearer the truth to say that all big business men are dishonest than it is to say that all small business men are honest. We cannot afford to flout big business, for to its representatives must be left the problem of handling the resources of the country during the war. It would be folly to take that task from men who have built our industries to their present efficient form and entrust it to mere tyros. If the war is to be prosecuted successfully there must not only be no shortage in production, but rather an increase. By the skill and patriotism of big business men the world will be made safe for democracy and industry and in the period of reconstruction that follows the war big business must as certainly come in for its fair consideration at the hands of the national government, as labor and small industry undoubtedly will, for a share of the benefits that peace and prosperity will bring.

Congress will vote \$50,000,000 for cement ships, a concrete example of common sense, so to speak.

IN MASSACHUSETTS

THE favorite plea of those who sell liquor is for regulation instead of prohibition. They are ready enough to admit, in the face of growing anti-liquor sentiment largely brought about by abuses of the liquor-selling privilege, that reforms in the trade are worth consideration, but that more harm than good would result from total elimination of the traffic. Massachusetts, which has just ratified the prohibition amendment, takes a different view.

In that State the sale of liquor is regulated as wisely and as effectively as is possible anywhere, perhaps. For a longer time it has had a thoroughly workable local option law, and, according to the New York Times: "Each municipality having 1,000 inhabitants decides by popular vote whether the sale of liquor shall be allowed within its bounds. Towns with fewer than 1,000 inhabitants are not permitted to have licensed drinking places. In the larger communities the number of drinking places is restricted. The hours in which they may be open are fixed by the State and obedience to the statute is enforced generally by capable local police, whose conduct is closely checked by the State police. The fees charged for licenses are high, the revenue from this source being the important consideration with the taxpayers. Finally, if the municipal authorities consider it inexpedient to issue licenses, even after an affirmative vote on the question at the polls, they cannot be compelled so to do."

Here we have a State in which the people have had ample opportunity to observe the results of effective regulation. If the arguments of the liquor advocates worked out in practice Massachusetts would have hesitated long about registering their approval of a change so radical as the adoption of the federal amendment. The only conclusion is that purely regulatory measures are only make-shifts and that total elimination of the liquor trade is the sole remedy of the evil.

The Times, commenting upon the situation in Massachusetts, observes that the legislature there declined to consider for a moment the "dishonest plan" of postponement worked so cleverly in New York, and by referring the amendment to a popular vote, and this will be an argument that will not be valid in Pennsylvania next year, for the reason that every legislative candidate's attitude on the liquor question will be subject to the closest scrutiny at the coming primaries and afterward at the general elections. But in another way the situation in Massachusetts does somewhat resemble that in Pennsylvania in that the foreign element of both States constitutes no mean proportion of the total population. No great protest was raised in Massachusetts against the amendment by these aliens and and none will be in Pennsylvania next year, the German drinking clubs, which used to march through the Capitol grounds every time an anti-liquor bill was up for vote, being now beyond the pale of popular consideration and the other organizations of foreigners apparently caring little how the question is decided.

If "Pat" O'Brien, after his experience, is willing to go back to fight the Irish, how much more willing ought you to be to put \$50 into a Liberty Bond.

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They Never Will Be Missed An addition of 511 German prisoners to the internment camp at Fort McPherson makes the total number of war prisoners there 1,372. This is a population increase which will be viewed with satisfaction, and not least by the communities whose own population is thereby depleted.—New York World.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

The Philadelphia City Republican Committee yesterday did the expected and passed up endorsements for any candidates for state tickets. Except for a bouquet thrown at Congressman John R. K. Scott, there was no reference to state candidates, only congressional, senatorial and legislative candidates were endorsed. The lack of action on a state ticket was all the more significant because Senator Vore dominated the meeting and made a speech in which he declared that men who wanted to be "dry" could be so and that it was the part of wisdom to line up what he termed the "church vote."

It is now said that the Philadelphia City Committee will not meet again for more than a fortnight. The meeting yesterday seated the successor to Magistrate "Billy" Campbell and completed details for nominating petitions to be filed here tomorrow. The fact that there were no endorsements is taken to mean that the Vares intend to await developments.

Senator Sproul and his friends are confident that the Vares will endorse the man from Delaware county notwithstanding any fight which may develop on Lieutenant Governor. The Vares are insisting that it shall be Vore or a night and there are intimations that the state administration, in an effort to force the Vares' hand, may bring out a candidate for Lieutenant Governor who would be endorsed along with J. Denny O'Neill.

