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"If There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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**STILL DANCING**

ALL of the allied countries engaged in the late war on the victorious side have voted an adjusted compensation, or bonus, to the men who fought in that war.

That is, all except America!

The bonus thus voted was not in the light of giving something for nothing, for it was realized that the men went to war at a financial sacrifice as well as thru a patriotic duty.

Many of our American states have voted bonuses to their own sons who served in the war, and the majorities were overwhelmingly in favor of justice to the service men. Undoubtedly the sentiment of the nation as a whole is the same, with the exception of certain powerful financial interests that object to paying their proportion of the necessary taxation.

Congress last year did manage, after much wrangling and many obstructive moves, to put thru a bonus bill, but it was of no value and was promptly vetoed by the President.

In passing that bill congress was about as wise as the city man who bought a farm, fenced in his cattle, and then failed to feed them when the grass had been eaten up. Our "wise men of Washington" authorized the paying of the bonus but neglected to provide the funds with which to pay it.

When an organ grinder pulls the string the monkey dances.

Is Wall Street, notoriously opposed to a bonus, pulling the string?

Whether that be so or not, congress has been doing a deal of dancing on the subject of a bonus.

**ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO**

MANY men are out of employment to-day in various sections of the country because they are only willing to perform one kind of labor.

In the days of our forefathers when a man could not find employment in his chosen trade he accepted what he could get in some other line until a change for the better could be made. As a result of their thrift the army of the unemployed was only a squad.

There is always something to do in some line of business, if a person is willing to do it.

But as long as able-bodied men are content to sit still and wait for work to hunt them up we will have the same troubles with which we have been afflicted for many years past.

Letting others do it doesn't get us anywhere.

**WORKING US**

DO NOT be too hasty in swallowing everything you read in the large daily newspapers of the country.

If the administration that happens to be in power, or some foreign government, or some great financial combination wants to put something over on us they flood these papers with propaganda.

Other people like to do your thinking for you, and often they resort to misleading propaganda in order to bring you around to their way of thinking.

Beware of what you swallow, lest you be strangled in the operation.

The fellow who boasts of his ignorance unwittingly tells the truth.

It requires brains to be a successful crook, but any fool can be honest.

Those new resolutions are no longer new. They are old enough to be broken.

**IS SHE RIGHT OR WRONG?**

IS FRANCE doing the right and wise thing, or the foolish and wrong, in invading German soil with great armies in an effort to force that country to come across with the payments awarded France by the Versailles treaty?

That is a mooted question in the minds of many Americans, as well as those of other countries, to-day.

The only way that this question can be answered correctly to the satisfaction of true American minds, is by asking another question, the truthfulness of the answer to which will determine the proper answer to the first question.

The second question is: Can Germany pay, or is it a physical impossibility for her to do so?

If Germany can pay, but will not, then France is clearly justified in her present attitude, in attempting to make Germany settle, as she will certainly do when she finds out she will have to pay or be wiped off the face of the earth altogether.

France came across when she was beaten by Germany with an indemnity that fairly staggered civilization. She paid in full. Turn about is fair play.

But, if, as leading Germans aver, and even Lord George of England seems to believe, as well as many others, it is an absolute impossibility for Germany to pay the enormous indemnity set by her victorious enemies at the peace conference, all the armies in the world combined cannot get from her what she has not, and France is foolish and doing wrong in persecuting her.

Germany should be forced to pay every cent she possibly can toward righting the terrible wrong she did Belgium, France and the whole world. If she is putting up a bluff to avoid the consequences of her own folly, France is to be commended for calling her bluff.

On the other hand, if the invasion of Germany by France is prompted simply by that old matter of hate and revenge existing between the two countries from a time that memory runneth not back to, France is taking a most foolish, unwise and most undiplomatic course. She will still have to live by the side of Germany for untold ages and chickens will come home to roost with her as they are now roosting with Germany.

Germany is a larger country than France. She has now many more men, and after a lapse of time equal to that which has passed since Bismark dictated the first Versailles treaty, she will have many, many more than will France and her huge armies will some day overrun France as thick as flees on a dog's back.

But France is nearer Germany than we are, and undoubtedly knows more of her ability to pay than do we. We all hope and pray that France is guessing right.

**AS THE EDITOR SEES IT**

IS THE Christmas spirit waning?

It probably is.

This would be a beautiful world if we could continue the holiday spirit from Christmas to Christmas, and from the beginning of life to the end.

But that would banish grafting, and thievery, and thuggery, and murder, and scandal, and all of the other cherished ills that afflict mankind.

Yes, the Christmas spirit is waning — it is disappearing — it will soon give place to the one with which we are all more or less familiar.

We can not be angels without wings, and life is too short to grow them.

THE new year will be one of opportunities.

Business will be good. Some even say it will be exceptional.

Agriculture will forge ahead. New inventions and ideas will be developed.

Transportation facilities will be improved and enlarged.

The interests of the shipping industry will be promoted.

Factories will hum with life.

The builder's hammer will be noisy with renewed activity.

Everybody will have an opportunity to work.

And saving will become easier.

Somewhere in this scheme of things there is a place for you.

Hunt it — fill it — do something for others, as well as for self.

By so doing you will justify your existence.

THERE are fifty-two weeks in 1923.

That means that there are fifty-two Sundays on which you can attend church, and learn things you ought to know, and contribute a few dollars for the welfare of mankind.

Fifty-two golden opportunities to do good.

It's up to you.

OLD grouch!

How would you like to have a child think that of you? Your vanity would not feel flattered. It might even be jolted.

But thoughtlessness may cause children to think just that — or worse.

You pass them often on the street. Many times you probably do not even notice them. Your thots are afar, and you see little that is near.

But children do see, and judge only as they see.

You may not intend to be gouchy, but ignoring them causes them to think you are.

A friendly smile will prevent all of this.

It will cheer up the hearts of the children.

It may even soften that marble of yours.

Try it.

MANY young girls of to-day are conspicuous obstacles to matrimony — without knowing it.

When a young man's thot turns toward marriage they also include the providing of a home for his mate.

If the young lady has extravagant tastes, and becomes a heavy ante-nuptial drain upon his purse, time slips by with the home increasingly far away.

Job waited seven years for Rachel.

But Job was a patient man, and time was not as valuable then as it is now.

Besides, Job is mighty dead — and the mould has been broken.

Even a blind girl ought to see some things.

That's all — perhaps too much.

The law protects us in that to which we are entitled, but it stops short of going out and getting it for us.

**CHERRY LOGS**

W. S. Pullen who operated in this locality two years ago, is again in the market for cherry logs delivered at Andover.

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