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THE PRESIDENT'S PEACE TERMS

Every red-blooded American must feel a special pride in that great state paper of President Wilson in which he proposes peace terms. It is a wonderful document, breathing a high and lofty spirit worthy of emulation by all the nations who have the weal of humanity at heart. It proposes to safeguard the interests of the weak from oppression and wrong and remove just cause for future conflicts. If Germany will accept the terms in the same spirit in which they are offered, an honorable peace can be speedily concluded, which will be largely to her advantage, as it will assure her an opportunity to restore her commercial advantages, which the incurring of widespread and widely spreading enmity has sadly impaired.

It is to be doubted that Germany will accept these terms. It is quite likely that they will be spurned and Germany will conclude to fight to the point of exhaustion.

Americans can be proud of the broad-mindedness of the peace terms proposed by President Wilson.

IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS

We have heard many favorable comments on the special advertising feature in last week's issue, in which several of our business and professional people extended New Year's greetings to the public. There were many expressions of surprise that this number of our people were engaged in business and in the professions. But these thirty-two cards represent less than half of the members of our race so engaged in Omaha. At some other time we hope to be able by a similar plan to bring before our readers the full business and professional strength of our race in this city, visualizing it in this way.

It does us all good to realize what our people are doing in business in any community. It should fill us with pride and a determination to do all in our power to support and build up these enterprises and professions by our liberal patronage and by the growth of this spirit among us to encourage others to go into other lines of business as yet unrepresented.

We are making progress in business and in the professions as well as along other lines.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND JIM CROW CARS

It is devoutly hoped that the government control of the railroads will immediately result in the improvement of accommodations for Colored passengers in those sections of the South where the Jim Crow cars impose notoriously unjust and hard conditions upon our people; and ultimately result in the entire abolishment of the system. We realize that all we would wish cannot be accomplished at once, but a start in the right direction can and should be made.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Our people should invest liberally in war savings and thrift stamps. Not only will this help the government in raising war revenue, but it will teach thrift and the saving habit, which we need to cultivate. You can save money

Obvious Observations

The world keeps on moving around on its pins and no one is smiling but the coal man.

The annual subscription drive is on. Please grease the plate.

We've only dated 900 letters so far with 1917. We're getting sort of used to 1918 now, so we hope to get under the 1,000 mark.

The western battle front is about as quiet as a holiday at the South Pole, but Mexico seems to have occasional headaches.

The Illinois Defense Council wants to call a division of Southern mummies to teach Northern cooks how to make hoe cake. It's a dollar to a dime that if the Southern mummies would start cooking for the Sammies they would have them so fat before they reached the firing line that no bullet on earth could miss hitting them. Better be keeferful.

An eastern professor says that sawdust is a good food. That's nothing new. Breakfast foods have been sold over the counters for some time.

When was it that fall in the price of bread was due to take place?

Thanking you kindly for your engrossing attentiveness, we will now poke our hand out of the window and see if it gets frozen.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE MEN BUILD SYSTEM IN FRANCE

An American telephone system, built by the American telephone men, with American wire, American switchboards, American instruments and operated by Americans, has just been completed in France. The lines connect General Pershing's headquarters with all the encampments and training quarters of the American forces. Everything used except the poles came from the United States.

Two battalions of the army men who built the first American telephone system on French soil were former employes of the Bell telephone system. About 2,500 other former Bell employes are already in France with the army signal corps or in mobilization camps awaiting orders to embark.

"It is a great treat for the officers to be able to talk through an American instrument instead of the types used on the continent," says a press report.

Officers using the new army telephone system in France are not the first of the American forces to find relief in up-to-date lines such as they had at home. In France the government owns and operates the telephone system, and an army officer must wait his turn like the others even in time of war. In the United States, where the telephone systems are privately owned, military requests for telephone service have only to be made to be immediately complied with. In the United States government telephone calls have been given precedence over all others since the war began.

According to a press dispatch, when the first of the American expeditionary forces reached a French port, an American general expressed a wish to report to General Pershing, who was in Paris. He was conducted to the port postoffice, where the long distance lines of the government telephone system converge.

"Number 23, if you please, sir," the telephone operator said to the officer when he gave her his call for General Pershing.

"Twenty-three?" returned the general in astonishment. "What does that mean?"

"Twenty-three calls before you, Monsieur le General. Your turn will come in about four hours."

"Cancel the call," ordered the general, at the same time calling his chief of staff.

"String up four telephone wires between here and Paris and start work at once. Use the poles of the French system."

