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Keep moving, brother. Life won't wait for you.

Gossip creates a multitude of sins that do not exist.

People who jump at conclusions frequently grasp illusions.

The world owes a man only that which he is able to collect.

Some women achieve perfection by concealing their imperfections.

A cackle does not always mean an egg. It often produces a scandal.

Not all men squander their hard-earned money. They don't earn it.

Don't duck at a flash of lightning. The bolt you see has spent its force.

They say honesty wins its own reward, but it often drowns the booby.

Beauty is never skin deep. The other side wouldn't look at all attractive.

It isn't always the cost of things that bothers us. It is the price we have to pay.

When a fellow is cock sure he is right it is often easy to convince him he is wrong.

Some people wipe out their old debts by converting them into newer and larger ones.

What appears to be the essence of wisdom to one person may seem the rankiest of folly to another.

Dear old congress is just itching to perpetrate another national joke. It wants to investigate war contracts.

We note, however, that there has been no reduction in the price of postage stamps and marriage licenses.

Never boast of the fact that you are without an enemy in the world. It requires either brains or imbecility to inspire wrath.

Sooner or later we will have to put a check on immigration or the advancing horde will be pushing us into the Pacific.

It is fortunate that great minds do not all run in the same channel. Scrambled brains might become tiresome as a steady diet.

The number of prize fighters that are springing up leads one to suspect that there is little likelihood of another war in the near future.

A new continent is said to have been discovered in the Antarctic regions in which no booze has ever been made or sold. It is uninhabited.

We sincerely hope that Stillman scandal will soon blow over or peter out. We want a good night's sleep without having dreams of what might occur.

A wave of sickness was expected to engulf the United States when the brewers got to manufacturing authorized beer with a kick for medical purposes. Congress supplied the only antidote, and we are to remain well.

It is reported that New York banker has dropped his chorus girl, and that he also dropped about a half a million at the same time. Now if he will only efface himself our nose tells may become acquainted with unwhipped air again.

If a store would prosper more under a policy than under secrecy, it should be adequately advertised. And publicity is good for everybody.

LAY OFF, MR. PRESIDENT

A STORY comes out of Washington to the effect that the administration will attempt to induce the public to relieve the government of the ten billions of dollars of indebtedness now due it by the allied countries of Europe.

According to report, the plan as tentatively outlined, calls for the converting of this indebtedness into long time bonds of the European governments, these bonds to be sold by our government to the American people at large and the proceeds to be turned into the federal treasury, with a possibility that they may be used in the retirement of liberty bonds.

That would be fine for the federal treasury, but how about the people who buy these bonds?

If this huge indebtedness passes into the hands of private individuals, who is going to guarantee that the foreign governments will pay the interest and principal when due?

The only guarantee that would be of any value would be that of the United States government, and that government has neither the army or the navy with which to enforce its demands.

Consider our own liberty bonds, which the people were told would soon be at premium.

Are they at premium now, two years after the war?

They are not. Are they at even par?

They are not.

We were urged to buy liberty bonds "until it hurt." We bought until it hurt, and after two years of peace it is still hurting — hurting worse than ever, because we cannot get as much as we paid for them.

If our government, the strongest on earth, and with its vast and inexhaustible resources, is unable to keep the market value of its own bonds at par, why should the people be asked to believe that the bonds of debt-ridden foreign governments will not shrink to even lower levels of value?

According to newspaper reports Europe has for two years defaulted on the payment of even the interest on the ten billion dollars they owe us.

If they can not or will not pay even the interest to the government of the United States, which has the power to apply a certain degree of pressure if it so desires, have we any reason to expect that they would be any more prompt or solicitous in meeting their obligations to private individuals who are without means of applying coercive measures in the collection of the interest and principal due them?

These ten billions of dollars — money belonging to the people of the United States — were loaned to the European Allies by the United States Government.

Let the government plug up the hole in the bag with its own fist — plug it up until it hurts.

Caution warns us, Mr. President, that this is the psychological moment to lay off.

COMBING FOR DODGERS

WASHINGTON dispatches inform us that the government is to comb the United States for tax dodgers, especially the big offenders.

Good! All power to the government comb!

But why use a mere comb?

The expert tax dodger can crawl between the teeth of the finest comb ever made. Unlike the louse, they are too smart to be snared by so old a trick.

If the millionaires and billionaires could be forced to pay their just proportion of taxes there would be a remarkable reduction in the sum the poor man is required to hand over.

But millionaires and billionaires are veritable geniuses at wriggling out of tight holes. The poor man is only an expert at hard work.

When the net closes a few of the unsophisticated will undoubtedly be caught, but the big dodgers will wriggle thru the meshes.

Tax dodgers are expert wrigglers, anyway.

Some people will become really interested in a particular store for the first time thru reading that store's ad in this issue. And, hereafter, they will read all of that store's ads.

SANITY AND THE FOURTH

SOME years ago the Fourth of July meant hours of wild rejoicing and cavorting. It also meant thousands of men, women and children maimed or killed in the inevitable premature explosions, fires and other accidents, to say nothing of the fatalities resulting from the ever present fights.

Such was our manner of celebrating our independence in former years. But to-day it is different. There is just as much patriotism and no less rejoicing, but it is done in a sane manner as becomes an enlightened and dignified people.

Next to the birth of Christ the Fourth of July will always be the greatest day in history to us, but as time goes on we learn to observe it in a manner befitting the birth of the greatest nation of earth.

Hail to America and the Starry Flag!

CREATING A SUPER RACE

BRIG. GEN. CHARLES E. SAWYER, personal physician to President Harding, is working on a plan for the development of a super race of people in the United States.

It is estimated that the Washington administration is interested in the plan.

During the examination for the draft it was found that one-third of the young men of military age were defective physically. Reputable physicians estimate that an equal number of women are defective.

It is the plan of Gen. Sawyer to begin with the babes and afford them scientific care and training until they reach the age of maturity.

If parents generally can be induced to adhere to the rules laid down it is estimated that an improvement of 27 per cent will be noted in the first generation.

The object is praiseworthy, and the administration might well lend its active aid and support.

It is a well known fact among medical men that our race is sadly in need of improvement — not necessarily the injection of new blood, but rather the purification of the blood that now exists.

But will the parents of the present generation take kindly and readily to the suggestion?

We doubt it, unless it has a tremendously powerful backing.

Teaching old dogs new tricks has ever been a difficult task.

OPEN THE HOME DOOR

IT would seem that rather too much stress is being placed upon the importance of our foreign trade.

What we need most is an extension of trade at home, among our own people.

Certain manufacturing and exporting circles complain that our high wages and the excessive cost of raw materials, together with the shrinkage of value of foreign money, has seriously impaired our foreign trade.

But what of that?

If we in America were the only people on earth would we collapse or even suffer because of the lack of other people with which to trade?

Not a bit of it.

We would simply learn to produce everything we needed and use up everything we produce. We would create a more equitable system of marketing, of barter and exchange.

We would speedily develop into a nation capable of producing everything our climatic conditions required.

Then why worry?

If we could do these things as a nation unto itself and be satisfied what is to prevent our doing the same now, even as one nation among the many nations of the earth?

Since we are in no sense dependent upon other nations for our sustenance why twiddle our thumbs and bemoan the loss of our vanishing foreign trade?

It is only a calamity to those who imagine it as such.

Would you consider it "important" if your chief competitor doubled his advertising appropriation for space in this newspaper? Wouldn't you consider it wise, as well as expedient, to him? And if such a policy would be good for him, could it be good for you?

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