

The New Pied Piper



DON'T LET HIM LURE AWAY YOUR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

You remember how the Pied Piper of Hamelin Town played a siren tune on his pipe and lured the children away. The land is now full of Pied Pipers who are trying to induce people to sell their Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. They are making "golden" promises; they are offering stock in concerns which they say will make you rich. Hold your government securities. Don't let the Pied Pipers make a laughing stock and a sucker out of you.

HE TELLS WHAT HE THINKS OF AMERICA

Syrian Says Now Is Time For Every Man To Prove Patriotism—Answer Found in War Savings Stamps.

It sometimes takes the new-comer to appreciate America. The native-born is often too close to the situation to realize what this country means to the world today. He is used to all that it offers, taking it as a matter of course, and frequently loses the vision in sordid detail; while the new-comer—but listen to what one of them had to say.

He is George E. Ribhany of the 1919 class of the Boston High School of Commerce and he came to this country from his native land, Syria, when he was 10 years old. In a four-minute speech on the value of War Savings Stamps, given at the school recently, he said in closing:

"Hate is not characteristic of the American people, but the Germans taught us unwillingly—how to hate them. Now it is a sin not to hate the spirit the Hun showed and not to abolish it from the face of the earth. Of the latter we are positively sure, because the American passion for justice is a hundred times stronger than was the German passion for conquest.

"I never entertained the idea of becoming an orator and I am sure that I lack oratorical ability, but such qualifications are unnecessary on an occasion like this, because—the only and best inducement to a true American is the call of his duty and government, and not even the best oration of the greatest speaker of all times.

"Whether we all realize it or not, we are now in the midst of a period which will be known to all the oppressed peoples of the world as the Americanization period. Now is the time for every one of us to prove whether he is a sham American or a genuine American."

The practice of thrift and the purchase of War Savings Stamps are just now good indications of the genuine American. They make for financial independence, freedom, prosperity and happiness.

UNCLE SAM'S MONEY BEST IN THE WORLD

Color Looks Good To Boys Coming Home After Seeing Only Foreign Currency for Months.

Just how good American money looks to a man away from home is illustrated by the story told by one of those boys who fought in France in the war for the preservation of civilization, and who afterwards saw service across the border in Germany.

Sergeant H. E. Coffee was attached to Company L, 364th Infantry, and for six months was at Trier, Germany, 20 miles from Luxembourg. Now he is back home.

"While we were in France," said Sergeant Coffee, "we were paid in French money. And afterward, when we were in Germany, we were paid in German money. The difference between the French and German money, as compared with United States money, is amazing. It is printed on white paper, and one gets an awful wash of it for comparatively a small quantity of American money.

"When we got this foreign stuff the boys were very liberal with it. They would gamble with it, would lend it and handle it very carelessly. But when we got to Brest on our way home, and that money was exchanged for real American money, all that liberality disappeared, and it was guarded zealously."

That is one of the lessons the war has taught. American money, any promise to pay on the part of Uncle Sam, is mighty valuable in the eyes of the world. That is why the Liberty Bonds found so ready a market, and that is why the War Savings Stamps look just as good as money. They are both evidences of indebtedness on Uncle Sam's part and his written promise to pay. There is no record yet that he ever failed to meet an obligation.

KEEP GRIP ON YOUR WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Advertising Clubs Issue Warning To Protect the Public Against Ubiquitous Stock Swindlers.

Various ways for prospective investors to detect the unscrupulous stock promoters are contained in a bulletin recently issued by the National Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. The bulletin indicates several unmistakable signs of the "wild cat" stock peddlers which owners of War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds will do well to consider before exchanging their valuable securities for the offerings of northern stocks. The warning to prospective investors is as follows:

"So far as we have been able to ascertain not a single case has ever been reported where the promoters of a legitimate, worthy enterprise have offered to take Liberty Bonds in payment for the capital stock of a new company. We believe that the very offer to take Liberty Bonds should prompt the bond owner to consult a banker or legitimate broker as to the value of the stock that is offered in exchange for the bonds. The offer to exchange is an earmark which should serve as a warning.

"Another earmark of the faker is his attitude when it is proposed to postpone action pending an investigation. He will usually sneer at the thought of consulting a banker or broker of standing, suggesting that, of course, they would not recommend the stock because they have stocks of their own to sell.

"In such a case the prospective investor might be sensible enough to remember that it is the one who casts reflections upon business men of standing who is likely to be the fly-by-night salesman, and that the banker has been in the community many years and will no doubt continue in business for many more. He might reason that an established firm would figure that it could not afford to deceive. Yet there are thousands of people who allow themselves to be hoodwinked because they believe such fairy stories."

HAND GRENADE BANKS WILL SOON BE READY

Children Are Urged to Begin Saving Money At Once So That They Will Not Lose Any Time.

Some 280,000 hand grenade banks will be ready for distribution in the Fifth Federal Reserve District by August 20, according to a statement issued at the War Loan Organization of this district.

Every one of these hand grenades was manufactured to carry destruction to the Huns, and now, with percussion cap and explosive removed, they are to serve in the campaign for thrift. Made into penny-slot banks they will be lent, one to each child under seventeen years old who calls at a bank. Then, if enough money to purchase one or more War Savings Stamps is saved in a specified time, the hand grenade becomes the property of the child.

There has been some delay in Washington in getting the grenades ready for distribution, due to the large number that had to be prepared for their new capacity, but it is now assured that they will shortly be ready.

Every child who would like a real souvenir of the great war can get it by calling at the bank as soon after August 20 as possible, for there will probably be more than 280,000 children in the district who will want the grenades, and the supply is necessarily limited.

Meanwhile, the children are urged to begin saving at once so that they may have a "running start" when the grenade banks are delivered. The sooner enough money is saved to buy a War Savings Stamp the sooner the hand grenade belongs to the child, and the sooner the child begins to save the sooner the desired end will be reached.

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