The telephone men of the American army were at work in five minutes. In ten the general was surrounded by a veritable hierarchy of French government telephone officials, large and small, each excitedly expostulating.

The French officials protested and they argued. "A commission must decide, permission must be obtained, an authorization was necessary," they said. All was to no avail. While they talked the American soldiers kept on stringing wire. The line went through and is now in use.

GOVERNMENT SUGGESTS ONE DELIVERY EACH DAY

One delivery to each home each day is what the government wants retailers of foodstuffs to make. This information came from John H. Schaefer, president of the National Retail Grocers' Association, to Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food administrator for Nebraska, through H. L. Himes of Fremont.

"Deliveries may be made over the same route oftener than once a day, but delivery to each customer should be limited to one," urges the advices.

Our Women and Children

Conducted by

Lucille Skaggs Edwards

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

The wish I would ask for myself is the one I'm sending you: That each day may be a new day, each week a new week, and each month a new month—new in hope, new in courage, new in strength, new in opportunity—and when the year is past and gone you need have no fear but that it shall also have been new in achievement.—Edwin Osgood Grover.

SOME PERSONAL RESOLUTIONS DURING WAR TIME

(From Dr. Charles M. Sheldon's Church Calendar.)

1. I will try to preserve my own peace of mind. If I am powerless to prevent the war without, I can put an end to the tumult within.

2. I will resolve to do the task that is my own, in my own place, with my usual purpose and regularity, and not become useless and a burden to others on account of my hysteria.

3. If any of those who are dearest to me are called to serve in places of danger or even to give their lives, I will remember the great multitude of fathers and mothers in the world who are bearing the same burden.

4. I will be cheerful and uncomplaining under abnormal and strange conditions which I have never before known.

5. I will be ready to deny myself needless luxuries which have become, perhaps, selfish necessities.

6. I will not forget the needs of others less fortunate than myself. Even in war time the sympathies of days of peace must not be set aside.

7. I will strengthen my human friendships and fortify my soul with divine companionship.

8. If I am too old to enlist in the army of men I will volunteer in the great army of faith in God.

9. I will not lose sight of the final victory for right and truth and human freedom sure in the long run.

10. I will pray with every morning's sunrise the prayer, "Give peace in Thy time, O Lord." And before I go to sleep I will say to myself, "Underneath are the everlasting arms, and He will sustain thee."

OUR CALENDAR

There are a few curiosities about our present calendar. Thus, January and October always begin on the same day of the week. This is also true of April and July, September and December, February, March and November. This is not so, however, in leap years. A century can never begin on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. Except in leap year the first and last days of the year fall on the same day.

Non-O-Deur, the great cure for offensive smelling feet and armpits. It will entirely remove all odors. It is healing as well as antiseptic. Absolutely guaranteed. Non-O-Deur Company, 318 South 19th street.—Adv.

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What War Savings Stamps Are

A War Savings Stamp is a "baby bond" of the United States Government. It is made in the form of a small sticker or stamp.

You can buy a War Savings Stamp this month for \$4.12. If you want to keep it until January 1, 1923, the Government will buy it back of you and pay you \$5.00 for it.

The 88 cents profit to you on the transaction represents the interest the Government pays for the use of your \$4.12—at the rate of 4% compounded every three months. This means that your money actually earns nearly 4 1/2% each year.

If you do not want to keep the stamp until January 1, 1923, you can get the cash for it, plus whatever interest it has earned, by simply giving written notice to the postmaster at any money-order postoffice that you desire the money. There is no red tape, no difficulty about it.

The money derived by the Government from the sale of War Savings Stamps is spent in this country for manufacturing the millions of things required by the army and navy to win the war. It helps buy rifles and clothing and food, ammunition and airplanes for the boys in France. The Government can raise all the money it needs by selling bonds to rich men. But it wants YOU to have a part in this war. Therefore, it goes to the great trouble and detail of issuing "baby bonds" like these War Savings Stamps so that every one, no matter how situated, can feel that he or she is actually helping to win the war.

Then, too, the Government wants you to save your money and sooner or later thus learn the way to prosperity. War Savings Stamps will teach you to save. You can buy one a month or four or ten a month—whatever you wish.

But, beyond all that, buy War Savings Stamps and you not only learn to save and get paid for doing so, but you show the boys in France that you are standing behind them here at home—doing all you can to help them in their terrible duty.

You can order your first War Savings Stamps TODAY. Just tell your employer how many you want and he'll get them for you. Or call up the DOUGLAS COUNTY WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE, 1612 Farnam Street, Douglas 1917, and we'll deliver it

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