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## YOU CAN BE A BONDHOLDER.

Theodore Roosevelt Writes of People's Duty to Aid War by Buying New Liberty Bonds, and Asserts Farmer and Wage Earner Have Same Chance as Banker to Purchase and Hold Securities. Must Not Grumble, He Adds, if They Let Wall Street Become Biggest Purchaser.

Theodore Roosevelt's editorial in the Kansas City Star for October 7th is as follows:

Not many years ago one of the favorite cries of those who wished to exploit for their own advantage the often justifiable popular unrest and discontent was that "The people were oppressed in the interest of the bondholders." The more ardent souls of this type wished to repudiate the national debt to "Wipe it out as with a sponge" in order to remove the "oppression." The bondholders were always held up as greedy creatures who had obtained an unfair advantage of the people as a whole.

Well, the liberty loan now offers the chance to make the people and the bondholders interchangeable terms. The bonds are issued in such a way that the farmer and the wage worker have exactly the same chance as the banker to purchase and hold as many or as few as they wish. No matter how small a man's means, he can get some part of a bond if he wishes.

The government and the big financiers are doing all they can to make the sale as widely distributed as possible. Some bankers are serving without pay in the effort to put all the facts before the people as a whole, and so make the loan in very truth a people's loan. It rests with the people themselves to decide whether it shall be such.

The government must have the money. It is a patriotic duty to purchase the bonds. And they offer an absolutely safe investment. The money invested is invested on the best security in the world—that of the United States, of the American nation itself. The money cannot be lost unless the United States is destroyed, and in that case we would all of us be crushed anyhow, so that it would not make any difference.

The people can, if they choose, now make themselves the bondholders. If they do not so choose and if they force Wall street to become the largest purchaser of the bonds, which must be bought somehow, then they will have no right in the future, to grumble about the bondholders as a special class. We can now, all of us, join that class if we wish.—Copyright, Kansas City Star.

## SAVE TO-DAY FOR THE FUTURE.

The United States Food Administration That Discipline Now Will Help Us to Meet Conditions That Will Confront Us After the War Is Over.

Washington, Oct. 10.—America's place in the industrial competition of nations that will follow peace will be determined in large part by the response that the American people make to the coming food pledge week campaign. This is the belief of the United States Food Administration and is one of the thoughts that is spurring on its forces in their preparation for enrolling the families of the nation in the cause of food conservation during the week of October 21st.

"When the war is over," the Food Administration declared recently, "Europe will find herself a reduced standard of living, with a people greatly disciplined in all directions and in a position to compete in the world's markets in a way that they never have been able before. We shall also face a world with a reduced consuming power, and unless we can secure some discipline in our own people, we will be in no position to meet that condition when peace comes."

"The idea that the purpose of food saving is not alone the present one of feeding our army and the allies, is further developed by the belief of the Food Administration that wars are paid for out of the savings of the people. It is pointed out that the decision is up to the American people right now, whether they are to help pay for the present conflict out of the savings of today, or after the war by mortgaging the future of the people. A saving of six cents a day per person will amount to two billion dollars a year."

## THE FOOD REGISTRATION DAY.

Saturday, October 20th, Everybody Is Asked to Go to the School Houses in the Several Districts and Register for Food Conservation. The Food Administration Hit on This Plan as an Aid to Our Allies.

Saturday, the 20th day of October, has been set apart as Food Conservation Day and every school house in North Carolina will be open for the registration of the women of North Carolina as well as the men in the campaign looking to the conservation of the food of the United States and North Carolina to the end that each individual do his or her bit in the great war that is now going on. Every man and woman in Johnston County are requested to go to the school house in his or her district on next Saturday week, October 20th, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M., and register in this campaign. The following card will be there to be signed:

"To the Food Administrator: I am glad to join you in the service of food conservation of our nation, and I hereby accept membership in the United States Food Administration, pledging myself to carry out the directions and advice of the Food Administrator in my home in so far as my circumstances permit. Name ..... Street or R. F. D. No. .... City ..... State .....

"There are no fees or dues to be paid. The Food Administration wishes to have as members all of those actually handling food in the home. Anyone may have a home card of instructions, but only those signing pledges are entitled to membership window cards, which will be delivered upon receipt of the signed pledge."

The men of the allied nations are fighting. They are not on the farms. The production of food by these countries has, therefore, been greatly reduced. Even before the war, it was much less than the amount consumed. The difference came from America and a few other countries. Now, this difference is greater than ever and, at the same time, but little food can be brought in from the outside except from America.

