

SEVEN BILLION IS BUT SMALL CHANGE

Your Wealthy Uncle Samuel Can Spend This Without Missing It at All.

RICHEST MAN IN WORLD

By A. R. GROH.

When our Uncle Sam, last week, reached down in his pants pocket, pulled out his purse and said, "By gum, I'll just start doing my part in this war by payin' hopt seven billion dollars," we gasped at the bigness of the sum.

But that was less than 4 per cent of our uncle's total wealth. Our uncle's the richest man in the world. The latest estimate of his wealth puts him down at \$187,739,000,000.

The next richest is Johnnie Bull, who, if we count his whole empire, is worth \$130,000,000,000.

Germany comes next with \$80,000,000,000. Then France with \$50,000,000,000; Russia with \$40,000,000,000; Austria-Hungary with \$25,000,000,000; Italy with \$20,000,000,000. And so on down to Portugal, which you can buy for the small sum of \$2,500,000,000.

Uncle Sam made his debt about seven times greater when he spent those seven billions. He had been getting things pretty well cleaned up and owed only \$1,006,281,572.10. (Don't overlook the dime.)

Will Get It Back.

But, of course, he isn't going to add all the seven billions to his indebtedness. Half of it will be loaned to the allies and they will pay interest on it.

Our national debt, as it stood the first of this year, figures out to about \$10 for each man, woman and child in this country.

Our national wealth figures out to \$1,877.39 for each man, woman and child in this country.

The seven billions voted last week means only \$70 from each m., w. and c.

That isn't very much to ask of a person who has \$1,877.39, is it? Especially when interest will be paid on nearly half of it. And especially some more when the other half will be borrowed at a very low rate of interest.

For our Uncle Sam is A.A.I., prompt pay and sure credit. He has such a good reputation that he can borrow all the money he wants at the lowest rates of interest. He can borrow billions at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. The warring countries have been paying 5 and 5 1/2 and even higher percents in interest.

Others Pay Much More.

Some countries that aren't at war have to pay very high rates of interest because they aren't worth much and haven't as good a reputation as our dear Uncle. Bolivia has borrowed many a "boliviano," Ecuador many a "sucro" and Honduras many a "peso" at 10 per cent.

"God darn it," says Uncle Sam, "what's seven billion dollars? I could spend ten times that much and still have quite a wad left. I've been addin' just about that much to my pile every year lately. Take it back along in 1900, why, I was only worth about \$88,517,000,000. I'm worth considerably more'n twice that much now. Shucks! Seven billions! Why that's just a little small change. Don't mention it, Miss France an' Mr. Bull an' Mr. Ivanoff. Glad to help you."

AREN'T you proud of your rich uncle?

Red Cross Benefit Tickets Find Ready Sale

Members of the hustling committee report progress in the sale of tickets for the Red Cross benefit ball at the Fontenelle next Tuesday night.

The committee invaded the South Side Wednesday morning and quickly disposed of a large number of tickets. Similar success greeted the hustlers' efforts in other sections of Omaha and it is believed the full quota of tickets will be sold before the day of the event.

Members of the hustling committee are Mesdames George Brandeis, C. T. Kountze, Louis Nash, Joseph Barker, W. T. Burns and W. A. Redick.

The management of the Fontenelle has announced a Red Cross patriotic dinner, at which only patriotic music will be played, will be given just before the ball.

Omaha's War News

Major Todd of the Omaha Guard battalion has received a letter that he may not show to his wife. It starts out with "Dear Major" and ends with "Love, my son."

Army officers stationed in Omaha began Wednesday to examine young men desiring to attend the Fort Snelling training camp, which begins in less than two weeks.

About fifteen appeared before Captain McKinley, having been so directed by army central department headquarters, after making application and submitting recommendations.

Captain Fowler, at Fort Omaha, also has been designated as an examining officer. Colonel Root has opened offices at the Army building to furnish information and blanks concerning the training camp and the reserve officers' corps.

Colonial Dames Tell How They Will "Do Their Bit" for the Red Cross

Eliminating meat twice a week, serving potatoes only every other day, raising chickens, planting potatoes and vegetable gardens in all vacant lots belonging to them and encouraging others to do the same; saving all waste paper and rags to sell for the benefit of the Red Cross society and doing no formal entertaining, in short, not only setting an example for others to follow, but living up to it themselves is what the Colonial Dames of Omaha outlined at their meeting at the Fontenelle to do as their part in war relief work.

