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## AFTERMATH.

"He who fights and runs away, Will live to fight another day."

All of which is sophistry, pure and simple, and is meant to but justify cowardice.

Polonius' advice is better: Beware of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in, Bear't that the opposed may beware of thee."

It is poor business to get in a fight and run away in the middle of it. No victory was ever won that way. Better never to have fought at all.

The Tidings editor holds strictly to Polonius' advice in matters of that kind. If a thing is worth fighting for at all, it is worth fighting for to the last ditch. Especially is this true when a moral principle or a great public policy is at issue. Of course, if the object is not worth the tallow, the matter should be allowed to rest serenely at the outset.

The writer is afraid some Ashland people are like a certain soldier in the army. He was mustered into a company of infantry. He had never a good word for the enemy, but talked loudly and bravely about how "we will wallop them tomorrow." But, so sure as the first gun cracked, so sure he was to turn and run away. The colonel of his company demanded to know why he always ran. He replied: "I am always as anxious to lick 'em as you are, but my legs get scared and run away with me." After that he was put in a company of cavalry and always led the charge in the fiercest encounters.

His head and heart were brave and true, but his legs simply could not stand the fire.

The next time the Tidings leads a fight for Ashland it must feel morally certain that the citizens are solidly enough horsed that there will be no turning and running away.

## WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF THE NEW CONGRESS.

Again a new congress bends to its task. The demand is somewhat different now than it has been in the past. There is little doubt of what the people expect of it. Rarely has it been made clearer in an election than in the last. American electors who voted for the present administration expect:

A real lowering of the tariff on the great, staple necessities of life—a straight cut in the cost of living.

That the power of government be truly and effectively employed in curbing the cruel greed of the few—which means more effective punishment against trust abuses and a currency and banking law more in the interest of the borrower and producer.

All of those who voted for these reforms are unable to pick up and go to Washington to see that congress legislates clearly according to their demand. Consequently those members of the new congress who represent the ultra progressive sentiment will have to stand solidly for an absolutely new deal in the way in which congress does its work.

No more secret caucuses. No more closed committee doors. The cards must be played on top of the table, face up.

No sooner does a revolution succeed in Mexico than it is followed by another revolt. Huerta led, or helped to lead, the last successful revolt, but now nine-tenths of his followers are engaged in a revolution against him. They are an unaccountable people, unless one settles down to the conviction that treachery is the largest component of the greaser. It looks as if the United States will have to police the whole country and bring it to some sort of accountability. Diaz was an inexcusable despot; his administration for twenty-five years was corrupt beyond belief. Matters are hardly better now, but something will have to be done. Such anarchy must be stopped.

## THE DROWSY MAN'S ALIBI.

The minister of the First Congregational church at Evanston, Ill., has been sorely troubled because during his preaching many of his parishioners dropped soundly asleep. The good man was not sure but that the dryness of his sermons was responsible for the universal drowsiness of his flock. He changed his method of delivery. He changed his subjects, not sticking to the strict orthodoxy of the Bible, but nevertheless, after preaching for months to nodding heads and a chorus of snores, he confessed failure and sought the counsel of an art instructor.

Like all things modern, it seems there is a scientific reason for sleep during a lengthy sermon, and the art instructor says it is due to the inharmoniousness of the decorations. Dramatically she asks:

"How can a person listen to an address when the decorations of the church are inharmonious? When the curtains are pink, the cushions red and the decorations are yellow and blue, the emotions of the audience are affected and they become drowsy. What is needed is a system of colors that will not have a depressing effect."

There is the alibi for all good people. Hereafter when awakened by a vigilant usher from "forty winks" enjoyed, as you thought, surreptitiously, arise boldly and confidently point to the ceiling, saying: "Yonder terrible shade of blue is in horrible contrast to the fiery red in that southeast window; this aisle carpet under my feet is not compatible with the woodwork of the pews; furthermore, your hangings do not jibe with that new creation my wife is wearing. How, then, young man, do you expect a person of my aesthetic temperament to resist the depressing effect of the awful inharmonious blend you have saddled on your decorations? How can you expect me to keep awake?"

And what a boon to the "prosy" preacher! If his congregation nod and sleep during his discourse and the trustees remonstrate with him, he has but to point to the decorations and say: "'Tis the inharmonious blending of our decorations and not my sermon that is making this church the abode of Morpheus." Look ye well, churchmen, to your duties, as no matter how good or eloquent the preacher may be, he cannot combat the depressing effect of riotous inharmonious decorations.

