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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet  
Land of Liberty."

Simple Life With Work Is  
the Cure.

"I desire that a campaign be car-  
ried on in all provinces having for  
its aim stimulation of a greater pro-  
duction and more frugality among  
consumers," said Premier Nitti of  
Italy, and in those words he preached  
a sermon which the world must listen  
to or later listen to.

In every community the waste of  
living is simply criminal. People are  
living beyond their means, and this  
applies to all classes alike. There is  
but one solution of present conditions,  
and that is to get down to earth and  
live more within ourselves. In Union  
county there is large areas of land not  
producing. In La Grande alone there  
is enough vacant land idle this year to  
feed half of the people of the town.  
But it is not used. Why? Because no  
one wants to work the land. There are  
too many things to amuse, too many  
sources of pleasure.

So long as we depend entirely upon  
some one else to furnish us everything  
we eat, just so long will we all live  
"by the skin of our teeth" dreading  
the first of the month with its multi-  
plicity of bills. Even bread baking  
has become a lost art in many house-  
holds, yet any miller will gladly tell  
you that it cost at least twice as much  
to buy bread as it does to make it at  
home. The prepared foods are a curse  
to many people, for it makes life so  
easy, all they have to do is to have  
the money to buy them.

Added to the food question comes  
the question of styles in clothes. Es-  
pecially does this apply to women's  
clothes. Hundred dollar dresses are  
now quite common and twenty-five  
dollar shoes are being in sight. These  
things are criminal extravagance  
and there is no other way to  
figure them. Every man likes to see  
well dressed women, if he is a man in  
any sense of the word, but when it  
becomes necessary to buy a good coat  
to buy one flimsy dress for a woman  
the time has arrived to call a halt.  
The family sewing machine is covered  
with dust, because it is not the thing  
housewives for women to sew. They ear-  
nestly everything ready-made. Does it  
not stand to reason that someone has  
to be paid for making the garments?

And so it goes, clear down the line  
—just one gigantic expense piling up  
on top of another until finally reck-  
lessness follows; the desire to retain a  
good credit ceases and life, being  
every one is off in a bunch to get  
what they want when they want it re-  
gardless of results.

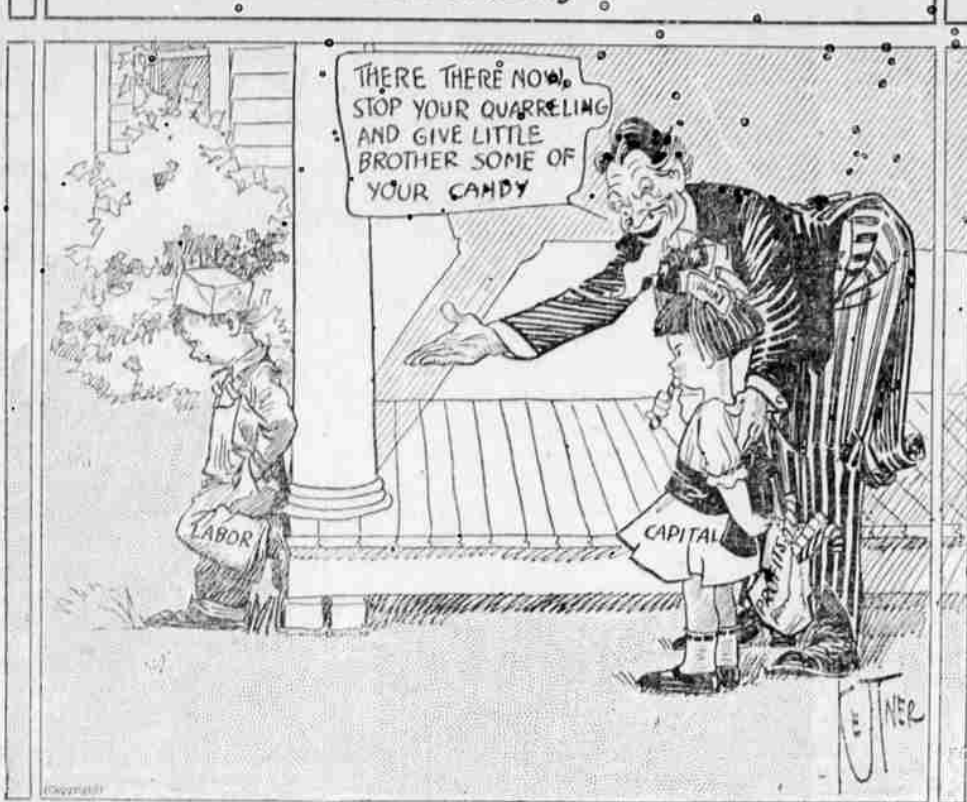
It is all right to want at the jack-  
pot, the wholesale grocer and every  
one else whom you think a profiteer,  
but the greatest crime of all is  
being committed by the people them-  
selves in the way they are living.

