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Exercise Charity.

While it is undoubtedly true that some of the delay at Washington over the ratification of the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations covenant, is due to a desire to gain partisan advantage and that the manifest desire to hurry through the Senate the treaty without even the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t" is also inspired by a similar desire on the part of another political group, there are many persons earnestly striving in behalf of either side of the controversy who are thoroughly honest in their convictions, loyal in their patriotism and sincere in their Americanism.

It does not make for national rest and national harmony to rant at these persons as unpatriotic, partisan, selfish and inspired only by political rancor. Men who have graced the office of Secretary of State as did Senators Knox and ex-Senator Root; who have served their state in high capacities, as have Senators Johnson, Lodge and Harding must and should be given credit for an honest desire to do their best for their native land.

The same is to be said for President Wilson, Senator Hitchcock, Senator Williams and the others who are arguing that the League of Nations is the best solution of the problem of preventing future wars.

Of course, this argument does not appeal with great force to those who favor what is known as the "international" as against "national" idea. The internationalists would supersede all nations, all flags with a new nation, a new flag, including and embracing all but in effect wiping out all nations, rather welding all nations into one, one race, one color, one creed, one everything. We fear that President Wilson is inclined to be an internationalist and entertains hopes that the millennium may come in his time. Perhaps it will but it will be through the influence of Christ's teaching's and doctrines and not through any merely man-made and man-controlled agency.

When all men accept Christ's teaching's then the international idea will prevail but that is just what the real internationalist does not want to prevail.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger attributes much of the "misgovernment" to those who do not vote in the primaries. But only enrolled party voters may vote in the primaries and there are thousands of men and women who refuse to tag themselves with a party called in September, 1919 in order that they may take part in a primary to be held in September 1920 when all issues and candidates may have changed.

If your boy is going to college, of course you have chosen a Catholic institution? If not, why not?

Right and Wrong.

While it may be true that publicity is the order of the day, nevertheless there is much misdirected publicity these days and much "publicity matter" sent out that should be suppressed. And not the least offender in this respect are the "experts" so-called of state and national governments who send out reams of "rot", badly phrased and, generally intended to boost some recipe or idea known only to the author and not half understood by him.

Just read this from the Detroit "News".

"Herman H. Halladay, state commissioner of animal industry, says the farmers of Michigan are not cultivating their farms to full capacity. He says the reason is because the farmers cannot get labor enough. Other experts in the state agree with Mr. Halladay. There is an economic maladjustment, they say, between farm and factory production. By payment of big wages the factory keeps labor from the farm, and hence food prices become so high priced that the big wages mean little.

"This situation has existed to some extent for years. Many people have pointed out that the season when the farmer needs labor is the slack time in factory work, when inventory and overhauling decrease the need for factory labor. If the factory labor could be got to the farms when the farm needs them, and in the quantities the farm needs, the farm labor question would be solved. State and nation have made attempts to do this. Individuals, inspired by war patriotism, helped. But it should be a concerted, state planned and controlled movement to make it fully effective. The question is of such moment that immediate and thorough examination ending in constructive action should be made.

"But while experts insist that purely innocent economic causes are accountable for much of the high cost of food, they insist that the public pays far too high a price for its food, even granting that farm production is short of what it might be. Their argument is that the government should have strict supervision over the processes of distribution, so that the public may know where the mulcting takes place, is sound. In that way some relief from present high prices would be gained."

Just figure out how you will transplant half the nation every six months from city to farm and vice versa and the trick is done. Just imagine having to call up the City Hall, or "the Boss" when one needed coal, flour, et al!

Practice and Preaching.

Because the war is over and they cannot longer exercise their Kaiser-like control over the goings and comings, the eating and drinking of the entire American people, the Washington bureaucrats, both regular and those dollar-a-year-thousand-dollar-a-month-expense bureau chiefs at Washington are peeved, as witness this editorial from the Rochester Post Express under heading "Saving's for Luxuries".

William Mather Lewis, director of the savings division of the treasury department, supports Governor Harding's declaration that "work and save" tactics alone will bring relief of high costs by giving some rather startling facts coming from his department's examination of the situation. Mr. Lewis says that there can be no question that a considerable part of the savings of the war period are going into purchase of luxuries; that wage earners to whom the industrial speed-up of the war brought greatly increased earnings which were put into government loans are now selling these securities and spending the money for non-essentials.

Mr. Lewis makes the point that there is perhaps almost as much need for being careful over non-

essentials now as there was in the war period.

No one can expect to be given a respectful hearing with a lecture on thrift and economy, when the Government at Washington has not seen fit to curtail its pre-war extravagance, has not reduced its enormous force of now useless employees, has not curbed its pre-war expenditures. Until it practises what it preaches, the Government should not complain that its well-meant advice goes unheeded.

"Road Hogs."

Motorists who are themselves careful drivers and who try to obey laws and ordinances, will say amen to the following from a Spokane contemporary:—

The automobile and motorcycle become no less deadly as their numbers multiply and the years roll up. The weight of an automobile going at a high speed gives it a momentum comparable to that of the locomotive, and it is not confined to two rails, but ranges freely over the width of a highway. The crowded condition of city streets and the recklessness of many drivers and of some pedestrians also make it imperative to have drastic regulations for the use of autos and rigid enforcement of the regulations.

Judge Gordon, of the Municipal court of Seattle, shows what can and ought to be done for the protection of the public. A couple of days ago he made the following announcement:

After to-day jail sentences will be imposed on alleged speeders, in conformity to the new law which gives cities the right to regulate speeding. I have been operating on the schedule that \$2 a mile for excess speed are sufficient. But they do not appear to have had the proper result. So, in addition to the jail sentences, there will be a stiffer premium on excess speed. Those found flagrantly guilty of violating the speed ordinance will also have their machines confiscated for a time.

In keeping with this policy thirty violators of the Seattle ordinance against excessive speed received fines ranging from \$5 to \$12, while three of them also had their machines taken away from them for fifteen days.

The lesson is sharp, but needed. Secretary of State Hugo of New York is also revoking licenses of reckless motorists and the careful drivers applaud his acts.

A contemporary gives this answer to an oft repeated query: "How much life insurance should I carry? This old question so often asked was definitely answered recently by a business man who after having inquired into all forms of investments, found that a man should carry enough life insurance so that when he has passed away his widow may be able to loan that amount at eight per cent interest and net her fifty per cent of the deceased's former income. Do you get that? In other words, if your salary is \$1,000 per year, after your death your family is entitled to an income provided by you while living of \$500 annually thereafter. To do this it will require \$6,500 worth of cash, which if invested at eight per cent will net \$520. As the living income increases so should your life insurance. This answer to that old question is the best answer ever given, and once for all disposes of the theory that a fellow is well insured if he carries \$1,000 worth of life insurance.

Now see that your children are back at school next week and on time at that. A good beginning of the school year is very essential.

Pretty soon the small business man and the men on fixed income will have to organize. Their living expenses have advanced 75 per cent while their income has not advanced 10 per cent in the last two years.




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