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WORKING TO AVOID WAR.

One of the most encouraging signs noted in the European situation is the announcement that Edouard Herriot will be the next premier of France. He will head a government that is dominated by the left, but to which the adherence of certain other groups is essential. Herriot, who has twelve times been mayor of Lyons, is an industrialist, which means he has a sympathetic attitude toward German as well as French restoration. But he has said: "I do not want German-made peace."

Lyons is noted as a center of patriotic inspiration for France, and the man who could be so continuously elected mayor of the great industrial center may be regarded as wholeheartedly devoted to his country from a nationalistic point of view.

Herriot has visited Russia and come home with some notions that are not entirely narrow. These will be reflected in his dealings with Germany, for he realizes that France will not prosper unless Germany revives. Here he is in line with the thought of Ramsay MacDonald and the majority of the British leaders. Germany must pay in full, but a crushed and prostrate Germany can not pay. Only when the German people are at work again will France get what she looks for in the way of reparations. Poincare's policy will be greatly modified if not entirely abandoned when Herriot comes in.

That is a long step toward a settlement. It may be a little late to soften the German heart, but it will strengthen France, and go far to gain her those pledges of security she has sought from others. Germany will be left alone in the cherishing of revenge.

While this is going on, there is also in motion a program for the admission of Germany to the League of Nations. This form of recognition will, it is thought, have some effect on the German viewpoint. An even more significant proposal is that a new conference of nations be called, to which the United States, Germany and Russia will be invited, for the purpose of reconsidering the covenant of the League of Nations, and the recasting of its framework, especially Articles I, X and XVI. Herriot has proclaimed himself ready to take part in another arms conference, and this may easily be made to cover the League.

In America all the organized forces of the nation are moving along the same line, headed in the same direction. The League of Nations is no longer discussed, save in a tentative way by those who continue their faith in its efficacy. These are numerous and influential, but even they are not sufficient to overcome the intense national feeling that pervades the land. It is this feeling throughout the world that has been the real stumbling block in the path of the League. National feeling is powerful, and the affair between Italy and Greece showed how hopeless is the present task of establishing internationalism as the ruling sentiment. Therefore the World Court gathers strength, not only in America but throughout the world. Stanley Reed, discussing "Problems of the League," in the Fortnightly Review, writes of the issue of the Italy-Greece affair:

"It means that the lesser powers are unwilling to trust themselves in the hands of the greater unless they are represented in the council of the League. It means, too, that neither the one disputant or the other could place absolute confidence in the impartiality either of the League or of the Conference (of ambassadors). Nor does it seem that absolute confidence can ever be obtained except by the permanent international court, if indeed that is founded upon the British conception that in no case whatsoever must a judicial process be influenced by executive, administrative or diplomatic considerations."

That, in a nutshell, tells the story. The smaller nations are distrustful of the great; the greater are not willing to allow the little fellows to dictate the policy. A World Court will provide a tribunal at the bar of which all nations will be of one size. Justice and right will be the end sought, not expediency or political or commercial advantage.

With better days ahead for France and Germany, with Russia slowly learning that the brotherhood of man can not be erected on class hatred, with the United States and England moving for a permanent international court of justice, the possibility of war is becoming more remote. The League of Nations may go on as it is, or it may be altered in detail to make it more workable, and its mission will be in part at least fulfilled. It is in the court that all will find at last that security that is not now assured by any other form of organization.

CHECK-UP A WISE MOVE.

The move for an audit of the accounting department of the city government is countered by Commissioner Butler with a request for a check-up on all departments. There is wisdom in the suggestion. The city of Omaha is a great business corporation, with million of dollars going in and out every year. Balance sheets are prepared from time to time, showing the amounts received, the sums paid out, and

any balance remaining in each fund. This is satisfactory so far as it goes, but does it go far enough? The stockholders, who are the citizens of Omaha, have confidence in the directors of the concern, who are the city commissioners. This was shown by the vote at the election just a few days ago. Yet that confidence might be enhanced if the directors were to make a complete exhibit of the records and accounts of each department. No one's honesty is called into question, nor the capacity of any for the management of the business he is entrusted with. It would be but the ordinarily prudent management of a great business.

The item of cost will be a controlling factor. No provision is made in the budget for any such expense, and it will be a big job to overhaul all the records of all the departments. We feel very certain that this alone will determine the course of the commissioners, for it may be accepted without argument that each will be willing to have the books of his department gone over. While it may not be possible now, some time provision should be made for the periodical examination of the books and the publication of findings, so the public may know.

SPEEDING UP THE OLD WORLD.

