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OUR KEYNOTE:
It is not a Way, Cut a Way.

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The biggest word in the Allied
 dictionary—UNITY.

That Suff. hunger strike, as a
 conservation measure, was a rank
 failure.

The tongue that is tipped with
 venom after awhile seeks in vain
 for an audience.

Mr. Hoover has no intention of
 putting the ban on sugar. All he
 asks is that you use sugar in your
 coffee instead of coffee in your
 sugar.

Life will have given you all it
 can afford when your neighbor
 has the same opinion of your
 daughter's musical ability that
 you have.

You have probably noticed that
 it isn't long after you begin call-
 ing a boy a "chip of the old
 block" before he begins to aspire
 to be a block himself.

Mexico continues to bid for a
 place in the spotlight. Bandit
 raids on American soil are being
 resumed. Mexico is again in-
 viting the spanking she so nar-
 rowly missed last year.

What has become of the old-
 time butcher who used to throw
 in a piece of liver with a soup-
 bone and a piece of fat as big
 as your fist with a chunk of
 roast?

The report that the govern-
 ment will require all available
 supplies of castor oil will be re-
 ceived with delight by the young-
 ster who has eaten too much sup-
 per.

Luke McLuke says "the old-
 fashioned grandma used to wear
 a skirt that was four inches high-
 er in the front than it was in the
 rear, but the modern grandma
 wears a skirt that isn't more than
 four inches below her knees "all
 the way round." Why, Luke,
 that's just conservation. She
 just amputates the superfluous
 "tail."

Dr. Von Kuehman, German
 foreign secretary, is quoted as
 saying it was absurd to imagine
 that Germany would enter a peace
 conference with large claims. If
 Germany will stop to consider on
 whose soil she is waging her war,
 she will conclude it is absurd to
 advance any claims. When she
 begins to fight on her own soil—
 next summer—she might begin to
 think of claims—not before. The
 claims are all coming the other
 way.

What with Liberty Bonds,
 Thrift-Stamps, Comfort Kits, Red
 Cross, Y. M. C. A., knitting and
 numerous other activities to be
 maintained, it would seem the
 public has its hands full just now.
 However, there is one cause to
 which no one of us can afford
 to be indifferent. In every town
 and community throout the land,
 from now till after Christmas, the
 Red Cross Christmas Seals will
 be on sale. No lover of humanity
 can afford to neglect this noble
 charity. Not even war itself is
 the deadly enemy to the human
 race that the great white plague
 is. Its ravages extend around the
 earth, and no human being is ex-
 cept. The proceeds from the
 Red Cross Seals are devoted ex-
 cept to the rescue of the victims
 of the disease. Who can tell
 how many have been given to this
 cause by the means of warding
 from your own loved
 ones. Would help the ut-
 most, rally to
 Red Cross

**KEEP UP THE
 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

It is regrettable to observe that
 in many localities, because of the
 war, there is already evidence of
 lack of public spirit and push
 in the matter of necessary public
 utilities. There is a tendency to
 put off till a later day needed
 improvements, on the plea of the
 high cost of labor and material.

This is a great mistake, and the
 town or section of country that
 is enticed into it will wake up
 in the near future to find itself
 out of the running from a busi-
 ness point of view. It is very
 true that labor is scarce and
 material high, but neither of these
 is as expensive as is neglect of
 the material interests of the com-
 munity.

Andover needed badly a new
 bridge across Dyke Creek, but
 because of the added cost, re-
 fused to build it. As a result
 the people of this community and
 the traveling public the state
 over were put to unnecessary
 trouble and expense entirely out
 of proportion to the small added
 cost. A macadam road should
 have been repaired, but the war
 interfered and the road is left to
 go worse and worse with the
 result that a good road goes down
 in the mud and will have to be
 entirely rebuilt in the future.

Every business man or manu-
 facturer knows the keen fore-
 sight necessary to keep any busi-
 ness up to its standard of the
 times. He knows that constant
 vigilance is necessary to prevent
 deterioration and decay. The busi-
 ness man who relaxes the main-
 tenance because of a slight in-
 crease in the cost of repairs is
 the man who must sooner or later
 make the acquaintance of the
 sheriff.

