

Unpatriotic Hoarding

Sufficient Food Is Being Held in Reserve to Take Care of Home Needs First

These are the days of sharing, not hoarding. No one can live unto himself alone in time of national peril.

The nation's own food needs at this critical time are being carefully safeguarded. There is enough food being held in reserve to allay any fear on that score. Our own people will be fed first.

But there is no quicker way to empty our warehouses than to buy in undue quantities. It was recently discovered by a certain federal food administrator that some of the farmers in his state had from three to four years' supply of flour laid away.

Suppose every family in America were to hoard this much flour. Picture what that would do to the total annual supply of that universally used commodity, which in 1917 was 66,065,509 barrels.

The food administration is prohibiting all hoarding of food supplies on the part of dealers. No licensed dealer is permitted to hold food stores in excess of what are reasonable requirements for a period of 60 days.

All this is being done to protect the individual. Therefore there is no need for individual hoarding and no real American can be so unpatriotic as to block the normal flow of food supplies in this crisis by holding back more than he actually needs for his current use.

Remember these are days of sharing. A common fate awaits us. The winning of this war is the one goal set by us all. To make the food supply hold out for the coming months means mutual saving and mutual sharing not hoarding—one from the other.

NO RED CROSS FUNDS FOR RESEARCH WORK

Opposition of Members Is Cause of Decision Made by War Council.

Criticism having been made of a Red Cross appropriation for medical research, including vivisection, the Red Cross war council at Washington announces that no money will be used for such purposes hereafter and such money as has been used will be refunded to the Red Cross.

In reaching this decision not to use Red Cross funds for research work, the war council does not take sides for or against vivisection, but in view of the large number of Red Cross members who object to research work, it was deemed wise to eliminate such expenditures.

The original appropriation for research work was made last August upon recommendation of army medical officers of high rank who were confronted with new diseases developed by war conditions and who thought that experiments upon animals might produce remedies. It was strictly an emergency war appropriation.

When pronounced opposition to the appropriation appeared, an individual came forward with an offer to pay for the research work out of his own resources and also to reimburse the Red Cross for past expenditures along this line, so that all Red Cross funds will be used for relief work as all members understand and approve it.

The sincere convictions of a considerable body of Red Cross members are thus respected by the Red Cross without in any sense passing judgment upon the wisdom of research work.

I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES

By Jesse Lynch Williams of the Vigilantes.

Have you read "The American Creed," that quintessence of Americanism, in 100 words, by William Tyler Page? The creed that won the \$1,000 prize out of 2,000 competitors?

Well, if you have not, you must. And if you have, you have not done enough. You should learn it by heart. Every post office department, is essential to child in the country should master it like the multiplication table. It will do far more good and, incidentally, it does not take so long. It should be made a part of the "opening exercise" at every school. It should be recited standing as with the Apostles' Creed in some of our churches.

Here it is. Examine it closely and you will see why it won the prize:

THE AMERICAN CREED:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies."

LEADING "ACE" IN FRENCH AIR SERVICE

Lieutenant Fonck is credited with downing his thirty-seventh airplane. He is the leading air fighter of the French aviation corps and has won war decorations of every description.

SHORTAGE OF FISH DELAYS THE MAIL

Scarcity Causes Curtailment of Motive Power by Which Mail Is Carried in Alaska.

Shortage of fish is interfering with the mail in Alaska. On account of their scarcity, the motive power by which the mail is carried in that cold territory is curtailed. An abundance of fish, according to a report to the post office department, is essential to the prompt delivery across the region like the multiplication table. It will do far more good and, incidentally, it does not take so long.

The mail carrier out from Anchorage, Alaska, wrote to the department on the date of March 25, 1918:

"Your letter of February 27, 1918, is at hand, and I notice the late arrivals of mail as indicated in same. The whole trouble is on account of my dogs. I was unable, and still am, to get fish for them as it is not to be obtained in the country. The dogs I use on this mail are wolf dogs that have been worked on fish all their lives. It is almost impossible to change from a fish diet to cooked feed and work them. I have done the best I could to keep this mail moving and have had to stop and rest my dogs several times while the mail was in transit as they would not stand it. All of the late mails were caused on that account. I have managed, however, to keep this end (Seward-Anchorage) running on schedule time and believe in a satisfactory manner owing to the fact that I am on this run myself, drive one of my own teams and I have been able to keep it going somehow. The mail is moving now better. Our dogs are getting so they stand up under cooked food."

WHAT BECAME OF THE POND?