Again you will say, after reading  
this editorial, "oh, well, there goes  
the old Observer preaching again, but it  
is no remedy." This time you are  
wrong. The Observer has a remedy  
and that remedy is to join the colony  
of level headed people who have come  
to the conclusion it is not necessary to  
live with pavement on all sides, and  
who are willing to go back a little  
way in the city where they can have  
gardens and chickens and perhaps a  
few more cows. These things are good  
civilizers as well as food producers.  
There is a happiness about such a  
place that is not obtainable from a  
monk's basket. It is home—such a  
home as many of the older people  
were raised in; it is a home that has  
a splendor and fragrance all of its  
own; it is a home from which come  
the sturdy youth who will make our  
great doctors, lawyers, preachers and  
statesmen. Try it and save money.

Day of the Parachute Is At  
Hand.

It remains rather difficult for the  
traveler on the water to get off and  
walk when he reaches the boat.  
It is going to be different with the  
air passenger. He may open his para-  
chute and descend to earth any time  
he wishes.

## Labor Day



Parachuting to earth from balloons  
is nothing new. Neither is it particu-  
larly difficult or daring under proper  
conditions. But parachuting from a  
swiftly moving airplane is more strenu-  
ous and requires more courage for  
the initial jump, although in time it  
will probably seem as safe and tame  
as descending from the top story of a  
tall building in a well regulated ele-  
vator.

The parachute is the aerial naviga-  
tor's life preserver. His machine may  
crash to earth while the aviator  
glides slowly and safely down with his  
parachute. There are other up-to-date  
uses for this old device. Deliveries of  
mail and other packages can be made  
while the plane continues on its way  
in the air. There was the crate of eggs  
that was wafted gently to earth with  
the grace and lightness of a feather or  
a falling leaf. And there was the  
member of the R-34's crew who de-  
scended to the landing field from the  
sky in order to superintend the anch-  
oring of the big ship.

Comparative safety must be assured  
if the airplane is to develop fully. Is  
this the parachute to be a great help.

Is the Scheme of Govern-  
ment Failing?

The New York World, always a  
strong Democratic newspaper, issues  
the following indictment against the  
present congress and the scheme of  
government under which we are trying  
to live. It is reported to give Over-  
eater's readers the view taken by one of  
the prominent newspapers of the na-  
tion:

Never before has there been such a  
widespread economic discontent in the  
United States as there is now, not  
even in the most profound periods of  
financial depression. That fact is ap-  
parent to everybody except profes-  
sional politicians who keep their ears  
so close to the ground that they never  
sense what is going on around them.

Population was no only sectional but  
it was mainly agrarian, yet it manag-  
ed in time to take possession of the  
Democratic party in spite of the pres-  
ence of a Democratic President in the  
White House, to nominate William  
Jennings Bryan for President on a  
free silver platform, and to secure Wall  
street out of a year's dividends which  
went into the Republican campaign  
fund by way of denouncing the elec-  
torate in defense of "the national" an-  
chor.

The radicalism that threatens the  
country today is neither agrarian nor  
sectional. All classes are more or less  
affected by it, and while it is still un-  
organized it will lend itself readily to  
organization if the leader appears, as  
leaders have a habit of doing when  
the opportunity exists. This new rad-  
icalism is not so uncomplicated as  
so believe; that it can make itself rich  
by eating the dollar in two. It has  
more practical aims, which amount  
substantially to a redistribution of  
property, and especially of the control  
and earnings of property.