Therefore, our allies depend on America for food as they have never depended before, and they ask us for it with a right which they have never had before, for today they are our companions in the great war for democracy and liberty. They are doing the fighting, the suffering and dying—in our war. Let us remember that every flag that flies opposite the German one is by proxy the American flag, and that the armies fighting in our defense under these flags cannot be maintained through this winter unless there is food enough for them and for their women and children at home. There can only be food enough if America provides it and America can only provide it by the personal service and patriotic co-operation of all of us.

The small daily service in substitution can be done by all; the saving in waste by the majority and the lessening of food consumed by many. This individual daily service in twenty million kitchens and on twenty million tables, multiplied by one hundred million—which is the sum total of all of us—will make that total quantity which is the solution of the problem.

The matter comes even nearer home than the feeding of the allied armies since a number of our own troops have already gone to France and a great many more of the National Guard and regular army will be sent to France during the winter or early spring. In addition to this, a great many of our own men have been taken from the farms to the training camps, and, while they may never see active service on the battle field, and certainly not for quite awhile, yet they have to be fed and we at home must conserve our food products in order that they may be fed.

Let every man and woman go to their respective school houses on Saturday, the 20th, between 9:00 o'clock in the morning and 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and register for this service and thus become identified with one of the greatest armies of the earth.

F. H. BROOKS, Food Administrator for Johnston Co. Smithfield, October 11, 1917.

An obsolete ballad—"Old King Coal Was a Merry Old Soul."

## NAVY PROGRAM OF 787 VESSELS.

The New Ships Will Include All Types From Super-Dreadnought to U-Boat Chaser. Total Cost \$1,150,400,000. Six Shipbuilding Companies Will Handle the Contracts, Which Soon Will Be Signed and Put Into Force.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The American navy's war construction program consists of 787 vessels, including all types from super-dreadnought to submarine chasers. In making this announcement today Secretary Daniels said some of the vessels have been completed within the past few weeks and are now in service and that the remainder of the program is being rushed. The total cost is estimated at \$1,150,400,000.

Many of the vessels are destroyers and arrangements have been made for carrying out the \$350,000,000 supplemental destroyer program which the navy expects to be completed in eighteen months.

Examination of contracts by the legal representatives of the builders prevented the formal signing of the agreements today with the six companies which are to build the craft, but Mr. Daniels said only minor details stood in the way of getting the vessels under construction.

The companies awarded the contracts are the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, the Cramp Company, the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, the Bath Iron Works and the Union Iron Works. The Fore River Company, Mr. Daniels explained, was the only one that had offered to build more vessels than were awarded it.

Secretary Daniels said he expected the first of the new destroyers within nine months. They will be of the latest, largest and improved type, which have just been tried by the American navy and found to be unsurpassed by any destroyers in the world.

Thousands of men will be required to man these destroyers," the Secretary's statement said, "and we are now busy training them. By the time the vessels are completed, the crews will be ready."

## PRESIDENT WILSON COMMENDS WORK OF CONGRESS

Statement by the President, October 6, 1917.—The 65th Congress, now adjourned, deserves the gratitude and appreciation of a people whose will and purpose I believe it has faithfully expressed. One can not examine the record of its action without being impressed by its completeness, its courage, and its full comprehension of a great task. The needs of the Army and the Navy have been met in a way that assures the effectiveness of American arms, and the war-making branch of the Government has been abundantly equipped with the powers that were necessary to make the action of the Nation effective.

I believe that it has also in equal degree, and as far as possible in the face of war, safeguarded the rights of the people and kept in mind the considerations of social justice so often obscured in the hasty readjustment of such a crisis.

It seems to me that the work of this remarkable session has not only been done thoroughly but that it has also been done with the utmost dispatch possible in the circumstances or consistent with a full consideration of the exceedingly critical matters dealt with. Best of all, it has left no doubt as to the spirit and determination of the country, but has affirmed them as loyally and as emphatically as our fine soldiers will affirm them on the firing line.—Woodrow Wilson.

## Colored School to Open.

The Colored Graded School, known as the Smithfield Training School, will open next Tuesday. Prof. William Cooper, the principal, who has been spending the summer at Hampton, Va., returned to town Saturday and is busy getting matters ready for the opening. A strong corps of teachers has been selected and a good school is expected.

## Miss Rankin to Speak.

Hon. Jeannette Rankin, member of Congress from Montana, will deliver three addresses in North Carolina next week—at Wilson Monday; Winston-Salem Tuesday, and at Raleigh Wednesday.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Deputy Moore Finds Moon-shine Still but While Going for Help to Capture It the Still Disappears. Rooster Takes An Active Part in Pounding Exercises Tendered Methodist Minister. Death of Mrs. Oscar Davis. Other Items of Interest.

