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An absolute song: Woodman Spare That Tree

Don't kiss the snow. The wheat needs it and we need the wheat

It's a safe bet that press are causing more needless days than patriotism is promoting.

When Germany goes thru a trouncing with Trotsky he will find that he is expected to Trotsky to the music.

When this country rounds up the alien enemies, will that also include LaFollette?

Since the Congressional Record has resumed publication the office devil has a smidgen of the fire-building job.

The German crown prince at least deserves commendation for the gracefulness with which he takes defeat.

Also it's safe to gamble that the price of garbage cans will not be boosted on account of the annual demands.

We might suggest to the Government that the best way to relieve the coal shortage would be to have coal dug.

It isn't the thorns of our enemies that we should fear, but the treachery that hides behind the smile of a false friend.

Germany's chief occupation these days is coaching the Russian bear in the correct form of that proposed scrap of paper.

When Dr. Osler advocated the chloroforming of all men over sixty years of age he had never evidently encountered a Woodrow Wilson.

It would be interesting to know if the Kaiser expressed his sympathy for the sultan in the latter's defeat by the dogs of Christians.

Uncle Sam is discovering that his back door needs watching too. The innate cussedness of the greaser nature won't let him be good long.

When the registration of alien enemies is completed it is safe to predict that the Rogue's Gallery will be enriched with a choice lot of new nugs.

The only domestic animal that hasn't experienced a stimulus in production is the cur. When will our people be willing to trade him for a sheep.

There should be no surprise at the fact that the Bolsheviki leaders have seized all the private banks of Petrograd. Isn't that what a Bolsheviki is out for-- loot?

King Ferdinand has decided to give his son the throne of Rumania. It is not stated what crime the youngster was guilty of to deserve such severe punishment.

If we were as willing to have the punishment of our enemies in the hands of the Lord as we are the rewarding of our friends, there would be less strife in this old world.

Prince Max of Baden says that Germany's sword alone can never bring victory. We don't understand that she is relying on her sword alone. We have been under the impression that hell had furnished her many weapons infinitely more dangerous than the sword.

DON'T CRITICISE YOUR GOVERNMENT

One of the foremost hardware companies of this country has issued a little booklet that is one of the finest pieces of pure patriotism. This booklet is directed to its traveling men, and contains some sound advice as to their attitude toward the Government in the conduct of the war.

It is the most valuable thing they may be to refrain from any criticism of the administration, assuming that our leaders are doing all that mortal men can do to bring the country thru the crisis that faces us. It also reminds them that all the really big men of the nation have forgotten for the time being that they are either Republicans or Democrats, and are standing shoulder to shoulder with the President and his fellow laborers.

This is a study of the present brand. And it is an example that more could follow with profit. Every able criticism of those in authority is just so much influence against the cause to which we are irrevocably pledged. If we do not do it, we are just so much adverse force that our leaders must overcome to win. And worst of all, it all tends to encourage the enemy. The most able and thoughtful criticism by Americans of their Government is wanted. It is wanted by the time it reaches there, it is expanded to represent the common sentiment of Americans.

President Wilson is not asking for our loyalty on the ground of his democracy. He doesn't ask on the ground of his learning or superior attainments. He asks our allegiance because the American people have placed him in a position where he is largely responsible for the welfare of the nation, and it were ingratitude on our part, after placing him there, to have him desert him and leave him to face the great burden alone, and worse still, hampered at every step by our senseless complaints.

American soldiers are on the firing line in France. They are going across by thousands, and hundreds of thousands. No army can give its best service that has not the solid moral support of its home people. It is treachery of the worst kind to send our boys to fight our battles, and then to back and quarrel among ourselves as to methods and means.

We have men of the highest character as our leaders. Let us have faith in their ability and integrity, and instead of annoying and nagging support them to the last dollar and the last drop of our blood. That's what our boys will do, and can we do less?

Old P. T. Barnum said the American people enjoyed being unbugged, and almost every day we give proof to his assertion.

A short time ago there was held in New York a great bazaar in an effort to raise funds for supplying comfort kits for the soldiers. The enthusiastic public patronized it heavily, and the receipts amounted to the goodly sum of \$71,475. But now comes the ridiculous side of this patriotic effort. Of this large sum precisely \$475 went to the soldier boys, while the balance was absorbed by such items as commissions on advertisements for the program, rent of exposition space, salaries for clerks, workers and decorators.

In other words the public paid \$70,530 for the privilege of subscribing \$475 to the fund for providing comfort kits for the soldiers.

The matter would be laughable were it not so serious. Only a few such incidents will be needed to create a condition throughout the country that will make it impossible for the most worthy cause to receive any recognition whatever. While we are faced to agree with Barnum in large measure, yet our gullibility has no limits.

And we doubt if this is the only incident of its kind. There are doubtless many others that have never come to the public notice. But this one is sufficient to call public attention to the large streak of buncomb in so many of the so-called patriotic functions.

It is time that the authorities were taking the matter in hand. They should insist that in all cases of the kind, where the public is asked to contribute to any benevolent purpose whatever, assurance be given that at least the major portion of the donations reach the object for which they were given.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Now that the Government has assumed administrative control of the railroads of the country, the attention of the public is being directed to the possibility of extending the Government ownership.

Already the management of the railroads have conceded that this would probably come, and express themselves as desiring such an outcome.

There are many of the American people who believe that the Government must eventually control all public utilities. Most people, however, require to be shown, and will watch with keen interest, the results of the present move.

