

UNTIMELY VISIONARIES.

What we need now is close scrutiny of our immediate present. The vision of the future, of means to make it better, and ways to overcome evils by slow-moving mechanics which must be set up after long consideration and debate, is untimely. It will have its place, but it is no time to survey the landscape with a telescope when the boat is in the rapids and a waterfall is just ahead.

Our easy-going ways, amiable as they are to the superficial view, are fundamentally not the best citizenship. It is not a new phenomenon. The reign of graft had its origin and its stronghold in the national willingness to grin and bear rather than to grit the teeth and stop it.

Return of Italians to Italy from the United States has been steadily increasing since the armistice. It is estimated that more than 10,000 have been repatriated at the port of Naples alone.

The new Pacific fleet will equal the Atlantic fleet in strength, and Secretary Daniels says there will be sharp competition between them along lines of smartness and efficiency.

If the fashion is a matter of piling on a bunch of clothes, the modern girl will study and ponder it for days as if it were a problem in Euclid.

France, it is reported, is worried lest American collectors carry away her choicest art treasures, and it seems the league covenant is deficient in not containing a provision to prevent this sad state of affairs.

With England, France and Italy decreasing drastic punishment for those who rob the people, we may look for an extensive migration movement to America, where profiteering is perfectly safe.

The indefatigable Bernstorff still tries to impress the German public with the idea that he is a reliable and authoritative interpreter of American mind and conscience.

Anyway, you will have to admit that the man who invented the word "blimp" had very little imagination and no trace of estheticism in his nature.

Deep silence from the man who, when informed that flyers were going to attempt passage of the Atlantic, said it couldn't be done.

War may have impoverished nations, but it has enriched vocabularies of slang.

How many soldiers will claim to be the last one to leave the soil of France?

Bills for the jailing of profiteers all remind us of the inevitable primary condition: "First catch your profiteer."

The higher the wages the higher the prices, so what's the use?

For some girls the present styles are a boat, for others a confession.

In the main we must rely on working and saving if we would have a more satisfactory balance between the income and the outgo for the elements of the population which are not yet adjusted to the new conditions.

Total of amputations among American soldiers in the war was less than 4,000; the total in American industrial plants every year is 20,000.

We do not approve the French plan to shoot all profiteers. The world has shed enough blood in war without killing ten times as many in a period of peace.

Two heads of the ancient god of the air, Quetzalcoatl, have been discovered at San Juan Teotihuacan, Mexico. Some people regard the find as a notable contribution to archaeology.

With liquor outlawed, we begin to be curious as to the nature of the future alibi for devilry. Liquor was the peg upon which those who got into trouble hung the responsibility for their misdeeds and thereby stirred the sympathy of the unthinking.

Selling \$125,000,000 worth of surplus army food supplies "directly to the public" ought to give the high cost of living a bit of a jolt, if by some book or crook, the profiteers do not manage to corner the food and tilt the price still higher.

By the time the Austrians return the art treasures removed from Italy at various times by the Hapsburgs and other socially prominent Austrian families, there'll be enough ex-art galleries in the country to satisfy the movie fans.

It is understood, however, that the unwillingness of the postal air pilots to operate at high speed in a fog has nothing whatever to do with the difficulty of reading the postcards under such conditions of visibility.

One advantage enjoyed by the movie manager is that after the actors have turned the show over to the firms, there is no chance of their organizing a strike and stopping it.

The wearing of the silk hat has been resumed in England, and there are some Londoners who declare that peace has its horrors as well as war.

However, half-soled shoes do not necessarily prove the wearer to be a profiteersman.

The fare on the transocean flyers will be \$250. Does this include a salt-water bath?

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. In Roumania.



Soon after the entrance of the United States in the war the successes of the Central Powers in Roumania had reduced that country to a most tragic condition and in the summer of 1917, the American Red Cross dispatched its first Roumanian relief contingent.

BAD AIR LEADS TO YAWNING TRICK THAT DEMANDS NERVE

Lack of Sufficient Oxygen Causes One to Open the Mouth and Take Deep Breath.

When you yawn you do so because you have not been breathing quite properly and for some reason or another your blood supply has not been getting sufficient oxygen through the lungs.

The satisfaction we feel after a wholesome yawn is due to the fact that by taking in more air, our blood secures the oxygen which it needs, and we feel the effect of better blood in our arteries at once.

A Big Tale. The magazine called "Our Navy" is never frightened by facts when fiction is just as good. From it we take a story which sets forth the estimate the marines had of the mud "over there."

The Meanest. Two small boys were discussing the various excellencies of their respective parents and the conversation had reached a highly critical and even personal stage.

