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LET US BE THANKFUL.

Let us be thankful that we live in a great country of one hundred million people, in the midst of peace and prosperity.

That the Lord has been merciful in not visiting upon us the sins of our fathers by plunging us into war.

That we are able from our plenty to succor many of the starving nations of the world.

That we are well governed and permitted to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

That we live in a well governed state at the head of which are able, honest and conscientious officials.

That we live in a rich and productive region which has been blessed with good crops and in a city that has work for the workers and healthful surroundings.

That we are honest and kind and earn a little and spend a little less and make upon the whole a family happier for our presence.

That we take part in the struggle of daily life with fortitude and courage and face the future with courage, without grumbling or whining.

Truly when we consider the blessings with which we as a nation, a people and as individuals have been visited our hearts are and should be, filled with gratitude.

Our cups are filled to overflowing and goodness and mercy are following us on our footsteps through life.

BOTH SIDES NEED WATCHING.

While the United States has been in frequent diplomatic collisions with the Central powers over breaches of international law in submarine warfare, the entente allies have been no less vexing in their unceasing claims to be able to modify international law to suit their own sweet will.

Not only has Great Britain humiliated and confiscated our mail on neutral

vessels but she has placed American firms upon a blacklist, has gone so far as to inspect shipments of American cargoes upon neutral vessels leaving the United States, has declared money in contraband of war, has forbidden American newspapers to circulate in Canada and England, has waged war upon an American news association, and has denied the right of Austria to send an ambassador to the United States.

The United States is and should be a neutral nation. The rights we have should not be trampled upon any more by the entente allies than by the Central powers, and we regard with pleasure the protests this administration is making against the repeated breaches of international law upon the part of Great Britain.

New York has become the financial headquarters of the world. The big financiers are tied up, from motives of financial gain with Great Britain. It is with pleasure also that we read of the warning of the Federal Reserve Board to the bankers of the United States that it regards with disfavor the efforts of the Morgans to load up the banks of this country with the bonds of the allies under the guise of short term loans.

The stand of the Federal Reserve Board that the money of the United States should be used for the needs of the farmers, the merchants, the manufacturers, the business men of this country is sound financial policy. If the banks heed this advice and make their investments in securities close at home, we will be able to face the contraction of business and credits that will follow the end of the war.

The nations of Europe are commencing to show signs of exhaustion. The era of high prices is the first sign of a collapse of the foreign financial systems. Investors who are tempted by the high interest rates of foreign government loans had better keep their money at home. There is one thing certain. When the crash comes, the strong boxes of the big financial firms engaged in foisting war loans upon the American public will be barren and empty of the very class of securities that they are so eager to unload upon the banks and the American people.

GEORGE C. ISRAEL.

George C. Israel, who died Sunday in Seattle, was a personal friend of the editor of The Observer.

Mr. Israel was a well-known lawyer for many years a resident of Olympia, Wash.

Mr. Israel was counsel for State Commissioner John H. Shively in the famous impeachment trial before a special session of the State Senate in 1909 and won a victory for his client.

A brilliant lawyer, an able pleader, Mr. Israel had few equals in intellect and industry and zeal in the practice of his profession.

EASILY ANSWERED.

The question of how to address Miss Jeanette Rankin, member of congress from Montana, is worrying some highbrows. When the speaker addresses her colleagues he says: "The gentleman from Montana has the floor." Since the speaker will probably be a gentleman, he will say: "The lady from Montana."

The death of Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain is received with sadness. A beautiful woman, her untimely death makes a person wish she had not been attracted to enter the hurly-burly of a political campaign in the west.

Wasco county is going to spend \$260,000 to help make the Columbia highway passable for Eastern Oregon people. We call that a real neighborly act.

Henry Miller's estate is likely to pay a \$1,000,000 inheritance tax. This is almost enough to make the great cattleman turn over in his grave.

The girl who wouldn't live on a

farm for \$10,000 must want to see the bright lights.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Nearing the End. The extremes to which the war has driven the nations engaged is shown by the events reported on a single day. France orders a census of the effectives for military service in 1918. Germany decides to enroll a home army for general labor service. King George of Britain orders all unmarried men on the staff of his palaces to report for military service. The Dutch sift ash heaps for cinders because of the scarcity of fuel. Germany employs 35,000 and France 32,000 women in place of men on railroads. When the nations have come to such shifts in the third year of war, what may they not be driven to do in the fourth and fifth years, if it should continue so long?—The Oregonian.

WIT AND HUMOR

One on Son. Father (truelly going on his last dollar): "Money has wings and hours rents make it fly," he said. "Yes," said his 15-year-old son, "and some houses have wings, for I've seen many a house fly." "You're smarter than your old dad, maybe, my son, but I always thought that no part of the house except the chimney flue."

