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Talk little and say much. You will be heard.

Here's hoping Russia will 'come back' with a rush.

Speed up and feed up. You will go farther and live longer.

General Pershing's picture has been hung in the hall of fame in Paris.

Our food reformers are doing about everything, it seems, except reform.

Order your eggs in advance, for a record price is predicted for next month.

Where, oh where are those hundred thousand airplanes? Anywhere except in the air.

Everybody talks peace, everybody wants peace, and nobody expects peace. Go to it!

The United States is now making its own dye stuffs. Germany, however, would spell it d-i-e.

A dollar is all powerful in all walks of life, the only trouble being that some walks seldom see it.

Mexico, at least, is making a record. There hasn't been a new revolution for over forty-eight hours.

No, it is not a pack of hungry wolves. It is merely the howls of the slackers who failed to secure exemption.

Crop prospects are not so bad, it seems, and the speculators are taking prompt advantage by hogging everything that they can get their clutches on. The poor man will pay.

Notwithstanding the back yards and vacant lots produced millions of dollars worth of food stuffs, old H. C. of L. still perches on the top rung of the ladder and hands out sardonic grins.

Never mind all of this bombastic puff about 'what we are fighting for.' Our country is at war and the main thing right now is to get in shape to fight. Pitch and wind won't win battles.

The government officials tell us that our Allies have about reached their limit and that the United States must win the war or face defeat and be overrun later by the Germans. Very well, let's do something besides 'talk' and 'take under advisement.'

Plotter against this country should be given government recognition and aid. A nice little plot of their own about seven feet long three feet wide and four feet deep would be just about the correct thing. A plot for every plotter would have a salutary effect.

Hold up your mind to your brother. The United States has won the scales to victory with less than two million men in the trenches and five million more could be sent to the front.

The speaker was the only one who was not accordingly, and the war will be over in a matter of weeks.

The national debt of the Allies... to \$160 for each... while that of the United States is only \$11.

In view of the fact that a new Liberty Loan is among the probabilities of the near future, these figures have a significance. They teach us that our Uncle Sam is really rich, a potentat, in fact, and not only that, but that he has no poor kin. His children, too, are prosperous and out of debt.

In fact, many of our brothers and cousins are veritable croesuses. They have been protected and encouraged in the pleasant pursuit of the dollar until their coffers are full to overflowing. Uncle Sam has been to them a most indulgent guardian. He has smiled as they piled up their dollars, asking only that they contribute to his modest needs and allowing them to keep the lion's share.

The ancient Hebrew gave the title of his increase to the God who prospered the labors of his hands and granted the increase of his herds and his fields. And he thought himself not at all illused at that.

But remember, that the Hebrew 'gave as the Lord had prospered him.' Are Americans going to do as well?

Are the representatives of Big Business ready to give as they have been prospered? Where they have amassed in millions, will they give in proportion? Special stress was laid on the effort to make the last loan a 'popular' loan. Those whom the 'Lord had prospered' were not imperturbed.

The next loan is up to the Midases, the Croesuses, the favored sons of an indulgent parent. Will they rise to the occasion and prove that their wealth is in worthy hands?

Big Business, it is up to you. Of what mettle are you made?

"CARRY IT HOME"

In the effort at nation-wide economy, no one move will have greater effect, provided it be systematically and universally practiced, than the move to eliminate the expense of special delivery of commodities, that has grown to such enormous proportions in this country.

For many years now the custom has been growing with the growth of the telephone service until in almost any part of the country, if the lady of the house wants a paper of pins or the man of the house needs a thresher or an automobile, a telephone call brings one to the door as readily and as promptly as the other.

This is peculiarly a modern practice. Our forefathers carried of hauled home their purchases. We, under the spur of necessity, can and should do likewise.