Weighty Subject. They had been discussing art, and the young man was getting slightly tired of the subject.

A Regular Superman. A farm hand who had worked every day in the week from dawn till late at night, finishing the chores by lantern light, went to the farmer at the end of the month and said: "I'm going to quit. You promised me a steady job of work."

An Unusual Experience. "I had an unusual experience this morning," "That so?" "Yes, I drove my car into a garage for some slight repairs."

Four Million Postal Cards a Day. The government printing office at Washington prints and delivers four million postal cards a day, or about a billion and a quarter in a year.

Paw Broke Faith. "Well, son, what seems to be the trouble?" "Paw drowned all our kittens."

Paradoxical Business. "Have you many sittings in your studio?" "Oh, yes; I have a number of standing orders."

Hindu Fakir Risks Life at Every Performance of the Act With Bag and Spear.

The feat known as the bag and spear trick has been considered one of the greatest of the Hindu magician's art. In this trick the Hindu fakir has his assistant get into a sack, the mouth of which he firmly secures, and then unceremoniously hurls his helpless victim to the air.

Although the trick is performed with all the carelessness imaginable, it calls for more patience, skill and exactness than any of the so-called black art achievements. From the time the attendant enters the bag both fakir and assistant count every breath they take.

In order to avoid the spear and make it appear to pass through his body the assistant doubles up in as small a form as possible. His legs are drawn up close, with the chin resting round the lower limbs across the shins.

In a confidential little talk to a group of medical students an eminent physician took up the extremely important matter of correct diagnosis of the maximum fee.

There was an appreciative and envious silence, and then a voice from the back of the amphitheater, slightly thickened, spoke:

The Flaw. Lazy Lorenzo and Dog-tired Dick were discussing something they knew little about—work.

A slow horror dawned in Lazy Lorenzo's eyes. "That won't do," he said emphatically. "Who's again to press the button?"—The Jits.

The "Green" Hand. The Boss—"What's the matter? You look as though you had been in a cyclone!"

Did You Ever? A furrier was selling a coat to a woman customer. "Yes, ma'am," he said, "I guarantee this to be genuine skunk fur that will wear for years."

Under a Cloud. She: Suburban. "Well, you please, sir, ask some one else to wait on Mrs. de Stube in my place?"

Cigarette Paper Ban. Do not try to buy any cigarette paper to Greece. Cultural arrangements have been received at the postoffice that cigarette papers are prohibited from transmission in the parcel post to the Greek postoffice in Macedonia, Epirus, Samos, the islands of the Aegean sea and Crete.

Made Easy Work of It. "Are you children in bed?" mother called from below. "Yes, mother."

"Well, I must say it didn't take you long to say your prayers."

"We divided them-up and each took a section and said them all at once."

An Encyclopedia of Catholic Information The Catholic's Ready Answer

By REV. M. P. HILL, S.J. will enable Catholics to remember and impart the truths of their religion whenever the occasion presents itself. The right answer at the right time has converted many.

8vo, cloth, 490 pages, net, \$2.00 Will be sent postage paid on receipt of \$2.20

The Most Popular Catholic Prayer-Book

MY PRAYER-BOOK

HAPPINESS IN GOODNESS

By REV. F. X. LASANCE

Happiness! That is the keynote of Father Lasance's theme. He teaches by precept, poetry and prayer how to secure the happiness which all men seek, but which mistaken search leads so few to find.

It is indeed a prayer-book that is "different." It takes prayer and meditation into the bracing air and sweet sunshine of God. Happiness and holiness are brought together and shown to be fit partners for each other.

Book will be sent postage paid on receipt of price

A New Novel by Isabel C. Clarke

The Greatest Catholic Novelist of Today

THE ELSTONES

Cloth, net, \$1.50 Will be sent postage paid on receipt of \$1.65

Looked down upon, almost hated by, Lady Elstone, Magali Arnold, the heroine, nevertheless soon has the noblewoman's sons madly in love with her.

OTHER BOOKS BY MISS CLARKE: Eunice—The Deep Heart—Only Anne—Whose Name is Legion—Children of Eve—The Rest House—Fine Clay—The Secret Citadel—By the Blue River—Prisoners' Years.

Address all orders to Catholic Journal, Rochester, N. Y.

Advertisement for C&B Line featuring 3 magnificent steamers: The Great Ship "SEANDBEE", "CITY OF ERIE", and "CITY OF BUFFALO". Includes schedule and fare information.

Advertisement for Rochester American Lumber Co. with address 142 Portland Avenue and 888 Clinton Avenue S. Both Phones, Home 1365, Bell 1246.

Send us your Job Printing