



# MECHANICS SAVINGS BANK

1867 OF ROCHESTER 1917

This Bank was fifty years old on June 1st. Proud as we were of the fact, we reserved our announcement until now as we did not wish to do anything that would take the public mind from the Liberty Loan. From a small beginning, following a policy of progressive conservatism, the Mechanics Savings Bank has become one of the strongest financial institutions in Western New York. In February we moved into a new building, modern in every respect and designed to make your visits pleasant. Two years ago we established the Christmas Club which now has more than 6,000 members. When the appeal for the Liberty Loan was made, we were the first in Rochester to put into operation the plan whereby bonds could be purchased on the weekly payment plan, a plan that made the Liberty Loan a success.

## One-Hundredth Semi-Annual Statement July 1st, 1917

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Mortgages	\$2,500,950.00	Deposits	\$2,970,620.18
Real Estate	1,102,600.40	Dividends Accrued and other Liabilities	10,000.10
Banking House	15,000.00	Surplus, Market Value	315,207.52
Other Real Estate	38,273.13		
Interest Accrued on Investments and other Assets	111,825.00		
Cash on Hand and in Banks	111,578.77		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,402,922.20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,402,922.20</b>

Deposits made on or before July 5th will draw interest from July 1st

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## In the Arena of Sports

### Captain of the Phillies

Fred Luderus, captain and first baseman of the Philadelphia National League club, is a native of Milwaukee and will be thirty-one years old in August. Fred began his baseball career with the Grand Forks (N. D.) team in 1907 and landed with the Chi-



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ago Cubs in 1910. With Frank Chance playing first, Luderus had little opportunity to land a job with the Cubs, so he was traded to the Phillies, where he gained his present berth almost at the outset. He is a finished fielder, an excellent batsman, ranking high when it comes to drives for extra bases. He throws right handed and bats left handed.

### Wolverton Leases Job.

Harry Wolverton, for three years manager of the San Francisco Coast league ball club and former manager of the New York Americans, has been given his release by the owner, Henry Berry. No reason was assigned by Berry, save that there were business differences between the two.

### Phillies Get Schulte.

Outfielder Frank Schulte, now secured by the Philadelphia Nationals from the Pittsburgh club by the waiver route. Several weeks ago Schulte suffered a broken rib. He joined the Pirates last summer after playing twelve years with the Chicago Cubs.

### Various Types of Home Canning Equipment

There are four types of canning outfits suitable for home use, according to the home economics specialists of the New York College of Agriculture, who are urging every housewife to preserve some of summer's bounty against winter's wants.

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## Around the House

A little sugar added to peas or corn is cooking and to butter in making is a great addition. A little salt added when making candy will kill the over-sweet taste and bring out the flavor, especially of chocolate.

To remove white spots from a polished surface rub with a soft cloth wet in essence of peppermint until spot disappears; then polish with flannel. This will not injure the most highly polished wood.

Crushed ice may be easily carried in a vacuum bottle for lemonade, etc., for picnics. But if you have no vacuum bottle to use a tin pail, tightly covered and wrapped in several thicknesses of newspaper, will do about as well even in the hottest weather.

If a lamp should be overturned remember that water spreads the flames by floating the burning oil. So never throw water in such a case. Milk may be used to extinguish the flames if it is at hand, but perhaps the best thing for this purpose is to throw on sand, earth or flour.

Wash popcorn and roast well. Being wet, it will not pop open, but roast nicely. Make same as coffee. Children are very fond of it. It has a delightful taste and flavor and is more healthful and cheaper than coffee.

Good comforts or quilts may be made from discarded fleece lined underwear, old blankets and the good parts of heavy garments which cannot be longer worn. Put down lining as for ordinary quilt, laying in pieces of goods to the desired weight. Lay on the top and quilt.

### Spray For Late Blight And Rot of Potatoes

Late blight of potatoes develops during wet weather. Spore production, dissemination and germination take place only under moist conditions. In dry seasons late blight does not develop, as the fungus cannot become active. In years when there is abundant moisture in the form of rain, fog or heavy dew, particularly in the latter part of the season, the disease becomes epidemic, says the New York State College of Agriculture.

