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Our Keynote: "If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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TOO BIG BUSINESS

ROCKEFELLER is presumably the richest man in the world. His wealth is so great that even he can not estimate it. Yet every day sees him a richer man.

Henry Ford, a very poor man a few years ago, is now said to be worth \$250,000,000 or more, all accumulated within a few years of time. Henry is still grinding out lizies and raking in the pennies.

The number of our plutocrats is so great that their combined wealth is staggering and still they multiply in both numbers and wealth.

The war brought enormous wealth to this country, but the great majority of it went into the swollen coffers of the minority. The majority were permitted a sniff.

Some say that we are cursed with big business. But that we do not concede. It is because of big business that this is a big country.

But there is such a thing as TOO BIG BUSINESS.

When a concern reaches proportions where it can dominate everything in its line and regulate prices without regard to competition or the law of supply and demand, it ceases to be a national asset and becomes instead a burden to the people.

It is too big to be safe.

If men could take their wealth to heaven and enjoy it there we could understand why they continue to amass enormous fortunes which they can not possibly spend.

The wealth that thus passes into the hands of a limited number simply reduces the amount in the hands of the mass of the people. As the few become bloated the many become emaciated.

Congress should no longer shirk its plain duty to the people. It should place a limit upon the income which any one man may enjoy. It should confiscate every dollar of that income above the limit in the form of taxation and thus reduce the burden which rests so heavily upon the shoulders of people who can ill afford it.

Big business should be protected and regulated.

Too big business should be prohibited.

Poor relations, however, are not all ways poor to those who have less.

And still, the ailments of mankind are often most pronounced in women.

Of course the hope of the world is in Washington. Where else could it be?

Some people are experts at exposing the faults that others do not possess.

The greatest trial in the life of an optimist is when he invests in a gold brick.

No wonder some people want the earth. They cried for the moon when they were kids.

The brains of the world are now centered in Washington. Here's hoping they function.

The idea of a world union is beginning to rear its head. Some day the head may wear a crown.

They call it the ancient custom of kissing, but investigation discloses that it is quite modern.

Why all of this complaining by people who no longer want to live? They have our permission to die.

Mr. Hughes fired the first gun, and the charge was so heavy it shook the priming out of all the others.

"Keep your smile," is the advice handed out by a local philosopher. But handing it on to others is better.

It isn't to be wondered at that some men are unable to withstand prosperity. They never have a chance.

Give unto others as you would have them give unto you, but be careful to get the biggest slice yourself.

Why dread the winter months that are approaching? They only emphasize the anticipation of another

Mr. Harding need no longer worry over his place in history. He has been making some wonderful golf scores.

Here's hoping the short skirt survives. We are fondly looking forward to the time when they will be shorter.

There is a shortage of three million bushels in the peanut crop, but the shrinkage, as yet, has not invaded congress.

No, you can't escape 'em. The summer sign simply transforms herself into the winter vamp and keeps on a sign.

We insist that possession of an automobile is an aid to Christianity. It removes the excuse for cursing others who have them.

When the young man's fancy lightly turns to love she quickly brings him back to earth again by exposing the lightness of his pocketbook.

One of the most embarrassing moments in a man's life is when he tries to make a fool of another and finds that he himself is a bigger one.

We are glad to see so many politicians hanging onto the fringe of that Washington conference. They may learn how to say much in a few words.

COULDN'T FIGHT UNCLE SAM

THE country was agreeably surprised the other morning when it woke up and found that the great railroad strike had been called off—that the leaders had concluded that they couldn't fight their Uncle Sam.

Score one for the government there. Its power is great when it is of a mind to use it. Regardless of the merits of the case, no list of employers or organization of employees has a right to paralyze the whole country by artificially forcing a widespread suspension of business.

The correct policy of a republican form of government is the preservation of the welfare of all of the people.

Shutting down public utilities by either side to a controversy is no more nor less than an act of punishment inflicted upon the innocent for the alleged crimes of the guilty.

If injustice is practiced by either side it should be a matter for governmental action and correction. Having averted the strike, the government should now see to it that neither side is permitted to exploit itself at the expense of the other and the people.

A big foot is quite as effective as a big strick. Use it.

A LITTLE WISER

PERSEVERANCE is often commendable—sometimes it is damnable.

Over in England the Right Honorable, Reginald McKenna, former cabinet minister, is a very big man. He is a power in the world of finance.

Reggie blew into the domains of Uncle Sammy a few weeks ago, took a whirl around the circle, and talked eloquently of the sacred obligation he conceives to be ours—the cancellation of the monumental debts the allies owe to us.