Complacent gentlemen in Wall  
Street who have been in the habit of  
putting their pencils and assuring  
themselves that there was really  
nothing to worry about, inasmuch as  
American labor is the best paid labor  
in the world and looks the hard that  
feels it, are taking a different view  
of things since the Plumb plan was  
submitted to Congress by the railroad  
brotherhoods; yet the Plumb plan is  
only the beginning, just as those na-  
tionwide strikes are only the begin-  
ning.

In the midst of this turmoil the  
country has a Congress that has come  
to function. Its bankruptcy is one  
of the most startling signs of the  
collapse of the old political order.  
Neither the House nor the Senate  
has the faintest appreciation of what  
is going on. Senators and Representa-  
tives are playing the ancient game of  
politics in the ancient way, oblivious  
of the possibility that they may awake  
one fine morning in the early morn-  
ing.

Democratic and Republican Parties  
have ceased to exist, except in name,  
and that the two organizations have  
nothing to divide except a minority  
vote. That may not happen, but it  
can easily happen, and Congress, by  
its incapacity, by its refusal to cope  
with an economic situation that  
grows steadily worse, is doing more  
than all the other agencies combined  
to bring it about.

In the three months in which it has  
been in session it has accomplished  
nothing except the destruction of day-  
light saving. That is its solitary  
achievement. To be sure the appro-  
priation bills that were held up in the  
regular session by a Republican filib-  
uster have been passed in a mangled  
form; but so far as any program  
of constructive legislation is concern-  
ed Congress has done nothing nor has  
it shown itself capable of doing any-  
thing.

With the Treaty of Peace held up  
with every measure of reconstruction  
held up, with popular discontent in-  
creasing by leaps and bounds, Con-  
gress still believes that it can fool  
all the people some of the time and  
that the illusion may be kept up until  
after the 1920 elections.

Two Sides to the Storage  
Question.

There has been a demand lately in  
many parts of the country that stor-  
age houses be raided and emptied, and  
their contents sold forthwith to ease  
the cost of foodstuffs. Some action  
along this line has really been taken  
in several cities, provisions of one  
kind or another being seized in the  
name of the state or federal govern-  
ment and dumped into the open mar-  
ket.

It is a natural thing to do, in the  
present state of public exasperation.  
And it is no more than the food specu-  
lators deserve. But there is danger in  
such process unless it is handled with  
great discretion.

The storage houses are jammed to  
overflowing. There is more food stored  
up than ever before at this time of  
year. A great deal of it is held by  
gamblers—men who have not pro-  
duced any of that food, and who have not  
done, and do not expect to do, any-  
thing useful in supplying the nation  
with food. They are mere parasites on  
the food industry. Their method is to  
buy up all the necessities of life they  
can get their hands on and hold them  
for a rise in price. By withholding  
these goods from the market, they  
contribute artificially to forcing up  
the price. They make a natural mono-  
poly, and then take their profit.

It is no time for such consider-  
less parasitism. The gamblers should  
be put out of business, and in so far  
as their accumulation have been kept  
from their normal distribution, they  
ought to be seized and distributed.

But it will certainly not do to yield  
to the demands of unthinking radicals  
and "empty the storage houses."

Those storage houses are needed in  
the nation's food business just as the  
granaries that Joseph filled were  
needed for the feeding of ancient  
Egypt. Those Egyptians were there-  
by saved during seven lean years. By  
a proper handling of our butter, eggs,  
poultry, meat, etc., the American people  
are saved from what would other-  
wise be seven lean months every  
year. The storage houses are meant  
to be filled in the season of plenty  
and their wealth doled out in the  
seasons of dearth.

Generally speaking, the system  
works in this way. At present it is  
much abused by selfish interests own-  
ing storage buildings and by selfish  
speculators and dealers renting stor-  
age space. But the remedy is not to  
empty all that storage space, but to  
use it for the purpose it was intended  
for. The storage houses are meant to  
be filled in the season of plenty and  
their wealth doled out in the seasons  
of dearth.

Now Is the Time For All  
to Save.