Benson, Oct. 11.—Mr. Robert Creech has accepted a position with Mr. Alonzo Parrish and moved with his family to town.

Miss Beatrice Goodrich, who has been teaching at Oak City, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin went up to Clayton and spent the day with relatives.

Miss Lettie Mydgett has resigned as one of the teachers here and gone to her home at Manteo because of the illness of her sister.

Mr. George Holland went to Florence, S. C., last Sunday and returned Monday. He went through the country on his car.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gordon and Mrs. C. G. McCreight, of Havelock, were here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barbour.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Lanier went to Chalybeate Springs last Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland, of Kenly, were here for a day or two recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Holland.

Misses Julia Canaday, Lillie Canaday and Minnie Somers were visitors to Angier Sunday.

Miss Mamie Grant, of Suffolk, Va., has been here for several days visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. J. M. Morgan and Mr. R. L. Penny were visitors to Smithfield Monday on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Creech, of Four Oaks, were here Sunday on a visit to relatives.

Mr. R. T. Surles went up to Henderson Monday on business, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Raleigh, have been here for the past few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lee.

Mr. W. C. Lassiter, of Elevation township, was in the city for a short while yesterday.

Mr. J. E. Wilson, who has been in the Fayetteville hospital for the past few days with blood-poisoning, is reported to be improving.

Mr. R. G. Fitzgerald, of Bethel, was a visitor to the city Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. F. T. Moore, S. F. Ivey and John Smith were visitors to Smithfield Monday on business.

Mrs. T. T. Lanier has accepted a position in the school here made vacant by the resignation of Miss Letitia Mydgett.

Rev. J. T. Stanford spent Tuesday in Fayetteville with Mr. J. E. Wilson, who is in the hospital there.

Messrs. J. E. Ligon, A. B. Hudson, Pius Hudson and other Bensonians were in Smithfield Tuesday on business.

Mr. Loyd Langdon, of Wade, was a visitor to our city Tuesday for a short while.

Mr. Rastus Stephenson, who is with the American Tobacco Company of Durham, was a visitor to relatives here this week.

Messrs. E. S. Abell, Ed. Ward and G. M. Rose were here for a while Tuesday afternoon on business between the city and the Coast Line Railroad here.

Mrs. Oscar Davis died at her home last Friday night and was buried Saturday at Hodges Chapel. Mrs. Davis was a daughter of Mr. Moses Ivey and was forty-nine years old at the time of her death.

Deputy Moore caught a moon-shine still in the city of Benson Sunday night. The still was being hidden out and was located by the officer, but while he came up town for help to bring the still to the city lock-up, some one who was evidently taking a good deal of interest in the still, removed it, and as yet it has not been recaptured by the officers, although information is now in the hands of the officers as to the party who moved the still.

At a pounding of the Methodist preacher here last week at the prayer meeting services some one carried a rooster in as a present. The package, as were the others, was placed on tables near the pulpit. The rooster decided that he did not care to remain in the paper sack in which he was placed, gave a few flops with his wings and proudly walked out of the

## CONSERVE AND SAVE IS CRY.

America Is Asked to Substitute Corn and Cereal Products for Wheat. This Is One Way in Which We Can Strengthen Our Allies. October 20-28 Is Designated as Food Pledge Week.

Raleigh, Oct. 10.—Word has come to the Food Administration here that a number of persons, chafing at continued high prices of food products and provoked because the government has not fixed prices on foodstuffs, have announced their intention of disregarding the suggestions of the Food Administration for the substitution of the plentiful products for those food products which are suited for export and which are desired by the government for the maintenance of its armies and the civilian population of the Allies.

This matter was brought to the attention of Food Administrator Henry A. Page yesterday. "This is a Democracy," said Mr. Page. "Our people are free. They are privileged to eat what ever they desire if they have the price. But if all America continued to eat its accustomed amount of sugar, the millions of French people would be compelled to go without even their war ration of sugar for two months.

"If all America refused to substitute corn and other cereal products for wheat, and poultry, fish, game and other foods for beef and pork products the armies of our Allies would be reduced in their physical condition to the point where hundreds of thousands of American boys would be needed above the number that will be required if we do keep our Allies' men in good fighting trim, and tens of thousands of old men, women and children would die of starvation in France, England and Italy.

"I can't believe that any loyal American will refuse to render that service at home which is so easy when they realize that the failure to render such service will cost the lives of more of our own soldiers and of innumerable women and children on the other side.

