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SCHOOL SAVERS ARE DOING SPLENDID WORK IN THRIFT CAMPAIGN

MANY SOCIETIES FORMED AND MEMBERS ARE NOW BUSILY WATCHING THEIR MONEY GROW

Teachers and children are enthusiastic over the new thrift spirit in the school room, which has already resulted not only in giving a novel and practical interest to this honored subject, but in the organization of approximately 11,000 school savings clubs in the schools of this district. Last year the gross sales of Thrift and War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates in the fifth district amounted to more than \$2,315,000 during the school session, and it is hoped that when the figures are compiled for the 1920-1921 session, an even better record will be shown.

Thousands of penny and nickel savings books, text leaflets in thrift and wall charts for showing the records of savings clubs have been mailed out to schools asking for them. Boys and girls are learning to put their money into government savings securities instead of wasting it, and in order that they may not look upon savings as an end in itself, and gain a false conception of thrift as a form of stinginess, they are encouraged to save for some definite, worthwhile object such, for instance, as a college education or business capital.

Saving is only a third of the game, however, for the youngsters earn much of the money they save and invest in Thrift and Savings Stamps. Weeding tobacco, running errands, clerking in stores, washing dishes, raising vegetables and live stock are some of the callings in which school savings club members engage during summer vacations and after school hours, and keen is the rivalry among them.

Even the smallest tots are taking an active part in the "Earn and Save" movement, and patriotic teachers who understand the value of thrift as an element of good citizenship are devoting their time and thought to making it part of their educational work, and are also encouraging the organization of savings clubs by the children themselves. They realize that they are rendering a real service to the country by teaching sound economic thought, practical patriotism and prosperity.

GIVING SPLENDID AID

Postmasters are giving splendid co-operation in the effort to create new capital by increasing the number of investors in government savings securities. Approximately 300,000 letters have been distributed by them since the middle of February to patrons of their offices, through post office boxes or by means of the regular carriers, calling attention to the fact that the man who saves even a dollar out of his income has to that extent become a capitalist, and to the absolute safety of government securities as investments for such savings. The postmasters are to be congratulated not only for helping to finance the government but for making their influence felt in behalf of the welfare of their own district.

These letters mean that the benefits of saving and sound investment have been brought directly to the attention of thousands of persons in Maryland, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Virginia and the two Carolinas.

SMALL CAPITALISTS RAPIDLY INCREASING

GROWING NUMBER OF MODEST INVESTORS CONSIDERED SIGN OF NATIONAL PROSPERITY

One of the most hopeful signs for the future of this nation is the ever-increasing list of small investors. This movement, which gained such great stimulus through the issue of Liberty Bonds, is now continuing with added momentum. Having once tested the joys of coupon clipping, having learned the rewards of economy and thrift, the man of small means has become an inveterate investor.

Never before has the absolute safety of investment in government securities been so coupled with opportunity for sure profit as at the present time. Liberty Bonds, Treasury Savings Certificates and Savings Stamps offer the chance for every man, woman and child to join the ranks of the capitalists and to do so without inconvenience or danger of loss.

Equally important is the effect on the habits of the people. The movement strikes directly at the national vice of extravagance. Already it has done much to change the United States from a nation of spenders to a nation of savers and the end is not yet.

STRICT CONTROL IN ITALY

Thieves at Naples Get High Priced for American Passports—Keen Competition for Foreign Ships—Maintain Close Inspection.

Naples.—The number of immigrants to the United States this year will only be limited by the capacity of the steamships, according to United States Consul Homer W. Boyington, who has been here for 15 years and has a good knowledge of the situation. The Italian companies lost a good many steamships during the war and have not yet been able to replace them, while the foreign vessels calling at Naples and Genoa for immigrants have dwindled since the war to an almost negligible number.

The consul said that the Italian government had consented to permit surgeons in the United States public health service to be present at the inspection of the immigrants before embarkation, so that they will be able to stop the bills of health and stop the detention of the steamships on their arrival at the quarantine station in New York. There have only been two cases of typhus in this port and they were Greeks from Piraeus. In consequence of this the government has put a tight ring around Italy and no alien immigrants are permitted to pass the frontier. The steamships leaving Italian ports for the United States now only carry Italians, and Poles, Czechs, Croats, Greeks, Ukrainians, Roumanians and other nationalities will have to sail from some other ports like Danzig, Bremen or Hamburg.

The staff at the consulate consists of 25 clerks, stenographers and interpreters, etc., who are chiefly employed in handling the hundreds of immigrants who throng the bureau on the Via Santa Lucia all day long. Women with babies in their arms have precedence over all other applicants by orders of the consul. Under normal conditions the immigrants get away within three months of the date of their visas on the passports, but on account of the holding up of the liners in New York through the typhus scare, they are now fully six months behind, according to the officials.

Passports Closely Scrutinized.

The greatest care is exercised at the consulate to see that no more get by with false passports or counterfeit visas. The immigration authorities are also notified at New York to look out for the private marks on the passports, which will be changed from time to time in case they get known to the Italian crooks who are making a fat living by fabricating passports and visas for immigrants who may have some charges against their character which would prevent their obtaining a visa on their passports at the American consulate.

