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WILL WE PLAY THE FOOL?

IF INDICATIONS count for anything the United States will soon be taking part in a European talk-fest on Germany's capacity to pay reparations.

If the word of Premier Poincaré is worth anything France will decline to consider any reduction in the amount of reparations from Germany, while at the same time advocating the canceling of the debts France and other allied countries owe to this country.

Inasmuch as all of the allied governments are heavily indebted to the United States, and we are not indebted to any other country, cancellation would be an interesting subject for us to discuss with our debtors—especially interesting for them.

But the proposition doesn't look good, sound good or smell good to us.

Men of wisdom always attend to their own affairs and expect other to do the same.

Everybody knows what the fool does.

Are we to play the fool for the edification and the financial benefit of Europe?

If we have any brains in this country this is a perfectly opportune time in which to use them—for our own benefit.

IT WILL BE INTERESTING

ACCORDING to the daily press a nasty mess of graft and corruption has been unearthed in the veterans' bureau in Washington. The condition of our wounded soldiers is said to have been exploited for the financial gain of private individuals. So much for the story as it appears in press dispatches.

The president has ordered a thorough investigation, but what will the investigation amount to?

Powerful interests will be set to work in behalf of the thieves, if thieves they are. Evidence will disappear. Witnesses will perjure themselves for consideration, or thru fear. Process servers will become conveniently shortsighted when searching for certain individuals. In every way the administration of justice will be blocked. At least, such will be the case if the usual political tactics are followed out.

It is bad enough to steal at any time or under any circumstances, but it is the limit of depravity when able bodied men steal from crippled soldiers who received their disability while fighting for their country. Watch the investigation.

TALK TO THE GIRLS

A PRESBYTERIAN minister, in a sermon, warned parents and young girls that free spenders before marriage are not, as a rule, good providers after marriage.

That may be true—it probably is true in many cases. But let us look a little beneath the surface.

The average young man of today is a free spender because it is expected and demanded of him. No spend, no fun.

The young man who is economical in his expenditures, who banks his money instead of "blowing it in" is too often looked upon and shunned by the girls as a tightwad.

The one who is free with his money, who is always looking for a place to spend it for the benefit of the girls, will find plenty of girls who are willing to aid him in the spending.

OBSERVE OR CELEBRATE?

AGAIN we observe the day the armistice was signed, November 11, 1918. But have we much to celebrate now?

On that day the world was happy. The war was over. Service men had shots of home. Parents and wives and brothers and sisters and friends were anticipating the early return of the boys from "over there."

The thing that was fondly cherished that there would be no more wars—that the ferocity and destructiveness of the great fight was such that humanity would smile from its repetition.

Peace, production and reconstruction was to be the order of Christendom.

But that was five years ago.

This is today.

Instead of an era of peace, production and reconstruction, we see humanity smothering under a blanket of strife, jealousy, hatred, vindictiveness, intrigue, bantering the soul of the world for national and personal gain.

We find a war of wits paving the way for another war of men.

In Europe there is no peace, there is little happiness, there is slight production, and reconstruction lags.

But there is hell in plenty and to spare.

On this anniversary of the signing of the armistice it is to be regretted that we can not write only on the glories and sorrows of our participation, pointing to the ultimate good of the future as justification for the horrors of the past.

But truth and candor compel us to state facts as we find them.

God in His wisdom knows why they are facts.

We don't.

He will be regarded as a "treacherous" fellow.

Any boy who is industrious and saves his earnings will have more when he takes a wife and will be in a position to support her in the manner she has a right to expect.

The young fellow who "blows it" as he goes along will have a wife a time he will have a family, and he will have no surplus for pleasure or recreation.

When girls learn to expect less than young men will spend less, and when marriage comes there will be something left with which to provide a home and the comforts of life.

Talk to the girls before jumping into the boys.

Now that the election is over, and we have all the politics worked out of our several systems, it is a good time to take up the job of "Advancing Andover." If one-half of the effort would be expended by Andover people to make this a good town to live in, and a good town to do business in as is annually expended to put across our pet party candidates, there would not be a town in these parts that could compare with good old Andover. Why not use some of the same kind of pep and enthusiasm in developing our town when it will be a lasting good and for the betterment of all classes and conditions of our people.

When in doubt, don't do as Europe does.

Charity often begins at home and then strays away.

Knowledge is acquired, but horse sense is inherited.

Before speaking it is well to first think of something to say.

The world expects much and gives little. It's up to you to learn how to take.

Winter is slow in coming, but like Uncle Sam, it may be hell when it gets a start.

An exchange calls attention to the little bodies and little busybodies. And that's all.

Don't worry about your wife's age. She'll never embarrass you by giving it away.

One of the best things about modern poets is that they are becoming fewer every year.

It isn't merely the things you say that count. It's how, when and to whom you say them.

Now we can't tell you the number of the American bootleg king. There are too many of them.

Have you ever been in love? Fine! You're probably out again by this time—if not married.

Of course there is no law requiring you to read our funny stuff. We merely expect you to do it.

When a man becomes a genius in his own estimation others begin to wonder what kind of Mutt he is.

Yes, there are people in this world who never speak unkind words of their neighbors. They are dumb.

Now if these radios would only let us break in onto some of the family affairs the things might be worth having.

Since Christ left us there has only been one perfect person in the world. But spare your blushes—we don't mean you.

It's no trouble for a fellow to make money these days—when you have, he means, the opportunity, and know how.

When convinced that you are working hard, hit 'er up a little faster and see how slow you have been going.

There are people, we presume who consider that the world owes them a living. At least they sit around and wait for it to come their way.

The moving picture industry is on the down grade—trying, we presume to overtake the quality of pictures they have been turning out of late.

Weary Willie says there is a distinct advantage in being a hobo. A fellow gets free eats and doesn't have to fight when others call him nasty names.

A really brave man seldom fails to recognize the same quality in others. It is only the coward or braggart who belittles the courage of another.

DRY

Letters were received from Cassius Congdon of Clarksville, and E. C. Gilbert of Rushford, Republican and Democratic candidates for Assemblymen from this county, by the local W. C. T. U., announcing that they were in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment and its enforcement.

If the flat or apartment advertised is in a neighborhood where you would live, go and see it!

AGAIN---ON WITH THE NEW SHOES

For Men; For Women; For Children



Footwear for Fall

is here awaiting your early selection. For men the straight last, semi-brogue still rules in heavier grain leathers—the best shoe values sold in years.



The Vogue of the Strap still rules in all of the popular models for Fall.

For women, patent leathers in a wide variety of style treatment rule supreme.

FOR CHILDREN

In black kid, all patent, patent and gray, we are showing three models. Specially priced at \$4.95

Girls' Boots of tan or black calfskin, sizes 8½ to 2 \$2.25 to \$3.75

Sizes 2½ to 7 \$2.95 to \$5.95
 "Cinderella" Pumps with strap across ankle, sizes 8½ to 2 \$2.35 to \$2.75

WARM, DRY FEET ON THE BLEAK-EST DAY WHICH BLOWS ARE ASSURED WITH THESE BLUCHERS SELLING NOW AT

\$4.50



Sizes 2½ to 7 \$5.75
 Boys' Boots of black or tan calfskin, sizes 11 to 13½, \$2.50

Sizes 1 to 6, \$2.75 to \$4.95
 Rubbers 75c to \$1.26



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Music and Literary Program in the evening
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All fancy work should be left with Mrs. Roxie Brundage not later than Monday, Nov. 12