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The Will to Work

All wealth, all prosperity, goes back to human effort. There is mighty little luck or chance about it.

Take England, perhaps the richest country per capita in the world. It is a small land, of no great resources. Its wealth has been gained largely abroad. It has made money in foreign trade and in foreign enterprise. It has imported raw materials and food and it has exported its products. All this has meant work.

Take New England, the richest section of the United States. It has had small natural resources, poor soil and practically no minerals. It has had hardly anything but men and women, willing to work. New England became a hive of industry and an abode of wealth. The natural poverty of the section, far from discouraging its inhabitants, was an incentive to work.

Many a fat land, and many a fat section of the United States, is less prosperous than New England and other sections lacking this natural heritage, simply because it has never buckled down to work in earnest. There is, indeed, always the danger that ease of production will make men easily contented, resulting in sloth and self-indulgence that bring poverty where there ought to be riches.

The American people as a whole became rich and powerful not so much because of the natural resources of the country, great as these were, as because of their will to get ahead.

Lately that will seems to have weakened somewhat. It was too easy, perhaps, to "make money" during the war and immediately afterward. People forgot that what really matters is "making goods." The nation became slack. The national will grew a bit weak and soft. Other nations, facing harder situations, kept everlastingly at it. As a result, other nations have forged ahead of us lately in reconstruction, and in spite of their greater handicaps, they may get on their feet industrially and commercially before we do.

The present business slump is due to this same softness as much as to any natural conditions, and possibly more so.

Effort—that is what America needs today. Effort, along with confidence. That is what created America, and that, rather than blind economic forces, or a gracious Providence, is what will pull it out of the present. Slough of Despond.

Hoff's Latest Circular

State Treasurer Hoff, who has been an ardent worker since he took the office of state treasurer, has issued a circular calling the taxpayers' attention to many things done in his office to save the state expense, all of which is very fine.

He mentions, along with other things, that the last legislature passed a law preventing the use of funds in one department to carry the indebtedness of another state department. Heretofore the treasurer has been borrowing from one to assist another and thus earning the interest which otherwise went to outside people. Mr. Hoff suggests that the law is too stringent and prevents savings in many instances.

The law was passed because some thought it was necessary to safeguard everything possible, and it would seem that in throwing safeguards on the statute has prevented the state from using its own money.

The matter of interest that would be saved need not be of great worry, however, for if just a few commissions and extra departments were eliminated the saving would so far exceed that of the interest feature that the balance would be decidedly in favor of the state.

\$60 Each

"It will cost \$60 apiece for us to run the United States government next year."

"That is the way the total of \$6,500,000,000, the anticipated expenditure during the fiscal twelve months, figures out—\$60 for every man, woman and child in the country."

"Nobody can escape the tax. It falls unevenly, but surely. The man whose income is so small that he is not assessed by the bureau of internal revenue has to pay, nevertheless, in the form of higher rent or food or some other convenience or commodity."

And, to the above bit of interesting data, Upton H. Gibbs remarks, "Add city, county and state taxes to this and then figure your tax bill. And yet private industry is criticized for organization to try and curb the rapacity of the tax booster and official spender."

Mr. Gibbs might very properly have delivered a lecture to the general public for being so free to vote every indebtedness requested, for therein lies much of the present trouble.

Wheat harvest is with us and the hazy days of forest fires have begun—just about one of those fine old-fashioned summers, after all.

We will just about be compelled to admit that Sunday night was a little too warm for comfort even in the Grande Ronde valley.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



SINCE BALLY BEHNER SENT AWAY FOR A BOTTLE OF SURE-POD HAIR GROWER, HE MAKES TWO TRIPS A DAY TO THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

Disarmament Publicity

S. Sukiwaza, editor of Jiji, leading newspaper of Tokyo, says in a statement to an American paper that his daily has repeatedly, from the beginning of the present year, urged the necessity of the reduction of armaments. It has advocated that Japan "reduce its army by half and its navy drastically," whether other nations do so or not.

Asahi Shimbun, described as the great popular newspaper of Japan, has been urging this program:

First—Removal of fortifications on the Pacific as the first step toward disarmament.

Second—An appeal to the popular opinion of the world.

Third—The convening of an international press congress.

Fourth—An effort to gain the cooperation of "all publications in the world."

Both of these influential Japanese journals, it will be seen, emphasize the value of publicity. They are right. Publicity is the biggest force in the world—or at least, it is the means by which the biggest force, which is public opinion, is formed and expressed. And in this instance the Japanese editors are not "chasing rainbows."

There is probably more journalistic support enlisted, right now, in behalf of international disarmament, than there has ever been on any other subject of international policy. The American press, almost without exception, is urging the restriction of armaments by mutual agreement among nations. The whole world seems ripe for such a movement.

It would be a fine thing if an international press congress, such as Asahi Shimbun suggests, could be assembled to help along the work of the disarmament conference at Washington.

After the Double Cross Medal, was awarded to the driver who has run down the largest number of fleeing pedestrians, there ought to be a Special Extinction Medal for the pedestrian who has given the largest number of drivers heart failure by chicken-stepping in front of their cars.

Maybe if dickering for that government plant at Muscle Shoals, Henry Ford means to run his fingers by hydro electric power. On the other hand, maybe he merely wants to make nitrates and increase the soil's fertility enough to enable every farmer to keep a fleet of fordars in the barnyard.

A Kentucky congressman reached for his hip pocket in a committee meeting the other day when a witness called him a liar. It doesn't seem likely that he meant to offer the witness a drink, either. Disarmament for congressmen!