That savings bank deposits have not  
increased in the past few years is not  
surprising. It severely requires the ex-  
perience of a finance expert to see  
why. Millions of people put their nor-  
mal savings into Liberty Bonds and  
W. S. S. Some of the wage increase  
went into the various war activities.  
And the rest has been easily eaten up  
by the very great increase in cost of  
almost all commodities.

The government loans have come  
to an end now. By Christmas the last  
Victory Loan payments will be made.  
What then?

By purchasing their Liberty Bonds  
and paying for them to a large extent  
out of current earnings, the American  
people have learned to save as they  
never did before. With war emergen-  
cies gone the lessons of thrift should  
not be forgotten. If everybody who  
bought Liberty Bonds during 1917,  
1918 and 1919 would set about putting  
into Thrift Stamps or Savings Depos-  
its as much as they put into Liberty  
Bonds, and in the same period of time  
completed during the next two years,  
completed during the next two years.  
And as conditions become normal and  
a better balance between wages and  
the cost of living is attained the pro-  
portion of saving should increase.

The American people are learning  
how to invest their money wisely.  
They need to build themselves homes  
and to improve health and happiness.  
Systematic saving for wise expendi-  
ture later will be a big assistant in  
curbing public discontent and achiev-  
ing individual comfort and self-respect.

## How to Make Money Go.

Pick up a half dollar with two  
needles, or pins, by placing the points  
on the milled edge of the coin diamet-  
rically opposite each other. By keep-  
ing the needles firmly pressed against  
the coin it will be held with sufficient  
firmness. Then blow against the coin,  
directing your breath either above or  
below the center line, and it will spin  
round at a great rate, producing a  
buzzing sound.

## Where the Grocer Was.

Doris' mother was in the habit of  
ordering her bread at Smith's grocery.  
One day while entertaining callers they  
heard Doris in the next room talking  
through her toy telephone, asking Cen-  
tral for Smith's grocery, "when she  
called: 'Mother, Mr. Smith isn't at  
home.' 'Where do you suppose he is?'  
replied the mother, Doris answered:  
'Why, he's up in heaven getting our  
daily bread.'"

## Paths of Democracy.

To accustom oneself to disregard  
the accidents of manner and station  
sufficiently to see the man as he is, to  
have a clear sight for genuine charac-  
ter for under any of the disguises of in-  
familiarity and prejudice, to know  
how simple and how common are the  
elements that go to the making of  
nobility, are the paths that lead to  
better democracy.—George E. Wood-  
berry.

## Unique London Club.

Of the many clubs in London, per-  
haps the newest and most exclusive is  
the Thirties Club, which meets at the  
thirtieth hour of the thirtieth day  
of every month. It was its inception  
a lunch held to celebrate the armistice  
during the world war, at which  
was that of those sitting down.  
The membership is restricted to 10 and  
a recent lunch every member made  
a point to upset the salt.

## Sweet Points.

It is the habit of certain who have  
joined the great postulant or when  
some difficulties believe it to be a  
great Indian origin, but others more  
likely hold that it was a native of  
tropical America.

THE A B C OF THE  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

By DR. FRANK CRANE.

1. What is the League of Nations?  
A. A union of the strongest civilized  
nations formed at the conclusion of  
the great war.

2. What is its object?  
A. First, to promote the Peace of  
the World by agreeing not to resort to  
war. Second, to deal openly with  
each other, not by secret treaties.  
Third, to improve international law.  
Fourth, to co-operate in all matters of  
common concern.

3. Does it presume to end war?  
A. No more than any government  
can end crime. It claims to reduce the  
likelihood of war.

4. What will be done to any nation  
that makes war?

A. It will be boycotted and other-  
wise penalized.

5. How else will the probability of  
war be lessened?

A. By voluntary, mutual and pro-  
portionate disarmament; by exchange-  
ing military information, by providing  
for arbitration, by protecting each na-  
tion's territorial integrity and by edu-  
cating public opinion to see the folly  
of war.

