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Open Letter to Editors.

Treasury Department, Washington, May 15.—Gentlemen: The spirit of patriotic helpfulness is universal in the American press. From all over the country have come offers of co-operation from the newspapers in the selling of the war bonds—The Liberty Loan of 1917.

The Government desires not only that the Five Billion Dollars of bonds be sold promptly but that these bonds be as widely distributed among the American people as is possible. To that end it is hoped that all newspapers of the country, the small county weekly as well as the great metropolitan daily, will work together in a great campaign, giving the common cause the impetus and force of a nation-wide concerted action and correlated effort.

To aid in this national concert of action this Bureau will send each week to every newspaper in the United States press matter dealing with the Liberty Loan of 1917, prepared with a view of thoroughly informing every Citizen of the nature, terms, and advantages of the Liberty Loan Bonds. Some of this matter will be elementary, but it is designed for the humblest reader of the smallest country paper and the humblest readers of the great dailies, so that they may learn what every American should know about the Liberty Loan Bonds. It is believed, too, that the patriotic nature of an investment in Liberty Loan Bonds should be stressed.

The funds to prosecute the war should come from the men and women of the Nation at large, not from only certain classes. The support of the Liberty Loan of 1917 must be universal.

It is recognized that much of the matter sent out by the Bureau can be better expressed by the editors to whom it is sent. It is only asked that each week the newspapers co-operating with us have articles along similar lines so that concert of action be obtained.

The matter is sent in form ready for the printer.

Each paper joining in the Liberty Loan campaign is requested to send at least one marked copy to this Bureau.

The Secretary of the Treasury keenly appreciates the tremendous service the American press can render the Nation in this master and asks your help.

Very truly yours,
 R. W. Woolley,
 Director of Publicity.

About the War Loan.

What is a Liberty Loan Bond?

A Liberty Loan Bond is a solemn promise of the United States to pay at maturity the amount of the bond to the holder thereof, and to pay interest semiannually each year from the date of the issuance of the bond until it is fully and finally paid.

What is the Security for a Liberty Loan Bond?

The faith and honor of the United States, backed by all of the resources of the Nation and the American people. A Liberty Loan Bond is a mortgage on all the resources and taxing powers of the Government and all of the resources of the American people.

What is the Nature of a Liberty Loan Bond?

There are two kinds of Liberty Loan Bonds. Bearer Bonds are to be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000. These Bearer Bonds which are made payable to bearer, have interest coupons attached which are detached by the holder when the interest installments they represent are due, and can be cashed at any bank the same as a United States Treasury note.

Registered bonds are to be issued, which are registered as to both principal and interest, in denominations

of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000; checks for the amount of interest due will be mailed out semiannually to the holders of these registered bonds.

What Are the Terms of a Liberty Loan Bond?

Liberty Loan Bonds of the first issue of \$2,000,000,000 are to bear date of June 15, 1917, and to run for thirty years, except that the Government reserves the right to pay them fifteen years after date. If this is not exercised by the Government fifteen years from date, the bonds will run the full thirty years.

These bonds bear interest at 3½ per cent per annum, and the interest is payable semiannually on the fifteenth day of December and the fifteenth day of June in each year.

What Special Advantages Have These Liberty Loan Bonds?

One especial advantage no other bonds, National, State, municipal, or corporate, have is that if the United States during the continuance of this war shall issue other bonds at a higher rate of interest, the holders of these Liberty bonds have the right to exchange their Liberty bonds for bonds bearing the higher rate of interest, dollar for dollar.

What Other Special Advantages Do These Bonds Possess?

They are nontaxable. If your city, county, and State taxes are three mills on the dollar, a not unusual tax, these bonds are equivalent to ordinary corporate bonds or other investments bearing 6½ per cent.

In addition, no Federal tax which war conditions may later make necessary will affect these bonds. The only tax these bonds are subject to is the inheritance tax, which applies to all property of all kinds whatsoever.

How Are Liberty Bonds Obtained?

Blank forms of application for the purchase of these bonds can be obtained from the Treasury Department any Federal Reserve Bank, any National, State, or private bank, any express office, and any post office in the United States. Any bank or postmaster will aid applicant in filling out his blank and the other acts necessary to obtain these bonds.

Is It Patriotic to Purchase These Bonds?

Yes; every American who subscribes to the justice of the course of the United States in entering and conducting the war we are now engaged in should subscribe to the Liberty Loan Bond issue to the extent of his or her financial ability.

Every American who subscribes to the belief that an American should stand by his or her country should subscribe to the Liberty Loan Bond.

Every American who loves America and is jealous of America's honor should subscribe to the Liberty Loan Bond issue. The real success of the loan is to be more determined by the number of Americans participating in it than by the amount subscribed. The spirit of the Nation is going to be judged abroad, especially by our enemies, more by the number of its American men and women who support this bond issue than by the mere amount of money subscribed.

Why "Liberty Loan"?

The \$5,000,000,000 bond issue of this year is named "The Liberty Loan of 1917" because it is to be a loan from a free people to be used in freeing the world.

It is the loan of a liberty-loving people to be devoted to the establishment of liberty in Europe and on the high seas.

It is the loan of the great democracy of the New World to redress the wrongs and support the cause of the democracy of the Old.

Mad Dog Bites Many Dogs, Cow and Mule.

