

GARVAN IS NEW ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN



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

VROOMAN QUITS POST UNDER SECY HOUSTON



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

OLE HANSON IS NOW NEW IDOL OF WEST



A new idol has appeared on the western horizon of this nation. It is Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle, 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



"Did you ever see Zanerville, Ohio?" is one of the famous replies of Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy to questions regarding the filing of a divorce suit by her famous American illustrator husband. She prefers New York. He likes his country home near the Ohio village. For ten years the affairs of the family have hovered near a divorce court—and now seem to be up for final settlement. For the second time, he files suit. They have a daughter.

"IF" OR "SUPPOSING" ONE WEAKNESS OF THE Y TOLD BY ARMY PAPER

By GEORGE ADE.
On October 1, 1918, you, being a wise man and having read with care the opinions of military experts, knew:
1. That the great war was going to last well into the summer of 1919.
2. That the casualties among the American soldiers would be increasing heavily up to the final moment of fighting.
3. That, as a result of the growing magnitude of the world struggle, the government of the United States would call upon us for at least three large bond subscriptions during 1919.
If you believed otherwise you were in the minority, for the cabinets of all the nations united against Germany and the bankers, and the shareholders,



"Can You Be Patriotic When the Band's Not Playing?"—George Ade.

and the masters of food supplies thought they knew that Germany would stand out for many months.
Now then, to suppose a case. If some one had come to you on October 1 with a proposition to end the war within six weeks by a complete and overwhelming victory on condition that you would subscribe liberally for Victory bonds in the spring of 1919, you would have replied as follows:
"Say, end the war this fall and stop the killing and maiming of our boys, and put the kaiser out of business and compel Germany to accept our terms and let the American soldiers 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, 1918, 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 ahead 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 dictating terms to the whole world?
How about a loyal parent who refuses to pay a doctor bill because the child gets well instead of dying?
When you tackle a big job do you stick to the finish, or do you get fishing and permit some more dependable man to come in and put on the roof and chimney?
Do you experience symptoms of morality only when the doctor is seated at the bedside?
When you start to go somewhere, do you travel four-fifths of the way and then flop by the wayside?
Can you be patriotic when the band is not playing?
We are setting up a big job, so don't queer your 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? Is his business showing a satisfactory growth? Is he paying off his debts and piling 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 loan. Therefore, now is the time to satisfy yourself that Uncle Sam will be an A-1 debtor.

The first thing that will impress you, when you come to investigate the old gentleman's credit 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 dollars (\$4,000,000,000) abroad and had to pay interest on that amount every year.

Now all but about one-fourth of this big 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 (\$500,000,000) 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 fifth.

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

ONE WEAKNESS OF THE Y TOLD BY ARMY PAPER

The following is clipped from "The Stars and Stripes," the newspaper of the A. E. F.:
"To be thoroughly fashionable these days it is absolutely essential to jump on the Y. M. C. A. All the best people are doing it. An investigation of the Red Triangle has been in progress in the States, and the same newspapers which a few months ago, were rashly giving over their columns to quite unscrutinized publicity for the Y are now devoting those columns to the most blistering criticism.
"Out of all the jabber there will probably emerge the fact that the Y. M. C. A. was unexpectedly burdened with a much bigger task than it could possibly have performed to the satisfaction of all concerned, and that it was chiefly handicapped by an unfortunate choice of personnel. In its personnel its chief weakness has lain.
"And on this point it should be remembered that the Y, unlike the Government, had to take what it could get. It could not draft, and it was obliged 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 Navy.
"How difficult its problem was, you will never appreciate till you try to select a half dozen ideal Y Secretaries from among your own acquaintances. Old Shag Brown, the former football star, you say. But Brown was an Artillery officer graduate of the first

LET US STAND BY DEAR OLD UNCLE SAM.

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 leading his platoon on November 11. You see, it wasn't easy.
"Perhaps it would have been better if the Y. M. C. A. had been a mere shell to receive the money home folks were sure to want to blow on luxuries for their boys at war, a great plate to catch not only the millions of the oil kings, but the nickels of the washwomen. The personnel to distribute all these hoardings could have been chosen from the Army's own ranks, as time went on—from among the men crippled in the fighting. A wounded man would have made the ideal Y. M. C. A. secretary. There was no one else in all the world who could have understood soldiers so well or been so well understood by them."

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FARMER FEELS THE EFFECT

the merchants, the bankers, the manufacturers and the big property owners who bore the heaviest burdens of taxation when times were good.
The farmers in the country surrounding the town are also among the heaviest sufferers from the ebbing of the town's prosperity. A certain amount of money must be raised by taxation to provide for the expenses of the county. Roads must be built and kept in repair. Bridges must be built and maintained. Salaries of 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 by 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.

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is inclined to forget, at times, that he is most vitally interested in the prosperity of near-by cities.
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Taxes are always heavy—to the man who has to pay them—but taxes in some communities are much higher than in others. If you have ever stopped to investigate the matter you have discovered that the lowest taxes are found in the most prosperous communities. And there's a reason.
The prosperous community has the lowest taxes because there is a large amount of wealth in the community against which the taxes may be assessed. There are prosperous merchants with large stocks of goods upon which taxes are levied. Property values are high and there are thriving industries which pay a large proportion of the taxes.
The higher the property values and the greater the wealth of the community 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 administration of the city and county governments.
Other Taxes Are Raised.
On the other hand, take a dead town. 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 of a community have closed down. 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 merchants, the manufacturers, the bankers and the men who had large holdings of high-priced property? The taxes to conduct the city and county governments, to maintain the schools, to build and repair the roads must be collected 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

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