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GOD SAVE OUR MEN

THE FLAG GOES BY

Henry Holcomb Bennett

Hats off!

Along the streets there comes
 A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
 A flash of color beneath the sky;
 Hats off!
 The flag is passing by!
 Blue and crimson and white it shines,
 Over the steel tipped, ordered lines;
 Hats off!
 The colors before us fly;
 But more than the flag is passing by.
 Sea fights and land fights, grim and great,
 Fought to make and save the state;
 Weary marches and sinking ships;
 Cheer of victory on dying lips.

Days of plenty and years of peace;
 March of a strong land's swift increase;
 Equal justice, right, and law,
 Stately honor and reverend awe.

Sign of a nation great and strong
 To ward her people from foreign wrong;
 Pride and glory and honor—all
 Live in the colors, to stand or fall.

Hats off!

Along the streets there comes
 A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
 And loyal hearts are beating high;
 Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

GOD SAVE OUR MEN

A new stanza has been added to the national hymn in Canada. In churches, on public occasions everywhere, the people sing it with bowed heads and streaming eyes. It is a fitting close to our own national hymn, My Country 'Tis of Thee; for soon we too shall be needing to sing it, with hearts bowed down, here in the States, as the casualty lists are published day by day. Here it is:

"God bless our splendid men!

Send them safe home again:

God save our men!

Keep them victorious, patient, and chivalrous,

They are so dear to us:

God save our men!"

GOD SAVE OUR GOLD

Overheard in the subway up yonder one morning last March on our way down to Broad Street. "Sam, Roumania is going to fight, the papers say." "That's all right, all right, old boy; the more they fight the richer we'll get." Overheard in a grocery store down here only the other day. "Old lady, we'll live on bread and water these days, and we'll sell anything on earth we've got, right now while prices are high—house and lot, cats, dogs, pigs, everything! This country is going busted fast and we'll buy everything back as cheap as dirt when this dad blamed war is over. So you just hunt up all the old socks around the house; we'll need 'em, I tell you."

Tick-and-Flea Citizens

Who were they? Oh, they were just the two-legged, tick-and-flea creatures that infest and inflict the earth in every land and country on the globe. We say tick-and-flea creatures, because they have the same interest in the community or country in which they live that ticks and fleas have in the animals on which they live—just that and no more! They have no interest in anything beyond what they can get out of it.

They have money but they buy no Liberty Bonds. They have time to spare but they do no Red Cross work. They have well filled pantries, barns, and smoke houses, but they let go nothing except for top-notch prices—not even to feed and clothe our soldiers and our allies abroad who will be face to face with famine before this war is over. They pray God Save our Gold, while others pray God Save our Men.

Our Soldiers Rebuke Them

Our boys at Camp Sevier took nearly a million dollars worth of Liberty Bonds the other day. Not content with offering their lives, they also surrendered their little pay envelopes to their country and to humanity.

But my grocery-store acquaintance said, "No, I ain't buying any liberty

bonds! I ain't kissing any money good-bye yet—not if I know it. Them bonds is just a trick to rob us Rubes of our small change."

We took comfort in the reflection that after all he represented a small minority of the people we live among. Still, the highways and hedges are full of such folks. Ninety million people in these United States have not yet bought any Liberty Bonds. And it looks as though any man by patriotic self-denial could save enough in six months to pay for a \$50 bond—that much at least!

But will they? It's worth thinking about. There must be other Liberty Bond issues—a half dozen or so more during the next year or two!

WHOLE SKINS AND FULL PURSES

The Christian Guardian of Toronto in a recent issue pays its respects to these tick-and flea citizens in Canada and England. They seem to be everywhere. And whether they read or not, and most of them do not, their ears must burn from time to time. The air is everywhere electric with indignation.

Here is the blistering rhetoric of The Guardian:

"Nero fiddling while Rome burned was a far less odious figure than the man of today who, while the whole civilized world is threatened with destruction, looks on with internal delight that this great world-conflagration is helping to swell his fortune. And while our lads are facing the deadly gas, the whistling bullet, and the shrieking shell, and our casualty lists run into the thousands every month, this man, untouched by it all, unctuously rubs his hands and thanks God for the profit which it means to him.

"If this be patriotism, God save us from it. Better far to come out of the war maimed or blind in body, or with fortune clean spent in the heroic effort to free the world, than to come through it with a whole skin and a fortune greatly increased.

"Stories have come to us again and again of men who have made hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars out of the war, but they have come from men who told them in sorrow and shame that Canadians and Englishmen should sink so low.

"The only way to permanent wealth lies in the Christian highway of service, and when private greed forgets the other fellow it signs its own death-warrant. The world's resources must be used for the many, not the few, and the only civilization which can be permanent must recognize this fact. Civilization rests upon brotherhood."

GERMAN GOSPEL

We are beginning slowly, humbly, and yet with deep gladness to divine God's intentions. It may sound proud, my friends, but we are conscious that it is also in all humbleness that we say it: the German soul is God's soul; it shall rule over mankind. . . . The German soul is the world's soul, God and Germany belong to one another. . . . Germany is the center of God's plans for the world.—From On the German God, by Pastor Lehmann.