Spray the vines with bordeaux mixture thoroughly and often. A 3-3-50 (three pounds copper sulphate, three pounds hydrated or stone lime, fifty gallons of water) bordeaux is strong enough to prevent blight, but on account of stimulation to the vines a 4-4-50 or a 5-5-50 mixture is advantageous.

Spray first at the time when it is usually necessary to apply poison for bugs. The insecticide can be added directly to the bordeaux.

Spray often enough to cover and to protect new growth. This will be about every two weeks. During the latter part of the season, when danger from blight becomes greater, spray more frequently.

Spray before the rainy periods rather than after them. Study the weather forecasts.

Spray with at least two nozzles to each row when making the later applications. This is necessary in order to do a thorough job. From seventy-five to a hundred gallons of the spray mixture will be required to cover an acre when the vines are large. Spray late in the season.

### Light as Chaff

The Vacant Steerer.  
A sergeant and a private were out sniping. The private was troubled with a cold and was continually sneezing, which rather annoyed and put the sergeant's shots off their mark.

"Confound you Coldhead!" yelled the sergeant at last. "You made me miss again!"  
"Why, I didn't do nothing, sergeant," exclaimed the private, amazed.  
"Ye-es, ye-s, you did. It was your blinkin' sneeze."

"I didn't sneeze," again protested the private.  
"Of course you didn't!" roared the sergeant. "It's the first bloomin' time you've missed, and I allowed for it, you chump!"

Sandy and Pat.  
An Irishman and a Scot were arguing as to the merits of their respective countries.

"Ah, weel," said Sandy, "they tore down an auld castle in Scotland and found many wigs under it, which shows that the telegraph was known there hundreds of years ago."

"Well," said Pat, "they tore down an auld castle in Ireland and found many wigs under it, which shows that they knew all about wireless telegraphy in Ireland hundreds of years ago."

Why He Slacked.  
An English militant crusader strolled into a barn where a young man was milking a cow. With a moor she asked, "How is it that you are not at the front, young man?"

"Because, ma'am," answered the milker, "there ain't no milk at that end."

## George Creel, Editor Of Official Bulletin

George Creel, chairman of the recently created committee on public information, is a well known writer for magazines and experienced newspaper man. An official bulletin is issued daily by the committee and is



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### Caring For the Lawn During Hot Weather

Maintenance of an attractive blue grass lawn necessitates the devotion of considerable time to its care, points out M. F. Aboarn, professor of landscape gardening in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

The lawn should be cut every ten days to two weeks, and it is advisable to set the knives of the mower as high as possible to avoid injuring the young, succulent cells near the roots by permitting the sun's rays to burn out the roots. It may be necessary to weed the lawn once or twice provided it has been needed in the spring.

During July and August the lawn will require closer attention than at any other time. Where shade is not abundant it will be necessary to irrigate and perhaps do some hand weeding. Maintaining vigorous growth of grass early in the season will help to carry it through this trying period. It would also be of great help if no cutting were done from the last of July to the middle of September. For the small lawn the price of a good stand of grass is constant attention and good care.

### Mother's Doll Story

#### The Pot Duck

Once upon a time there was a little boy, Dicky, who had a pet duck. This ducky daddle was a doll stuffed with nice soft cotton. The flannel body was pale yellow, and his bill was black velvet. He was a lovely pet to play with because he never quacked too loudly and he never nipped Dicky's hands.

"Let's go and sail boats in the pool, Ducky," said Dicky one nice summer day.

"All right. Go put on your swimming trunks," said Ducky.

So off they danced to the corner of the yard where there was a capstan pool that Dicky's papa used to wash the flower boxes in. Hot days he filled it with water, so Dicky could paddle and wade right in his own yard.

Splash went something right into the water. Ducks can't help dashing into water, you know. It's their nature. And when Ducky came up his black velvet bill had stained his yellow back so that Dicky had to have a new pet to take to bed with him that night.