Tales of how the bold birdman flew across the country with the prize fight pictures are now headed to the junk heap. It was only a day ago that this sort of a thriller was first chop on the market. Now it will be a race to the telephone office. The alert reporter will greet the equally alert "rewrite man," not with the old formula, but "Here's the picture," for the "lex job" of the neophyte reporter has been done away with by the latest invention.

In forty-four minutes photographs were transmitted from Cleveland to New York and prepared for newspaper reproduction. Most of this time was taken for development and other processes in New York. The photos actually were transmitted in less than five minutes. It is simply a trick use of light. The Herald-Tribune of New York gives this information regarding the process:

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Here is a splendid field for your mind, if it needs exercise. For a short time try to imagine what this newest invention may lead to. One effect it is bound to have is to extend our credulity, for with it and all the other wonders that are coming to pass, who will be so bold as to set a limit on possibilities, and say of anything, "It can not be done?" The old world is certainly moving these days.

WHY GIRLS LEAVE HOME.

A young woman has disappeared from her home in Omaha for no apparent reason. She had steady employment, was getting along nicely with all with whom she came in contact, had the steady attention of a young man who sought her in marriage, and about all that may be regarded as needful for happiness. Yet she is gone, leaving no trace or word or explanation, and naturally her friends and relatives are greatly perturbed.

Police are continually hunting for the girl who leaves her home on a sudden impulse. Most of them are discovered and returned to accustomed surroundings. Some never are located, or, if they are it is after such lapse of time as has removed any recollection of the circumstances of their going. Many reasons are assigned by those who make a study of the phenomena of society for this phase of girl life.

Chief of the causes assigned are that the girl gradually tires of her situation, the monotony of a routine life wearing on her nerves. Suddenly the pressure becomes too great, she yields to an impulse, and is away on an adventure she knows nothing whatever about in advance. In this she is but imitating her brother, who also feels and acts upon an impulse to get away, to do something else, to be among strangers entirely on his own.

Girls tire of the "sheltered life," pine for freedom, and now and then go after it. Conclusions that such girls are wrong are justified in part, but that they are unduly exposed does not follow. Generally a girl who knows enough to strike out for herself knows enough to take care of herself. In this day of ready entrance for a girl into jobs of all sorts, there is not much need to worry over that phase of the case. We do think, though, that for the peace of mind of those left behind, the disappearing girl ought to let the folks at home know where she is.

Maybe if the University of Omaha girls arrange for an ice palace next May they will have better luck than they did with their Maypole.

Nebraska once had men in congress who did not get angry if accused of kissing a pretty girl.

Joe Koutsky's program means a lot of work on Omaha's streets, if it is ever carried out.

Now the legislature is being scolded for not providing a bigger penitentiary. What a life!

Steps might be taken to include Herrin in the disarmament treaty.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

A MEDIUM.
I like an optimistic cuss;
In fact, the world has room
For lots of faith to strengthen us
And wayward frowns and gloom.
And when the skies are dank and grim,
And one's delight has gone—
I like to feel the urge of vim,
And journey on and on.
I like to meet with one who knows
That earth is not asleep;
That there are these and there are those
Sincere and kind and true,
And that the efforts of the most
Are offered to uplift
The deeds of which old warriors boast,
And with discretion praise.
And yet—I'llusion I detest
As well as those who shout
What never ought to be expressed,
Nor even be dreamed about.
A tiny ray of honest light
Should not be hooded glow,
Nor should ugly, ghoulish blight
Be soothing and urged to grow.

It's About Time You Got Busy, Young Feller, Here Come Your Folk



Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but names will be given preference.

Why He Wants the Bonus.

Norfolk, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In your paper you have a write up by "Old Fogy" called "Patriotism and Patriotism." In this writing it is so put that the boys that were in the service of the United States army in taking a bonus were putting a price upon their patriotism. Now, I wish to ask him: What pay was he receiving during that time that the boys were in the service? And how many hours a day his work called for him to be on the job? Was it eight or 24 hours, as the boys had? Now, take the boys of my company; we all enlisted for the war, for \$20 per month. Out of that we bought bonds. That was good when we returned home. Then came his insurance; then his \$12 a month home to his wife, mother, father or sisters. Now, in most cases, his pay at the end of the month was about \$7.50. Now he had his food, clothing, bed, and if the United States sent him anywhere his railway fare paid. But at all times he was in the service and must ask when he was going and where he was going and how long he wanted to stay. Maybe he did not go.