Meanwhile O'Neill is getting ready his platform. This will be a document which will enable him to have what is hoped to be last say. O'Neill has made frequent announcements and statements of his position, but the platform will be the final one. O'Neill, who came here last night, will remain a day or two to draft some planks, while Governor Brumbaugh and Attorney General Brown will see that the administration is well cared for, while the Commissioner and his allies will attend to state prohibition at once, and other burning issues which O'Neill men have been raising the last few days.

Action of the O'Neill men in making up their slate for Congress and in Large recalls the slate of presidential delegates for the Governor two years ago. At that time the administration placed W. S. Alderman as the slate for Governor, and it is recalled that he has a lot of new instructions to give me—orders to hand out—things that I shall or shall not do.

Robert P. Halgood is first of the Republican candidates for Governor to file papers. He entered an imposing bale of petitions last evening. State political sharps are now sitting on the edge of their seats, waiting for the filing of nominating petitions at the Capitol and there is many a strategic move being made.

Members of the present Congressional delegation were endorsed for renomination by the Philadelphia city committee yesterday. The State committee, who were nominated are: Salus, of the Second district; Patton, of the Fourth, and Jenkins, of the Sixth. William J. McMichael was elected to fill the Third district vacancy caused by the death of his father, the late James P. McMichael, and in the Eighth Senatorial district George G. Gutz, a manufacturer living in the Twen-third ward, was endorsed for the seat held by the late Senator William Wallace Smith.

The Town Meeting party opened its drive for a big registration of independent voters at a meeting last night in Philadelphia. Chairman William W. Collins, who was principal speaker, attacked the candidacy of Congressman John R. K. Scott, which he said would make the issue clear at the May primary, because it related "directly to the city and its welfare."

The York county court ordered an inquiry into the fees received by Sheriff William Cole for the victualing of prisoners in the county jail and a decision will be rendered later whether the sum of forty-five cents per day for each prisoner is excessive. A. M. Grove, of Muddy Creek Forks, and other citizens of the county, praying for the investigation of this question, as well as of certain alleged cruelties practiced by the Sheriff upon prisoners under his care. The judges rendered an opinion that the charges are excessive and ordered further prosecution by the party injured or by the District Attorney.

Efforts to bring out a large registration of independent voters were begun yesterday by an organization known as the joint committee on political registration, the North American. The committee is composed of representatives from fifteen Philadelphia civic and religious organizations and is making a concerted effort to register as many as possible of the city's voters before the election on April 17. It is estimated by the committee that 137,000 voters in this city are eligible to register.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POLICE KEEP DRY

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Liberty Speaks For the Loan

Raise your hammers, O my people. Let your blows descend like hail. Every bond you buy's a rivet in your country's coat of mail. You have sent her to my battles. Young and untried in her might, Drive your rivets, O my people, Clamp her plates of armor tight. Drive your rivets quick and firmly. Let your blows descend like hail. Help the lads across the ocean! It's with you to win or fall. With you in the front of the shipyard. Shop, or factory, or farm. Shop, and factory, and shipyard. Swing your hammer like one arm. Now's the time to rise and do. Let all hearts beat in one rhythm. All together, O my people, Let your blows descend like hail. Phoebe Hoffman.

Restrictions

The Kaiser's latest ruling is that his friendly neighbors may open a little land but they must keep off his ocean.—From the New York World.

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We deprecate the tarring and feathering of anybody, no matter how guilty. If a man is caught with his own voice should attempt to hold a meeting in the rear of the British line for the purpose of urging non-resistance to Germany, it would be a perfect host for his ambitions, things would be back where they were.

"The old boy follows me to the office. Say, William, have a heart! I would require a couple of hundred dollars to get out of here. We have had a taste of him—ah, he is to me in my business—with all he is doing to upset the mails, the railroads and the processes of manufacture and distribution of the whole, it is more fun these days to sit at home and shiver than to go down to business and sweat."

HERO OF THE STAKEHOLD

[From the Youth's Companion] In the fall of 1914 when the American liner St. Louis steamed into the danger zone off Nantucket Island—where a German submarine had recently been seen—a wireless message warned her that a German raider and probably German submarines were lying in her path. The captain, on the bridge, immediately signalled to the engineer and to the states for full speed ahead with forced draft.