If the Government can demonstrate its ability to bring order out of the present chaos of transportation conditions, it will go a long way toward convincing the doubting Thomases among us, and the step from Government ownership to Government ownership may be a short one and easily taken.

There are a number of features of the present epoch, which, if successfully worked out, will clearly demonstrate the ability of the Government to handle the large problem. Foremost among these is the matter of labor. For a number of years now the operations have been consolidating their craft organizations, and of late have presented almost a solid front to the management, so that any demand of theirs invariably assumed the appeal of a threat, and a threat from them, the management knew to be fraught with grave dangers.

It will be interesting to watch the progress of the government in handling this huge army of thoroughly organized workers. The railroads themselves have failed in the task. Can Uncle Sam succeed?

When President Wilson proclaimed the roads under Government control, there was pending before the management a demand from the men for something like a 40 per cent. raise of wages. This the roads have promptly shifted to the shoulders of the Government.

Will the demand be granted, and if not, will the men have the nerve to press their demand? If this transpires what will be the Government's action?

Government policy in other lines of control has not been at all favorable to labor organizations. For some time now the railroad heads have contended that the demands of the men were unreasonable. Uncle Sam is a liberal paymaster, but should his view coincide with that of the management the men may find that their attitude in the past has been a factor in shifting them from the frying-pan into the fire.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, has introduced in the Senate a resolution asking that the agricultural committee of that body investigate the advisability of admitting Chinese labor during the period of the war. The Senator is thoroughly alive to the economic danger that threatens this country unless there is a large increase of farm labor for the coming season. In an interview the senator is quoted as saying: "I think we will be in a very serious fix unless we get farm labor. Crops everywhere are unharvested because the labor is leaving the farms. Complaint comes to me, some of it bitter, that while the Government asks farmers for increased production the crops cannot be gathered. The resolution does not propose to admit Chinese as citizens or with a view to their permanent residence here, but on somewhat the same terms as American soldiers are sent to France, under the control of their Government, to be returned when their labor is no longer needed. The plan at least deserves careful thought. The labor shortage is acute, and does not promise to be any less so in the future. And if the country is to produce the record crop expected of it another season, there is no time to be lost in arranging for an adequate supply of labor."

An exchange advocates tipping waiters with thrift stamps. Won't do. When a fellow has to cough up a liberty bond for a square meal he feels that he ought to be allowed to keep a stamp or two.

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New York

no question who will win, only when we will win it, close up your water faucets, stop robbing your neighbor, the Forum this week discusses Democracy and Leadership. Read it. even coaches and an engine about five hundred yards on as at Arcade, recently. The four Protestant churches side are holding federated days in order to conserve coal. Many complaints are heard from citizens of the weak pressure, some houses not sufficient for their household needs. Samuel C. McSuter, a respectable man of Friendship, died at place Jan. 4th, at the age of 70 years. George W. Stockwell, a well-known Black Creek resident, died of Bright's disease. He was 65 years of age. A clever counterfeited Buffalo nickel is floating around the city. It is of lighter color than the genuine coin. Henry Crain has sold the Buffalo Journal to King & identified himself with C. A. works, expecting to France soon. A welcome news was received by many Andover supporters announcing the fact that A. Travis, of Washington, was improving from his illness. Mrs. Lilly died at his home Andover Jan. 6th. Mr. Lilly was in Germany, Dec. 24. He was a Civil War veteran, serving at the front for two years. Ernest J. Baker, a former Andover man, is at the head of the largest farm bureau in the United States. W. Miller, of Buffton, Ind., is a list who passed several weeks in Andover last winter, is in Knoxville, Pa., for a two-month engagement, at the M. E. church that place. Mrs. Miller and Elphira are both coming to gain signatures for the vote may be had in the campaign on the excise question. A committee of twenty-five has been announced in Andover and are now actually engaged in the campaign to kill Hart-worn in Hornell.

On I... hom... 70 y... elect... I. O... tea... Blm... 's no question who will win... ar. only when we will win it... close up your water faucets... stop robbing your neighbor... the Forum this week dis... Democracy and Leader... Read it... even coaches and an engine... about five hundred yards on... as at Arcade, recently... The four Protestant churches... side are holding federated... days in order to conserve coal... Many complaints are heard... from citizens of the weak... pressure, some houses not... sufficient for their house... household needs... Samuel C. McSuter, a respect... able man of Friendship, died at... place Jan. 4th, at the age of... 70 years... George W. Stockwell, a well... known Black Creek resident, died... of Bright's disease. He was... 65 years of age... A clever counterfeited Buf... falo nickel is floating around the... city. It is of lighter color... than the genuine coin... Henry Crain has sold the... Buffalo Journal to King &... identified himself with... C. A. works, expecting to... France soon... A welcome news was re... ceived by many Andover... supporters announcing the fact that... A. Travis, of Washington... was improving from his... illness... Mrs. Lilly died at his home... Andover Jan. 6th. Mr. Lilly... was in Germany, Dec. 24... He was a Civil War vet... eran, serving at the front for... two years... Ernest J. Baker, a former... Andover man, is at the head of... the largest farm bureau in the... United States... W. Miller, of Buffton, Ind... is a list who passed several... weeks in Andover last winter, is... in Knoxville, Pa., for a two... month engagement, at the M. E... church that place... Mrs. Miller and Elphira are both... coming to gain signatures... for the vote may be had in... the campaign on the excise question... A committee of twenty-five... has been announced in... Andover and are now actually... engaged in the campaign to kill... Hart-worn in Hornell.