There are two angles to the proposed reform that should appeal to the public. First the direct saving to the purchaser. This in the aggregate is bound to be enormous, as the expense of delivery thruout the country has grown to huge proportions. Second, the releasing for other and more needed service the immense capital and equipment tied up in the special delivery of merchandise. Thousands upon thousands of horses, wagons, autoes and trucks—to say nothing of the men and boys—now engaged in this work which is to a large extent entirely superfluous. There is a vital need in other channels for all of this force, and it should be released and made available where it is so badly needed.

Among the economic reforms none is more important. Get the 'carry it home' spirit. You will profit by it; the dealer will profit by it and the country at large will be the greatest gainer of all, as it will eliminate one of the greatest and most wasteful of all practices.

The latest reports from hell are to the effect that the devil has refused admission to price-boosters and food-hogs, on the ground that their presence would contaminate the other inhabitants.

Vice President Marshall suggests sending some of our windy orators to France with the expedition corps. We had thought of recommending an even more appropriate place, but his suggestion is so good.

The calls of the gods... but they grind exceedingly slowly. Never was the truth of the foregoing more apparent than at the present time.

In 1914 the world was plunged into war by the action of Austria insolent and domineering—insisting upon the chastisement of poor little Serbia, a nation over which she had tyrannized for generations, and which she was even then holding in forced and unjust subjugation. But in her haughty disregard for the rights of others, Austria sowed the wind from which she is now reaping the whirlwind.

Recent and persistent press dispatches indicate that the empire is in a bad way. Rent and torn by the strife she herself precipitated. She now would be only too glad to make peace on any terms that would leave her even the semblance of a nation.

But peace for Austria will mean practically extinction as a nation. In the altogether improbable event of a German victory she would be all but devoured by that aggressive neighbor in pay for services rendered. On the other hand, a complete Entente victory will mean that she will be almost totally dismembered and her ill-gotten territory restored to the different peoples from whom she wrested it.

The way of the transgressor is hard for nations as well as for individuals.

RED CROSS ACCURACY

Women sewing for the Red Cross have been learning, many of them for the first time, what accuracy means. The woman at home may intend to hem her sheets three inches wide; but if one turns out finished to be two and seven-eighths or three and a quarter wide she just lets that go. It is near enough. And some of them may be stitched close to the edge, and more of them an eighth of an inch back, and some of the stitching may be rather crooked. But if it's not too bad, she calls the article done and passes along to the next job.

Time sometimes may be worth more than fine finish. But too many women acquire a mental attitude of inaccuracy and carelessness. It's too much trouble to finish the job exactly right. And then this attitude works out all over life. It's too much trouble to correct the children's English. Too much trouble to make the child who has slammed the door come back and close it softly to learn how it is done. And the loss of time due to a careless mind is greater than from any other cause.

In the Red Cross women learn that slipshod work of any kind does not pass inspection. The seam to be sewed on the edge must be sewed on the edge. Sewing it an eighth of an inch might mean the difference between life and death. And the Red Cross takes no chances of that kind. If there must be a space of four inches between the padded parts of a fracture pillow, three and seven-eighths won't do. The work must come out and be done over.

Fussy? Yes. If there are twenty-five sponges in a package instead of twenty-four, one may be left in a wound. The counts of the surgeon, the nurse and the packages must tally. It's life and death business.

Soldiers in action are learning this lesson, too. Men who have been careless on other jobs heretofore are now learning what perfect work, perfect obedience to orders means.

It's as easy to form the mental habit of doing work well as ill, and perhaps when we have acquired it we will no longer let our cities and governments and social conditions be run inaccurately—with their consequent loss of life and health and happiness—Elmira Star-Gazette.

Just now, however, we're wondering what scheme the income-tax collectors will evolve for rounding up the head waiters.

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THE FORUM

JOAN OF ARC

By Rev. V. L. Eggleston
God moves in a mysterious way often accomplishing 'astounding results with what looks like the most insignificant means. When France and England had been carrying on for nearly a century which had arisen from the claims of Edward I to the French throne, which rightfully belonged to Charles seventh, and France drained of her fighting men was on the verge of disaster and national ruin, Joan of Arc became God's instrument of her rescue. She was a peasant girl, born in the year 1411, in the obscure town of Domremy, and reared among the Vosges Mountains.