6. What else does the League pro-  
pose to do for Mankind?

A. (1) Secure fair treatment for  
labor,  
(2) suppress the White Slave  
Traffic, the sale of dangerous  
Drugs, and the traffic in War  
Munitions,  
(3) control and prevent Disease,  
(4) promote the work of the Red  
Cross, and  
(5) establish International Bu-  
reaus for other Causes that  
concern the human race.

7. Who are to be Charter Members  
of the League?

A. The United States of America,  
Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Em-  
pire, Canada, Australia, South Africa,  
New Zealand, India, China, Cuba,  
Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, France,  
Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras,  
Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Nic-  
aragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portu-  
gal, Rumania, Serbia, Siam, Uruguay  
and the following states which are in-  
vited to accede to the covenant: Argen-  
tine Republic, Chile, Colombia, Den-  
mark, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay,  
Persia, Salvador, Spain, Sweden,  
Switzerland, Venezuela.

8. What other nations may join?  
A. Any self-governing State which  
will agree to the rules of the League,  
provided the League accepts it.

9. What Agencies will the League  
have?

A. (1) An Assembly, composed of  
representatives of all the  
member Nations,  
(2) a Council of Nine,  
(3) a Secretary-General,  
(4) a Mandatory Commission, to  
look after colonies, etc.,  
(5) a Permanent Commission for  
military questions,  
(6) various International Bu-  
reaus; such as the Postal  
Union, etc.,  
(7) Mandatories.

10. What is a Mandatory?

A. Some one nation designated by  
the League to attend to the welfare of  
"backward peoples residing in colonies  
of the Central Empire, or in terri-  
tories taken from them." This is to be  
a "sacred trust," and in selecting a  
mandatory the wishes of the people  
of the area in question shall be the  
principal consideration.

11. Does the League mean a Super-  
nation?

A. No. It interferes in no way with  
any Nation's sovereignty, except to  
limit its power to attack other nations.

12. Can any Nation withdraw when  
it wishes?

A. Yes. The League is Advisory  
and Cooperative, not coercive.

13. Does the League put Peace above  
Justice and National Honor?

A. No. It puts Reason before Violence.

14. Does not the League take away  
the Constitutional right of Congress to  
declare war?

A. No. The League can advise war;  
Congress alone can declare war.

15. Does it destroy the Monroe Doc-  
trine?

A. Exactly the contrary. For the  
first time in history the other nations  
recognize the Monroe Doctrine; and  
extend it to all the world.

16. Does it not interfere with Treaty  
Making Powers of the United States?

A. No. It is a Treaty. We can make  
any Treaty we please.

17. Would we have had the Great  
War if we had the League?

A. No. That War cost the world  
over 7,000,000 lives and 200,000,000,000  
dollars.

18. Of what importance is the  
League?

A. It is the greatest deed of man-  
kind in the history of the world.

19. Has not anyone a right to ob-  
ject to the League?

A. Yes. This is a free country. Any-  
one has a right to any opinion he  
wishes.

20. Why is the League so bitterly  
opposed by a few?

A. Because, unfortunately, any  
Treaty or League must be made by the  
President, and a President is chosen  
by a political party and many mem-  
bers of the opposite party think they  
must do whatever they please.

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## Almost Universal Symbol.

The swastika symbol has been found  
depicted on tombs at Hissarlik, near  
ancient Troy; on Buddhist inscrip-  
tions in India; in Etruscan necropo-  
lises, on coins of Gaza and Corinth;  
on rock carvings in Sweden, and on  
Celtic stones in Britain. In America  
in pre-Columbian times, it was in com-  
mon use by the aborigines.

## Condition to Avoid.

The dangerous moment in life  
comes when men begin to over-value  
the past at the expense of the pres-  
ent. It is the moment of religious  
controversies, for ancestor worship,  
for narrowing in, for exalting one set  
of people and excluding another.  
When we reach it, it means that we  
are growing old. But we need never  
reach it.—Exchange.

## To Preserve Letters.

The following method of preserving  
the legibility of pencil writing is val-  
uable: Steam the letter until quite limp,  
then brush over with a solution com-  
posed of equal parts of milk and wa-  
ter. Hang it up until nearly dry. Then  
press it between two sheets of blot-  
ting paper with a hot iron.

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