Speaking at a dinner, Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, referred to the propensity of some people for asking foolish questions, and told the following story:

One day a city man happened in a country community and while rambling around he ran across a depression in the earth covering several acres. Some perplexed he questioned a native closer by and was told that it was the bed of a lost lake.

"You don't really mean it?" returned the city man. "Whatever became of all the water?"

"It was this way," readily explained the native. "There was a picnic out here last August, and when night came on they had nearly a barrel of pretzels left which they didn't want to cart back home, so they threw them into the lake."

"Yes, I see," interjected the other as the native paused, "but what had that to do with it?"

"Everything," answered the native. "The fish ate them and the salty diet made them so thirsty that they drank all the water."



Hubby—I saw something at your milliner's that looked awfully fetching. Wifey—How nice! Did you, was it for me? Hubby—Nope. I couldn't. It was the delivery boy.

Neatly Talk. A barking dog, so we are told, is seldom known to bite. Likewise a man who talks a lot will run before he'll fight.

Couldn't Stand Silence. The Lady—Yes, miss, I commenced to quarrel with me the moment 'e commenced.

District Visitor—What did he do? The Lady—Do! Wifey, 'e just set still and 'e never said a bloomin' word.—Passing Show.

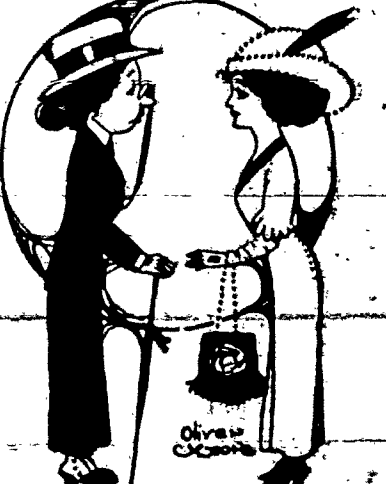
Fruit of Silence. "Here is a girl in Orange who kept secret the fact she was married for six months."

"I dare say that particular Orange girl didn't want any one to know she was paired."

Strategem. "What makes you begin to laugh so soon as Higgins starts one of his funny stories?" "It may make him talk faster so as to get to the point before the laugh dies out."

The Reason. "Do you know, I always feel sad at weddings." "Well, they are generally more or less of a mis-giving affair."

MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Mrs. Manscrapper—Now that the suffrage movement has succeeded, why do you oppose it so bitterly? Mrs. Homebody—I qu' oppose it, too; if you should go home some evening and find your cook running for alderman, your second girl serving as election clerk and your nurse maid drawn on a jury.

Oh, Man! Stubbornness we deprecate. But firmness we condone. The former is our neighbor's trait. The latter is our own.

Sounds Impossible. Bacon—How silly, how impossible women are! Kibbert—What now? Bacon—My wife and her mother were upstairs trying to call one another down.

The Kind They Were. "The man picked up unconscious in the street the other day was suffering from knockout drops." "Given in the public street?" "Yes; two bricks fell on his head from a building."

Number 6 of a Series of Labor Conservation Chats

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William Martin, shown in this characteristic portrait, is one of the most distinguished of living Frenchmen occupying a position in our sister republic strikingly similar to that of our own Col. Edward M. House. It is said that President Poincare of France holds him in exactly the same regard that President Wilson does Colonel House.

HALF LIFE TRAPPING

Aged Man Has Seen Many Vicissitudes.

Those who visited the mouth of the Los Molinos river canyon in California during the winter saw the home of M. L. Smalling, who for forty years has followed a trapper's life.

With 300 steel traps, a repeating rifle and an acquaintance with everything wild, this man, whose eighty-fifth birthday was on March 8, has trapped along the streams from the Oregon line to Stockton for more than four decades.

Smalling came to California in 1851. Frontier life appealed to this young man from the start. He trapped and mined for seven years on Trinity river, another seven years on Battle creek and seven years along the Feather river.

He always works nine hours a day, and is as spry as the average man of forty or fifty years.

Smalling, accounts for his perfect health through his habit of spending most of his life in a hunt and living close to nature.

USELESS MONEY IN BANKS

Have \$50,000 They Do Not Know What to Do With.

Battle Creek banks have \$50,000 in cash on hand they don't know what to do with. The money really belongs to several thousands of men employed on Camp Custer construction work who failed to cash their checks. Porter Bros., contractors, paid out checks weekly and the government deposited cash to cover them. Hundreds of men left camp daily with pay checks for small amounts, and the sum of unclaimed money grew all summer. Some of the checks uncashed amount to \$50 or more.

The government has no way to take the money back. Porter Bros. have a legal claim on the bank. And if the bank can't pay, the government may cause a suit to be brought.

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