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OPTIMISTIC AMERICA

The American people are optimistic. Nothing ever appears to cause them serious alarm or concern. They can't see the dark side of anything. The sun always shines for them.

The long dry summer, costing hundreds of dollars in stunted crops in some of the eastern states, causes disappointment, but no lamentations. The farmer just makes the best of it and sails right along on his course, firm in the conviction that what he loses this summer he will make up at another time.

The business world, at the low ebb of a long period of depression, never loses its head or makes any serious complaint. Diminished sales and disappearing profits can not cause it to lose its supreme faith in the future. It builds in adversity today for success in prosperity tomorrow.

It is so in every walk of American life, in every sphere of American occupation.

It is the American spirit, which never admits defeat—which sees only future victory in the midst of present adversity.

This town is a fair sample of the hundreds of thousands that dot the land of free America. We recognize conditions as they exist, and adapt ourselves to them without wasting valuable time in bemoaning our misfortunes.

But we have no intention of remaining in this state of temporary depression.

We know that a change is on the way and that with a little patience we will welcome its arrival.

The American spirit of optimism is the one that wins most in the end.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Lord Northcliffe, London newspaper publisher, who is "seeing America" advises Americans to travel abroad.

Good advice, providing a person has the financial means and has seen the interesting and instructive points of his own country first.

Ex-service men who have been in England, France, Belgium, Germany and other countries will tell you that foreign lands offer nothing better to see than what can be found right here in the United States.

Nature was at her best when she created this country and endowed it with its richness, and from the day of its creation it has been blossoming under the hand of God and man.

There are millions of Americans who apparently do not realize that many of the marvels of the earth are within a day or two's ride of their homes—marvels that they have never seen.

As an example, of the two and a quarter million people in Chicago there are probably not over twenty per cent who have ever seen the stock yards, and yet they are the greatest in the world. You can watch a steer unloaded from a stock car and watch it step by step until its meat is in a refrigerator ready for shipment. You can trace the path of the hide, and the tallow, the horns and the hoofs, and even down to the blood and the hair, step by step, until they are all turned out a finished by-product ready for the market. And yet but few Americans ever think of visiting this marvel of the age.

The stock yards are only one of the many sights to be seen in this country. It would require years of travel to see and comprehend them all.

It seems to be the custom for many people who amass a competence to rush right over to some foreign country to "see the sights," all of which could be seen at home on the screen for a few cents. They see a few things over there, and miss a lot of things over here. Often they are embarrassed to find that some foreigner who has never been here has a better knowledge of this country than they have themselves.

The fellow who rushes abroad without first knowing his own country reminds us of the poor fool who passed by a dull nugget of gold in order to pick up a scintillating piece of glass.

We have many of them.

JAPAN IN A TIGHT HOLE

Japanese statesmen are in a quandary. They hardly know which way to turn. Whatever course they take they are due to have some of their fondest dreams shaken.

In calling the international conference at Washington and including Japan in the list President Harding specified the far eastern question as one of the subjects for consideration and adjustment.

That is very objectionable to the Japanese, who prefer to have an exclusive hand in the far east, where China and Korea are at their mercy.

If she declines to discuss far eastern questions with the United States, England, France, Italy and Belgium, she admits her ulterior motives, places herself on the defensive, and alienates the respect and forfeits the good will of the other participants in the conference.

If she enters into a discussion of such questions she must abide by the decisions of the conference, which means that the other far eastern countries will get a square deal and Japanese ambitions of exploitation will be forever shattered.

Again, it is shrewdly suspected that Japan has designs upon the Philippines and other American possessions,

including Hawaii. A conference agreement would exclude the Japanese from the possibility of any future control of these islands.

To refuse to become a signatory to such an agreement would be to tacitly admit the Japanese intention to wage war against the United States for their possession.

It is no small wonder the Japanese are squirming and looking for a loophole through which to crawl.

PRUNE THE SHIPPING BOARD

The pruning knife in the hand of General Charles G. Dawes has been working to a purpose, with the result that many millions of dollars will be saved the taxpayers through a reorganization of the departments in Washington and the elimination of unnecessary appropriations.

In the past one of the great ambitions of the bureaucrat has been to secure larger appropriations than were really necessary. Legitimate needs were hardly considered. It was a case of get all you can and spend more than you get, trusting to congress to make up the deficit.

All of this has been changed by Dawes, as director of the budget, and wasteful officials are warned to trim their sails and head in close to the wind if they desire to remain in close contact with their jobs.

General Dawes has accomplished a wonderful piece of constructive work, but what will it avail us if the government is going to continue pouring billions into that loose jointed maverick known as the shipping board, which is on a par with our recent aeroplane orgy of official waste and squandering?

Why not turn Dawes loose on the shipping board, with instructions to prune to the limit?

Of course, the general might get into one of his famous "Hell and Maria" moods and blow the thing up with a few tons of dynamite, or tow it out into the Atlantic and sink it.

But in either case we are inclined to the belief that he would earn a collective and vociferous "amen" from a hundred million Americans.

Taxes are high as it is, without feeding them to an inanimate gourmand.

If that Washington conference succeeds in settling the far eastern question it is presumed the people of the far east will be advised of the fact.

There are people, of course, who live to learn, only to die and be forgotten.

The fortunate man is generally the last one to recognize the fact. He is always yearning for something better.

Some people are so stingy they are unwilling to part with their own meanness.

Fame and fortune beckon to every man, and keep just out of the reach of most of them.

Truth is mighty, but it is often circumvented by a sneaky little lie.

And still, we are not entirely without hope. Some day it is sure to rain.

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