Just so with the peoples busi-
 ness. The community that keeps
 up with the demands of the times,
 even tho it does require greater
 effort and added outlay in ex-
 pense, is the community that
 when the heavy demands are made
 upon its facilities is able to meet
 them.

There is also the added reason
 that if we wait until times grow
 better we may have to wait a
 very long time indeed. The pros-
 pects of lower prices on the
 necessities of life are in the dim
 and distant future. The scarcity
 of labor, instead of relaxing, is
 almost sure to intensify for some
 time to come.

In view of these facts, it is in-
 incumbent upon those charged with
 the conduct of the people's busi-
 ness to see that all public utili-
 ties are kept up to the highest
 point of efficiency. The time
 may come in the future when we
 may be compelled to neglect
 them to some extent. But that
 time is not here yet, and until it
 does come we should strain every
 nerve in the effort to place our
 country in the first rank of effi-
 ciency. The efficiency of the coun-
 try is already being put to a
 very severe test and the test will
 grow harder and harder as the
 war drags on. The only way we
 can successfully meet this test is
 by keeping ourselves and our fac-
 ilities up to the top notch.

COMMUNITY MUSIC

One of the greatest assets to
 any community is a good supply
 of music—bands, orchestras, chor-
 uses, etc. that can be called into
 use on any and all public occa-
 sions. Good music is one of the
 greatest sources of enjoyment ac-
 cessible to the race. It is appro-
 priate to any occasion from the
 most hilarious to the most solemn.
 It is never out of place in any
 public gathering, whatever the
 character. The church employs it
 as a powerful aid to religious fer-
 vor; the political gathering is
 flat and stale without it. Armies
 know and appreciate its inspi-
 ring influence, and make full use
 of it. Homes that would stand
 for all that a home should be will
 not think of being without music.
 Every community where enough
 talent can be scraped together
 should make it one of its chief
 concerns to see that a good band
 and orchestra is organized, and
 maintained. The maintenance of
 the community band should be as
 much a community obligation as
 the maintenance of its courts, its
 churches or its schools.

This country has as fine mus-
 ical talent as any country in the
 world. Thousands of young
 Americans, if given the opportu-
 nity of a musical education, would

become gifted musicians. Conti-
 nued attention to developing a
 love for music would soon de-
 velop in these young people such
 a desire for musical culture that
 they would be stimulated to pur-
 sue its study.

Many communities have already
 seen the great value of public
 bands and orchestras. Andover
 for a number of years has made
 provision for their maintenance as
 regularly as they have their other
 institutions, much to the enjoy-
 ment and profit of its citizens.

There should not be a town of
 any pretension in the country
 without its band or orchestra.
 The benefits will far outweigh the
 cost.

THOSE "EXCESS" PROFITS

If Congress has a real desire to
 equalize the burdens of taxation
 that are to pay for the war, their
 first will be compelled to ap-
 proach the question in a differ-
 ent spirit from that now mani-
 fest.

If there is one truth that stands
 out more plainly than any other
 in this country it is that capital
 and capitalists have been more
 favored than in any other coun-
 try on the globe.

The United States has more
 princely incomes than any other
 nation in the world. The profits
 from her industries are greater
 than those of any other country.
 It is the expressed purpose to
 tax these incomes and profits. As
 to the farmers; they are contrib-
 uting probably their share. It is
 with the latter that we have to
 deal.

To the thoughtful person it
 would appear that Congress
 should devise a just system of
 taxes on profits—not on "excess"
 profits. The profits on Big Busi-
 ness have been enormous for
 years, and there is really little
 "excess" upon which to levy a
 tax.

Take, merely as an example,
 the United States Steel Corpora-
 tion. That concern is credited
 with a dividend in 1916 of \$270-
 000-000. It is extremely doubt-
 ful if their profits will much ex-
 ceed that figure in 1917, which
 would enable U. S. steel to escape
 the excess tax entirely.