Had Limitations. The physician had been called in haste to see a small negro who was ill. After a brief examination the doctor announced: "This boy has eaten too much watermelon." "Oh, doctor," expostulated the parent of the ailing one, "dey ain't no sich ting as too much watermelon. Dat niggah jus' ain' got 'nough stomach."

Dangerous Comparisons. Here is the experience that befell one of San Francisco's police judges. Those who witnessed the incident say that he was embarrassed beyond description.

Before this judge stood a tall and brawny man. Features and accent left no doubt of his Swedish birth.

He was there to testify against a fellow workman, whom he charged with hurling a rock in the midst of an argument over the war, inflicting a painful scalp injury.

"How big was the rock?" inquired the magistrate.

"She bane good big rock," answered the complaining witness.

"Was it as large as my fist?" asked the judge, holding up a clenched hand.

"She bane bigger'n him," was the reply.

"Well, was it as large as my two fists?" the court inquired, illustrating again.

"Big'n him," came the answer.

"Well, was it as large as my head?" asked the judge, impatiently.

"I guess maybe she bane as big, Judge, but not so thick," replied the witness.—The Wasp.

Simple Subtraction. An actress, in a discussion of stage life, said at a supper in New York.

"A school teacher was once explaining an arithmetic lesson to a class of little girls.

"In subtraction," he explained, 'everything must be of the same denomination. For example, you couldn't take two oranges from three apples, nor five sheep from seven cows, nor—

"But here a little girl interrupted the teacher solemnly.

"My sister, what's a chorus girl," she said, "took a diamond from a lobster once!"

Disappointed. An old Scotch woman, who had friends to save her photograph taken and who was at last induced to consent, in order that she might send her likeness to her son in America, is the heroine of the following anecdote:

On receiving the first proof she failed to recognize the figure represented as herself, so, card in hand, she set out for the artist's studio.

"Is that me?" she queried.

"Yes, madam," replied the artist.

"And is it like me?" she again asked.

"Yes, madam, it's a speaking likeness."

"A weel," she said resignedly, "it's a humblin' sight."

THANKSGIVING. A Prayer. Though we be Blind, still may we see Thy Handiwork, and know Its worth;

Though we be Dumb, still may we speak Thy Word in Thought and Deed;

Though we be Deaf, still may we hear Thy Voice and do Thy Bidding;

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE. An Expert Foot Specialist From Chicago Will be at This Store Dec. 9 to 11 to demonstrate Dr. Scholl's Foot Specialties for the Relief and Correction of all Foot Ailments. Consult Him Entirely Free. Blankets and Comfortables of the best wearing qualities. We could not buy these blankets and comforts from the factory to-day for the price they are offered to you—No greater bargains in the store.

Getting along in the World. People Like to Have Their Names Remembered. One of the many things which has contributed to the success of George C. Boldt, the well-known hotel man, is his ability to remember the names of his guests. A writer in the December American Magazine tells how he does it. He says: "Early in his hotel experience Boldt discovered that there is no item of courtesy which pleases a guest much more than simply to be remembered, to be called by name. And so Boldt made a special effort on this point. Finding that he was rather lacking in this phase of memory, he set out to develop his mind in this direction. "He found that even the simple process of repeating a name over to himself two or three times helped tremendously. You are introduced to a man, and are apt to be looking at him so intently that you do not even hear his name when it is spoken. Boldt always made it a point to catch the name—to have said it over to himself two or three times, while associating it with the man's face and with his general appearance. He made a mental picture to himself of the way the name would look when written out."

A Cripple Who Forgot the Word "Can't". The December American Magazine prints an article that will be a great help to all cripples. It says: "Twenty-eight years ago F. R. Bigler, who is familiarly known as 'Boyc' to hundred of his friend and admirers in Kansas City, Missouri, was conductor on a Western railroad. One day on duty he suffered an accident that resulted in the loss of his right arm just below the elbow and his left foot just above the ankle. "Instead of bending or breaking under the blow, Bigler straightway began a most remarkable up-hill fight—one that was destined to be of great import to cripples all over the world. Let him tell you the story of that fight just as I persuaded him to tell it to me: "The first thing a cripple should make up his mind to do (said Bigler) is to forget there is such a word as 'can't.' The key to all doors is not 'I will,' but 'I must.' "An Easy Path to Real Money. In the family money department of the December American Magazine, a writer says: "On March 1st, 1915, my wife persuaded me to take out five shares of building and loan stock, which necessitated my paying \$5 every month. I kept at it faithfully and regularly,

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