### **GARVAN IS NEW ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN**



Francis P Garvan of Wisconsin is the new alien property custodian. He has just been appointed to all the vacancy caused by the promotion of the former custodian. A. Mitchell Palmer, to the office of attorney general.

# VROOMAN QUITS POST **UNDER SEC'Y HOUSTON**



Carl Vrooman, who has just completed the investigation of farming conditions in Europe, has resigned his position as first asdstant secretary of agriculture. It is reported in Washington that there had been considerable friction between Secretary Houston Vrooman.

## **OLE HANSON IS NOW** NEW IDOL OF WEST



A new idel has appeared on the western horizon of this nation. is Mayor Ole Hanson of Scattle. Washington, who proved a man big enough for the place he held In the prompt action he took to suppress the recent strike which threatened bloodshed

# MRS. CHRISTY DISLIKES COWS AND CHICKENS



Opio?" is one of the famous relies of Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy to questions regarding the filing of a divorce suit by her fatous, American flustrator husand. She prefers New York. He thes his country home near the Ohio village. For ten years the mairs of the family have hovered ar a divorce court-and now n to be up for final settlement a for the second time, he files They have a daughter at .

BY GEORGE ACE. On October 1, 1918, you, being a when man and having regal with care 1. That the great war was going to hast mail ter into the support of 1919. ". That the executives among the American sold ers would be increasing-It heavy up to the final moment of

fighting. 3. That, is a result of the growing magnitude of the world struggle, government of the United States would call upon us for at least three large Land subscriptions during 1919.

in the minority, for the cobiners of all Historing criticism, the nations united against Germans and the bankers, and the shiploriders,



Be Patriotic When the Band's Not Playing?"-George Ade.

and the masters of feod supplies thought they knew that Germany would stand out for many months.

Now then, to suppose a case, some one had come to you on October I with a proposition to end the war within six weeks by a complete and overwhelming victory on condition that you would subser be liberally for Vic tory bonds in the spring of 1919, you would have replied as follows;

"Say, end the war this fall and stop the killing and maining of our boys, and put the kalser out of business and compel Germany to accept our terms and let the American sol liers begin to head for home, and I'll pledge my last dollar for the loan that is needed to clean up expenses."

That's how you felt on October 1. 1919, and now that all the miracles ! have come to pass, are you going to be grateful or forgetful?

You are now asked to help finance (by merely lending on favorable terms and not giving) the final and gigantic expenditures which brought victory months shead of the schedule.

If we had lost the war, what would you be paying this spring and to whom? How's your memory? Did you feel certain, just a year ago today. that Germany could be prevented from distating terms to the whole world?

How about a-local perent who refuses to pay a doctor bill because the child gets well instead of dring?

When you tackle a big job do you wilck to the finish, or do you go fishing and permit some more dependable man to come in and put on the roof

Do you experience symptoms of merality only when the doctor is seated at the hedside?

When you start to go somewhere, do you travel four fifthe of the way and then flop by the wayside?

Can you be patriotic when the hand to not playing?

We are cettling up a big job, so don't oneer rout war record at the eleventh hour by being a quitter.

--- HELP "FINISH THE JOB."

# UNCLE SAM PAYING HIS DEBTS

Government's Credit Standing High, Because of Rapidity of Payment of His Obligations-Now a Creditor Nation.

If you were asked to lend money to a private citizen you would ask "What are this man's prospects? In his insiness showing a satisfactory granth? Is he paying off his debts and pilling up a surplus?"

When you are asked to lend your money to Uncle Sam you can safely ask the same questions. The American government soon will ask for another great long. Therefore, now is the time to satisfy conrectf that Uncle Sam will be an A.1 debter.

The first thing that will impress ron, when you come to irrestigate the old gentleman's croffit standing, is the rapidity with which he has been paying off his debts and becoming himself a creditor. In 1914, when the war broke out, the nation owed four billion the breads (MM) (MM) (MM) 22 link had to pay interest on that amount every year.