Although she could neither read nor write, yet she possessed a pure and noble spirit; and her mother had early imbued her with a high sense of duty, which doubtless was one great cause of her wonderful career.

History tells us she was a child of extraordinary good sense and that she knew the desperate condition of her country. There was a current prophecy too, that France which had been ruined by a woman, (Isabella) should be restored by a woman. This thought once in the heart of the young girl was first kindled into a fond hope, then into a daring determination, and finally she said the voices she heard bade her go raise the siege of Orleans, and conduct Charles to Rheims for his coronation.

At first she met with ridicule and rebuke, but finally she was led into Charles' presence to whom she said, 'I am Joan, the King of Heaven sends me to succor you and conduct you to Rheims for your coronation.'

We do not believe in 'witchcraft,' nor do we believe there are prophets in these days, nor in the days Joan lived, but there was something connected with her that was superhuman. She seemed impressed with her duty as the ancient prophets were of theirs.

After some time and much discussion, the state of affairs could scarcely be worse, and as a 'drowning man will grasp at a straw' they gave her an opportunity. Dressed in male attire, mounted on a white horse, and bearing aloft her white silk banner, glittering one side with the lilies of France and the other having a figure of the Savior in the clouds holding the world in his hands. She pursued her strange course to Orleans; she passed unchallenged thru the hostile lines and soon led the French soldiers forth against the besiegers to the amazement of friends and foes alike. The English soldiers fled at her approach, the siege was raised and Orleans was saved.

In... ed and faint... arrow... pushed to the front... arrived at Rheims... was being crowned... holding her... which she kneeled before her anointed sovereign, and said: 'Gracious King, now is fulfilled the pleasure of God,' and she wept. Her mission was now ended, but the king and his officers had learned her true value to the cause, and insisted upon her remaining with the army. Finally against her better judgment she reluctantly consented to stay, and thus while trying to be true to her nature she was seeking to tempt victory from a forlorn hope. But God had willed otherwise and she fell in the hands of the Burgundians. She, the terror of whose name had ruined the hopes of England, was sold by the Burgundians to her English foes for 10,000 francs. They were eager for revenge imprisoned for awhile afterwards condemned her for sorcery, then rudely they dragged her to the funeral pile, fastened her to the stake, and fire being set to the fagots she died exclaiming, 'Jesus, Jesus, My Voices, My Voices.'

By that dreadful deed the English inflicted a wound which has never been healed, and which possibly causes greater contempt for the English character to-day than at the time she was cruelly burned. A bubble gets no smaller after it is generated. So the disgrace of that deed, has not lessened since it was committed.

Now, let us look at our own government for a moment. See the restlessness, the uneasiness the fore-boding. Altho it has boasted of being a model and a free government, it is now in a condition bordering on danger.

There seems to be a dread, a misgiving in the minds and hearts of the people. It is no wonder either when we think of the corruption and selfishness which reigns on every hand.

See the rival factions of the government. It seems to be in almost as desperate a state of affairs as was France. France was weakened by the loss of a cancer, but we are dying of a cancer in our vitals. We need a deliverer, a reformation—a cleansing of the blood. The leprosy is spreading over the body of the nation. Our sins have found us out. The disease is eating to the very heart of the nation.

Our legislation is corrupt, our senate is corrupt, in fact nearly every assemblage is in some way corrupted, and as the electric storm sweeps over the malarial district and purifies the air, so surely are we tempting God to send some means of right these dreadful wrongs. And I repeat God always finds a means. He will send an agent to do this. It may not be a Joan of Arc, but like France, some way of which

English... world... and the... preached to every... of Arc was unique. She... to be classed among the... city of mankind. Grave... pulses foreign to most... and moved by motives... the appreciation of the... from the age the center... universe. She played her... shall be witnessed and... the name of the maid of... will be forgotten.

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