Conceding him to be a great man, we took Reggie seriously—to his face. In courtesy we could do no less. Great men expect much consideration.

This may have befuddled dignified Reggie a little at first, and may have caused him to entertain false hopes of inducing us to rise like a trout to the bait and swallow the hook of cancellation.

But he was soon disillusioned. Politely, but firmly, he was told that we of America are a nation and a people who believe in the payment of just debts, even tho it be necessary to stretch that payment over a long period of time.

We love our allied friends as we love ourselves, but we have too much respect for their reconstructive ability to place them in the mendicant class.

But if, as Reggie intimates, they will not be able to survive unless we write "Canceled" across their accounts on our national ledger, then we fear they are not worth saving. To make them a present of those billions would be like spreading expensive paint on worm-eaten lumber.

For some days now we've been waiting for Reggie's smoke to clear away in order to observe the effect of his eloquence upon the American mind.

But there wasn't any smoke. There was no fire. The star spangled flag didn't even nibble. Reggie, as a match, failed miserably to ignite. As a bait, he was about as effective as a dead worm in the midst of live grasshoppers.

Now we wonder who our dear friends will send over next in their campaign to convert us to their ideas when we are determined to pursue our own way of thinking.

Whoever he may be, we'll treat him handsomely, feed him well, and send him home a little wiser than when he came.

We may never get the billions they owe us, but at least we will always have something coming.

YOUR GOOD AND OURS

AS you wander along the highways and the byways of Andover it is possible that you see many things which you think should not be.

Do you ever speak of these things to people who have the power of correction?

Does it occur to you that their absorption in other duties may have caused them to overlook some of the things that are so plain to you?

Do you realize that their brains plus yours are more potent than their brains alone?

Every man owes a duty to the community, that stands and sustains him. That duty is to aid in the advancement

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A large assortment of Young Men's SNAPPY STYLED OVERCOATS arrived this week

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A Welcome Message I am very glad to announce a liberal reduction in prices of all SILVERWARE Just what you have been looking for! Here are a few prices: Teaspoons, were \$4.25 now \$3.75
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fine weather the coming months while cover \$20,000 damage against Chief Hamner. The complaint served in the case alleges criminal conversation and alleges that Chief Hamner is the "sole and only cause of the separation of the plaintiff from his wife." It alleges that Mrs. Hall and Chief Hamner have been riding frequently in the chief's automobile and that he "has devoted a large part of his time" to the society of Mrs. Hall. Chief Hamner has retained an attorney and will resist the action. He charges that the suit is brought at a time when the plaintiff is unable to pay the costs of the suit. The plaintiff has retained a Supreme Court suit by...

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Only 23 days to C... One out of every... the United States is... woman... Regular meeting o... man... Election of Officers... Mrs. E. Glass has... on Grove Street and 27... adjoining to Mark Kem... Police Officer B... was unable to be on... nights the past week... grippe... The Civic Club w... Mrs. Ralph Temple, W... 7th. The answer to R... some current event... "Where are you go... maid? To the World... meeting six, she said, E... at 7:30, at Mrs Burrow... Mr. and Mrs. Ear... comed a ten-pound... Elizabeth, at their ho... Street, Thursday m... 1st... Buel Green, of E... "sweet" hunting exped... when he located a be... yielded a total of 375... honey... Wm. Rice broug... berries to the News o... Dec. 1st, picked from... Chestnut Street, Who... or Florida... Mrs. Lottia MacDo... was elected cr... of the State of New Y... their annual conv... York City recently... The Ladies Aid... Presbyterian Church... Mrs. C. Loughlen, on... 6th, at 8 o'clock. Mrs... Mrs. Bundy, hostess... The regular mee... Tent No. 18, E. O. T... evening, Dec. 8th, w... regular annual elect... All members are urge... Leeman Davis, s... Mrs. LeRoy Davis, s... eration for the remov... a denoids Wednesday... of this village pref... tion... Mrs. Nan Lever... der the able care of... and Comstock, and... for the past ten week... at the home of Mrs. C... the winter... "Some of the olde... land have two doors... used for marriage s... one door the bride an... ter, and thru the oth... ried but when dead... Mr. and Mrs. Jo... of Olean, formerly... Bolivar Breese, have... home from their trip... islands, where they... nual meeting of the... of the World... Edward J. O'... scribe of the publi... The... Mrs. ... turban in gold sh... ... ... ...