Friedrich Nietzsche was but the last of the singers and seers who, coming down from the height of heaven, brought to us the tidings that there should be born from us the Son of God, whom in his language he called the Superman.—Prof. W. Sombart, in Germany.

THE SELFISH VIEW

Food conservation, like the buying of Liberty Bonds, does not necessarily entail personal sacrifice. One can help the cause of the United States without hardship. In fact, one can scarcely avoid personal benefit. Almost all of us can eat less with profit to ourselves.

Apart from that, most of us will be obliged to eat less because of the cost of food. Taking as a basis the average retail prices for the five years just before the war, the various familiar foods in July, 1917, showed the following increases

WHAT WORLD WAR MEANS

Dr. George T. Winston

The significance of the World War lies in the manifest interdependence of all the nations of the earth; not only in industries and commerce, but also in ideals, principles and systems of government and ethics.

Universal education and free opportunities are necessary foundations for democracy. Universal democracy is the only safeguard of the world, and "darkest Africa" is a menace to "brightest Boston." Every vice, crime and oppression in any community is a menace to the whole community. The raping of Belgium is the raping of humanity; the sinking of the Lusitania is the scuttling of freedom; and Serbia, Poland and Armenia are in the true sense colonies of humanity.

The world cannot endure half free and half slave, half democratic and half autocratic. It must become all the one or all the other. No man can be perfectly free until all men are free. No man can be perfectly wise until all men are wise. No man can be perfectly good until all men are good. The United States cannot be perfectly free until Belgium is freed, until Poland, Serbia and Armenia are freed, until Germany and Austria are freed.

es in price in the United States: corn meal more than double, 115 per cent; flour and potatoes more than double, 110 per cent each; lard nearly double, 81.5 per cent; bacon, ham, round-steak, and pork chops, increase two-thirds each; sugar and sirloin steak little more than a half each; rib roast and poultry nearly a half each; and milk, butter, and eggs a fourth each.

In addition, all too few of us in the United States have the habit of thrift so usual in the Old World countries. We are wasteful and extravagant, individually and nationally, and sooner or later we must learn the lesson of frugality.

Now is the accepted time; it means national salvation.

THE FOOD PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

U. S. Chamber of Commerce

The national campaign which is now under way for economy in food must not be understood as one that asks people to eat less. Neither does it mean to advise about the management of households. It merely presents to the people the needs of our country and our allies for food to help prosecute the war.

Wheat, meat, fats, and sugar are needed on the other side. Shortage of vessels makes it impossible to obtain supplies anywhere but in the United States. Only by economizing in our own consumption, and by using substitutes can we provide the necessary amounts. No use to ask why we should not send as substitutes the foods we are asked to consume ourselves. Most of them are too bulky, others, like corn, are unfitted to give the best results. The greatest effects will be obtained by doing exactly as we are asked to do.

The meats we are asked to save are beef, pork and mutton. Wheat must be saved, so also we are to eat less butter and sugar. The wheat shortage of our allies will be 350,000,000 bushels. By the use of corn products and potatoes we can save perhaps 150,000,000 bushels, leaving a gap of 200,000,000 bushels which those in dire need must make up by a still further use of the substitutes they are now using or else go without. And this is a time when the situation is so acute that victory depends upon the food supply.

Food Will Win the War

Food will win the war. A lack of food will lose it, with all the treasure and blood that has been spent. If lost, we can goose-step the rest of our lives. The question is squarely up to the American people. The future lies, not in the laps of the gods, but on our tables.

The issues at stake in this stupendous struggle involve the moral ideas of justice and liberty for which our forefathers fought, the protection of the innocent and helpless, the sanctity of womanhood and home, the freedom of opportunity for all men, the assurance of the safety of civili-

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DEPOPULATING THE SCHOOL

One of the very best ways of improving the quality of the teaching in our schools is to attract into the profession the best talent in school and college. And now since teachers, like all other people, ought to be paid enough to enable them to provide for their support in old age, the best talent will never be attracted into the school work so long as the present low salaries are paid. Your son or daughter will not teach for a smaller monthly salary five or six months in the year than he could make per month during the whole year.

The Blanktown High School

The school committee of Blanktown advertised for a teacher who could teach all of the High School studies mentioning especially Latin, English, Arithmetic, and German. Salary \$57.50 per month for eight months.

zation and the progress to all nations great and small.

Speed of production and the mobilization of all national power mean the saving of human life, an earlier ending of the designs of autocracy and militarism, and the return of peace and happiness to the peoples of the earth.

Assembled on the call of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and representing more than half a million business men and every industry in every state in the Union, this convention promises to our people that business will do all in its power to prevent waste of men and material, and will dedicate to the nation every facility it has developed and every financial resource it commands, on such terms, and under such circumstances, as our Government shall determine to be just.

CAROLINA DAY, DECEMBER 14

North Carolina Day will be celebrated this year in the public schools of the State on December 14—the second Friday in December.

The day will be utilized for a great patriotic celebration in each public school house of the State for the stimulation of thrift, conservation, and patriotic service among the children and among all the people of the community, and for the general dissemination of information about the great State and National movements for thrift, conservation, and patriotism, the reasons therefor, and the aims and purposes thereof.

