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on the ground was soon to be
on by their shoestrings until they
had probably been destroyed. Be-
tween the war loans of \$500,000,
\$100,000,000, and the balance of the
expenses, the United States is
expending two million dollars an
hour, and there are lots of peo-
ple trying to connect with por-
tions of it. The patriots and the
profiteers are rubbing elbows in
Washington; but so far, all goes
well.

Frequently we Washingtonians
are asked: "What can you tell
me about the President and the
Administration?" And Wash-
ingtonians usually smile, as they
reply: "Why the plural?" Be-
cause the leadership of President
Wilson is absolute. This mild-
mannered, kindly-dispositioned
man is regarded by every person
who has anything to do with the
war, as the absolute master of
the situation. Never in his school-
teaching days did he ever have a
greater control of his pupils than
he has of the men and women
working under him. "There is a
quiet, satisfied confidence, every-
where, in the President. It is
not simply a case of "Standing
by the President," for that mile-
stone is far in the rear. Amer-
ica's enlistment in the world-war
is no longer being debated, since
to-day the only disagreement is
how best to serve one's country.
And in serving it, the steady in-
fluence of Woodrow Wilson is
felt everywhere. Whether he has
a Cabinet of great or little
strength does not appear to mat-
ter much, since the power of the
Government has been thoroly
centralized within the President.
And everyone knows that he is
"delivering the goods." No one
doubts his ability for a single
moment.

Persons and Property
Perhaps the most complete
legal network ever invested upon
officers of the Government has
been brought about by the war.
The Attorney General of the
United States has charge of "per-
sons," and he has a system of
"tabbing" a large part of the
population. What the Attorney
General's Department means to
individuals, the Federal Trade
Commission represents in business
and "property" must behave it-
self, or answer for the conse-
quences. John Walsh, of Wiscon-
sin, who joined the Administra-
tion forces two years ago, has re-
cently been appointed Chief Coun-
sel for the Federal Trade Com-
mission, and he is the first oc-
cupant of the place. Mr. Walsh
won his spurs as special counsel
for the Commission in a number
of important matters, among
which was the investigation of
the paper trust.

"Suppressed" Newspapers
The Postmaster General has
suppressed a number of news-
papers, but the more powerful of
them continue publication of their
city editions, and circulate local-
ly. The Milwaukee Leader, Vic-
tor Berger's paper, contrary to
the general impression, is still
published, and is furnished to
the people of Milwaukee; while
the New York Call continues to
cheer the malcontents in the
Socialist party daily. Mr. Berger
is attempting to upset the ban
placed upon his publication by
Postmaster General Burleson,
thru the courts.

Taking Care of the Boys
The "big drive" as this leaves
Washington appears to be in the
interests of better moral condi-
tions surrounding the camps of
soldiers. A determined effort is
being made to individualize the
soldier and to give him clean,
wholesome surroundings. It is
pointed out that the morale of
armies, as a rule, is very low;
and consequently the spirit of
the soldier is affected. By pro-
viding wholesome amusements
and comforts, and by bringing
the soldier into contact with con-
ditions equal to what he has
been used to in his own home
town, it is fully believed that a

The capacity for gratitude cer-
tifies one's quality and distin-
guishes one in the universe of
souls.

To be able to say "Thank
You" lightly is better evidence
of eternal life than a delegation
of angels.

The soul that knows God has
heart enough to be grateful. No
one ever heard a leech say, Thank
you.

Petty, parasitical souls are un-
grateful souls. They are lost
souls. They have lost light and
love and joy and the fellowship
of the courteous.

They are lost because they
would not be comfortable where
courteous people dwell.

The benefactors back of each
human being are too many to
number. As Goethe said, we are
the product of all who have lived
before us.

When we reach the Upper
Town where the Good abide, it
will be a glad experience to make
"thank you" calls upon all who
have given us a gift.

There is one above all whom
we must thank, tho we never
can thank Him enough, for His
gift to us.

He has suggested that we may
thank Him along the way by
ministering the simple kindnesses
and courtesies to the folk we
meet. By doing this He knows
we have caught His spirit.

