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WHOSE PRAYERS WON?

If prayers won the world's war, whose prayer was it that accomplished such wonderful results? Whose prayer was responsible for the retreat of the invading Huns? Whose prayer was it that stopped the Hun advance at Chateau Thierry, hurled them back in the Argonne and routed them at Metz? These are questions which we have asked ourselves many times since hearing Rev. J. P. Clancy make the statement at the city hall Saturday night that, "Generalissimo Foch said it was the prayers of the Catholic men, women and children which won the war." Father Clancy stated that General Foch, who is a devout Catholic, prayed morning and evening for the success of his troops. We have no doubt of the truthfulness of this statement, for when the invading hordes of Huns were near Paris, and when transports were docked and ready to take soldiers across the English Channel in the event that Paris fell, it was time to pray. It was about this time, however, that the American doughboy entered into the thick of the fray. The a accomplishment of the American army is a matter of history and need not be repeated. Father Clancy knows this, for like many hundreds of other patriotic Americans, he was "over there."

We will take it for granted that prayer played its part in the memorable struggles and we will admit that the guiding hand of General Foch was, to a great extent, responsible for the defeat of the kaiser's army, but we are not willing to admit that it was the "prayers of Catholic men, women and children," as Father Clancy said General Foch stated, that was the entire factor, for we believe that while these people were praying for the success of the war, we also believe that thousands of Protestant mothers and fathers whose sons were in the front line, were praying just as many times and as consistently as did General Foch. And, perhaps, when General Pershing sent the flower of the manhood of this country into the Argonne, he offered a silent prayer for their safety and for the success of the American expedition, and it is more than possible that he offered another prayer for the comfort of those mothers and fathers whose sons would fall in battle.

If prayer and General Foch won the war, what part did Pershing and American soldiers play? Ask any ex-service man in St. Helens who saw service in the Argonne and he will say that he relied as much on powder and ball and something to eat as anything else, and if he prayed, his prayer was that some German sniper didn't pick him off or a German shell didn't burst near where he was. We believe in prayer. It was taught us in early childhood and the teachings of mother and father have not been forgotten as childhood ripened into mature years and we do not scoff at prayer for it is the outpouring of the heart to that Invisible One, for aid, comfort and strength, but we do not believe that any one sect or creed has a monopoly on the channels of prayerful intercourse with the Creator, who created us all and all equal.

WALKING HAPPILY AHEAD.

It is the attitude which we take toward our work and our life that establishes, largely, our viewpoint on life in general.

Mortimer Granville in his book, "How to Make the Best of Life," has this to say. "It is not by being anxious in an inordinate or unduly fussy fashion that men can hope to live long and well. The best way to live well is to work well."

One of the most seductive and mischievous of errors in self-management is the practice of giving way to inertia, weakness and depression. Those who desire to live should settle this well in their minds, that nerve power is the force of life and that the will has a wondrously strong and direct influence over the body through the brain and the nervous system.

More and more, it does seem, that this world is getting to be one great family of fretters!

It isn't work that kills. Work builds bodies, minds and souls. It establishes standards. It washes away that which is not beautiful and puts in its place that which stands as an inspiration.

Walk merrily ahead and you will walk happily ahead. Digest a meal in anger and depression and you feed yourself enough poison to weaken your body machine for days!

Mix your food with laughter and a happy frame of mind and you will rise to go forth "from conquering to conquer," though the meal be nothing more than the simplest fare.

Get into the frame of mind of never being whipped. Then, purchase, should you ever be so unfortunate as actually to be whipped—why, you won't even know it!

God hates a whiner. He hates an excuser. He hates a fellow who will never admit that he is wrong, but who harbors perfection. That is, I think that He hates these chaps.

But he who whistles his way

along—come what may—I am sure is destined to live the happiest sort of life, though it be spotted at times with gloom and discouragement.

The difficult thing about this life of ours is not to face and solve the difficult things, but so to organize our minds and our hearts that we may efficiently use every moment given us in a way to get the most done.—George Adams in Everett (Wn.) News.

HOW IT WORKS.

Chief Rain-in-the-Face considered himself a progressive Indian, so when a settler told him that feathers were comfortable to sleep on he decided to give the idea a fair and impartial trial.

Procuring a nice shiny crow feather, he put it on the ground and lay down on it for his night's rest.

In the morning the chief awoke tired and stiff and very displeased with himself. He arose and said: "White man heap damn liar. Feather no good bed."

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

October 7 to 14 has been designated by proclamation of the governor as "Fire Prevention Week" in Oregon. Every week should be Fire Prevention Week, for year by year the national destruction of life and property by fire has been mounting until the annual loss of material wealth now approximates the enormous sum of \$485,000,000. This means the wiping out of needed resources at the rate of about \$1,370,000 per day, in addition to the destruction of 48 lives daily. Our fire waste is excessive. Much of it is caused by carelessness. The evil should be corrected.

CHEER UP! CHEER UP!

What's the use of the envy and unrest that is bringing the country to the verge of privation if not war? If we could all realize our wishes we might be worse off. The trouble with Americans is that they have lost their senses of a good thing when they see it. Look at the picture of plenty that Iowa is and quit repining. Take a view of Europe through the lens of the news and thank providence that you are alive in America!—Sibley (Ia.) Tribune.

UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION.

It is all very nice for the other fellow to go back to the 1913 level in the prices or the wages he gets. But when number one must do it, he thinks it is all wrong. Nevertheless it is everlasting true that, as one farmer expressed it, we cannot go on under a price arrangement by which the farmer pays eight hours of his work for one hour of work east of the Alleghenies.—Mitchell (S. D.) Republican.

Happiness can not exist where there is no contentment, and contentment will not survive where either party resorts to continual bickering and fault finding.

Have you registered? Remember, October 7th is the last day, but it is not necessary to put it off until the last day. Do it now!

With the Turks in power once more, it seems that we will never get through with this "Near East" relief work.

A volume of the first edition of Bunyan's "Pilgrim Progress" recently sold at auction in London for \$10,000.

Many a home that should be ruled by happiness is swamped in misery. And why?

A dollar goes far enough nowadays to forget the way back.

The perpetual fault-finder is an effective home destroyer.

Funny things happen. A poet has become a prize fighter.

This life is full of chances that are never taken.

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