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Our double-dealing generally comes down upon ourselves. To speak or act as if it were in the right of God and man.—Everton.

GARY'S PREDICTIONS

SPEDDY collapse of the world war a collapse far noisier than most people expect, was predicted at San Francisco by Judge Gary of the United States Steel corporation...

Wild cheering greeted Judge Gary when he further predicted that when the war is over such prosperity as this country never saw is sure to come.

The American mind wants naturally to believe prophecies so agreeable. Perhaps they are true.

Judge Gary is an eminent financier. He is in intimate touch with the financial secrets of the hemisphere. He is a captain of industry and through his bankers may know the thoughts of the bankers in the warring nations.

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THE GERMAN NOTE

THE spirit of the German note is an excellent example to American citizens of pro-German faith. It contains no word of reproach. It veils no protest against America.

How much more could we expect at this juncture from Germany? The submarine is the only weapon she has on the seven seas. Her merchant ships are interned or at the bottom of the sea.

Why wouldn't she cling to this, her only arm upon the ocean? It is natural for her to hold to this one implement with which she can make herself felt outside of Germany.

Incidentally, the American purpose has solely in view the protection of American lives and property, and a reasonable adherence, for the sake of America and other neutrals, to the rules of international law.

Thus, the German note establishing the war zone warned Washington that American vessels in the war zone would be in great peril of destruction by submarines.

Of course, the Washington government will not subscribe to the terms advanced by the imperial government respecting the giving notice of the sailings of vessels carrying American passengers and giving assurance that there is no contraband goods in the cargo.

The Washington government will, and should maintain a firm position in pushing our contention for the canons and conditions of international law. It is an obligation this government owes not only to itself but to all neutral nations.

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UNHAPPY POLAND

THE gloomiest of all the gloomy pictures of the war is battle-swept Poland. Poland has been the theatre of desperate fighting by two great armies ever since hostilities opened.

The city of Kalisz, which before the war had a population of 30,000, now has but 10,000 inhabitants. There are more than 200,000 refugees in Warsaw.

On all sides, there is hunger, disease and ruin. Out of a total of 1,500,000 horses, 800,000 have been requisitioned by the fighting armies.

Scarcity of milk has caused a terrific mortality among infants. The details of the situation are appalling.

Once a progressive, prosperous and happy race, the Poles beheld the fall of their nation, and saw their lands divided between Russia, Prussia and Austria.

While the guardians of the Liberty Bell will doubtless be well equipped to answer all kinds of questions when the famous bell is exhibited in Portland next week, it would be a good idea for us to read up on its history and save them a lot of trouble.

A great deal of money will have to be expended and the problem is to find a source from which to draw.

Whatever may be the cost it is certain that the highway is to be among the chief assets of the state and as such will yield a big interest upon whatever amount may be spent in its completion.

THE MINING INDUSTRY SECRETARY LANE has received reports on business conditions as reflected by the mining industry. They are highly encouraging.

Iron ore shipments from the Lake Superior mines in May showed a 30 per cent increase over the same month last year.

The copper industry showed great improvement, with prices, output and wages taking a decided upward trend.

A heart coyote was lassoed in the wild of the city of Washington, D. C. It is not the only coyote that ever rendezvoused at the national capital.

A shiny suitcase, a pair of freshly creased trousers and a happy smile do not necessarily mean a vacation, although the combination may suggest one.

Holla Temple Shriners of Dallas, Texas, were here. Their name is left for Seattle's base paragraphs to toy with.

Men, more men are needed, says Kitchener, and then still more men.

Either Villa or Carranza's press agent is trifling with the truth.

UPLIFTERS REBUKED FOR FALSE MODESTY

IF you dare speak of unselfishness these days, you are accounted a moralist, hardly worth listening to. But if you will only speak of "enlightened selfishness" you are regarded as indeed a very profound and "safe" thinker—a "practical" person.

Nine times out of ten, if you speak to a man regarding an act of his which you deem unselfish, and you happen to express admiration of his unselfishness, he will halt you: "Not so, not that!" he will say. "Not that! I am not unselfish at all. I assure you. On the contrary, I am quite selfish. I adopt this apparently unselfish method because really I pay me better than the old short-sighted selfishness did."

Indeed, this habit of denying a good quality in order to convey the impression that somehow we have denatured a bad quality and succeeded in making it work as satisfactorily as a good quality could work, is a habit firmly established amongst "practical" men today.

The great strides in man's treatment of his fellow are explained under this rule. "No, I don't let light and sunshine into my factory because I love my fellow-men, but because this form of treatment raises the quality and increases the quantity of their work and so increases my profits," says the industrialist.

I am sometimes uncertain whether to attribute this strange manifestation to the spiritual modesty of men who would cloak their good deeds under concealing names, or to a spiritual blindness which cannot yet distinguish between the good and the less good, or to plain bewilderment at the great discovery that no loss is entailed, no great sacrifice is required to follow those principles which have been offered to us from of old, and which we have always regarded as so much "preaching."

Right within your reach is a business asset—a very definite one—which you are perhaps overlooking. This is the well-to-do people who may help you to reach and help today.

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A WATCHWORD OF THE FLEET

By Alfred Noyes in The Yale Review

FOR purposes of recognition at night, a small squadron of Elizabethan ships crossed the Atlantic adopted as a watchword the sentence, "Before the world—was God."

THEY died with Death. Their big seaboots. The bolts that split the midnight main. Looked at a lover's touch; the lean. Torpedo; "twenty miles of power!" The steel-clad Dreadnought's dark array! Yet— "we that keep the conning tower Are not so strong as they Whose watchword we disdain.

They laughed at odds for England's sake! We count, yet cast our strength away. One Admiral with the soul of Drake Would break the fleets of hell today! Give us the splendid heavens of youth, Give us the banners of deathless flame, The faith, the hope, the simple trust. Then shall the Deep indeed be swayed Through all its boundless breadth and length. Nor this proud England lean dismayed On twenty miles of strength, Or shrink from ought but shame.

Pull out by night, O leave the shore And lighted streets of Plymouth town, Pull out into the Deep, once more! There, in the night of their renown, The same great waters roll their gloom Around our midged period. At a man who sought to gain Raleigh trod Over our petty darkness loom. Along the line the cry is passed, From all their heaven-iluminated spars, Clear as a bell from mast to mast, In rings against the stars: "Before the world—was God!"

CHURCHGOING AS A BUSINESS ASSET From The Literary Digest. In the New York papers one Saturday a few weeks ago there appeared a large advertisement beginning with the words, "In this commercial age, here is a business asset," and closing with the appeal, "Go to church tomorrow."

"One of the greatest reproaches of the church has always been the fact that some men have sought membership in it for this very cause, and it is inexcusable to make this very thing, which has been the church's shame, the basis of an appeal to outsiders to come in. Peter on one occasion said to those who sought to gain spiritual information and gifts in order that he might coin them into money: 'They will be perished with thee, thou child of the devil.'"

"Some such spirit as this would do much to bring the church back to the purity and power she has lost. For the most part, we are altogether overlooking the appeal to the prosperous. There were not the people whom Jesus particularly sought. It was the common people who heard him gladly, and it is the common people, with their poverty and their hopes, that the church must try to reach and help today.

Of course we should try also to help the well-to-do, but we may help him best by sounding again the warning which Jesus spoke that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. Particularly must we do all we can to purge the church of the selfish and the worldly people who have sought her courts for the sake of gain. It is to be hoped that the churches of New York will do this.

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