"The housewives of this State, and of the entire country, will be given an opportunity during the week of October 20th-28th, which is food pledge week, to put down in black and white where they stand and I am looking for a 100 per cent enrollment. I believe our people want to know of every opportunity through which they can back the boys who are going to the trenches."

## Weather in Cotton States.

New Orleans, Oct. 9.—Much colder weather has overspread the cotton region. Heavy to killing frost throughout Arkansas with temperatures 26 to 30 degrees in north, and twenty-eight to thirty-four in the south portion. Heavy to killing frost in western Tennessee with temperatures thirty-six degrees. Frost with freezing temperatures in portions of northern and central Mississippi, and frost in northern Louisiana with temperatures thirty-four to thirty-eight degrees in north portion, and forty at Lake Charles. Heavy to killing frost in Oklahoma with temperatures twenty-eight to forty degrees; frost in northern and central Texas with temperatures from thirty-four to forty degrees. Temperature forty-two at Houston. Frost in northern Alabama with temperature from thirty-two to forty-two degrees.

Local showers mostly light, occurred in eastern North Carolina, northern and western Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, eastern Louisiana, northern Texas, and extreme southern Arkansas.

## The State Fair.

The State Fair will be held in Raleigh next week. Wednesday has been set apart as Woman's Day and on that day the Woman's Building at the Fair will be dedicated. The principal address will be by Hon. Jeannette Rankin, Member of Congress from Montana. Miss Rankin will speak on "Democracy and Government."

sack up into the pulpit beside the preacher. This of course produced some merriment. The pastor was saying a few words of appreciation for the pounding and the rooster decided he would take a hand and proceeded to do so by standing beside the preacher and crowing several times.

## SELMA'S NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Dollar Day on in Full Blast and People Crowding All Business Houses. People Prominent in All the Activities of Life Arriving to Participate in the Marriage of Popular Couple. Gamblers Fall Out, One Shot in the Leg, the Other Takes to the Tall Timbers. Many Personal Items.

Selma, Oct. 11.—Mr. Jim Liles went to Wendell Saturday night where he spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Liles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roberts went to Cary Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. Laura Harris.

Mr. C. P. Harper, the popular manager of the Selma Drug Company, is spending this week in northern cities on business.

Deputy Sheriff J. H. Atkinson of Clayton, was in town Tuesday for a few hours on business.

Among those to attend the Wayne County Fair this week, we note Messrs. C. G. Wiggs, E. Grant, C. F. Kirby, and L. W. Brannan.

Miss Rowena Evans, bookkeeper for the Pine Level Oil Mill, is in the hospital at Henderson for treatment. We understand her condition is much improved.

Misses Emma Leone Blackman returned this week from Rocky Mount, where they had been to visit relatives and to attend the Fair.

Miss Mollie Brown returned Monday from Pine Level, where she had been to spend the week-end with friends.

Mr. John W. Blackman, of Rocky Mount, came up Saturday to spend some time with relatives here.

Mrs. Walter Watson returned to her home in Raleigh this week, after spending some time with the family of Dr. R. J. Noble.

Miss Annie Noble went to Goldsboro Wednesday where she was one of the judges in the china exhibit in the Wayne County Fair.

As a result of a Sunday gambling game last Sunday afternoon, Will Cary who worked for the railroad construction force between here and Pine Level, was shot with a pistol through the leg. Rob. Durant, who did the shooting, took to the tall timbers and has not yet been apprehended.

Mrs. A. M. Noble, of Smithfield, is here this week the guest of the family of Dr. R. J. Noble.

The crowning social event of the season will be the marriage-to-night of Miss Lizzie Wiaston, the accomplished daughter of Mr. M. C. Winston, to Mr. William G. Broadfoot, of Fayetteville. The ceremony will be solemnized to-night at 8 o'clock in the Baptist church and quite a brilliant assemblage of people prominent in this and other States will be present.

After the ceremony, a reception will be given at the home of the bride. "It Pays to Advertise" is an old newspaper adage, but nevertheless a true one. To-day is Selma's Dollar Day, and the crowds of eager buyers who are thronging the stores of the merchants who are taking part in this Dollar Day sale is the proof of the pudding. Three weeks ago these merchants decided to put on a Dollar Day and began the advertising at once. This is the first Dollar Day ever held in Selma and at 12 o'clock it looks like the results will be all that could have been hoped for. The purchasers are getting real bargains in these days of high prices, and the merchants are given a chance to come into closer relationship with their customers and are given a chance to show them other lines of merchandise. Dollar Day will be a regular semi-annual occurrence in our bustling little city in the future.

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