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Free Speech and Treason.

Two classes of men with entirely different viewpoints are in evidence in the Congress and in the positions of great prominence in the Government service. One set of men declare in favor of open and free discussion of all public questions arising out of the war, and maintain that free speech and liberty are the same thing. Another class would absolutely forbid any criticism of the policy and plans of the Government, and would place the charge of treason against any person who openly criticized the Government, its Executives, or the methods of either. Between these two radical views there doubtless exists a middle ground which will make it entirely proper for anyone to express their views upon public questions in a temperate manner. Censorship, and the suppression of public meetings and free speech, are harsh measures; but is not probable that American ideals in reference to these problems will be overlooked, or changed very much.

Bankers are Agreed.

Washington bankers often quarrel like local institutions fighting for town and county funds; but the financiers of Washington have gotten together behind the Liberty Loan in a way that is unprecedented. The principal bank officials of Washington have appeared in the theatres and other places of public assemblage, and urged people to subscribe to the great government bond undertaking. As a result the Capital City has given the bond enterprise a handsome local endorsement that ought to sound well to the great mass of people throughout the country.

Absent-Mindedness.

A parson noted for his absent-mindedness had a habit of forgetting something he intended to say in the pulpit. Then, after sitting down, he would rise up again and begin his supplementary remarks with, "By the way." Recently he finished his prayer, hesitated, forgot what he was about, and sat down abruptly without closing. In a moment, however, he rose pointed his finger at his amazed congregation, and exclaimed: "Oh, by the way—Amen!"—Harper's Magazine.

The Burr of the Thistle.

A sturdy Scot, 6 feet 5 inches in height, is gamekeeper near Stratford. One hot day last summer he was accompanying a bumptious sportsman, of a very small stature, when he was greatly troubled by gnats. The other said to him: "My good man, why is it that the gnats do not trouble me?" "I daresay," replied the gamekeeper, with a comprehensive glance at the other's small proportions, "it will be because they havna' seen ye yet!"—From Tit Bits.

Telephone Order in 1940.

"Please send up a quarter of a pound of liver. We are going to have company for dinner. Also send five potatoes and an ounce of butter. This is Mrs. Jones talking." Grover to bookkeeper: "Look up Mr. Jones in Bradstreet's before we send that order. We can't take any chances on these big sales."

More Pheasants.

Last week Game Warden Bitter received from the State Division of Game and Fish, one hundred pheasant eggs for propagation purposes. The eggs were shipped from Yardley, Pa., and came in fine shape. After the eggs are hatched the birds will be liberated in the woods and will make a fine addition to the number in the woods, and next year will make a fine addition to the hunting.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Commercial Bureau
 Washington, D. C. June 2.
 By J. E. Jones
 The Master Key.

In the office building occupied by the Members of the House of Representatives at Washington there are nearly five hundred different rooms. The lock of every door is different, and no key will unlock any door except the one for which it is made. There are a number of duplicate keys but none of these will fit more than the one door.

The Congressmen felt a calm content in the fact that they, and their clerks, possessed the only keys to the offices they occupied.

In the office of the building there were three or four master keys. Any one of these would unlock every office in the whole building.

One day it was discovered that one of the master keys had disappeared. Immediately there was consternation. Restrictions were placed upon anyone entering the great marble building after office hours, and the number of guards was increased.

Then the five hundred locks were ripped out, and new ones, with new keys, were provided for every door in the building. It cost a lot of money, and there was considerable nervousness until the change was completed. But it had to be done, because the Master Key had been stolen, and by reason of that fact no one's property or papers were safe.

The Constitution of the United States confers great powers on Congress. Since the beginning of the special session practically every measure of importance has shifted from Congress, and conferred on a MAN. This is the way wars are provided for. Congress is cutting out new patterns in Democracy.

Three billion dollars is called for in the emergency bond issue. Congress has often spent hours of its time in discussing the manner of expending a few hundred dollars. But how different it was with the handling of the three billion. Three billion dollars never was appropriated before in a single shot; and the spending of it must necessarily entail a lot of difficulty. So Congress turned the whole business over to a MAN. The autocracy of the thing furnishes another kuirp in the frills of Democracy.

Spend this as you like; we do not want to be bothered further about it," Congress told Mr. McAdoo. And then the Secretary pulled out his fountain pen, and wrote a check for two hundred million dollars, and gave it to John Bull. It was a pretty check, and the movies helped out, too. So Mr. McAdoo repeated the performance frequently, to the great delight of European nations.

And if you don't believe that Democracy should suddenly switch to absolutely autocratic methods, you are likely to find that the bow wows will get you—if you don't watch out! Congress has surrendered the Master Key.

General Goethals.

