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A TRIBUTE TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Many suggestions are being made for a memorial to Theodore Roosevelt. And it is fitting that recognition be made of his services to his country.

But we would suggest a memorial to him which (if he could be cognizant of it) would please him more than any monument of bronze or granite.

Our idea would be that the nation should unite in carrying out a project which he had advocated for years and which was very near his heart. We refer to universal military training.

Theodore Roosevelt felt that military training would be of inestimable value physically and mentally to every young man of America. He also knew that the nation would benefit greatly in having a disciplined force in readiness to be called upon in an emergency.

No more fitting tribute could be paid to the courageous and militant spirit of Roosevelt than the establishment of such a system.

ILLITERACY IN THE UNITED STATES

The war revealed to us many of the existing conditions of America. It showed us that among our young citizens of draft age a very large proportion, through illness or physical imperfection, were unable to meet the requirements necessary for military duty. It also brought into view an illiteracy greatly exceeding our realization. Among the men of draft age there were 700,000 illiterates.

Such a condition is most unfortunate. Our country, in spite of the vaunted advantages of education which it is supposed to give, is not doing its duty along educational lines, and along the lines of preparing men for citizenship.

Besides this large number of illiterates, there are many people in this country who, though they read and write some foreign tongue, do not read or write English.

These people also are seriously handicapped. English, the dominant language of America, must be understood if Americans are to have a common viewpoint of policies and ideals. It is in the communities where little English is used that foreign propaganda finds its readiest field.

The United States must look to the education of her children and the Americanization of her youth.

MARKS OF SERVICE

As the soldiers come back it will be interesting to distinguish the meaning of the various chevrons which they wear upon their sleeves. We subjoin a list:

- A single red chevron signifies "discharged with honor."
 - A single blue chevron signifies "less than six months service abroad."
 - A single gold chevron for each wound received in service is worn on the forearm of right sleeve.
 - A single gold chevron for each complete six months service is worn on the forearm of left sleeve.
 - A single white chevron for each complete six month's service in the United States is worn on the forearm of left sleeve.
- There is generally a mere question of opportunity, not of willingness or ability, between these service marks. Often the man who would gladly have served abroad has been retained in this country simply because he has shown superior ability and therefore was better qualified to instruct others. The man who displays any one of the chevrons above described has done his full duty by his country and is worthy of honor.

If the government continues to run the railroads for five years longer, it is to be hoped that at the end of that time the railroads will be helping to run the government.

President Wilson has now added spaghetti to the variety of national food he is testing. It is not likely, however that he will include sausages and sauerkraut in the number.

The price of beer has gone up to twenty dollars a barrel. Congress evidently made a mistake in not providing for a beer administration.

Among the divorces which threaten the life of America there is none more serious than the divorce between the dollar and its purchasing power.

Congress is always the goat, but we will credit it this time. It passed the law which will prevent the kids from working.

One sweetly solemn thought
Comes to us o'er and o'er
Our taxes will be higher now
Than they have been before.

No one is recommending Berlin as a pleasure resort at present.

ing left for him. "He would not hearken to my calls, grieved me by a thousand falls." This you say is all he would deserve; but does God always give us our deserts? Where would many of us be if He did?

His Reception

Here you have a delightful picture of the love that hopeth and endureth all things. He came home from the swine troughs, he is unclean, he is full of the awful leprosy of sin; but as the Lord put his hands on the man full of leprosy in the days of His flesh, and healed him; so the father flings his arms around the prodigal's neck.

The father ran to meet him, he is all forgetful of the dignity of years, he has been long anxiously looking out for his return; and now nothing can stop him from running with open arms to embrace his own child.

He kissed him with the warm, fervent kiss of love. There is silence for a time, then the son speaks through his tears "father" he says "I have sinned." It is no longer the sense of the physical need—the servants' bread, but the deeper sense of guilt, that presses upon his soul. In the broadening light of a new dawn, he sees one thing only, and that is his sin. He does not try to gloss it over, but frankly confesses all, he confesses with "a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart," hoping for the mercy and forgiveness he is so conscious he does not deserve.

He does not hope in vain, even before his confession is completed, the father calls the servants, the absolution is spoken, "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet, and bring the fatted calf, and kill it and let us eat and be merry." We can detect here the rapid beating of the father's heart, the loving, eager haste to wipe out all the sad marks that sin has left. He is no longer the prodigal, but is as one transfigured; and now that the chrysalis has left the mire, and crept up into the sunlight, it must have a dress befitting its new summer life, robes of rainbow hues. The best or "the first robe" must be brought out to him.

The ring with the family arms—a signet ring, denoting sonship. When Joseph was exalted to be second man in Egypt, Pharaoh's ring was put on him "Now are we the sons of God." Shoes for his feet; naked feet are easily hurt. Shoes the badge of freedom, shoes to fit him for the on the upward way.

The feast, the first feast, the beginning of the poor hungry prodigal's feasting. "He feels that heaven is now begun" like David he has been lifted out of a horrible pit, and the mire clay, and his feet set on a rock, and a new song put in his mouth.