Two Americans who arrived from New York by the Canopic had their passports stolen and had to proceed to Rome to obtain emergency papers at the United States legation after getting identification certificates at the consulate here. These stolen passports, the officials say, are sent to Ancona or to Cosenza, which is near Naples, and the seals and visas are taken off and used for other passports. A well-executed false passport is worth 1,400 lire, about \$50 to \$60 United States currency, according to the rate of exchange, which fluctuates daily. At the consulate it was said that these two stolen passports would net the pickpockets who took them about 1,000 lire. Passengers are warned on landing in the eastward house to be careful of their pocket-books and passports, as the Neapolitan purse snatchers are famous in police circles all over Europe for the dexterity of their fingers. The police were notified of the loss of the passports belonging to the two Americans, but they were not recovered.

All intending immigrants seeking American visas have to produce their permits to leave the country, military papers (if they are males), vaccination certificate and the dossier from the chief of police of their district to show whether any criminal charges have ever been preferred against them. The American authorities do not interfere with the inspection of the dock before embarkation, as they left that to the officials of the steamship companies. The Navigation Generale, the White Star and other lines sailing from Italian ports have organized their own sanitary plants where the immigrants are put through a thorough examination before they are permitted to go on board the ships. The inspection is done by the Italian doctors from the steamships and the doctor of the port.

First, a Bath.

The first thing the immigrant has to do is to take a bath and if necessary to have a shave and a haircut. Whiskers and beards are barred under this ruling and only a mustache is allowed.

While they are undergoing the cleansing process the clothing of the immigrants is inspected and thoroughly disinfected. They are vaccinated again, to make sure that the operation has been properly done, and are

then permitted to embark for the United States. It is not the fault of the Italian officials or the steamship companies if the immigrants are not clean when they leave Naples.

If the surplus population of Italy does not go to the United States it will go to Brazil or Argentina or some other country in South America, because the people must emigrate, as there are too many to earn a living in their own country. There are so many young men walking about Naples now that it is difficult to believe that

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Sul Resin Here lava who, pared er cit age child than with triotio, so ba cient proof hopel excep a rec the day I suppe that s.m. Today he earns from 25 to 30 lire a day, but cannot keep his family as well as he could before, because rent has increased 600 per cent and food and clothing from 500 to 800 per cent. Building is going on all over Naples, especially by the banks, which, during the war, made huge fortunes in exchange and are now erecting handsome offices. The municipality is also having the entire city repaved. The work employs hundreds of men who sit down and smoke their pipes comfortably while they chip the corners off the big flat stones, and look as if they would be on the job for years.

The air is full of dust and the small one-horse cabs bump the riders about from side to side as they struggle through the streets. The horses are still upon war rations.

WEARS MILLIONS IN GEMS



The Maharajah of Patna, India, while attending the opening of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Patna, Bihar, India, is seen wearing a crown and jewelry worth millions of dollars.

Had a Crossed by Autoists.

Santiago, Chile.—Several American automobile clubs have arrived here from Eabin Blinn, after having crossed the Andes by the southern pass, the distance covered by the party being about 1,100 miles. The journey was taken for the purpose of encouraging motor communication here on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of South America.

Blair's Nomination at Last Confirmed

The nomination of David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, to be internal revenue commissioner, has been confirmed by the senator the opposition of Senator Johnson and other.

The vote was 59 to 15. Blair's opponents included seven Republicans and eight Democrats. Blair's confirmation fills a vacancy in the office of internal revenue commissioner that had stood for a fortnight, with Harry Mellon acting in the interim. Many important administrative actions by the new commissioner, including prohibition of liquor, the issuance of regulations governing the use of beer for medicinal purposes under the act rendered by former Attorney General Palmer.

Merous Stills Taken

Yadkinville, May 21.—More than 100 blockades stills have been destroyed by officers working out of the local headquarters since May 1, 1920, according to an announcement by Chief Prohibition Agent J. H. Reed, who had worked with his assistants in the following orders from Washington.

General News

The rifle squad of the Chicago police force have substituted shot guns for rifles. It is claimed the shot gun is more efficient.

Mrs. Carlyn Votawa, sister of President Harding, is defendant in a \$25,000 libel suit brought by Dr. J. R. Cole, of Washington.

Northern Presbyterians, in their recent general assembly at Winona Lake, Ind., condemned the Dempsey-Carpentier fight which comes off soon.

Flavia Oulette, of Tewsbury, Mass., said to be the world's fattest woman, died recently. She was 50 years old and weighed 650 pounds.

Fredericksburg, Va., celebrated its 250th anniversary May 24. The town was chartered in 1671 and claims to be the second oldest city in the United States. Many people prominent in the life of the nation have lived in the city.

Lynchburg was hit by cloud burst Thursday night and thousands of dollars damage was done to business houses by wind and water. One man was killed by a live electric wire falling on him.

A novel warning sign has been placed at a railroad crossing in Texas. A wrecked automobile has been placed on a platform and a sign on the auto bears these words: "Did the Driver of This Stop, Look and Listen."

