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The young man of today has an opportunity to make and save money such as is seldom met with in a life time. Many of the young men make on an average four dollars per day and work only eight hours. In fact some of them make as much money in eight hours as did their forefathers in half a week of labor from daylight to darkness in the harvest fields at most arduous toil. Much of this money should be saved and invested in a proper manner. The time may come after while when such wages will not prevail. Make hay while the sun shines, and then save a generous quantity of the "hay."

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One result of the European war should be to put the American flag back on the seven seas to handle our commerce. The enactment of the LaFollette Seaman's law just before the breaking out of the European war was a mistake. It has placed the shipping on the Pacific ocean in the hands of foreign countries, who are using it to extend their commerce. Before the law was enacted the finest ships on Pacific were under the American flag. Congress at behest of labor radicalism passed laws that put American ships out of business. Japanese acquired best of our ships because they could not be operated under our seaman's act in open competition. Japan's minister of marine said of those laws when they were passed that his government was very much pleased at what had been done. He said: "Is it possible that the gentlemen of your government are not patriotic in enacting such legislation? They seem to me to be designed for nothing but to aid the Japanese in acquiring commercial supremacy of the Pacific. Your government has given us outright what we expected to spend years and great effort in attaining." See Saturday Evening Post, Jan. 5. You can subtract American tonnage on the Pacific from the Japanese today and not even make a dent in one of their millions.—Ex.

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