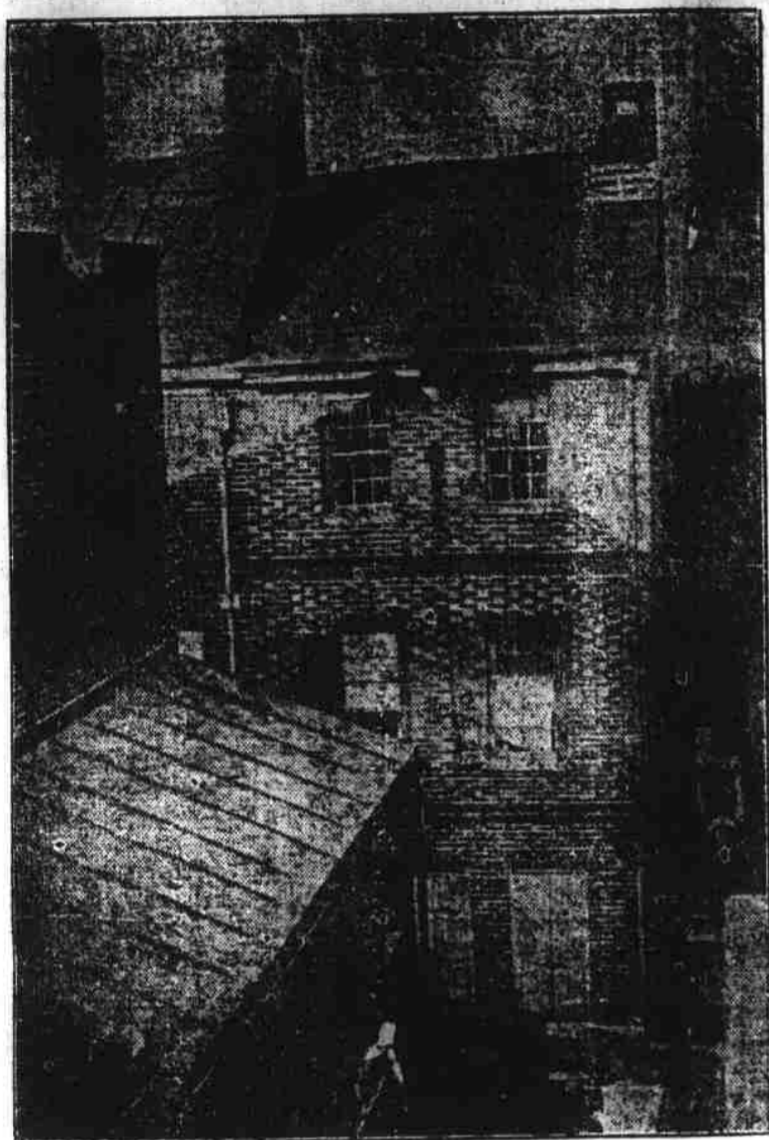


## Victory Liberty Loan Medal



This is an official photographic reproduction of the Victory Liberty Loan medal which will be given by the United States Treasury Department to all members of local committees who render conspicuous service in the loan campaign which will be launched April 21. The medals will be about the size of a half-dollar. They are made from Gorman cannon captured by American troops at Chateau Thierry. On one side of the medal is a reproduction of the United States Treasury building with the inscription, "Victory Liberty Loan." On the other side, with a space left blank for the owner's name, is the certification of participation in the bond campaign.

## Franklin's Spring Street Home In Philadelphia



Within a few blocks of the Friends' Burying Ground in which lies the body of Benjamin Franklin, whose picture adorns the 1919 issue of War Savings Stamps, is a quaint three-story brick dwelling, one of the places where the inventor-philosopher lived while in Philadelphia. The house is in Spring Street, in the center of Colonial life in the Quaker City. It is in excellent state of preservation. The 129th anniversary of Franklin's death will be commemorated April 17. Franklin's thrifty sayings did much to stimulate among the American people the habits of wise buying, sane saving, secure investment and avoidance of waste.

## THE CIVIL SERVICE DEBACLE

(Harvey's Weekly.)

