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McAdoo Favors Increased Taxation.

In a recent issue of The Journal, an editorial appeared stating that Union county slacked when she failed to raise her apportionment of the first and second Liberty Loan. This was written solely in the hope that our citizens, realizing the situation, would respond nobly to the call for subscriptions to the third issue, thus erasing the stigma cast upon our county by our indifference to the first and second Liberty Loan issue. Yet the Charlotte News, eager to seize upon non-essentials, lost sight of our purpose, and wants to know what could be expected "of a county having in it an influential newspaper, like The Journal, that has repeatedly sought to demonstrate that the government ought to raise more of its finances by taxation and less of it by the issuance of bonds."

The News is correct in stating that we favor an increase of the tax rate (excess profits), but is wrong in charging that we have repeatedly sought to demonstrate this fact. No editorial reference to our views, which we still hold, was made until after the second Liberty Loan issue had closed. Consequently, the fact of Union county's failure to subscribe for its apportionment of the first and second issues cannot be laid to the dissemination of our tax views. If it has had any effect upon the third issue it is of a stimulative nature, as Union county has already subscribed for more than half of its apportionment, and the probability is that it will oversubscribe.

Our contention, since the close of the second issue, has been that the government should raise more of its revenue through the excess profits tax. This same view is held by Secretary McAdoo, who declared in a recent statement:

"We are going constantly to have to appeal to the country for money to carry forward the war. There are two ways of raising money: One is taxation, and the other is bond issues. I believe that a fair equipoise between taxation and bond issues is the fair way of financing this war. I can say frankly that I don't think we have that equipoise now; I don't think we have applied taxation strongly enough. I think that the thinking men of America will realize later that a larger measure of taxation is not only necessary to finance this war, but it is the soundest thing that we can do for ourselves. We are not going to effect the essential economies, we are not going to prevent the waste which I think is one of the most crowning examples of America's prodigality, unless taxation is applied more heavily. When you apply taxation heavily, people must economize, and it has a wholesome effect upon the body politic in a time like this when prices are mounting and when the great difficulty is to keep things within reasonable bounds. Now, I don't want you to draw wrong inferences from what I say about taxation, because I don't make the tax bills; I merely can make suggestions."

The Charlotte News is without its jurisdiction when it undertakes to lecture The Journal on its ideas of war finance or patriotism. We are more amused than annoyed by its childlike statements. If it had been disposed to discuss carefully our position on the bond question as announced some time ago when the country was discussing the relative effects of bonds and taxes, it would have seen that we were in no sense seeking to antagonize a popular bond subscription. At that time the idea of bonds was largely that they would be issued in large denominations and absorbed by large financial interests as had been the custom in the past. Financiers and economists stated freely that the effect of running the whole war on bonds would be an inflation of prices which the country could not stand. When the government designed savings stamps and bonds of small denomination and began to work them into the hands of the whole mass of the population, it was seen at once that this would tend to make everybody save, as Mr. McAdoo says above, and would so distribute the obligations of the government in the hands of the people that much of the bad effects of bonds would be neutralized. Hence, no one has supported more enthusiastically these popular bonds and stamps than The Journal. When the people buy the bonds they are bought from present income which represents a cutting off of non-essentials for the most part. When the war begins to bear more heavily upon us taxation must necessarily be resorted to more and more because taxation will necessitate more and more the turning of present income into the war. The present savings of the people are the only things upon which the war can be carried on and when these present savings are lent to the government

in the form of popular bond subscriptions, the readjustments of the future will be less hard than they would be if the bonds were taken by large financial institutions. The News ought to be able to distinguish a discussion of this kind from a desire to hinder any effort of the government even in any small way which we might be capable of. We are in agreement with Mr. McAdoo and if the News has any further complaint it does not worry us.

"Fashion a La Bond."

To the Editor of The Journal:— Could we one and all be spirited to the battle fronts of today, and see the mighty army of khaki clad troops (American Division), our own men, sons and brothers of humanity's family, stoutly fighting, aye, unto death even, for home, womanhood, honor, and country for humanity's sake, willingly, nobly, unselfishly giving the best, nay their very manhood, for us, and their own individual loved ones back home in the land of promise, for that surely must be what our wonderful country means to stricken and sorely tried nations across the seas.

