



Aiding the Government

THE annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for 1917 contains the following interesting paragraphs referring to the work done by the Bell System at the national capital to serve the government:

"To supply departmental and inter-departmental service in Washington, a large amount of underground cable has been laid directly connecting different governmental and departmental buildings widely separated. Existing private switchboards and other equipment has been thoroughly gone over and large additions made. Still larger additions are now under way. Several of the departmental multiple switchboards are large enough for a city of one hundred thousand population. The new and temporary buildings which have been and are being erected are being equipped with complete telephone systems and connected with other department buildings and the local system. For use in the national service 15,000 miles of toll wire and 27,000 miles of circuit for telegraph use have been taken from commercial service and devoted exclusively to the use of the government."

Such service is significant not only of the patriotic spirit of the responsible heads of the Bell System but it shows their "ability to do things" as well. It is this spirit and this energy which have made the Bell System so successful.

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NEWSY NOTES FROM LISLE AND BELMONT

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Bible School at 10:00 a. m. Services at 11:00 a. m. Rev. W. N. Bessey has accepted a call to become pastor of the Mexico, Maine, Congregational Church and left this week for his new field of labor.

The Rally to be given under the auspices of the Girls Patriotic League has been postponed on account of the prevalence of the influenza in the community but will announce the date as soon as conditions are improved. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haumesser Sr. announce the marriage of their daughter Margaret Eva to Arthur U. True of Chicago.

Adolph Meadle returned Friday from the Aurora hospital where he underwent an operation two weeks ago.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Long and sons, Julian and Joe, Rob, Roy and August Riedy, Mr. Fred Pelling and Mr. Griffin.

Cyril Griffin of Chicago visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Williard of Chicago visited Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Sunday.

Observing gasless Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. Skeels and Mr. and Mrs. C. Aldrich of Hinsdale and walked to Lisle and saw the sham battle there after which they visited Mr. and Mrs. Briggs and Mr. and Mrs. T. Sheldon.

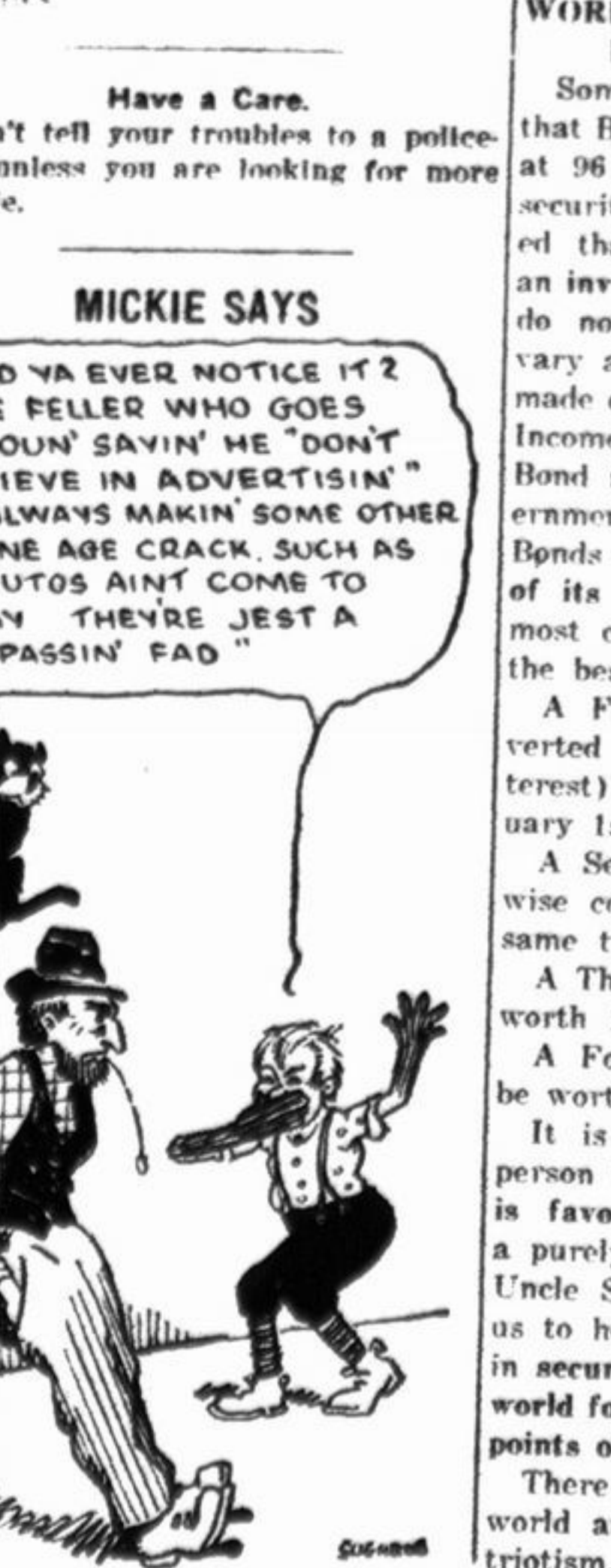
The following is an extract of a letter sent to Mrs. J. Staley by her son Herman Root.

Dear Mother: I am sending by parcel post a helmet given to me by a friend. It is one of the best specimens of a Camouflaged sharpshooters helmets I have yet seen. Souvenirs certainly are easy to get. Don't imagine I am at the front because I am sending helmets as they are found in large numbers throughout the country and we are in a section where the war has been and gone. The country shows plenty of evidence of battle. There are few civilians here at present but they are coming back slowly and commencing to work again. We see beautiful castles and tunnels that the Romans built. This is a fine country. There are lots of grapes here. But they are too green for us to get any good out of them. Hope all are well. Lovingly, Herman.