Now, we all know what our mother, father, wife, sweethearts, sisters and little brothers did for us. But if he had a better wage, as most of the folks here had, would not the mother, wife, sister and sweetheart have done the same? It was something to take their thoughts away from one that was gone, that in time to come they and others to come could live in this land of the free. I know what my mother told me when I went, and I will never forget it. All though she is gone now, her words still ring in my ears. All the boys

Abe Martin



It's a mighty ole-fashioned girl that haint in th' pink o' condition these days. A woman allus smiles when she says she's awfully sorry. (Copyright, 1924.)

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V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1924.
W. H. QUIVEY, Notary Public.

that went had the same word told them by one dear to him. Now, is this bonus going to pay the ex-service men gold? No. Does the United States know how the wet, cold and life in the trenches or behind the line bring up on the boys in time to come, say in the next 20 years? No. Say the boy when out lost a leg or arm or some part of his body, does the United States know how he will be in 20 years? No. Now, none know: the government pays the men that lost some part of their body, but will any insurance company carry him so that his wife and little one will be taken care of if not he is gone? This is why most, if not all of the boys, were for an insurance plan of bonus.

The boys that are able-bodied now do not know how long they will be that way, and they like to feel that their loved ones are getting something in return for when he went away, as he is giving them all that he can now. He says that it owes to no able-bodied man more than an even chance to work out his own future. How many of the able-bodied men return to find his place taken by some one at home, and that his old boss did not like to let him go, as things had changed so while he was gone that it would be like taking on a new man; so right now he could not, but would keep him in mind, and if he run across anything would let him know. Lots were told that, "I was, and I was getting more in a week than I was in a month in the army, but I was glad to go, just like most of the boys were, with all the things that were to be done for us—our old places back when we returned. So we forgot the money part and went for our country, thinking of the fine loss we had at home, of the loved ones and the things we could give them when we returned; but why bring up things that have gone and

passed now? So that is why we were for the bonus. Not gold for our "patriotism," but for the one that stayed at home in return for what they did for us, the ex-service men.

POVERTY IN BERLIN.

We were eating dinner in a beautiful Berlin restaurant. For the first time since I came to Germany, the heavy, desolate feeling which had weighed me down had left me. The music was beautiful. The people looked so interesting. The atmosphere was charming. Suddenly I looked out of the large, plate glass window and there with her face pressed against the glass was an old woman watching us. Her eyes were fastened upon the food on our plates. Her jaws worked. Her lips were just as steep, and the road into town still swings past the old home place.

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Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet.
Celia Thaxter
THE ROAD TO YESTERDAY.
Down the long, broad road as it leads away
To the pleasant scenes of Yesterday—
To the orchard wide where the laden trees
Swing to and fro in the balmy breeze;
By the old well sweep with its creaking pole—
And the big white rock by the swimming hole—
Ah, the scent that comes from the new mown hay
Where long rows lay
"Neath the sunbeams' play
On the long, wide road to Yesterday!
The milestones stand with their tinge of gray
As the wind harks back to Yesterday.
And the road grows smooth as the eyes behold
The longlost scenes of the days of old—
Faces bright of the old school crowd;
Long since wrapped in the sheet and shroud;
Welcome shouts from the chums so gay
Who romp and play
In the old-time way
By the long, wide road to Yesterday!
The evening lamp through the window shines,
And we see once more the stumbling lines
Of the old text books, and each puzzling rule
That caused us grief in the hours of school.
And a sweet old face 'gainst the window pane
Looks down the reach of the shady lane;
And the welcome gleams in her bright eyes play
As on we stray
Through the evening gray
Down the old, old road to Yesterday!
Down the long, wide road as it leads away
To the old-time scenes of that Yesterday.
When the heart was light as the thistle's down,
And we little knew of the world's harsh frown
Where the friends we knew were the girls and boys
To divide our woes and to share our joys—
Where life was sweet and the hours were gay
With love and play
In our childhood way
At the end of the road to Yesterday!
Being in a somewhat reminiscent mood we can not refrain from mentioning a little visit on the side while journeying with the Good Will crowd representing the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. We ducked the special long enough to run down to Oregon, Mo., where we had a brief visit with some of the oldest of our friends, who are also the best friends we ever had. Just 45 years ago this month we secured a job as "devil" from Deacon Dobyns, publisher of the Oregon Sentinel.
The old schoolmates are a little grayer, the trees in the court house square are much bigger, the residences are considerably better, but otherwise the old town hasn't changed much. The hills are just as steep, and the road into town still swings past the old home place.
It was a joy to travel again over The Road to Yesterday and be a boy again with the boy and girl friends. We would advise all of you to drop business cares now and then and take a trip over the same road.
WILL M. MAUPIN.

In New York.
Newsboy—Wot d'ya read?
Blank—I've been out of the city for a few days. What papers have you?—Judge.



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