Surely when men from all parts of the country, all walks of life, are fighting shoulder to shoulder, blade to blade, heart and soul thrown into their energy and will to conquer and rid the world of the most damnable and bloodiest foe ever known, knowing deep down in their true, brave, manly hearts that they with Allies MUST and WILL be "victors" of the world's mighty and awful battle. Let us as women forego many of the frills and furbelows of fashion. Surely woman is sweet and beautiful in plain neat attire. Let our best and most gorgeous dress be "a La Liberty Bond." That money will help the Government clothe and provide for our men on the firing line; and then don't forget reconstruction days are at hand, and we as women must do our part as generously as our ancestors did in the past.

Let us whisper something: Don't stilt the table for the "lord and master" of the house, cut out dainties if you will, but give him as good and solid a square meal as our "Victory Menu" allows, and when he is enjoying the fragrant weed broach the subject of a check for your new gown, adding that at this time when all needed for the mighty cause of humanity, you wish to buy "Liberty Bonds" instead of dress and accessories. No man could have the heart to refuse such a patriotic request, and let us hope double the amount asked, so that our "Liberty Bonds" may far exceed expectations.

Slogan: "Less finery, and more Liberty Bonds;" they won't wear out, but grow in grace and interest, our men will be provided for, and our wounded taken care of. "Victory" come all the sooner when we back all with our money bullets, as ever "Three cheers, three, for the good old U. S. A. Uncle Sammie, and Great and best of all Liberty represented by a statue of beautiful womanhood."—Briton.

Buy, Buy Liberty Bonds, or By Liberty!

To the Editor of The Journal:— "They say, who have come back from Over There, that at night the troubled earth between the lines is carpeted with pain. They say that death rides whistling in every wind, and that the very mists are charged with awful torment. They say that of all things spent and squandered there, young human life is held least dear. It is not the pleasantness prospect for those of us who yet can feel upon our lips the pressure of our mother's good-bye kiss, but, please God, our love of life is not so prized as love of right. In this renaissance of our country's valor, we who will edge the wedge of her assault make calm acceptance of its hazards. For us, the steel-swept trench—stiffening—weariness, hardship, worse. For you, for whom we go, you millions safe at home—what for you? We shall need food. We shall need care. We shall need clothes for our bodies and weapons for our hands. We shall need terribly and without fail supplies and equipment in a stream that is constant and never ending. From you, who are our resource and reliance, who are the hearts and hopes of that humanity for which we smite and strive, must come these things."—(Signed) Citizen Soldier No. 258 District National Draft Army.

—Mrs. Clarence Helms of Bakers who has been sick for some time, went to a Charlotte hospital Wednesday for treatment.

A slight but distinct earthquake shock was felt by the people of Norfolk Friday afternoon.

The fourth officers' training camp will open at the various divisional camps May 15th.



MARY GARDEN IN THAIS GOLDWYN PICTURES

AT THE STRAND TUESDAY.

