

# The Andover News

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OUR KEYNOTE:  
"There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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Cheer up or stay down.

Extra precaution should be taken while fishing. You might hook a submarine.

Teddy has coined another phrase. This time it is "paw-broker patriotism."

Some women have sweet dispositions, but their next door neighbors seldom know it.

Yep, charity begins at home. Our wife doled us out both a bean and a spud Sunday.

Andover is ten thousand times better without the legal sale of liquor than it is with it.

Good, but not ours: "Some people merely whistle airs, while others merely put them on."

We write 'em, and if you are polite, you'll laugh at 'em—whether they're funny or not.

A silent man makes an excellent mate for a talkative woman. There is less chance for a family jar.

Austria insists that America is "cutting no ice" in this war. Of course not; we're not there yet.

Some men are so simple they believe everything any one tells them and no one believes what they say.

The great British army is somewhere, doing something, but the Lord only knows where it is or what it is doing.

When a man of nerve marries a woman with a lot of nerves, their offspring ought to be a bundle of nerves.

Don't laugh at the girl with a freckled face. She probably has a clear conscience—a rare article these days.

Our national conscience is clear, but that is more than can be said of many of the individuals who compose the nation.

Any one can wave a flag and whoop-hooray, but it takes nerve and grit to go out and get shot into mince meat for it.

About the meanest fellow we know of is the one who sleeps all thru the sermon and then refuses to see the collection plate when it passes by.

Up to date the United States is about the only country upon which Germany has not laid the responsibility of the war. Our turn will come next.

When John Barleycorn is getting a black-eye from all quarters of the world it is no time for Andover people to think of placing him back on the throne in our pretty village.

The only way to secure a lasting peace after this war is to lick the enemy so everlastingly hard he'll be glad to crawl into the hole and stay there until the hole caves in on him.

## WILL WE HUNGER?

The person who can see nothing but government red tape and fussiness in the food control measure can see very little below the surface in the present day situation.

The food control measures were not put in operation because this government had any relish for interfering with the private lives of its citizens. The fewer measures of this sort are needed the better pleased would be those in authority.

That the President insisted on, and Congress granted food control legislation, is the most conclusive of evidence that the situation called urgently for such measures.

Probably never before in history has the world faced the situation it now faces. We speak glibly of our crops in billions of bushels, forgetting that the demand also is couched in billions. We look at our bursting granaries and overflowing barns forgetting that across the waters are millions of the world's manhood engaged entirely in consuming and destroying.

To be specific, there would have been no price set on wheat had not the government foreseen that long before a new crop could be harvested the scarcity of that cereal would send the price out of reach of all but the affluent.

But enacting food control laws and appointing executors is not, of itself, going to safeguard the country. There is another factor to the situation, and the principle one—the people. In a general way the food controllers can control the prices, but they can in no sense control consumption. This is entirely up to the people themselves. If a spirit of strict economy and conservation does not prevail thruout the land, the efforts of the government will be neutralized.

It may seem like threshing over old straw to continually refer to the urgent necessity of economy in consumption of food. But the situation calls for iteration and reiteration. Reforms come slowly. Not by once telling, or twice, or three times, do we learn the lessons of life, but by continued hammering of the same truth into our consciousness are we at last brought to see it clearly. This is our condition in the present emergency. Our past indulgencies, coupled with the fact that our supply always has been sufficient, has lulled us into a false repose.

But the people of this country always learn the lesson when it is put squarely up to them. Last spring they were assured that to preserve the prosperity of the country a record crop of everything must be produced. To this appeal they answered loyally and enthusiastically. They are now assured that, if we would avoid hunger and want, this same seemingly bountiful supply must be carefully conserved and meated out. That they will loyally meet this demand also, we have no fear. But it will require self denial, frugality, thrift and economy to tide us over in comfort to another harvest. But it can be done.

During the second week in October the country will be able to correctly gauge the patriotism of its women. Every woman in the country is asked to register, during that week, for whatever service she feels she can render her country in this the greatest crisis in its history. We have been used to boasting of the splendid loyalty of our women and we always had wherewith to boast. Thus far in the present conflict their response to the calls made upon them has been spontaneous and most gratifying. But greater demands yet will be made. Their work is in no sense inferior to that of men, altho it may differ very materially from it in the element of "thrill." They will be called upon to take up and bear woman's age-old burden—patient endurance and helpful ministrations. That their response will be even more enthusiastic than it has ever been, there are none who doubt.

—When you leave American shores now-a-days you cannot take over \$5,400 in cash with you any more. 'Tis hard to be so stinted. We will get even by just staying at home.