Now all but about one-fourth of this hig debt has been paid off, and the government of the United States has lent abroad a total of ten billion dollars (\$10,000,000,000). Instead of paying interest to Europe today, Uncle Sam is now in a position to ask and receive from Europe a total of at least five hundred million dollars (\$500,000, 600) a year in interest. That sum from across the water each year will pay more than half the interest the government will owe to its people on all the Liberty bond issues, including the

Uncle Sam certainly can show a good set of books. His credit is A-1 with every credit agency in the coun-

try.

#### 67 "SUPPESING" ONE WEAKNESS OF THE Y TOLD BY ARMY PAPER

the opinions of williams expects, knew : First and Stripes,, the newspaper of You see, it wasn't easy.

If you believed otherwise you were idevoting those columns to the most went on-from among the men crip-

M. C. A. was unexpectedly burdened. possibly have performed to the satis- understood by them." faction of all concerned, and that it was chiefly handicapped by an unfortunately chosen personel. In its perennel its chief weakness has lain.

"And on this point it should be remembered that the Y, unlike the Gov. to do its recruiting for a most difficult job after the best America could boast in youth and enthusiasm had already been pledged to the Army and

Artillery officer graduate of the first | complete the job.

Plattsburg camp. Buck Jones, then. But Buck has five kids and couldn't possibly walk out on them. Well, then, Hank Norton. Ah, but Norton enlisted in the Infantry and was killed The following is clipsed from "The leading his platoon on November 11.

"Perhaps it would have been better "To be thoroughly fashionable these if the Y. M. C. A. had been a mere days it is absolutely essential to jump shell to receive the money home folks on the Y. M. C. A. All the best people were sure to want to blow on luxuries are doing it. An investigation of the for their boys at war, a great plate to Red Triangle has been in progress in catch not only the millions of the oil the States, and the same newspapers kings, but the nickels of the washwowhich, a few months ago, were rashly men. The personnel to distribute all giving over their columns to quite untithese bounties could have been chosen scrutinized publicity for the Yere now from the Army's own ranks as time pled in the fighting. A wounded man "Out of all the jabber there will would have made the ideal Y. M. C. A probably emerge the fact that the Y. secretary. There was no one else in all the world who could have underwith a much bigger task than it could stood soldiers so well or been so well

#### LET US STAND BY DEAR OLD UNCLE SAM.

Uncle Sam is asking for a Victory ernment, had to take what it could get ! Liberty Loan to clinch the stupendous If could not draft, and it was obliged demonstration that moral force, not military force, is to rule the world. We must care for our army of occupation and bring it bome; we must reconstruct and rebabilitate those who have been wounded and blinded in defense of the right. This is to be a Loan of "How difficult its problem was, you Thanksgiving, and the response should will never appreciate till you try to: by more hearty and Joyous than the select a half dozen ideal Y Secretaries | response to any of the preceding without a doubt will be a constant the whales find them the most confrom among your own acquaintances. Louis. Uncle Sam has helped to save joy to all of us. We have already venient form of diet. They with their Old Shag Brown, the former football the world for Liberty and Civilization, invited a lot of our friends to come (month open, squirt out the water, and star, you say. But Brown was an Let us give him the wherewithat to over Saturday evening and dance, then swallow.

# A LETTER TO MOTHER

Dear Mother:-

three children, I was terribly worried. I didn't know what I could do sweet. to amuse them, for there really isn't

I solved the problem, however, by ine. calling up 330-J and asked Mr. Or-Superba Phonographs and a supply of records on approval. He said he would be glad to do so, and the next lay it arrived.

He called that evening to demontrate it and it was so easy to operite, that I became intensely interestat once.

The Superba is beautiful and the

one so sweet that we fell in love with it. There is nothing gaudy about it either and will be no trouble to dust Of course we decided to kepp it for our own and are paying for it by a truly original plan which he has arranged. I am sure we shall never

miss the money. and contented all the time they were loop from one spot to another.

The Superba saved the day and I know we will have a dandy time.