## AN INSIDE STORY.

One scheme that England is trying to work on China through the alliance of the proposed six powers may be knocked out by the action of the Wilson administration in refusing to be a part of the now famous sextet. A little story is back of it. When China was trying to kill the infamous opium traffic a syndicate of Englishmen formed to buy the visible supply of the drug. Under the agitation the price of the "dope" has gone away down, and the Englishmen figured that the traffic could not be suppressed. They thought the attempt at reform would fail and that the price of the stuff would again soar, thereby giving them an enormous profit. In fact, their dope investment was no more than a big bet that China could not abolish the opium traffic. And they lost, for China did kill the infamy, much to her credit. Now what do you suppose England is trying to do? Nothing less than to make the Chinese government take off the hands of the English syndicate that big stock of opium. And the excuse is that China had no right to interfere with the vested right of English capital. Did you ever hear of such a thing? And one of the objects of this control of China bonds is to work in that bill. It was a most righteous act when this administration refused to become a party to the scheme. Forty millions of dollars are involved.

Congress has passed the Webb bill prohibiting the shipment of liquor into dry territory. Its constitutionality will be tried in the supreme court. It may be knocked out, but if it is the people will find some way to meet the evil. If a people do not want liquor under their noses they will find a way to keep it away.

President Wilson insists on punctuality, but he must not fail to recognize that a sweet smile from a stenographer is always accepted as sufficient excuse for her coming in at 10 a. m.

The flood at Dayton destroyed the only stamped envelope factory in the country, and for some time to come every fellow will have to lick his own stamps.

The man who can but doesn't must give way to the man who can't but tries.

## LEGALIZING TRIAL MARRIAGES.

Supreme Justice Cobalan of the New York bench has just handed down a decision legalizing trial marriages for young women under the age of 18. His decision is that if the girl has married before she reaches the age of 18 and with the consent of her parents, the law permits her to come into court and obtain an annulment because she is under age.

The far-reaching effect of this ruling may not be felt in other states, but its effect in New York will be to increase the number of marriages which are hastily entered into and which are the cause of the terrible increase in the number of divorces granted. It means the breaking of one more legal barrier which separated the sacredness of matrimony and wifehood from the jeopardy of trial marriages. It grants young people such an easy escape that many misguided ones will take advantage of its laxity. One cause of the increase in white slavery can be readily traced to the each with which the marriage ties are assumed and dropped at will.

"The more active and aggressive interest taken in city affairs, particularly regarding the expenditure of the people's money, by individuals and taxpayers, the better for the city, and the more certain is efficient and honest municipal government. Occasionally criticisms are unwarranted, often they may be based upon misinformation, but far better to have too much of this sort of thing than too little. Indifference and inaction on the part of the electorate are responsible for most of the abuses in American city government."—Medford Sun.

New the doctors throughout America concede that the Friedmann serum may be beneficial in treating tuberculosis of joints, bone and skin. They even go farther and admit that his treatments have been beneficial in some cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. If the people of this country and of the world should be benefited by Dr. Friedmann's discovery it will not be by the consent of our American physicians, as they did all things possible to condemn the German scientist and his discovery without test.

Life—What is it? Ah, who knows? Just a visit, I suppose, Joy and sorrow for a day, Then tomorrow we're away. Youth and morning, manhood noon, Age—the warning, night comes soon. Shines a star to light us; then 'Tis not far to home again.

Consider the cat. Nine times out of ten she can whip anything twice her size. And yet, there is nothing to her except quick thinking, quick action, and almost a maniacal intensity.

A man by the name of Fear was found to have four wives and 26 children in Chicago. With Juliet, he would observe, "What's in a name?"

All kinds of tastes. Secretary McAdoo's idea of a rest is to run over to New York and oodge automobiles for a day.

Many people are like eggs—too full of themselves to hold anything else.

## City Elections Show Bull Moose Growth.

New York City, April 7.—The recent village elections in Ilion and Mohawk, N. Y., furnish occasion for sober reflection by those who like to call themselves "progressives" but still continue to train with one or other of the old Tory organizations.

The vote in Ilion was: Democrats 812, progressives 608, republicans 225. Thus the progressives polled 36 per cent of the total vote of the three main parties.

In Mohawk the democrats and republicans combined against the progressives. The combination polled 274 votes to 151 for the progressive ticket. Here the progressives polled 35 per cent of the total vote.

Ilion and Mohawk are both in the big township of German Flats, which includes a considerable extent of farming country outside of the villages. At the national election in November the vote of German Flats for president was: Wilson 1,061, Taft 796, Roosevelt 708—the progressive vote being something less than 28 per cent. In the spring elections the progressives gained 7 per cent and the Tory parties lost. This is just what has happened in almost every test of strength that has occurred since the November election.

Gustave Eiffel, the French engineer who built the famous tower in Paris bearing his name, has just been honored by the Smithsonian institution, which regents have voted him a Langley medal "for his research relating to the resistance of the air in connection with aviation."