I want you to notice the father gives the best of everything. The ruler of the feast in Cana of Galilee said "men set forth good wine at the first, afterwards that which is worst, but thou hast kept the good wine until the last!"

God never gives a second best; in the gift of Christ for us, and to us. He gave, and still gives His best. With Christ, He freely gives us all things; as if He said to us, here take all, He is my best gift, there is now nothing worth withholding from you, take all, take all.

He sits down with the father at the feast. Rev. 3:20 "I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me." I think I see him sitting there, weeping silently, as there is the retrospective look, and he thinks of how he grieved the best of all fathers, causing him such pain; and thinks of the love he had never known until now, the love suffering and the tender mercies. I think I can hear him say to himself, Oh! how I have broken my father's heart.

But again as I look, the scene is changed, now he rejoices with exceeding great joy. He looks at his ring of sonship, and remembers this is only the first feast, that with his father it is always "afterwards that which is better." He looks along the road stretching ahead of him, and with Bunyan's Pilgrim cries aloud, "life! life! eternal life!"

All by nature and practice have been wanderers from God. "All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" Isa. 53:6. There is none righteous, no, not one." Rom. 3:10. Seeing this is so, have you repented and returned?

In the first two parables in this chapter the shepherd and the woman go after the lost until they find, but here the son has to come home himself. God the Father is seeking you.

Beloved, if you have not already returned, God the Son is seeking you. God the Holy Ghost is seeking you. The Church of God is seeking you. All heaven is interested in you. "There is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Oh! wanderer from God, from home, return, return. When you see the prodigal coming home, do not be angry like the Elder Brother, do not bring up his black past; even as God forgives, so also do you. But rather give him the right hand of fellowship saying "God bless you my brother, I will help you, I will pray for you."—Amen.

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Dated at Stayton, Oregon, this 3rd day of January, 1919.

Ethel M. Malone,
Administratrix,
S. H. Heltzel,
Attorney for Estate.

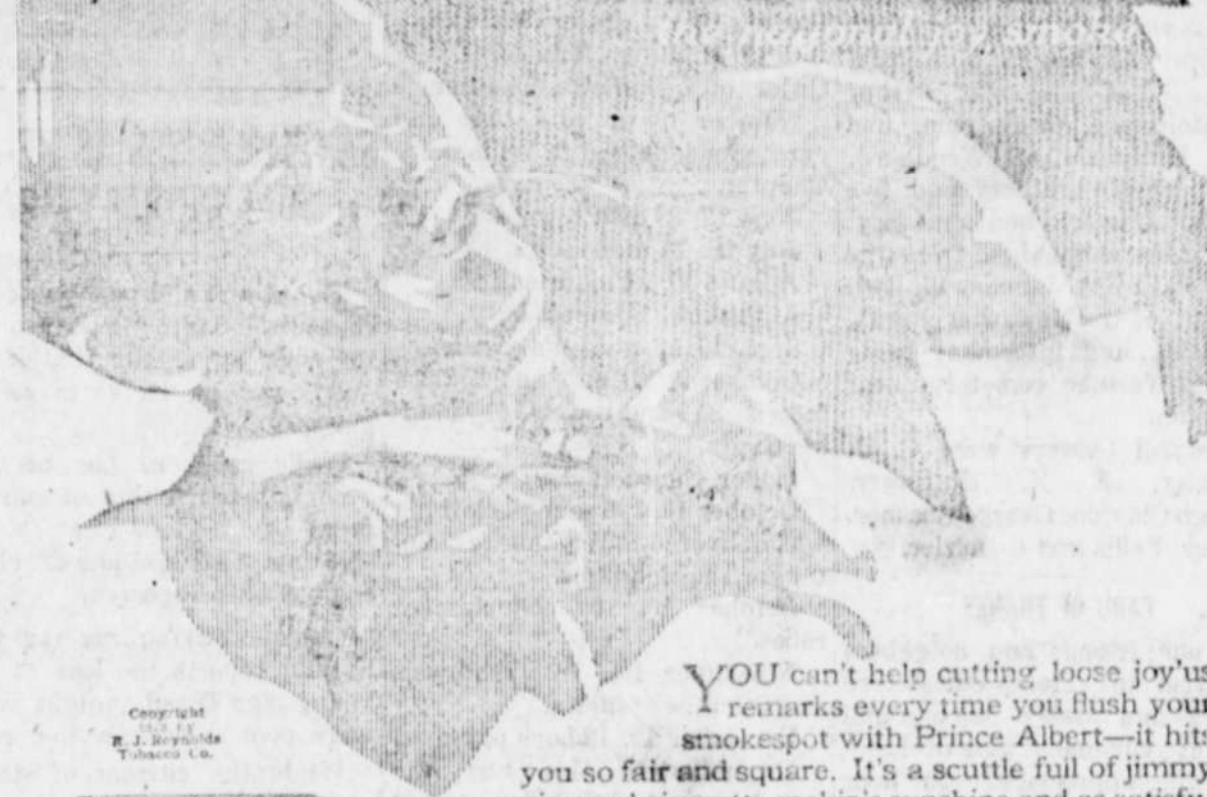
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