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## Danger of Corrupt Government

THOUGHTFUL men and women of both parties must view with deep concern the convincing evidence of corruption in the conduct of our national government. Errors in administration can be overlooked and excused when no bad motive is apparent and when those who commit the errors make prompt and sincere efforts to correct them. But when corruption appears in government and the responsible administrative heads are indifferent to it or by silence or specious declarations, attempt to condone it, democracy is confronted with a real danger.

Official corruption is a menace which cannot be temporized with or condoned without jeopardizing every principle of free government and every right of its citizens. Corruption in government is not a matter to be ignored nor treated lightly, nor evaded nor excused. Whether it exists in the form of a corrupt policy like a high protective tariff or whether it is manifested in the individual acts of officials, it is an insidious and dangerous thing, which, if permitted to exist, will spread contagion not only thruout the government but likewise to the body politic. It contaminates government; it contaminates business, which underlies everything in our national life; it contaminates the electorate, and saps the moral fibre of our youth. To what extent its destructive effect will be felt in this country unless there is a complete change in the national administration can only be conjectured, because those now in authority whose duty it was to eradicate it and cleanse the government have proceeded only when action was demanded by the legislative branch of the government and then proceeded reluctantly and tardily. Worse still, those in authority, reinforced by party leadership, have sought to conceal instead of having sought to reveal the facts in order to perpetuate the reactionary element in the Republican party in power for another four years.

The course of the Democratic party in this matter is plain; it is to marshal all the moral forces of America in behalf of clean government, and, when intrusted with power, to use every resource of the administration to so thoroughly cleanse the government in every department and bureau until not a taint of contamination remains.

The duty of honest men and women in all parties is equally plain; it is to join forces with the Democratic party to bring about this result, and by restoring honest government to restore the confidence of the people in their government, which John W. Davis has righteously declared to be "the supreme need of the hour."

## Solving the Unemployment Issue

CHAIRMAN BUTLER, of the Republican National Committee, says that among the nations of the earth, "the Republican administration in the United States alone has solved the issue" of post-war unemployment.

President Coolidge said in his acceptance speech that a "great revival of industry" took place during the Republican administration; that "complaint of unemployment has ceased, wages have increased."

President Coolidge and Chairman Butler are at odds with their Republican Secretary of Labor.

The Department of Labor made an employment survey in August. It made employment in 1923, the best year since 1920, the measuring-rule with 100 as the index figure. It shows 1917 the year of greatest employment, with the index at 115. In 1919, the first post-war year, it was 108.4 and in 1920, the last Democratic year, the employment stood at 109.8. In 1921, the first Republican year, it toppled to 85.3; in 1922, it was 88.6, and for the first five months of 1924, covered by the survey at 94.8. A subsequent report covering June showed a further decrease in employment of four per cent.

Best authorities agree there are about 20,000,000 workers, skilled and unskilled, in the United States, exclusive of farm laborers. If they were all employed in 1917, the banner year of the last decade for workers, thirty per cent, or six million of them were in 1921 according to Mr. Coolidge's own Department of Labor 26 per cent., or more than five million, were idle in 1922; 15 per cent., or three million were out of jobs in the first half of 1924, and the number is steadily increasing.

The department's survey shows that pay rolls decreased 19.3 per cent. from July, 1923 to July, 1924, and that per capita earnings of workers fell off 5.9 per cent. during the same period.

For the same period, the New York State Industrial Commissioner reports, "pay rolls have been cut more than 50 per cent. in the iron and steel mills and the cotton factories. Knitting, woolen and silk workers have found pay rolls lower by more than 25 per

cent. Among the metals, similar reductions have taken place."

At the very time President Coolidge and Mr. Butler were telling the country how the "Republican administration alone has solved the issue," the American Woolen Company, a tariff pet of the administration, was operating only forty per cent. capacity, while trade papers were carrying dozens of news items of strikes, wage cuts and fewer work days in the textile, shoe and other mills in the East.

Another interesting commentary on the claim that the Republican administration alone solved the issue, is the statement of the British Ministry of Labor that the "long period of post-war step-by-step reduction" in wage and employment in England came to an end in 1923, and during the first five months of 1924, wage increases in which factories amounted to more than 15,000 pounds sterling, or about \$2,500,000 while during the same period, living costs were reduced in England by ten per cent.

To investors and stockholders in industrial corporations, this Republican solution will be interesting in view of the fact that more than fifty concerns whose stocks are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, have not been on a dividend paying basis, have paid one or more dividends this year, or have failed to pay a dividend since 1921.