Tyrone, New Mexico, a few months ago a flourishing mining town of 4,500 inhabitants, is now practically deserted on account of the slump in the copper market, says a news dispatch from there.

Practice thrift and saving for thirty days and you will never abandon the habit. In that time you will have learned what it means to you.

Thrift Stamps pave the road to prosperity.

Seven Killed in Great Airplane Wreck

Seven men, five of the army and two civilians, were killed in the wreck of an army ambulance airplane near Indianhead, Md., Sunday evening during a terrific wind and electrical storm.

Army air service officers said the accident was the worst in the history of the service, and was one of the few in which all of the passengers in a falling plane had been killed almost instantly.

The big plane struck the earth nose first and the force of the impact was so great the big 400-horse-power Liberty motor in the front of the plane was torn from its chassis and thrown back on the passengers. All of the bodies were badly mutilated. The exact cause of the accident probably never will be known.

Escaped to Mexico

Mr. J. M. Deaton has arrived from Texas, where he went to apprehend Gage M. Wilkinson, charged with misappropriation of funds belonging to Connelly & Teague, of Taylorsville, and also with eloping with Mrs. Ora Hartline and children. Mr. Deaton failed in his mission, finding that Wilkinson had crossed into Mexico, from which place there is little chance of getting him.—Statesville Daily.

State News Items

William Hall has been appointed postmaster at Thurmond Surry county.

Carl Hodgins, aged 16, of High Point, was stabbed to death the other day by Paul Fulton, aged 15.

Mrs. Nannie Rawley, said to be 105 years old, died at her home in Rockingham county last week.

Mr. James Nifong, of Midway has a colony of Italian bees that have been doing business at the same old stand for more than 22 years.

Calvin Holmes, colored, died in Lexington recently. The remarkable thing about Calvin was that he was that he was 94 years old, married four times, the father of thirty-eight children, the youngest being three years old.

Manley McDowell, fourteen years sheriff of Burke county, and for the past eight years in the federal revenue service, died at his home in Morganton Friday at the age of 60 years.

The Supreme court has refused to grant a new trial for Will Westmoreland who killed Jas. H. Nantz in Iredell last October and was sentenced to be electrocuted. It is now up to the governor to set a new date for the electrocution.

A citizen of Mount Olive has on exhibit a two-legged hog. It has no hind legs but manages to walk on its front legs fairly well. It is a red Duroc Jersey, 13 months old and weighs 100 pounds. It was raised near Clinton, Sampson county.

Floyd T. Neah, of Greensboro is suing Dr. W. J. Meadows of that city for \$25,700 damages. Neah claims negligence in the administering of hypodermic injections which resulted in blood poison in his arm.

Ten Progressive Citizens To Have Electric Lights

Ten of the progressive citizens of Yadkinville, tired of waiting for the town as a whole to put in an electric light system, have banded together, organized a company of their own to be known as the Yadkinville Electric Light Co., and have purchased a large electric lighting plant, capable of lighting these homes, furnishing electric ironing power, etc. Electricians are on the job this week, wiring houses and installing the plant.

The stockholders of the new company are as follows: C. E. Wallace, L. D. Kelly, W. E. Rutledge, W. C. Wooten, Mrs. W. D. Martin, H. H. Mackie, John D. Holcomb, Dr. Harding, Dr. Couch and Dr. Marler. H. H. Mackie is president of the company, L. D. Kelly vice-president and Dr. J. G. Marler secretary and treasurer, with C. E. Wallace manager. This forward movement is the work of our popular young mayor, Mr. Wallace.

This is a progressive step in the right direction and we hope it will not be long until the whole town will be lighted, and also the streets, especially court house square. Our town is growing and we must get out of the darkness. Other towns of our size have lighted streets and why should not we?

Death of G.P. Eddinger, Jr.

G. P. Jr., ten months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Prather Eddinger, of Route 2, died Thursday morning at 2:30 at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eddinger. He had only been sick two days with membranous croup and his death was a shock to the whole community.

The funeral was held in the grove at Forbush church and was conducted by Rev. S. P. Morton, after which the body was laid to rest in Forbush cemetery under a profusion of beautiful flowers.

G. P., as he was called, was loved by every one who knew him and was an exceptionally bright child. His death has saddened many hearts, and the many friends of the parents and relatives extend to them heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Rain of Stars Forecast

This old earth is going to be slapped in the face by the tail of a comet on or about June 28th, according to astronomers.

R. M. Dole, of Wilmington, who is said to be a "bug" on astrology, has it all figured out. He says that if there is a shower of falling stars on the night of June 26 you need not be frightened, while on the other hand if the stars fail to fall you need not be disappointed.

Three comets are said to be cavorting around in the elements, the most interesting of which is Pons-Winnecke, first discovered in 1815.

Mr. Dole promises to give further warnings as the night of June 28th draws nearer.

A light fall of snow was reported at Helena, Montana, Friday. The temperature was reported at 34.

General Horace Porter, last survivor of General Grant's military staff, died Sunday in New York. He was 85 years old.