Do come soon mother, for I am so anxious to have you hear it. Have daddy come with you and probably he will buy one for your birthday. When I wrote you last week that They are so different from the old-Ethel was coming to visit us with her style phonograph, which we formerly had. The tones are so pure and

By the way we saved fifty dollars much to do here in Downers Grove by buying from him and also received except to visit the movies every other an albumn and an order for five dollars worth of records with the mach-

We are all so happy over our pursinger if he would send us one of his chase that it has added new life to

> Do come real soon won't you mother?

With love to you and dad, I am ever Your loving daughter,

Genevieve. Advertisment

### Sea Caterpillars.

The caterpillars you war against when whitewashing your fruit trees are not the only caterpillars. Cater. pillars populate the ocean in billions, and grow into crahs if the Greenland which does not ent them first.

They are minute little things, about Mother dear, I can't tell you in the size of salt grains. As children words what a great relief it was to roll before they walk, so crab-caterme, to see those children so happy pillars begin by literally looping the

Greenland whales like them on account of their diminutive size. Hav-

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against which the taxes may be as-

sessed. There are prosperous mer-

chants with large stocks of goods up-

on which taxes are levied. Property

values are high and there are thriving

industries which pay a large propor-

the greater the wealth of the commu-

nity the lower are the tax levies, for a

lower tax on each hundred dollars of

valuation is required to produce the

necessary revenue for the administra-

tion of the city and county govern-

Other Taxes Are Raised.

Property values are low. Merchants'

stocks are small and they have little

money in the bank. Industries which

ordinarily pay a large part of the taxes

There are vacant store buildings which

were formerly filled with stocks of

merchandise upon which the owners

paid heavy taxes. Who pays the taxes

that were once paid by the mechants.

the manufacturers, the bankers and

high-priced property! The taxes to

conduct the city and county govern-

ments, to maintain the schools, to build

and repair the roads must be collect-

ed from someone. Who pays them?

The man who owns his little home or

the vacant lot or two upon which he

has been planning to build his home

must pay double or triple the amount

which he paid in the times when the

town was prosperous, to make up for

the taxes which are not paid now by

the men who had large holdings

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rounding the town are also among the

heaviest sufferers from the ebbing of

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amount of money must be raised by taxation to provide for the expense

of the county. Roads must be built and kept in repair. Bridges must be built and maintained. Salaries on county officers must be paid. County institutions for the care of the sick and the poor must be maintained. In counties which contain one or more thriving towns, a large proportion of the taxes for the county are paid hy the towns. The greater the wealth of the towns and the higher the property valuations, the lower the tax levy for the entire county. When the tax

levy is low the burden placed upon the farmer is light.

Burden Falls on Farmer. When the countr contains no prosperous and wealthy towns, the greater part of the burden of taxation for the county fails upon the farmer. The value of the farmer's property does not fall in proportion to the value of the property in the town and the higher tax levy that results from the lower property values in the towns makes amount of wealth in the community his taxes higher.

> The farmer forgets at times that he is vitally interested in the prosperity of "his town." He thinks that it is up to the town to take care of itself and that it is up to him to take care of himself and he overlooks that fact that the prosperity of the town means as much to him as it does to those who live in it. The farmer who is inclined to overlook this fact has only to think of the matter of taxes and he is likely to change his point of view for taxes are one thing that neither be nor any one else can escape, and they are one thing in which the farmer ordinarily takes a very lively interest.

How Farmer Can Help.

There is just one way in which the farmer can best promote prosperity in the town near which he lives and that is by spending his money in that town of a community have closed down. instead of sending it away to the fardistant city. Every time the farmer sends an order to a mail order house he helps to destroy the prosperity of his own community and to boost his own taxes. When he sends a dollar away from home he gets none of it back. When he spends a dollar at home, a part of that dollar comes back to him in some way. It helps the town where it is spent to provide a profitable market for his products and it helps the town pay a large part of his

The farmer is the one man in the community, above all others, who should have no love for the mail order houses for they are doing more to add to his troubles than any other one

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