American and Republican solution and the industrial crisis will be totally dissolved.

It's a mean trick for a girl to get a box of candy from one admirer and share it with another.

Charlie Davies and Owen Young might try their peace plans on Herrin, Illinois.

## On Being Thrifty

AS often said of a person that he or she is thrifty, immediately we think of that person who makes good use of money and material possessions.

But that does not by any means constitute all there is to thrift.

Conservation of our physical forces—health thrift—is just as essential.

Forty-two million gainfully employed men and women of the United States lose the labor of one million workers each year from sickness, a loss equal to 300,000,000 working days annually.

It has been computed that the time lost every year to the nation thru sickness of its workers is three times greater than all of the working days gained annually thru immigration.

These millions of days lost thru illness are in addition to 227,000,000 working days in the United States department of agriculture estimates are lost annually thru industrial accidents.

Statisticians have not been able to check the dollars lost in wages annually because of sickness, but inasmuch as the wage loss from industrial accidents exceeds \$1,000,000,000, the financial loss from sickness must be far in excess of that sum.

Even health thrift is related to financial thrift, because sickness causes loss of time, which is worth money.

Much ill health is the result of carelessness. Guard the reservoir of your physical strength as you would your home of your life's savings.

Men of strong vitality are tempted to overdo because they are by nature energetic. An outstanding American recently boasted that he works almost continually, with the exception of about four hours each night when he sleeps.

There can be nothing but admiration for a man of this sort, but sooner or later nature will refuse to be abused. Collapse is inevitable and the man's usefulness will be over years before it would have been, had he observed temperate habits.

When you think of thrift, think in terms of health as well as wealth, because there can be no real thrift that does not include care of the health.

Most men call the baby whatever their wives name it.

There are just two kinds of folks—your kind and the other kind.

## Mourning as Dead

THE parents of Richard Loeb, sentenced with Nathan Leopold in Chicago to life imprisonment for the murder of little Robert Franks, are reported in news ispatches to mourn their son as dead.

He has gone from them forever. Tho he does not have to suffer the physical pain or the horror of knowing that he must die on the gallows, this young intellectual faces a bleak life ahead.

But was not he—and Leopold too, practically dead so far as his parents were concerned before being arrested for the brutal slaying of an innocent boy?

Everyone sympathizes with these parents, and yet wonders if they really knew anything about their boys, who their associates were or how they spent their time.

But were the Loeb and Leopolds vastly different from the average modern parents? How much time do they give to their children?

It's a dangerous system—raising children by proxy, and so many parents discover it too late, to their sorrow.

There are some things that money won't buy. There are some things that you can't employ other people to do.

There are some relationships in life that can't be evaded; they must be assumed or allowed to go by fault.

All of the genius and wealth on earth cannot provide a substitute for the responsibility of parents for their children.

If the press of social engagements or business crowds out the time to which children are entitled, the price can't be paid with money or position in life.

It's too big.

What has become of the old man who used to say that he wouldn't "ride in one of them infernal gasoline buggies?"

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## HIS BUSY SEASON



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Every motor vehicle operator in New York state must be licensed October first, or be subject to arrest.

It is estimated there are about 1,500,000 operators in the state who will be required to comply with this provision of the new law.

Thousands are still unlicensed. Every public spirited motorist should aid in bringing about full enforcement of the law, which is designed to save human lives by preventing careless and reckless driving, by obtaining a license as soon as possible.

If you operate a motor vehicle and have not obtained a license, apply for one today. Don't wait until the last minute! Help to avert a jam of applicants in the closing hours just before October first.

In Allegany County, licenses may be obtained at county clerk's office, Belmont, N. Y.

## Clean the Flues

Basing his remarks on the recent tragedy due to carbon monoxide poisoning in a New York City apartment house, Dr. Matthias Nicoll, Jr., state commissioner of health in a health talk broadcast from WGY last Friday night warned householders in the state to clean out their flues and chimneys.

"Don't start heater or range fires this fall," said Dr. Nicoll, "until you are sure that your flues and chimneys are free from soot or other obstructions."

## Collector's Notice for the Collection of School Taxes

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned collector of School District No. 1, Town of Andover, County of Allegany, have received the tax list and warrant for the collection of school taxes in and for said district, Town of Andover, N. Y. County of Allegany and that I will receive voluntary payments thereon at Village Hall, for thirty days from the date thereof, from 8 o'clock until 11, in the forenoon and from 1 o'clock until 4 in the afternoon as follows: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week.

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MRS. AGNES ROBINSON, Collector.

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