Make, Save, Serve

The entire program will be built around the three ideas of thrift, conservation, and patriotism. The slogan of the program will be Make, Save, Serve. The active cooperation of all patriotic organizations of the State and the County—the food conservation boards, the councils of defense, the Red Cross chapters, the Liberty Bond committees, the Women's Clubs, and all the rest with the educational forces in each county and school district, will be enlisted for making North Carolina Day a powerful agency this year in promoting and advancing the patriotic purposes for which all of these organizations are unselfishly working. The chairman of the State Council of Defense, the secretary of the State Historical Commission, and the State Food Administrator are cooperating with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Department of Education in the preparation of the program.

MOTION PICTURE SERVICE

Through the courtesy of the Bureau of Commercial Economics and other industrial organizations, the University, through the Bureau of Extension, is offering a film service to schools, boards of trade, Y. M. C. A's, and other organizations during the year 1917-18. The subjects of the films will be industrial, educational, and scenic, and will cover the industries and scenery of the United States, Canada, England, France, Italy, and many other foreign countries.

No charge will be made for the films, but the exhibitor will pay the express charges from and to Chapel Hill, if the films are not on a circuit. In case they are on a circuit the exhibitor will pay charges from the last point in the circuit. The films are distributed with the un-

In the same paper there was an advertisement calling for 1000 laborers at \$2.75 per day of ten hours, and for carpenters at \$5.50 per day of ten hours. These men were wanted to build warehouses for the government. The teacher is needed to build character for the government.

Comment

A laborer, who has to sign the payroll with a cross mark is paid \$71.50 per month straight time, and time and a half for overtime, while the Blanktown committee is advertising for someone who has spent seven years in a grammar school, four years in a high school, and four years in college—a total of fifteen years of preparation in all, for the sum of \$57.50 per month for eight months in the year. This is something to think about and it is thought about not only by teachers but by those who would like to teach if they saw a living in it.

derstanding that they are to be used on standard motion picture projectors, handled by competent operators; that a report of the films used and the attendance shall be made on blanks furnished and mailed to us after each performance; that films shall be returned immediately after use, or forwarded to the next exhibitor as the case may be; and that no admission fees to the public are to be charged, nor are there to be collections, during or after the exhibition.

NEW CLUB YEAR-BOOK

The 1916-17 Year-Book of the North Carolina Club at the University of North Carolina has just gone to the printers, and will go into the mails within the next fortnight. Necessarily the edition is small. It will be sent free of charge to anybody who wants it in North Carolina, and to people outside the state for 25 cents.

It cannot be mailed out at random. The Club does not have a single copy to waste. But it will go to those that want it and write for it. Already there are a hundred or more applications on hand. If you want it drop us a card at once.

Its twenty-four chapters are devoted to Wealth and Welfare in North Carolina. They are an intimate study of (1) the sources of primary wealth and the total annual production, (2) the retention and accumulation of wealth, (3) the business uses of wealth, and (4) the civic and social uses of wealth in North Carolina.

The contents are as follows:
 The Wealth Produced by Carolina Farms, S. H. Hobbs, Jr., Sampson County.

Industrial Wealth Created in North Carolina, W. E. Price, Rockingham County.

The Wealth Produced by our Forests and Woodlots, J. V. Baggett, Sampson County.

The Wealth Produced by our Fisheries, Mines and Quarries, L. H. Hodges, Rockingham County.

The Accumulated Wealth of North Carolina, J. E. Kendall, Davidson County.

The Retention of Farm Wealth in North Carolina, J. A. Capps, Gaston County.

Too Little Livestock in North Carolina, E. C. Branson, University Faculty.

Our Industrial Capital: Accumulation and Forms, R. E. Price, Rutherford County.

Bank Capital in North Carolina: How Accumulated, Marion Fowler, Durham County, and S. H. Hobbs, Jr., Sampson County.

Bank Capital in Carolina Counties, T. D. Stokes, Rockingham County.

Bank Loans and Discounts in Carolina Counties, A. O. Joines, Alleghany County.

Bank Account Savings in North Carolina, M. H. Randolph, Mecklenburg County.

Thrift in North Carolina, J. K. Holloway, Wake County.

The Wealth on Our Tax Books, H. B. Simpson, Union County.

Daybreak in Carolina, E. C. Branson, University Faculty.

Our State Revenues and the Cost of State Government, S. H. Hobbs, Jr., Sampson County.

State Department Earnings and Expenses in North Carolina, R. E. Price, Rutherford County.

The General Property Tax in North Carolina, W. R. Kirkman, Guilford County.

What the State Does With the Taxpayer's Dollar, A. O. Joines, Alleghany County.

Aid to Agriculture in North Carolina, J. V. Baggett, Sampson County.

Our Support of Public Education, H. V. Koonts, Rowan County.

Our Investment in Public School Properties, Myron Green, Union County.

Public Health Work in North Carolina, M. H. Randolph, Mecklenburg County.

Charities and Corrections in North Carolina, D. E. Eagle, Iredell County.