The man who built the Panama Canal has been almost a storm center in Washington, because he expressed an altogether uncomplimentary opinion about wooden ships. Goethals doesn't like to build obsolete things, and he has said so in plain English. The answer has been, that ships of every kind are needed for the war emergency, and the policy of the Government is to make them out of both steel and wood. Paper-mache, glass, copper, gold, or any other kind of old material that can be thrown together in a hurry would be welcomed—if it would only float. Goethals has been handed the big job of constructing ships faster than they can be sunk by the submarines; and he has bent to the task. Notwithstanding the things he has said about wooden ships, he is building them just the same. And contracts have likewise been let for steel ships. Goethals gives evidence of chafing in the new harness he is wearing. Down in Panama he was somewhat of a Government all himself; but here in Washington he is compelled to plan, and work with others; and in the execution of his work he is called upon to carry out instructions that come from his superiors. It is quite a change for Goethals; but he is getting

into the task in good shape, and there is likely to be no lack of first-class results.

Herbert C. Hoover.

Most people are finding a little difficulty in understanding what "food control" means in the United States. The Department of Justice has attempted it frequently, but with almost negative results. Hoover did better work in Belgium than any American in Europe. And now he is being given about as "free a hand" as is conceded to the head of any department of Government work. Hoover made a fortune in mining, and developed a splendid reputation on account of his ability to perfect organization among men. In Europe he did such wonderful work, that all the belligerents took off their hats to him. His present task is to prevent the control of food by speculators, and to see to it that prices are not boosted out of reason. It is said that the big buyers of food are the ones that are to be looked after most closely, and the intention is to let the producer work out his own problems to a large degree.

Henry P. Davison.

The house of J. Pierpont Morgan has loaned one of the members of its firm to the Government to aid in the handling of the Red Cross work. Henry P. Davison is in Washington, on the job, working without compensation. He is but one of many millionaires giving his services to Uncle Sam.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad System.

J. Hampton Bumgartner.

The Liberty Loan had a further substantial addition in the Baltimore District through a subscription made today by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for \$1,000,000 of the Government's bonds.

Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Company arranged for this subscription in order to afford opportunity to the Company's employes to do their part towards assisting the Government in the present emergency by subscribing to the bonds and making payments therefor in monthly instalments out of their future earnings, thus enabling those desiring to show their patriotism who might otherwise be denied the opportunity if they had to advance the full amount at one time.

President Willard's communication which has been distributed along the line of road to reach all employes reads as follows:

To all Officers and Employees: "Believing that everyone in the Company's service will consider it not only a privilege but a patriotic duty to become the owner of a certain amount of the bonds about to be issued by the United States Government, to aid in carrying on the war for democracy and human rights, and recognizing that some—perhaps many—of the employes may not have funds immediately available in the amount that they would desire to subscribe, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has arranged to secure an allotment of the bonds for distribution among its employes upon the following basis:

"Upon request of any employe the Baltimore and Ohio will advance the whole or any part of the cost of the bond or bonds desired, at the same rate of interest which the bonds bear, to be repaid to the Company in monthly instalments by such employe from future earnings.

"The bonds will be issued on June 15, 1917, by the United States Government in denominations of \$50.00 and upwards, bearing interest at 3 1/2 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th day of December and June. If another loan is made during the War bearing a higher rate of interest, the Government promises that the holders of bonds of the present issue shall have the privilege of exchanging the same upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, into an equal par amount of bonds bearing the higher rate of interest. Both principal and interest are exempt from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes.

"I feel confident that all employes of the Baltimore and Ohio Company will desire to do their part in this great emergency and will welcome the opportunity to subscribe for these bonds, thus showing their patriotism by lending part of their savings to the Government and at the same time securing for themselves a good investment.

Daniel Willard, President.

Public Sale of Personal Property

There will be exposed at public sale at the late residence of Rev. Howe deceased, at 325 Beachley street, the following articles of personal property: Stoves, beds, bedding, chairs, tables, kitchen ware, carpets, and many other articles too numerous to mention, on Thursday, June 14, at 12:30 p. m. Sale to be conducted by Mrs. Howe.

NOTES FROM HIGH SCHOOL

EDITOR
 Lenore Collins '17
 ASSISTANT EDITOR
 Gregg Darrow '18
 REPORTERS
 Harry Aurandt '20.
 Irene Au'tin '20.
 Ruth Bowmaster '19.
 Clara Rowe '18.
 Edna Zinn '17.
 Margaret Damico '17.

School Notes.
 The Commencement Exercises for the class of 1917 will be held in Reich's Auditorium on Friday evening June 15th at 8:15. The prices of admission are 35 and 50 cents.

