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While waiting in front of a soda fountain for a trolley to take me home, I ~~pur~~chanced to overhear two boys arguing. "Let's go in here and get some ice cream," said one. "No we'd better not," replied the other. "One ice cream isn't going to hurt us," said the first. "Not that way," said the second, "I mean we'd better go and buy defense stamps with ^{it}. I heard over the radio, and dad tells me, that even a penny will help win this war, we'd better go to a bank and buy a defense stamp." The first boy hesitated for a second, perhaps he had a brother in the army or the navy, then said, "you're right, we'd better. Even though we're

too young, we could still
help fight," and off they went.
On the way home I thought
to myself, ^{cap.} many
soldiers may be saved,
if everybody at least put
in a little money on
defense bonds and stamps,
and this war may come to
a quick ending.