A Past Custom.  
You, no doubt, have heard the term "baker's dozen." You have never received more than the usual twelve loaves for your money, though in olden times you would surely have been given thirteen. In those days the law was very strict about shortages in weights and measures. The bakers were afraid that somehow they would not give full weight, so to be sure they got into the habit of giving thirteen loaves for the price of twelve. Thus it was that thirteen came to be called the baker's dozen.

Daisies.  
Meadows of awaying whiteness.  
Can you guess what they may be?  
Endless billows of snow,  
An ever moving sea.

What but meadows of daisies  
To the far horizon's brink;  
Many of them are near us,  
None in the distance link.

## OLD JAIL HORRORS

### When Imprisonment For Debt Was the Law of the Land.

### TORTURE FOR ITS VICTIMS.

### Poor Wretches Unable to Pay the Trifles They Owe Were Flung Into Prison to Starve to Death Unless Released by Charity or Their Creditors.

In the early part of the last century there was started an earnest effort to entirely abolish or at least to regulate the old colony law of imprisonment for debt. The movers in this abolition felt that no class of the community deserved consideration more.

It had been the inhuman rule that for the smallest debt possible to contract, though it were but a cent in value, the body of the debtor, whether man or woman, would be seized by the creditor and cast into jail.

Each year poor wretches had been dragged to prison by thousands on what were truly called "spite actions." Once behind the prison walls they were consigned to a fate harder than that which awaited worse criminals.

Murderers and thieves, forgers and counterfeiters, real criminals of all kinds, were fed, clothed and cared for at the expense of the state, but for the unhappy man whose only offense was his inability to pay a trifling sum of a few cents no such provision was made. The food he ate, the shreds that covered him, the medicine he took, nay, the very rags he wrapped about his sores—were provided, if provided at all, by his friends, by the public or by some humane society.

The room in which he was confined with scores of other offenders was utterly without furniture of any sort. In it were neither beds, nor tables, nor chairs, nor so much as a bench or stool. He sat on the floor, ate off the floor and at night lay to sleep on it like a dog, and this misery he endured until he died or his debt was paid or his creditor released him.

Against this at length humanity revolted, and in 1794 a change for the better was ordered. It was stipulated that the inspector should provide fuel

and blankets for such debtors as, by reason of their dire poverty, could not get them and should make an allowance of 7 cents a day for food and charge of his against the creditors. If any creditor refused to pay after ten days' notice his debtor was to be discharged.

For twenty-two years the community seemed to have thought that this mild concession was all that humanity required, for no further change was made until 1814. Then was passed the "bread act," under which each prisoner whose debt did not exceed \$15 was entitled to a discharge after an imprisonment of thirty days.

From documents presented to the senate of New York in 1817 it appears that the keeper of the debtors' jail in New York city certified that during 1816 1,984 debtors were confined and that upward of 600 were always in the prison. The sheriff of the county certified that 1,129 were imprisoned for debt under \$30, that of these 729 owed less than \$25 and that every one of them would have starved to death but for the assistance of the humane society.

One man remained. It was noted, by the New York jail for three years, who was only indebted to the extent of \$50, before death ended his misery and during the entire time was fed by the humane society. Another unfortunate had been imprisoned six years and was supported by charity. In the face of such striking evidence the legislature of New York state re-elected and in 1817 forbade the imprisonment of debtors for sums less than \$25. This led the way, and state after state followed.

When the new states in the west framed their constitutions they ordered that no one should be imprisoned for debt. The old statute was finally stricken from the laws of the eastern states until today none of our states has a law requiring that a debt is punishable by imprisonment, unless it has been contracted under some fraudulent misrepresentation.—Philadelphia Press.

When Death Gosses His Straps.  
There is a curious superstition in Jamaica that if a death occurs in the house all the water in it is poisoned and must be thrown away, the reason given being that death coils his "ting" after destroying life in the first water he finds, and as no one can die death being invisible—what for he

may choose it is safest to throw it all away. Careful people to save trouble even carry all water out of the house immediately before a death is expected.

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