THE OPEN BOAT

"When this war is done," says Dan, "and all the fightin' 's through, There's some'll pal with Fritz again, as they was used to do; But not me," says Dan the sailor-man, "not me," says he; "Lord knows it's nippy in an open boat on winter nights at sea."

"When the last battle's lost an' won an' won an' lost the game, There's some'll think no 'arm to drink with squarheads just the same; But not me," says Dan the sailor-man, "an' if you ask me why—Lord knows it's thirsty in an open boat when the water breaker's dry."

"When all the bloomin' mines is sweep an' ships are sunk no more, There's some'll set them down to eat with Germans as before; But not me," says Dan the sailor-man, "Lord knows it's hungry in an open boat when the last biscuit's done."

Want a Job?

Uncle Sam wants a first-class weather man for his Army in France. Applicants for the job should send samples of their work.—New York World.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS

By Briggs

From all accounts Pennsylvania is long on sauer-kraut and the food people are urging that it be bought and eaten with the traditional turnings not only for the delicacy that it is, but to prevent waste. In western Pennsylvania there is a large amount of this delectable food in crates fairly begging from the newspapers to be eaten. In the so-called "Dutch belt" there is also more than usual and some of the farmers would like to select it. The large cities have plenty of the dainty on hand. But the interesting thing about it all is, that there are differences of opinion as to the reason why so much is on hand. The people in Berks and Lebanon and Lehigh counties say that there was a large cabbage crop last year and that said in parts of York and Lancaster counties. In the cities the grocers say that they find it hard to move, because of the prices they are compelled to ask. Year before last, because of the foreign demand, cabbage went away up in price. The result was that farmers raised more cabbage last year. When it was made into kraut, it caught the infection of the times and the prices went up. Hence, sauer-kraut did not receive the attention which it merited. But one of the funniest things about the sauer-kraut situation is that some people "knocked" kraut, because it was a German name. This got so noticeable that in Pittsburgh, the federal authorities took notice of it. This is what the Gazette-Times says about Mr. George: "Mr. George issued a statement that sauer-kraut, notwithstanding the hyphen, ought not to be considered an un-American name. He was right. A deal of trouble might be eliminated by giving it the wholesome American name of 'pickled cabbage.' This combination of the state was made printed without the hyphen. The food bureau explained that a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet. Sauer-kraut is therefore to be sauer-kraut, or even sour-kraut no longer, but pickled cabbage, because it is made of cabbage put in pickle, or vinegar, and allowed to ripen and mellow with age. It may therefore be eaten by patriotic people without qualms of conscience."

The exhibit of war-time posters which has been made at the Harrisburg Public Library and which is the finest of the kind ever known in this part of the state, was made possible by the aid of boys from Technical High school. When assistance was wanted to hang them, Principal Packer volunteered a squad. The boys did the work in style.

Stopping over in Harrisburg by drags and men, especially when the visitor happens to stray into the Eighth ward, is not very pleasant if the experience of a drafted man from a western county is any indication. This man let his train get away without him, so he says. In any event, he turned up at the station some hours after the train had been up in the old Eighth ward.

"The ground is unusually dry," said a suburbanite this morning when asked the "ground" in "bride" had not shown much activity along the trolley lines this spring. "I believe that the earth has less water in it now than during any other of recent years," he continued. For this reason and because last year many gardeners had unfortunate experiences, the ground is now dry. They are going slow this year. Of course radishes, lettuce, peas and onions are already in the ground in some gardens, but the folks are waiting for the favorable weather. Speaking of onions, the man who delayed his purchases of sets is now at an advantage. I paid 25 cents a quarter for sets in late March in the spring, fearing a shortage, and at one place in the Chestnut street market picked up the same kind on Saturday for 15 cents.

Warning that many "war gardeners" this year are going to suffer losses, unless they clear the ground of weeds, the State Zoologist, according to the records of the State Department of Agriculture, there are thousands of "war gardens" in Pennsylvania last year and their owners and workers suffered losses running into thousands of dollars, because of failure to properly take care of soil and plants. The winter came so early last year, that many were unable to clear their patches. Excessive numbers of insect pests and increased plant diseases threaten our gardeners and farmers this season. He said that there are thousands of "war gardens" in Pennsylvania last year and their owners and workers suffered losses running into thousands of dollars, because of failure to properly take care of soil and plants. The winter came so early last year, that many were unable to clear their patches. 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