The cast of characters for the play includes:—
 Martin Henry, the laziest man in the county, - Berkeley Meyers
 Author Watson, - George Griffid.
 Jack, - Clarence Siehl
 Ted, Friends of Arthurs, Claude Deal
 Dick, - Fred Grof
 Miss Abigail Persons, A woman of Ideas, - Margaret Sipple
 Mrs. Watson, A gentle person, - Margaret Damico.
 Lucile Persons, - Lenore Collins
 Marie, - Margaret Wilson
 Jane, Friends of Lucile, -
 Dorothy Shultz
 Mabel, - Margaret Opel
 Mary, Martin Henry's aunt: cook at the Persons.
 Second Girl - - - Edna Zinn
 First Gypsy, - - - Helen Baer
 Second Gypsy, - - - Grace Pike

The motto for the class of '17 is "Excelsior"—Onward and Upward. The class flower is a white rose—the colors brown and white and the class animal the owl.

The Graduating Class of 1917 includes:—
 Frederick Lysle Grof, President.
 George Cupp Griffith,
 Claude Lenhart Deal,
 James Garfield Scott,
 Ezra Berkeley Meyers,
 Clarence Henry Siehl,
 Nell Hady,
 Viola Grace Fike,
 Margaret Fortunata Damico,
 Myrtle Mae Miller,
 Henrietta Amelia Horning,
 Emaline Rickey Hocking,
 Marie Elizabeth Hay,
 Mary Elizabeth Irwin,
 Martha May Lindeman,
 Helen Barbara Baer,
 Mary Helen Evans,
 Margaret Mary Sipple,
 Margaret Elaine Wilson,
 Edna Mae Zinn,
 Lenore Virginia Collins,
 Dorothy Marie Shultz,
 Margaret Malinda Opel.

In speaking of the Decoration day parade, some one said that they wanted High School to march in a body, when Mike Hady exclaimed, "Well, I'll just tell you the High School isn't going to march in my body, the only thing that's going to march in my body is my dinner."

What a surprise! Harvey was caught sleeping in Room 14 on Thursday.

What made Gregg so gloomy on Thursday? Oh! She found the grave of her beloved on Wednesday.

Anna Forquer is taking lessons in marching. She is making good progress.

What made William McMillan smile when he said "amari" in Latin? Was he thinking of a Mary?

Why did Rudolphus Bowman change his cloak room? Did he need a change of climate?

Gregg has started carrying matches in order that she may accommodate Michael.

William McMillan was heard saying the other day in Geometry that NB (Nell Boucher) plus CR (Clara Rowe) is equal to CH (Cathryn Housel). Oh! what a compound.

Mr. Weaver. "Do we worship any men to-day?"
 William Keegan: "John D. Rockefeller."

We were entertained Thursday morning before Civic class by Clara Gauntz giving one of her favorite speeches.

Joseph Bolden entertained the Freshman class with a song entitled "I fell in love with a beautiful girl, the apple of my eye." We would like to know who it is.

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**Condensed Statement
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 OF MEYERSDALE, PA.
 At Close of Business May 1st, 1917**

RESOURCES	
Loans and Investments.....	\$802,589.96
U. S. Bonds.....	70,000.00
Banking House.....	30,200.00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents.....	313,887.79
Cash.....	58,792.54
Total.....	\$1,275,470.29
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	146,787.88
Circulation.....	65,000.00
Deposits.....	998,692.41
Total.....	\$1,275,470.29

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Farm Bureau.

"At a meeting of the Directors of the Somerset County Farm Bureau held at Somerset, Saturday, May 26, the Directors reviewed the work of the bureau during the last year and gave their most hearty approval of all the work that County Representative McDowell has done.

The Farm Bureau has done a great deal of very efficient work and their plans for the coming year are quite in line with the needs of the county today.

The promotion of the Live Stock Industry for Somerset County and particularly the bringing in of sheep to Somerset County was emphasized by Edison Hay and others.

Among the new projects added, will be canning demonstrations, wool show and the one which the Directors are looking forward to is the Agricultural Tour to State College on June 15th and 16th.

This Agricultural Tour will travel by automobiles, the house of M. D. Reel on the Lincoln Highway, one mile east of Buckstown, on Friday, June 15th at eight o'clock in the morning, going by way of Bedford, Morrison Cove, Hollidaysburg and arriving at State College about two p. m. of the same day. Arrangements have been made through the Farm Bureau of Blair County to visit two very interesting farms near Hollidaysburg and this is scheduled for between the hours of eleven and twelve.

The party will stay at State College Friday night and visit all the places of interest and will be personally conducted around the fifteen hundred acres of farms, where they will be shown the various experiment that the College has done during a period of more than thirty-five years. These experiments are of a general nature and apply to nearly all farming conditions in Pennsylvania.

The party will leave State College at one o'clock p. m. on Saturday following, and can return home by such route as may be determined.

C. C. McDowell, Farm Representative of Somerset, Penna., will give full information to any one inquiring. The Directors of the Farm Bureau believe that this will be a very profitable tour, not only in studying what State College has to offer, but in visiting the farms enroute.
 Somerset County Farm Bureau,
 John S. Miller, Sec'y.

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 Consult Ticket Agent. 21-22

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