Recommending that American-made goods be used exclusively in

Omaha homes is another way of showing our patriotism," said Mrs. Lowrie Childs.

This is all we are able to decide until we hear from the conference of state presidents in Washington which is being held today," she said.

The subjects under consideration there which will undoubtedly affect the Omaha branch are co-operation with all other patriotic organizations and uniform registration of all other societies.

The women prominent in the society are Mesdames T. L. Kimball, Duncan Vinsonhaler, Charles T. Kountze, Charles Armstrong, Denise Barkalow, Fred Davis, Alex Troup, James Dahlman.

Vast Throng Cheers Bulletin Telling of The U-Boat Sunk

A coatless young man dashed out of The Bee building and ran to the bulletin board in front, shouldering his way roughly through the crowd.

Quickly he tucked up a bulletin announcing Uncle Sam's first blow against the kaiser by sinking a submarine.

For an instant there was silence as the crowd mouthed the thrilling words.

Then a woman screamed. What she screamed was unintelligible.

Immediately the crowd followed suit. A roar comparable only to a ninth inning home-run burst loose from hundreds of throats. In another moment Farnam street was jammed with folks reading the bulletin's brief thrill.

The cheering continued at intervals. The Bee was the first newspaper in Omaha to announce the sinking of the submarine by an American ship.

Drinks Poison After Quarrel With Husband

Mrs. Mary Scherer, aged 17, bride of two months, drank poison in bed this morning at her home, 708 North Thirty-third street, and then screamed loudly for her husband, who was getting his own breakfast in the kitchen.

Her husband, Ernest Scherer, called the police at once. They responded with stomach pumps and pulmotors, and she is now believed to be out of danger.

Mrs. Scherer quarreled with her husband Tuesday night before going to bed. She took a bottle of poison to bed with her at the time. She waited until her husband got out of bed and was getting breakfast before she took the dose.

Charles Haffke Visiting Old Acquaintances Here

Charles Haffke, a former deputy county attorney, who is now managing a 2900-acre ranch near Hope, Ark., is visiting friends in Omaha. He renewed old acquaintances at the court house Wednesday morning.

Mr. Haffke said that corn and cotton were the principal crops raised on the big ranch.

Burglars Loot Grocery; Flour and Eggs Booty

Burglars who climbed over the transom of the grocery store of A. R. Anderson, Twenty-seventh and Reese streets, carried off 1400 pounds of sugar, ten sacks of flour, fifty-eight pounds of butter, fifteen pounds of butterine, fifteen dozen eggs and three boxes of shoe polish.

High Cost Burglar Takes Only the Valuable Stuff

Some time Tuesday night twelve fifty-pound sacks of flour and twelve 100-pound sacks of sugar were stolen from A. Anderson's store, 1031 South Twenty-seventh street.

Water Board Will Assist in Vacant Lot Gardening

The Metropolitan Water board will co-operate in the vacant lot cultivation movement by furnishing water from hydrants without charge.

The first case of this kind was a tract of seven lots at Thirty-fourth and Francis streets, where G. W. Mezgath furnished the land for cultivation. A small hose connection was placed on a hydrant.

NINE TEUTON SPIES NAILED BY BRADLEY

Union Pacific Man Finds Men Making Notes of Bridges and Terminals.

ARE CAUGHT IN CHICAGO

James M. Bradley, connected with the colonization department of the Union Pacific, has become something of a detective, although not posing as one.

During the last ten days Mr. Bradley has furnished information to federal officials and this information has led to the arrest of nine men who have been booked as German spies.

Some ten days ago Mr. Bradley was coming in from his home in Rose, Idaho, and while on a Union Pacific train noticed two men making notes of the country and the bridges over which the train was passing.

He became suspicious and wired federal officials in Chicago.

Then he continued on to Chicago and after reaching there pointed the suspects out to officers who met him at the depot. The men were placed under arrest and when their baggage was searched sketches of numerous railroad terminals, forts and buildings in cities were found.

There were also found letters addressed to seven men in seven different parts of the country. Since then secret service agents have been put on trail of these men and, according to information reaching Union Pacific headquarters, they have been arrested and in their possession drawings, letters and plots have been found indicating that they are German spies.

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New Top Price for Corn Reached on Omaha Market

A new top was reached on cash corn when on the Omaha market the price went to \$1.60 1/2 a bushel. The bulk of sales, however, were made 5 to 9 cents lower than this figure.

Generally, however, the market was 4 1/2 to 5 cents higher. Receipts were twenty-six carloads.