Pilot Mountain, May 22.—Another mad dog visited Pilot Mountain and surrounding country last week and bit a great many dogs. It also bit a cow and a mule for E. D. Bennett, both of which went mad Saturday. Mr. Bennett killed the mule but in an effort to save part of the loss sold the cow to a neighbor for five dollars. Some thought it was rather a poor investment to put \$5 in a mad cow; but this enterprising farmer showed that he had an eye for business by killing the cow and selling the hide for \$10.

Training Our Officers.

The training camp down in Georgia is where this country is laying the foundation for a great army by first preparing men to lead. They now have in training a large force of picked men. The following letter from Mr. Oscar Merritt to his father, Mr. W. E. Merritt, with the personal parts left out, gives some idea of the work that is being done there these days. The strenuous life they are putting men through, as will be noticed by the hours of work, will weed out the men who are not able to lead.

Military Training Branch
Company 6.

Chattanooga, Tenn. May 20.

"We get up at 5:15 and work until 10:00 p. m. except just enough time to eat and bathe. I can stand more than the average and have not been having much trouble about getting tired so far. But most of the fellows are great big men and when we go to marching with our full equipment of gun, tent, haversack, etc. I will probably find my hands full.

The officers of my company are as fine gentlemen as I have ever seen. The men of the company already practically worship them.

Of the men of this company whom I know personally: one is a Rhodes Scholar, 3 weeks out of Europe, one is a Major in the Tennessee militia, five or six are graduates of U. N. C. and at least half are college graduates. They are practically all fine fellows and most of them are here for business only.

Our board is nearly as good now as I was getting at the University and I eat fully twice as much.

The man on the front of the last Saturday Evening Post wears the new haversack with bayonet on it instead of on the belt. We have equipment like that, except we are now wearing the old style bayonet.

We were free to go where we pleased yesterday from 1:00 until tonight at 10:00. Most of us went to Chattanooga and had a pretty good time walking around over the town.

Edwin Carter is in this company with me and we are both enjoying the life and work immensely. Our drilling has become much more complicated and I think we will take up battle formations and the theory of tactics before long. (By "we" I mean the whole camp.) I will probably not take time to write many more letters but will try to send at least a card each week."

To Register in Surry.

All things are now ready for the war registration in Surry. The County Board of Registration is composed of the Clerk of the Court, the Sheriff and the county physician. This Board was appointed by the Governor of the State.

The registration will be on Tuesday, June 5th, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. and the place is the voting precinct in each township or ward. The following citizens have been appointed to have charge of the registration:

Bryan, John C. Kapp and A. H. Wolfe, Kapp's Mills, N. C.

Dobson, W. M. Jackson and R. S. Folger, Dobson, N. C.

Eldora, Walter Johnson, Mt. Airy, N. C., Route 4.

Elkin, J. S. Bell and C. N. Bodenheimer, Elkin, N. C.

Franklin, I. F. Armfield, Low Gap, N. C.

Long Hill, J. S. Redman, Ararat, N. C.

Marsh, C. A. Sebastian, Rusk, N. C.

Mt. Airy, No. 1, E. M. Linville and S. G. Pace and M. H. Sparger, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Mt. Airy No. 2, John Banner, W. R. Saunders and J. D. Martin, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Rockford, J. Luther Wood, Rockford N. C., Route 1.

Shoals, Will H. Hauser, Shoals, N. C.

Siloam, Dr. S. T. Flippin, Siloam, N. C.

Stewarts Creek, Will Lovill and J. H. East, Mt. Airy N. C. Route 5.

Westfield, Dr. J. T. Smith, Westfield, N. C. and W. B. Blair, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

Pilot Mountain, R. E. Smith, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

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The beautiful spring time has come at last.

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We are pleased to say that despite the scarcity of goods of all kinds we have a splendid line of all kinds Spring and Summer Dress Goods from the cheapest to the best.

Big line of plain and fancy Voiles, Organdies, Lawns, Batiste and in fact everything shown this season in wash fabrics, and while the prices are very high on some things we have some rare values to offer the public in this line. In fact we are in position to sell you most anything you want with the exception of staple cotton goods as low as you ever bought them, and in fact some Big Bargains in some things...

Now don't put off buying your goods until your friends and neighbors get all the pretty patterns. Remember first come is first served and our stock is larger now than it will be any more this season.

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Yours very truly,

J. L. HARRISON

Distinguished Officers Coming.

On Friday, June 1st, the same being next week, distinguished army officers in the persons of Brigadier General Lawrence W. Young, of Raleigh, Col. J. T. Gardner, of Shelby, and Major J. H. Howell of Waynesville will visit this city and inspect the local military company.

We suggest that the coming of these high army officials be the occasion of some kind of attention on the part of our civilian citizens, as well as that of the men enlisted. It is not common for an officer holding the rank of General to visit a town and get no response in the way of attention from representative citizens.

In this connection it may not be out of the way to remark that general appearances do not indicate that our people are yet aroused on the subject of war. Young men are not recruiting the local military company as fast as they might. The talk of the streets and the lobbies is not of war so much as it is of other subjects. No one questions the courage or the patriotism of our people, but we are not aroused yet as we will later be. Since the war is on us and since the army must be raised and since Germany must be brought to terms that will satisfy a liberty loving people, we may just as well get awake on the subject and do the job up brown with as little delay as possible.

We suggest that when General Young and his associates visit this town they be met at the depot by a delegation of citizens and that they be shown every courtesy that we can extend them, but once our people are notified of their duty along this line we have no fears about the results. We further suggest that citizens from the country districts come to town on the occasion of the visit of these high officials and get in touch with what the country is facing.

A New Burden.

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