## The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Don't be afraid to do your duty because some one ridicules or opposes you. A man who has opinions of his own and the courage to advocate them will be sure to have opposition in this world because he runs contrary to other people's opinions; but just keep right ahead if your cause is right and your conscience clear. Don't bother yourself about what people say; life is too short for that. Some will abuse you through envy, others for the want of principle, and some because they honestly differ from you; but if you keep right on openly, manfully and intelligently and with proper dignity and character, honesty of purpose and self-respect, those who differ from you will respect your opinions.

An idle and vacant life, even with all the aid amusement can give, is not calculated to be a happy one; and this simply because Providence has constituted us with a view to activity, as that was to be the means of accommodating the raw materials of the physical world to our needs. Idleness, therefore, injures and disorganizes, while activity alone will preserve health and prolong life. Who are the happy people of this world? Those who have something, and not too much, to do; that something being suitable to their tastes. Who are the unhappy ones? Alas! What a large portion of the class is composed of those who, having all their needs supplied from other sources, do not need to labor.

## To Edit a Newspaper.

Dr. Talmage, one of the greatest pulpit orators, in one of his sermons on the "Spirit of the Press" said:

"To publish a newspaper requires the skill, the precision, the boldness, the vigilance, the strategy of a commander-in-chief. To edit a newspaper requires that one be a statesman, an essayist, a geographer, a statistician and, in acquisition, encyclopedia. To man, to govern, to propel a newspaper until it shall be a fixed institution, a national fact, demands more qualities than any other business on earth. If you feel like starting a newspaper, secular or religious, understand that you are being threatened with softening of the brain or lunacy, and throwing your pocket-book into your wife's lap start for some lunatic asylum before you do something desperate.

"First of all, newspapers make knowledge democratic and for the multitude. The public library is a haymow so high up that few can reach it, while the newspaper throws down the forage to our feet. Public libraries are the reservoirs where the great floods are stored high up and away off. The newspaper is the tunnel that brings them down to the pitchers of all the people. The chief use of great libraries is to make newspapers out of. Great libraries make a few men and women very wise. Newspapers bring whole nations into the sunlight.

"You cannot find ten literary men in Christendom with strong minds and great hearts but are or have been somehow connected with the newspaper printing press. While the book will always have its place, the newspaper is more potent. Because the latter is multitudinous do not conclude it is necessarily superficial. If a man should from childhood to old age see only the Bible, Webster's Dictionary and his newspaper, he could be prepared for all the duties of this life and all the happiness of the next.

"There is not a single doctrine of theology but has been discussed in the last ten years by the secular newspapers of the country. They gather up all the news of all the earth bearing on religious subjects and then they scatter the news abroad again. The Christian newspaper will be the right wing of the apocalyptic angel. The cylinder of the Christianized printing press will be the front wheel of the Lord's chariot."

## The Fireplace.

Notwithstanding all the modern inventions for heating, I tell you there is nothing so full of geniality and sociability as the old-fashioned country fireplace. The neighbors were to come in for a winter evening of sociability. In the middle of the afternoon, in the best room in the house, some one brought in a great black log with great strains and put it down on the back of the hearth. Then the lighter wood was put on armful after armful. Then a shovel of coals was taken from another room and put under the dry pile, and the kindling began, and the crackling, and it rose until it became a roaring flame which filled all the room with geniality and was reflected from the family pictures on the

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**Madero's Death Laid to Wilson.**  
Washington, April 7.—A report that Luis Manuel Rojas, vice-president of the Mexican house of deputies, had filed with the state department charges that United States Ambassador Wilson is responsible morally for the death of former President Madero and Vice-President Suarez of Mexico, is admitted by Secretary of State Bryan. It is hinted that opinion in Mexico favoring the removal of Wilson is crystallizing rapidly.

New York, April 7.—"I will be frank with you, Mrs. Madero. Your husband's downfall was due to the fact that he never consulted with me."

This was the statement made to Mrs. Francisco I. Madero by United States Ambassador H. L. Wilson, following the assassination of her husband, the former president of Mexico, according to a New York newspaper today.

The paper further declares that a telegram from Madero's mother imploring President Taft to intercede for his life, and a letter from Mrs. Francisco I. Madero asking Taft of the fate of the telegram, were both suppressed, presumably through the activity of Ambassador Wilson.

## Inheritance Tax Bill Would Clip Fortunes.

Washington, April 8.—An inheritance tax that would run as high as 50 per cent on fortunes of \$15,000,000 was a proposed bill introduced in the senate today by Jones of Washington. The tax proposed ranges from 1 per cent on an inheritance of less than \$50,000 to 5 per cent on a quarter of a million, 15 per cent on three-quarters of a million to one million and a half, and proportionately until 50 per cent on the sums above fifteen millions is reached.

California's congressional delegation will probably visit Bryan this afternoon to defend the proposed alien land law.

All the members of the delegation are agreed that such legislation should be passed, regardless of Japan's objections.

The weight of personal baggage allowed free of charge on English railways for each ordinary first-class passenger is 150 pounds, and for each ordinary third-class passenger, 100 pounds.

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