It is certainly true that by the
highroad of gratitude the world
has been forwarded. If Peter,
James, John, Paul and the other
staple of the hard roads had
let Jesus Christ's torch fall—we
would to-day be groping in hell's
abyss. We grope enough God
pity us, because people make the
streets dark by withholding the
gifts of God.

To have the honor of bearing
His torch, sacred by the touch of
so many hands, is a cause for re-
joicing beyond expression.

How granite hard the souls
that do not thrill with the glory
of passing their blessings on.

A courteous soul is always a
cultured soul, responsive to the
efforts of others to comfort, and
speed them on their way with
hope. A high-elevation life may
not possibly look to the gross and
material for joy, nor even think
of feeding a light-hungry soul
with the husks of small ambitions.

A soul capable of gratitude is
also capable of patient kindness,
and is not leaping to slash and
cut and magnify small faults out
of all proportion.

As Jesus said to a creature
after she had come thru the ten-
der mercies, of the smug fish-
hearted self-righteous Pharisees—
Go into peace; and of another:
he that is much-forgiven loves
much—so the self-righteous and
impatient of others frailties sim-
ply shows the fangs of unenlure.
Cultured people are gentle.

We realize, tho vaguely, that
in us are lodged the qualities
that mark God. It will be evi-
dent that a life growing in godli-
ness will be marked with certain
qualities of positive and shining
nature. These qualities are defi-
nitely known. They are found in
perfect balance in the Christ; they
have marked His friends thru the
ages.

We are crowned with glory.
The reason why evil, selfishness,
revenge, malice, underhandedness
or any other form of animalism
are so indefensible is that these
things do not consist with souls
that are of the stuff of the glory
of God.

Some people make the end
of these things torment in hell.
They are right in a sense, only
the punishment is not a place but
a condition now present. Such a
one is a hell.

For hell is blackness, hate.
Let us be glad we are capable
of a higher standard of morality will
exist in the army than ever
known before.

of looking up; glad we have all
roads ahead; glad we may have
fellowship; glad we may lift the
sweet flutes of comfort.

Let us be glad for work that
is our only way into social life.
Let us be glad to be the friends
of the Friend of the World. He
honors us in giving us a place in
His Kingdom.

The rosary of life is a chain of
gladness—and the cross is for re-
membrance of lifting up.

With God's three beautiful
cousins, the sweet-voiced, golden-
sandalled Faith and Hope and
Love beside us

What is to fear?
Let us be glad.

One is not desolate nor walks
alone if he has a friend
Who is glad to share the com-
fort of his hearth at
And lacking pleasant house—
there's always house of
journey's end,
dream somewhere.

Flower-gemmed, tree-nestled, by
the angling waters. He
may share
His house with folk who have the
right to enter in. (And they
Who come by the flame of the
torch of love, shall find the
way.)

Let us be glad.
For toil's and trouble's shuttles
weave (it's true) a golden
webb.

The tide that takes our hopes
turns home again at lowest
ebb.

Behind the door of Silence (Com-
rade, listen) music waits.
Dawn's laden hands, light-
gemmed, are on the latch of
darkest-gates.

Let us be glad.
Arouse the laggard soul to rise
and climb the hills with
Dawn.

To leave gray ghosts and rankling
blunders far behind and—
On!

Let us be glad.
The only gate that is fast-barred
is the far-off gate untried;
Oh, Soul, pitch tent upon the
highroads where God's cour-
sers ride.

Life's always forward. Hear the
skirling winds o' the hills,
and rise
The Mighty God is partner in
every high enterprise.
Let us be glad.
Gem-laden, garlanded with sweet-
est flowers— (how honored)
we
May play the friend (a noble
craft) with kindly comrad-
ery.

How much a cheering word may
glad the way the weary
know—;
A merry heart's good medicine
with which the road to go.
A cup of kindness, friends, sweet
of the Master's Grail
Gives heart to folk to lift the
pack and strike anew Life's
Trail.

Why art thou troubled, oh my
Soul? cast down? disquiet?
sad?
Life, Love and God sing just
ahead. Face forward and—
be glad.

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