The cash market on wheat was up 3 to 7 cents, the sales being made at \$2.59 to 2.60 1/2 per bushel, with the offerings at forty-four carloads.

Oats were up a cent and sold at 71 to 72 cents. Receipts were thirty-nine carloads.

Asks County to Refuse More Contagious Cases

Commissioner O'Connor says Dr. Connell, health commissioner, called him on the telephone, asking, so he alleges, that "three county commissioners convene and refuse to take any more contagious cases."

It is an aftermath of the suit brought against the county by St. Joseph's hospital, which sued for expenses incurred by a county patient. Judge Leslie decided the case in favor of the county, ruling that the county was not liable for any cases unless the patient's care was contracted for by proper authorities.

It is said the case will be appealed.

Railroads Inaugurate Small Economies Crusade

"If you see a spike lying along the track, or if you see a pin lying on the office floor, pick it up, for by so doing you are saving money for the company," is the text of an order that has gone out to all employees of all railroads operating in and out of Omaha.

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BURGLAR CHOKES WOMAN WHEN FOUND

Mrs. R. W. Friese of Council Bluffs Attacked by Intruder—Condition is Serious.

GIRL COULD NOT SCREAM

Mrs. R. W. Friese, wife of a railroad man living at 3101 Avenue C, Council Bluffs, was choked and beaten into insensibility early yesterday when she screamed for help as a burglar crawled through a window into her bedroom.

The woman is now in a serious condition. Dr. H. D. Kelley attended her. The burglar escaped.

Mrs. Friese was sleeping with her daughter when she was awakened by a slight noise made by the intruder. Her daughter was so frightened that she was unable to make a cry out, but Mrs. Friese screamed when she saw the man, and as she did so he seized her and choked her and beat her over the head with a black-jack.

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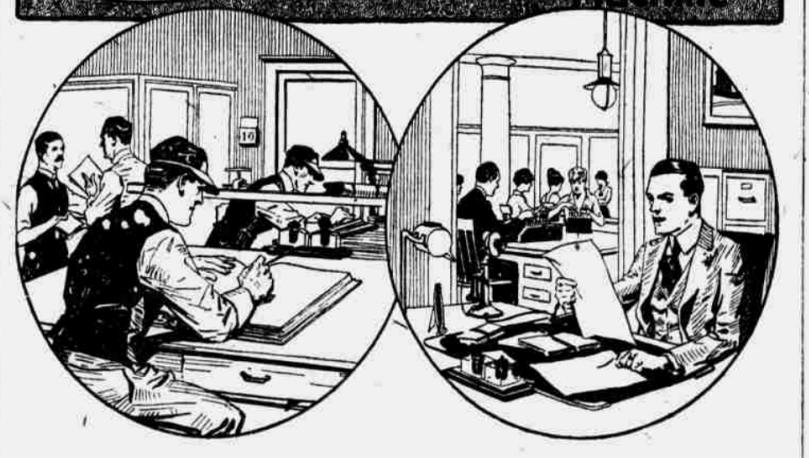
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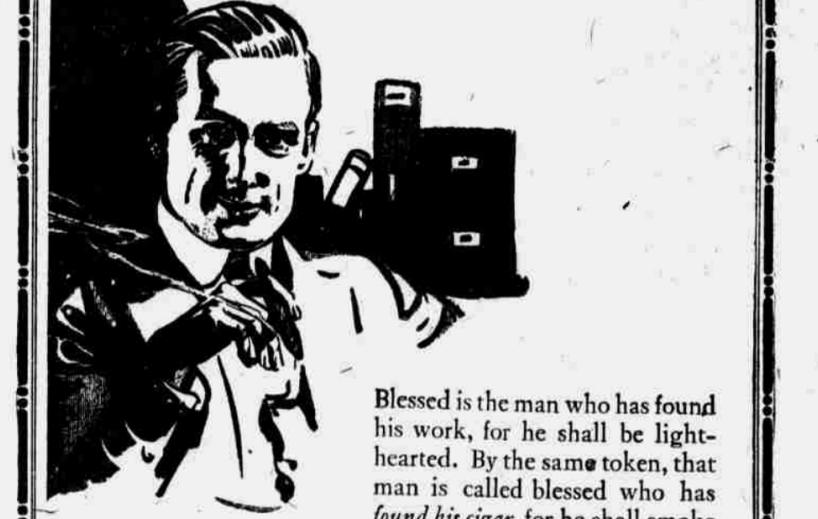
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