SOCIAL

A marriage which proves the falsity of the statement that a woman cannot keep a secret was that of Miss Ola Bruner of Monroe and Mr. James Edward Clary of Laurens, S. C. Not even the most intimate friends knew of the event. The marriage vows were spoken at 9:30 by Rev. J. E. Abernethy. Mr. Clary is a traveling salesman with headquarters in Atlanta. He is of distinguished appearance and all those fortunate enough to know him speak of him as a man of pleasing personality and marked business ability. Miss Bruner is too well known to need any encomiums. She has the rare combination of true heart, bright mind and dependableness in all undertakings. She is the youngest daughter of the late C. W. Bruner and Emma D. Bruner. She was educated at Peace Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Clary left immediately after the ceremony to visit his relatives in Laurens, S. C.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Stevens Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Norma Bell, became the bride of Mr. Guy Nelson of Maryland. Mrs. G. B. Caldwell and Mrs. B. C. Ashcraft met the guests at the door. The house was beautifully decorated by Mr. C. D. Morgan, the hall in ferns and white lillies, the dining room in pink roses and ferns. The center piece was a cut glass vase filled with pink carnations, pink saline streamers extended to the corners of the table from the chandelier. In the gift room pink and white roses were used effectively and here numerous handsome gifts were displayed. Prior to the ceremony Miss Mary Morrow Heath sang "Immortal Love," accompanied by Miss Lura Heath. Mrs. John Beasley played the wedding march, and the ribbon girls were Misses Mary Douglas and Iris McDougald. The maid of honor, Miss Mary English, entered first, gowned in pink georgette, and carrying pink Killarney roses. Then came the flower girls, Misses Helen Douglas and Eleanor Stevens, carrying baskets of sweet peas. The dainty ring bearer, little Jo Neal Caldwell, carried the ring in a lily. The bride entered with her uncle, Mr. James P. Flanagan. She was handsomely gowned in white georgette crepe with princess lace and crystal bead trimmings, and carried bride roses. The groom entered with Dr. S. A. Stevens, and met the bride at the improvised altar, where Dr. H. E. Gurney, the bride's pastor, performed the ceremony. The guests were then served punch by Misses Elizabeth Sikes and Janie Sanders and Bruna Biggerstaff. Mesdames Estelle Stewart and O. M. Norwood presided in the dining room, where cream, cake, mints and salted nuts were served by Misses Martha Adams, Hannah Blair and Mary Douglas. Mrs. M. H. Currie and Mrs. J. A. Douglas presided over the gift room. The bride is a native of Statesville, but has been living in Monroe for years. She graduated at Flora McDonald College and taught successfully for several years. She has a pleasing personality and is popular with a large circle of friends who regret that she is to make her home elsewhere. Mr. Nelson is a successful business man of Monkton, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson left on the six o'clock train for Washington and Baltimore. Out of town guests were: Miss Ella Mae Nichols, Mrs. J. P. Garner, Mrs. O. M. Norwood of Charlotte, Mrs. M. H. Currie, Gastonia, Miss Iris McDougald, and Mr. James Flanagan of Statesville and Mrs. Houston of Waxhaw.

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SELL IT FOR LESS.

WE STILL HAVE a number of fresh mules on hand, and several good second-hand mules at our stables. We are closing out for the summer and it will pay you to visit our barns.—Fowler & Lee.

Clarence Yarborough of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., private of the 117th Infantry at Camp Sevier committed suicide Saturday night by shooting himself in the head with an army rifle. He left a note to his father stating that he was tired of life and had decided to end all his troubles.



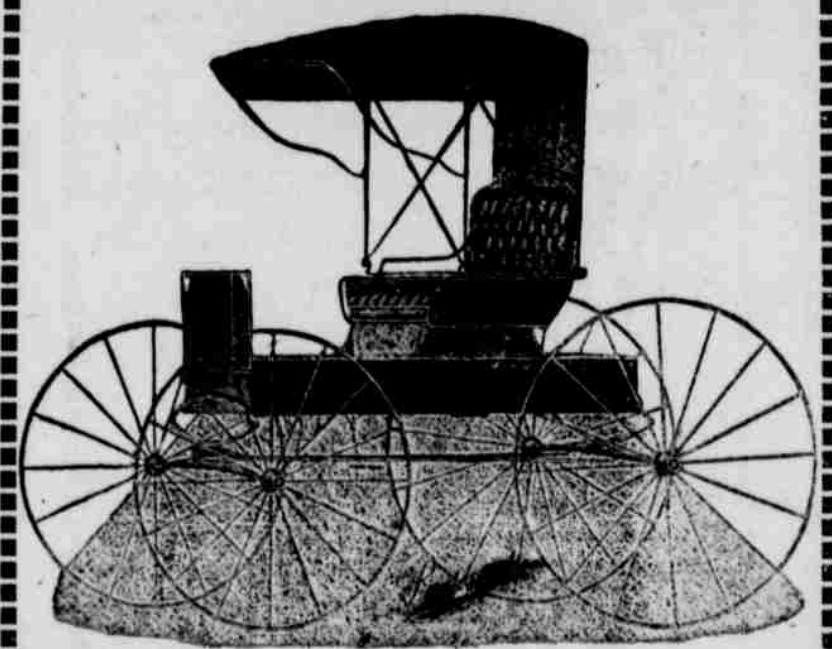
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