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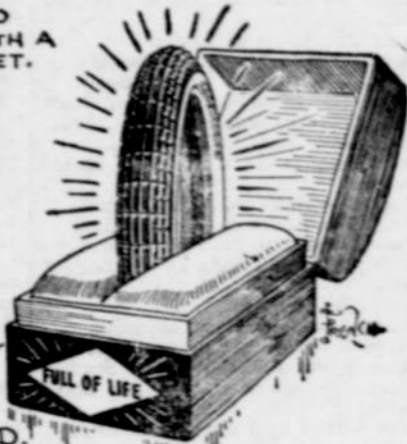
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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

Over in England some of them are
 feeling justifiably cocky because
 they beat the Americans at playing
 golf.

Good enough! We are glad they
 have found something at which they
 can beat Americans, even if it is
 nothing more exciting than golf.

It would never do for us to excel
 our English cousins in everything. It
 would be ungenerous of us, and very
 disconcerting to them.

Some day we may tire of doing the
 useful things of life—of progressing
 in the sciences, and in industry, and
 in agriculture, and education, and in
 accumulating the wealth of the world.

We may even cease our steady
 grind of work and production and de-
 cide that it is time to enjoy the
 glories of the present, and anticipate
 those of the future.

Then, perhaps, we may learn to
 play golf—the pastime of affluence
 and dignity.

Statistics recently made public
 show that there are sixty-seven men
 in the United States with an annual
 income of more than a million dollars.

It is too much. They are not possi-
 bly use it and they are not likely to
 give away any considerable amount
 of it. What the government does not
 take in taxation simply adds more
 millions to their pile, thereby reduc-
 ing the amount in circulation and the
 less fortunate.

On general principles a man has a
 right to all of the money he can hon-
 estly earn, but there should be a limit
 beyond which no man can go.

If the government would set a rea-
 sonable limit to the size of the
 fortunes and their incomes, and take
 possession of everything beyond that
 limit, there would be an end to the
 accumulation of the wealth of the
 country in the hands of a few to the
 detriment of the many.

The principal prop of bolshevism
 would be knocked from under its
 feet, and justice, right and harmony
 would be more in evidence than the
 growing unrest that is now so preva-
 lent.

We are approaching perilously near
 to a state of financial feudalism, and
 feudalism is the enemy of a republi-
 can form of government.

On May 30 a hundred million peo-
 ple bowed their heads in tribute to
 the heroes who have fallen in our
 American wars.

It is a custom, the sorrowful gra-
 titude of a nation.

On July 4th we did not sorrow. We
 rejoiced over the glorious acts of our
 forefathers, who made this country
 free.

That, too, is custom—a custom
 born of an excess of joy.

And so it is through life.

No matter how poignant our grief
 may be today, there is always a mea-
 sure of joy for the morrow.

It is the destiny of life that joy
 must be accompanied by sorrow, and
 sorrow must give way to joy. Never
 are we permitted to know one to the
 exclusion of the other.

We are in this life but a little
 while, each one as but a grain of sand
 on the glistening beach.

The flowing tides of life bring us
 into being—we tarry a little while—
 and the outward rush sweeps us into
 eternity.

The sands of life are as those of
 the beach—ever shifting. They come,
 they linger, and they go, but never is
 the movement limited to one direc-
 tion.

There is joy over our advent today,
 and sorrow over our departure to-
 morrow.

Joy and sorrow, hand in hand.
 Life is nothing else.

MUZZLING COMPETENT CRITICS

Admiral Sims, who was reprimand-
 ed by the secretary of the navy for
 his famous speech in England, has
 broken out again—fortunately.

In a Fourth of July speech he calls
 attention to the fact that officers of
 the army and navy are forbidden to
 criticize publicly any feature of our
 system of national defense.

The result of their silence, declares
 the admiral, is that we are in a per-
 petual state of practical defenseless-
 ness, and the vital points of this de-
 fenselessness is carefully kept from
 the public at large, who might them-
 selves criticize if they were cogniz-
 ant of the actual facts.

Public criticism serves to bring to
 light the weak spots of every subject
 under discussion, but in order to ex-
 pose undesirable conditions a person
 must first have a thorough knowledge
 of his subject.

It is admitted that no one can pos-
 sibly understand the subject of na-
 tional defense better than the army
 or navy officer, whose life work it is,
 and yet they are utterly forbidden to
 discuss such subjects.