Ferdinand Foch, then, is not the only generalissimo. We have a politicalmaster-generalissimo who can see him and go him one better. As witness the recent turn-over, clean sweep, debacle or what not in the federal civil service commission. That body since the days of Grover Cleveland has been supposed to be quite independent of politics. That is what it is for, to stand as a bar, a Verduin, against the spoils-men. Hitherto it has done so. But not until the present administration has it had to contend with a politicalmaster-generalissimo. Hence this smash.

According to the New York Evening Post, the authority of which in administration matters no mere mortal must venture to dispute, the President recently demanded the resignations of all three civil service commissioners, and they being men prudent in their generation, stood not upon the order of resigning but resigned. Forthwith the places of two of them were filled with others, such action in the case of the third being delayed only by the earnest intervention of various Senators. The cause of the ruction, we are assured by the same authority, was a disagreement between the commissioners and the politicalmaster-general. They wanted to run their commission according to law, quite independently of politics, holding examinations impartially and purely on the merits of the candidates. The politicalmaster-general, however, wanted to put one of his confidential agents—euphemism for political understrapper—behind the scenes in every examination, presumably to make sure about the political affiliations and activities of the candidates, and to have his recommendations count for four times as much as the actual examination in determining the rating of the candidates. Of course, this was to make the whole business a ghastly farce.

The chairman of the commission appears to have acquiesced in this scandalous plan, but the other two members protested. Thereupon the chairman ran things aloof for a time, holding meetings of the commission with only himself present, and at times coming close to physical encounter with his colleagues. The latter two carried the case to the White House and appealed to the President. But the politicalmaster-general "intervened and prevented any action." And finally the President "demanded" that the civil service commissioners who would not know-how to the politicalmaster-general should get out and make places for others who presumably would be more compliant.

We are told, too, that "trouble has been brewing in the board for two years." Of that we have been well aware, and we have been well aware, too, that it has all been due to the "intervention" of the politicalmaster-general, backed up by the President. It was in 1916, a little more than two years ago, that the national civil service reform league, under the direction of Richard H. Dana, Joseph H. Choate and other eminent citizens, requested to be permitted to inspect the reports of examinations for fourth-class post-mastership. This was an entirely proper and usual request provided for by law, and always hitherto unhesitatingly granted. It was assumed that of course it would be granted under the administration of a President who had declared that his hobby was the hobby of publicity for all business. But the request was refused by the chairman of the commission, "it might lead to such criticism of the administration as would seri-

ously embarrass it." Against this monstrous display of cynical contempt for decency the league appealed to the President, and the President backed up the chairman of the commission in refusing to let the records be inspected.

We are not at all surprised, therefore, to find that the same chairman who wanted public records kept secret for fear of embarrassing the administration, two years later sided with the politicalmaster-general in letting political manipulators dictate the results of supposedly impartial competitive examinations. Neither can we feel much surprised at finding that the President who sustained that chairman in his former conduct now backs up the politicalmaster-general in his campaign for making the civil service system a third-assistant-deputy-adjunct to his political machine. Great, indeed, is the politicalmaster-generalissimo; and Woodrow Wilson is his President!

## MAIL CLERK WINS VERDICT OF \$50,000

W. L. York, a mail clerk in Nashville, Tenn., has been awarded a verdict of \$50,000 in his suit against the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company as a result of injuries suffered in a railroad accident on May 21, 1917. As a result of the mishap York has lost all sense of feeling except in one spot about the stomach.

## STEEL BARGES ON MISSISSIPPI

Forty steel barges and six tow boats will be added to the government barge line on the Mississippi river, according to an announcement made by Lewis T. Kavanaugh, assistant traffic manager, now in Memphis, Tenn. The new equipment will cost \$6,000,000.

## ENGLAND SEEKING ALABAMA COAL

Negotiations are said to be under way whereby an English coal syndicate will establish a coal storage yard at Mobile, Ala., by which Alabama coal will be shipped to Mobile to await export to England.

## VICTIM OF HIDDEN BOMB

The killing of Mrs. George Greenwood, wife of a banker of Oakland, Cal., by an explosion at her home remains a mystery to the police.

Mr. Greenwood recently received a letter demanding delivery of \$5,000 at a certain spot under penalty of having his home destroyed. The letter was signed C. C. of C., which initials also were appended to a threatening letter received by Gov. William D. Stephens before the executive mansion at Sacramento, Cal., was dynamited a year ago.

## A BOX OF ORANGES

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