Again it is asserted that the
 telephone companies of the coun-
 try cleared, during the month of
 March last \$100 on each tele-
 phone in use in the entire country.
 But as their earnings have been
 enormous for some time, they
 too would escape with a very
 modest "excess" while every
 user of their line has to pay an
 advance of nearly 20 per cent. on
 every message they have sent.

But any little farmer, worth
 less than \$30,000, who makes a
 profit of \$6,000, will be com-
 pelled to pay at least \$2,000.

The injustice of the entire
 scheme can be seen at a glance.

The tax burden will not be
 equitably distributed so long as
 we persist in dealing with "ex-
 cess" profits. When we begin to
 consider ALL profits, we will be-
 gin to make progress toward a
 correct solution of the taxing
 problem.

The hotel men over the country
 seem to have struck a snag in
 their attempts to explain their
 failure to observe meatless and
 wheatless days, by alleging that
 the traveling men would not
 "stand for it." Now come the
 United Commercial Travelers and
 indignantly deny the charge,
 maintaining that they are as
 ready as any other class of men
 to follow Mr. Hoover's recom-
 mendations to the letter. It
 seems to be up to the eating-house
 men.

If, as stated, there is danger of
 much of the corn crop spoiling
 from a lack of men to gather it,
 our women might profitably fol-
 low the example of their sisters
 across the waters and render
 much aid in saving this valuable
 crop. Gathering corn, while not
 strictly speaking, suitable work
 for women, is still not beyond
 their ability. Women of Europe
 are doing much of the farm work,
 much harder work than gathering
 corn. It would be a splendid ex-
 hibition of patriotism for our wo-
 men to volunteer for this service.

How well have you advertised
 your property for sale?
 The principal trouble with Rus-
 sia is just—Russia.

USEFUL XMAS GIFTS

One way to economize, and
 yet retain the Christmas spirit
 is to taboo the presents and buy
 the useful gifts.

THINGS MEN LIKE

Suits Overcoats Mackinaws Raincoats Umbrellas Bath Robes Underwear Pajamas	Neckwear Gloves Suspenders Hosiery Shirts Handkerchiefs Mittens Etc.	Hats Caps Mufflers Belts Night Robes Sweaters Suit Cases Bags, etc.
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IN THE SHOE STORE
 For All the Family

Shoes Rubbers Arctics Alaskas House Slippers	Bedroom Slippers Felt Shoes Wool Pacs Leggings Felt Boots	Hi-Cut Shoes Woolen Socks Felt Overs Legging Overs 4-Buckle Arctics
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JAMES P. CANNON CO.

CLOTHING SHOES

One Minute, Please!

Is there any necessity for buying
 Jewelry from strange concerns hun-
 dreds of miles away, when you can get
 the same or **BETTER QUALITY**
MERCHANDISE RIGHT HERE IN
YOUR OWN TOWN?

We do not ask your trade simply
 because we happen to **PAY TAXES**
HERE, help support the Schools, Churches and so
on, but because WE CAN AND WILL SAVE YOU
MONEY.

KEEP TRADE AT HOME

Step in and Examine Our Complete and Up-to-Date Line of

QUALITY JEWELRY

Jewelry is the best Christmas remembrance
 most appreciated. It lasts a life-time.

My stock is complete. Come here and look
 it over. Gifts suitable for everyone.

All articles sold **ENGRAVED FREE.**

Floyd C. Vars

To help the
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 with us.

MEMBER
 FEDERAL RESERVE
 SYSTEM

The Burro

A. M. Wood is sufferin
 tion on his left hand.
 Local hunters claim
 covered tracks of a bo
 diver.
 Andover's tax rate th
 state and county is a
 s than that last year.
 Mr. and Mrs. Luman I
 Wellsville, who have
 ered for Red Cross wor
 at Washington, D. C.
 qual headquarters.
 A son, Frederick Cha
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 and Mrs. Ralph Cuy
 Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs.
 ll was formerly Miss
 ndoll of this place.
 Thos. Boyd and Clar
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 on Pingree Hill, to
 sdance on Church Stre
 lags. Mr. Rogers will
 nd the work on the fa
 uring year.
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 ets. Thursday mornin
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 ad Mrs. Baker have ben
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 ad upper jaw fractured
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