As a matter of fact, the civilian
 heads of departments in Washington,
 appointed for political reason and
 without previous knowledge or train-
 ing, are loath to have their mistakes
 aired in public by men who know
 more than they do.

That is all very well for the de-
 partment head who is endeavoring to
 head off adverse criticism of himself
 and his department, but it is poor
 consolation for the taxpayer who pays
 for these mistakes.

Whatever may be the right or
 wrong of the admiral's famous speech
 in England, he is unquestionably
 right in this instance.

More competent criticism and less
 official and congressional bungling is
 greatly to be desired.

The world owes a man only that
 which he is able to collect.

Anent the Trade-at-Home contest,
 concluded in last week's Herald, we
 wish to state for the information of
 those that imagine that this news-
 paper has been operating a grafting
 proposition, that we most cheerfully
 refer them to facts and figures in the
 counting room of this establishment.
 It was not the intention, nor have we
 received, after paying the cash prizes
 and paying expenses for conducting
 the contest, more than the advertis-
 ing rates charged our regular pa-
 trons. Our primary intention was to
 educate and encourage the people in
 the Mt. Scott district to the habit of
 trading at home, and in the mean-
 time increase the circulation of the
 Herald. Both have been accomplished
 to a considerable degree. If we suc-
 ceed in collecting all due us for con-
 tracts, in time to come, the Herald
 will just about play even with the
 game. So, to relieve those that are
 fearful that the Herald had ulterior
 motives in endeavoring to do a little
 boosting for this community we are
 making this statement at this partic-
 ular time.

CUTTING OUT THE WASTE

If General Daves, as head of the
 federal budget, can inaugurate a sys-
 tem whereby the extravagant govern-
 mental waste will be eliminated,
 he will have performed a great and
 signal service to his country.

"Governmental waste" is a house-
 hold expression from ocean to ocean
 and from Canada to the gulf. It sig-
 nifies a lack of organization, ineffi-
 ciency, and a spirit of don't-care. It is
 time to eliminate the three.

The burdens of taxation are heavy
 enough when even legitimate expen-
 ses are met, without adding the mil-
 lions and millions that are squandered
 through lack of good judgment and
 business acumen.

General Daves is by no means a
 new broom, but we are rather of the
 opinion that he will nevertheless
 make a clean sweep.

RELIEF IN SIGHT?

If a settlement of the Irish ques-
 tion is made that will be reasonably
 satisfactory to both sides it will be
 one great relief not only to them, but
 to the people of the United States as
 well.

Our country today is practically
 divided into two camps on the sub-
 ject—a minority of ardent champions
 of the Irish cause, and a majority who
 believe in letting countries on the
 other side of the water manage their
 own affairs without interference from
 us.

It is a source of uneasiness to many
 professional politicians, who want to
 keep in the good graces of their Irish
 constituents, yet fear to alienate the
 support of those in the other camp.
 It keeps them wiggling and squirm-
 ing in an attempt to say something
 and yet at the same time say nothing.

We have had one great division of
 principle in this country. We do not
 want another.

The Irish question can not be am-
 icably adjusted any too soon to suit
 our Uncle Samuel.

AIDING DEMPSEY

Now that Mr. Dempsey has knocked
 out the champion prize fighter of Eu-
 rope it is considered improbable by
 many that there will be any other
 puncher willing to take him on.

That would be sad for Mr. Demp-
 sey.

Having achieved fame greater than
 that of any king or emperor, it is not
 to be considered that he would sink to
 the level of a mere moving picture
 star in order to remain in the fickle
 public eye, which so often forgets its
 heroes.

What, then, can we do to aid Mr.
 Dempsey?

Let them enter the ring and punch
 himself in the absence of any other
 opponent?

Not at all. Those powerful blows
 might hurt.

There remains but one other sug-
 gestion worthy of a gentleman of the
 prowess of Mr. Dempsey.

Pull off another war with some
 foreign country.

Mobilize the flower of our young
 manhood and send them away to do
 or die, or both.

Let the red blood of America flow
 as the waters of the sea, with the
 super-blood of Mr. Dempsey anchored
 safely in the harbor of a shipyard.

It is undignified to fight and run
 away. Therefore the great of the
 earth should not fight, at all where
 sprinting may become an urgent ne-
 cessity.

The shipyard turns out noble pal-
 aces of the deep.

It is a convenient place for Mr.
 Dempsey to turn in.

Adieu, Jackie!

A consignment of lumber was re-
 cently shipped from a western state
 to Chicago, valued at \$300. The
 freight charges are said to have been
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