Somebody tourin' in Turin, Italy, observes that the city has changed its "Wilson Avenue" to "Fiume Avenue." Fiume—Fiume—where have we heard that word before?

Congress, always prompt to remedy a national evil, is going to repeal the excess profits tax when there are no more excess profits.

If President Harding had really felt like "roughing it" with Henry Ford, surely he'd have ridden in one of his best's celebrated vehicles.

Is it quite fair for the new tariff bill to put fossils on the free list, when we have so many native fossils needing protection?

Men are growing bigger and braver. They have to. It takes a pretty small man nowadays to hide behind a woman's skirts.

Time for somebody to write a song with the sad refrain, "When the frost is on the profits and the limousine's in hock."

Everything will run smoother if Japan will come to Washington without Yen.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIOP—

Thomas Edison Lied

In a class election at Harvard 215 seniors cast 265 ballots. So much for the advantages of higher education.—Roanoke Times.

Make it Fast!

If I should die tonight, And you should come to my cold corpse And say, "Boy, you are going far away Where there are streams of Scotch and rye, Where there is no such word as 'dry,' I'd say to you, 'Cut out the gush! Just nail me down and mark me rush."

Ho Hum Hazy

On a swing bench sat a little bird And he twittered away in glee, And as I listened the thought occurred: What a lucky bird was he!

His Gladsome Song Thrilled Me

Through and through But I thought to myself, "By Jingo, Who wouldn't be happy if he'd nothing to do But sit on a limb and sing?"

A Correspondent Demands to Know

Why so many of our remarkable paragraphs, jingles and things are directed at girls' short skirts. Well, our shots don't hurt the girls, to speak of and they help us to fill our col. Was there anything else in our department today, sir?

Human Nature is a Peculiar Proposition

We condemn the other fellow for doing the things we sometimes do ourselves, and the chances are we would resent the calling down he gets if we ourselves got it.

When you want a hole dug—dig it yourself.

Uncle Jarve says there are three big questions connected with taxes: how to reduce them, how to pay them and how to dodge them. But the greatest of these is the second.

While there's Yeast, there's hope.

You can't get three men together when you sound a call for a meeting for uplift and civic betterment. But there are never enough seats to go around when you sound a call for a poker game.

"Paris woman has no stomach"

says a news item. It at least saves her from having to eat parsnips.

According to our personal prediction,

it should get cooler tonight. Gosh, we hope we ain't a liar.

The power behind the "thrown"

is usually a bad debt. Many things that don't look right appear so because you cannot see right.

A grouch is a man honest enough

to admit that he doesn't like the weather.

Smile

(By Hattie Lanning) I know it's hard to smile, dear. When everything goes wrong. But a smile cheers up our way. Like the words of a beautiful song. So let's try and smile today. For tomorrow may never come. Let's greet our friends with a smile, dear. Each and every one.

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New For Autumn

Yesterday's express brought into our ready to wear department over a dozen new Fall dresses of Wool Tropicine, Portlet Twill and Serge. Distinctive models that the women who buy early will be eager to see.

Also there are many pretty Woolen Skirts, plaided and plain. Plaids retain their popularity and with them are stripes, in knife plaids. To see the new as it arrives, you have only to visit this department each day.

Leatherette HAND BAGS

These handbags are selling as never before. The convenience and serviceability of these vogueish looking, stout little bags are strong points of favor. Produced in a large number of sizes, they are for shopping, for carrying a bathing outfit, for an over-night or week-end trip, and a host of other uses.

Different sizes are priced at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.40 and \$2.00

Country Club Notes

High Lights About the Links, Club House and Natatorium.

Goes Bathing Under Umbrella.

Campers on the Country Club grounds have "bushels" of fun. In the evening hours, when the men folk are on the scene the numerous parties camped there gather to visit and entertain. One of the episodes of the present week was a dare that was accepted. Mrs. S. D. Crowe celebrated a birthday—the specific one being immaterial in this incident—and C. E. Short, whose family is camped with the Crowe family, did the quite gallant thing and presented Mrs. Crowe with an umbrella. The umbrella was one of those doll arrangements with a reach of about six inches. With the gift went the challenge that Mrs. Crowe must take the gift with her to the natatorium on her next trip. Mrs. Crowe accepted challenge and all, and forthwith went bathing. With

Clean Fairways Tonight.

Commencing at five o'clock tonight, No. 1 Fairway will be smoothed down by a party of golfers while their wives make dinner at the park. The plan is to put the fairway in the best possible shape for seeding before the fall rains start.

PANAMA TOLLS UP ONCE MORE

WASHINGTON, August 3.—Republican leaders of the senate have been informed by President Harding of his disposition to oppose early action of Senator Borah's bill restoring free tolls through the Panama canal for American coastwise vessels.

Senator Borah is disposed to press his bill shortly.

SWINE EXPERT HERE ON VISIT

E. Z. Russell, recognized as one of the foremost swine authorities in the Western hemisphere, is in Eastern Oregon, on government business, and while in this vicinity has been a guest with his brother, L. H. Russell, of La Grande. Mr. Russell is at the head of the swine department of the government animal husbandry bureau under the Secretary of Agriculture. For 20 years he has been giving his undivided attention to this subject, and right now is directing the installation of government stations in all states where swine are raised, including Oregon.

It is probable that his present tour will take him to all the western states, and that he will make the rounds on his present mission until well into October. During his brief stay in La Grande he and his brother have enjoyed a delightful visit.

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