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Generous Motives of Americans Misunderstood

The American army of occupation in Germany started in with the declared intention of interfering with German life and customs as little as possible.

The motives and practices of those Americans are a credit to them and to their country. But they have found that their fine ideals would not work.

The result has been that the American army has adopted the same strict rules enforced by the occupying British and French armies to govern the German population.

It is done, frankly, for the moral effect on the German people. And it will probably be good for them.

China, Risen Above Her Slavery, an Example.

While the United States is becoming seriously concerned at the growth of the "dope" evil, and virtually confessing inability to cope with the problem, it is instructive and inspiring to note what China has been doing about opium.

Thanks to the courage of the Chinese government and the essential morality of the Chinese people, China, so long the slave of opium, is now free.

1. If the opium dealer is a shopkeeper, all the banks and money shops shall refuse to have anything to do with him in money matters, so that he will have to close his shop for lack of funds and banking facilities.

2. If a wealthy man be discovered dealing in opium, his name shall be given to the elder of his family, with the request that the guilty person be cast out from the family.

3. If an employer of a shop dealer in opium the shopkeeper shall dismiss the man, whose name will be published in the newspaper, so that he will not be able to find employment elsewhere.

with if they were the opium dealers themselves.
5. If damage is done to opium dealers and their properties, the chamber of commerce shall refuse to grant compensation.

Piring the Cook and the Chamber Maid.

Houses without kitchens and houses without dining rooms are discussed in two articles in a current magazine.

This plan has been tried successfully. There is a club in a New Jersey town which serves cooked meals to members, and which has been running long enough to have passed the stage of experiment.

That the house servant of the past will no longer be available in the future seems certain. In many communities she has all but vanished, her place to a large extent having been taken by machinery.

The house without a dining room for a small number of adults seems to work very well; but where there are children or irregularity about the meals, people who have tried it find it more bother than it is worth.

Fighting Booze Via Airplane.

Airplanes are indeed useful in peace as in war. Would-be "dry" Florida has been having difficulties with airplanes that bring liquor into the state from "wet" localities along the Gulf.

It is not stated in the dispatch whether the airplane observer used the wireless telephone to notify the officers or whether the official raid was conducted by airplane.

The suggestion is made that in the progress of reconstruction many of our returning soldiers will feel themselves perfectly capable of holding public office.

Illiteracy is said to be to blame for the Bolshevik terror in Russia. Since this same ignorance will prevent the Bolsheviks from reading the handwriting on the wall which is now foretelling their downfall, it may be necessary to employ the objective method of instruction with plenty of hemp and steel used in illustration.

There has been a lot of talk about "what the country owes its soldiers." Before indulging in any more oratory on the subject the country had better show a little concrete evidence of intention to pay what it owes.

A woman writer declared that some "soul mates" are married to each other. Isn't that dreadfully irregular?

An elderly lady who was about to cross the Atlantic for the first time was warned by a nervous neighbor of the danger of the "great deep." "Aweel, sweet," she replied, "it's been a dummer, and I think the sea'll be no jery deep."

JUSTICE FIRST.

Across a world where all men grieve And grieving strive the more, The great days range like sides and leave Our dead on every shore.

Before we lose the word That bids new worlds to birth, Needs must we loosen first the sword Of justice upon earth;

A people and their king Through ancient sin grew strong, Because they feared no reckoning, Would set bound to wrong;

That when the dooms are read, Nor high nor low shall say: "My haughty or my humble head Has saved me in this day."

That neither schools nor priests, Nor kings may build again A people with the heart of beasts Made wise concerning men.

That peace for which they paid

OBITUARY.

ELMER HENRY SPECKHART
The funeral services for Elmer Henry Speckhart were held Monday afternoon at 2:30.

Elmer Henry Speckhart, son of John and Josephine Speckhart, was born in Quincy, Ill., November 5, 1891, and passed out of this life in the early morning of January 3, 1919, aged 27 years, 1 month and 28 days.

His early life was spent with his parents in Illinois, and he came with them to this valley March 5, 1905. He was united in marriage to Abbie Loos March 19, 1913.

Elmer had serious accidents during his short life. When 12 years of age, he was kicked by a horse in the face, which caused him to be unconscious for a time.

So He Had to Help.
"Some fellows seem to think it is smart to forget to mail the letters their wife hands 'em," said the matrimonial martyr.

Cold Storage.
Refrigerator cars cooled by ammonia machines operated by internal combustion engines utilizing petroleum fuel are being built for a German railroad.

"AVERAGE MAN" CAN FLY.
As military aviation is growing out of the experimental stage the training necessary for it can be systematized.

January 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 1-8-21

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THE FORUM

The Place Where Everyone Has His Say.

MR. RICHARDSON PLEASSED
To the editor of the Observer:
I read very carefully the clear and lengthy article contributed to your paper last evening by City Commissioner Grandy and I am pleased to note that he has had a change of heart and no longer "preaches the ban as kids play" and understands fully the good results accomplished while the ban was on.

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January 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 1-8-21
Board of Directors will be elected, to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualify, and such other business will be considered as may properly offer.
F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.
Daily from Dec. 13 to Jan. 14.

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