## DRAFT REGISTERS

It is unfortunate that just when we should have a perfect unanimity of sentiment in this country on the question of prosecuting the war, certain misguided persons should persist in reasonable resistance to the selective draft. Even some preachers, who of all others should both practice and teach unwavering loyalty to the country, have advised their hearers to resist the law.

It is hard to believe these people are deliberately disloyal. We would much prefer to believe that they sin thru ignorance. One must be low indeed in the scale of creation when he can deliberately betray his country and his people.

Even that beatific designation of our country as "the land of the free" has grown to mean, in many ignorant minds, something entirely different from its meaning to the person who sees life as it is.

The man of normal intelligence sees freedom as purely relative. He knows there can be no absolute freedom. As long as there remain two human beings on earth neither can possibly be entirely free. The welfare of either must of necessity circumscribe the freedom of the other.

It is just this fundamental fact, however, that many ignorant minds fail to grasp. To them freedom has no other meaning save license. Once assured that they are free men, any force that interferes with their conception of freedom is to them tyranny and not to be tolerated.

It is high time we revised the popular conception of freedom. It is time the basic truth were stressed that there can be no freedom without absolute obedience to law. Disregard of law tends toward anarchy, and anarchy is the very antithesis of freedom.

Again, many minds fail to appreciate the fact that without the law and its fostering care there could be no such thing as freedom, even safety. And without stable government there can be no effective law. Law, reduced to its essence, is but the crystallized will of those affected. Laws for the protection of life and property depend entirely on the will of the various individuals. It is simply the public will reduced to a code.

These same malcontents are standing monuments of the efficacy of laws and governments. Without the fostering care of civilized government, it would have been impossible for their forebear to have evolved anything like as creditable specimens of humanity as even their unworthy selves. Their lives have been guarded and shielded by the protecting power of this same force called law, which force they now in their ignorance and stupidity imagine they can set aside at their pleasure.

We as a people have gone too far afield after freedom. We have made of it a fetish. We have distorted and stretched its meaning until the national conception of freedom bears very little resemblance to the genuine article.

We must get back to the old paths. We must stamp indelibly on the public mind the eternal fact that perfect freedom can come in no other way than thru perfect obedience to law.

It may take a few firing squads to make this impress, and if so, the sooner they are called out the better.

It would be interesting to know just how much of that large Russian loan will find its way into the pockets of the men in the trenches. We look with pride on the magnificent personnel of our Army, but we are too apt to forget or overlook the fact that an adequate wage goes a long way toward securing that personnel. The difference between one cent a day and one dollar a day may account for considerable enthusiasm or its absence. We venture the assertion that an American guarantee of fifteen or twenty dollars a month to every Russian soldier who is willing to stand and fight would materially change the morale of the Russian armies. It is worth a trial.

—The Allegany County Democrat says it costs Uncle Sam just \$156.30 to equip every soldier.

# Andover's New Shoe Store

## SPECIAL OPENING SALE

ANDOVER'S NEW SHOE STORE will open SATURDAY, SEPT. 29th, with a sale at SPECIAL LOW PRICES of every shoe in the large, consolidated stocks, all of which were bought at 50-per cent under present prices.

We have added to the stocks many new numbers in the ULTRA-FASHIONABLE STYLES in both Ladies' and Men's Shoes, all of which will be sold at lower prices for this sale.

### Men's Walk-over Shoes

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We have them in stock in all sizes—Gun Metal, Vic Kid, Kangaroo and Pat. Leather, made in the narrow English lasts and also in the medium and extra wide, button or lace, black or chocolate.

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### Ladies' Shoes

\$2.50 and Upward

We are showing a stylish Military Tan Kid Lace Shoe at \$6.00, worth \$8. Also a gray High Top Bal at \$5.00. Our line of Ladies' Shoes at \$2.00, \$3 and \$4.00 cannot be duplicated at anything like our present prices.

### Children's Shoes

Size 0 to 8, 25c and up. We have in stock Misses' and Children's Shoes in the Educator, Planet, Walton and other well known makes.

You save 10 to 50 per cent on every dollar you buy at this sale.

Tennis Shoes and Oxfords, Gymnasium Shoes and Basket Ball Shoes.

Men's Rubber Boots \$2.75 and up.

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### Misses' Shoes

Sizes 8 1/2 to 2, \$1.25 and up. We are showing complete lines of Misses' Shoes in kid, gun metal and patent leather, black or tan, button and lace.

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—A daughter was born to...

—A daughter, Helen Jean...

—Word comes to Andover...

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—The usual farce comm...

—Sarah M. Bennett died...

—The village twenty...

—They publish "World's W...