Somehow in France. The Census in Ancient Times. While the greatest strides in the advance of vital statistics as a science have been made in recent years, their origin may be traced to centuries before Christ. Indeed, Herodotus tells us of a census of Egypt taken about 3050 B. C. for the purpose of making arrangements for the construction of the Pyramids. Elsewhere this same author refers to a second census, taken about 1400 B. C. in Egypt by Rameses II for the purpose of reappportioning all the land of Egypt among his subjects. The Bible tells us that Moses counted the tribes of Israel to determine their fighting strength and that David about 1018 B. C. took a census for the same purpose. There is a record of a census taken in China about 1200 B. C. when data of the provinces were collected by King S. W. Wayne, Michigan Bulletin of Vital Statistics.

Have a Care. Don't tell your troubles to a policeman unless you are looking for more trouble.

MICKIE SAYS DID YA EVER NOTICE IT? THE FELLER WHO GOES AROUND SAYIN' HE "DON'T BELIEVE IN ADVERTISIN" IS ALWAYS MAKIN' SOME OTHER STONE AGE CRACK, SUCH AS "AUTOS AINT COME TO STAY THEY'RE JUST A PASSIN' FAD"



ITEMS OF INTEREST YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT LIBERTY BONDS

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In our patriotic enthusiasm it is altogether possible that we have failed to take account of the exceptionally secure and profitable investment which a Fourth Liberty Loan Government Bond constitutes. The conservative public, being partially informed perhaps, and being pressed by sentimental appeals, will probably respond favorably to the following discussion and brief list of facts recently given a Wheaton audience by Mr. Frank Newhall, Cashier of the First National Bank of Chicago: Comparative Interest Rates.

"A Government Bond offered in this Fourth Liberty Loan—and the same thing is true of Bonds offered in former loans under the privilege of exchange or conversion afforded by the Government—is a better investment from the standpoint of profit than a DuPage County farm loan.

This Government Bond bears interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

It is free from taxation until the holder has \$30,000.00 worth. Whereas a farm mortgage in DuPage County is taxed at the rate of approximately 2 per cent. A high rate of interest on farm mortgages is 6 per cent. The net income, therefore, from a farm loan is not more than 4 per cent.

A Government Bond exceeds this rate of interest by at least 1/2 per cent.

Comparative Security A farm mortgage in DuPage County is secured by resources that under right management will yield a sufficient sum annually to pay the interest on a 40 per cent loan three or four times. The farm itself may be worth from two to four times the amount of the mortgage. Such security is considered ample; but the security offered by the Government in the case of these Bonds is very much more ample; IN FACT IT IS THE BEST SECURITY IN THE WORLD.

The total wealth of the United States secures all Bond holders. The amount of this wealth is \$300,000,000,000.00. The total indebtedness of the United States, including the \$6,000,000,000.00 now being subscribed is not more than \$17,000,000,000.00. Of this amount our Allies owe us \$7,000,000,000.00, making our total indebtedness \$10,000,000,000.00.

Our present rate of income by taxation alone is \$8,000,000,000.00 annually. It will be seen, therefore, that by no increase of taxation we could pay our debts in less than fifteen months.

In contrast to these figures Great Britain's total wealth amounts to \$85,000,000,000.00; her debt to \$30,000,000,000.00; her annual income to about \$12,000,000,000.00.

The total wealth of France is \$60,000,000,000.00; her indebtedness to \$26,000,000,000.00 and her income to \$8,000,000,000.00.

France subscribed her eighth Liberty Loan in the amount of \$6,000,000,000.00 recently, in one day. Her per capita indebtedness is \$678.00; England's per capita indebtedness is \$176.00.

The annual income of the United States is \$50,000,000,000.00.

THE SECURITY OFFERED, BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THIS ISSUE OF BONDS IS THE BEST THAT THE WORLD KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT Investment vs. Speculation

Sometimes a purchaser complains that Bonds of former issues are quoted at 96 or 97, etc. Investors in other securities—and it should be remembered that a Fourth Liberty Bond is an investment and not a speculation—do not complain if their securities vary a few points. An investment is made on the basis of income expected. Income in the case of a Government Bond is absolutely certain. The Government could pay its interest on these Bonds seventy-four times per year out of its present income. However, the most certain estimates obtainable by the best authorities indicate that:

A First Liberty Loan Bond (converted and therefore bearing 4 1/2 interest) will be worth 102 1/2 on January 1st, 1921.

A Second Liberty Loan Bond likewise converted will be worth at the same time 101 1/2.

A Third Liberty Loan Bond will be worth 101 1/2 at the same time.

A Fourth Liberty Loan Bond will be worth 102 1/2 on January 1st, 1921.

It is therefore apparent that the person who purchases Liberty Bonds is favoring himself decidedly from a purely selfish financial standpoint. Uncle Sam has made it possible for us to help win the war by investing in securities that are the best in the world for the investor from the standpoint of security and income.

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Every holder of Liberty 4s should exchange them for similar Bonds bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest before November 9th next. If he fails to avail himself of this opportunity his 4 per cent Bonds will suffer a market depreciation of fully three points below the value of the 4 1/2 per cent bonds into which he is now able to convert.