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INTELLIGENT GOODNESS

We read of the President, on the occasion of the death near Portland by an automobile accident of one of the presidential party, wiring the following message to the bereaved wife:

"Our hearts go out to you in deepest sympathy in the tragic death of your husband, whom we all esteemed and trusted. He will be missed as a true friend and a man who always intelligently sought to do his duty."

Gordon Bennett says "A stupid man is a bad man." Certainly an average amount of intelligence is necessary even for one to be good.

Who of us but has had the misfortune, at some time or other, to come in contact with a self-righteous, bigoted, narrow minded but forceful individual, who stubbornly stood in the way of the progress of his community and who was the cause of much unhappiness and bad feeling in his own family, because he was stupidly narrow and lacking in the ability to understand anybody's problems but his own.

This sort of person never finds out that he is in the wrong, but goes on actively to the end, frustrating plans and destroying anything constructive attempted by his associates that does not originate with him.

Intelligent goodness is the only real goodness.

The stupid person may be self-righteous—he may even keep the moral law, and yet he is a bad man because he is arbitrary and uncharitable and works evil to those for whom he pretends to do good.

That was a great tribute—"A man who intelligently sought to do his duty."

SALIENT FEATURES IN ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD FROM SEPTEMBER, 1918, TO SEPTEMBER, 1919

On August 29th, 1919, the total sea-going ship tonnage under control of the United States Shipping Board, was as follows:

Built by the United States Shipping Board

	No. of Vessels	Gross Tonnage	Deadweight Tonnage
Steel	777	3,511,918	5,267,983
Wood	315	728,079	1,100,218
Composite	15	35,000	52,500
Seized from			
Germany	94	567,490	601,003
Austria	1	8,312	6,500
Purchased			
From Japan	15	85,880	128,820
From Austria	5	30,521	29,506
Requisitioned			
From private owners	58	346,580	519,870
TOTAL	1280	5,313,780	7,706,400

(The foregoing tabulation does not include 122 steel ships of 465,745 (deadweight) tons and 63 wood ships of 246,982 (deadweight) tons, sold recently to private owners by the United States Shipping Board, nor seized foreign vessels that had been sunk).

The above are official figures. They are furnished by the Information Bureau, Washington, D. C. They are epic in American history.

America's rapid advance from an inconsequential place among the maritime nations to the post of leadership in shipbuilding was not only phenomenal but is a fair augury for the permanence of its new merchant marine, built under the stress of war.

At the outbreak of the world struggle, merchant marine construction had almost become a lost art in this country.

Today this nation has MORE shipworkers, MORE shipyards, MORE shipways, MORE vessels under construction, and is turning them out MORE RAPIDLY and in GREATER NUMBERS than now issue from all the shipyards of the world.

As the premier shipbuilding nation of the world America attained her place in one giant stride.

Up to the outbreak of the war we had only 15 vessels of 1000 tons and over engaged in overseas trade.

Today the American flag floats from 1280 ocean going steamships, 1107 of which had been built by the United States Shipping Board within the last two years.

In June, 1914, the total gross tonnage under the American flag, including coastwise shipping and the fleet operating on the Great Lakes, was 4,278,000 tons.

In June, 1919, it was 11,983,000, an increase of 278 per cent., chiefly in ocean going steamships.

The steam tonnage under the American flag is now 24.8 per cent of the steam tonnage of the world.

And still going strong.

The original construction program contemplated the building in this country of 17,807,071 deadweight tons of shipping; a total of 3212 ships.

There is a long way to go yet; but we are making progress such as the world has not heretofore seen.

We have already 4,592 deck officers and the same number of engineer officers; total, 9,184. And deck force 15,720 and engine and fire room force 18,720; total, 34,440. And stewards' department force 7,936. Grand total, 51,560.

Altogether, there is a record of accomplishment sufficient in its relation to warm the cockles of the heart of any true and patriotic American.

"President Wilson is doing his utmost to hasten ratification of the treaty, and with some success," says Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority, in his current weekly letter. Where is the success? There is no less of determination than there has been on the part of the United States Senators who insist upon reasonable reservations. The treaty will not likely be ratified without them. President Wilson is delaying the game, not hurrying it along.

In the Chicago Tribune's special dispatch from Berlin, under date of September 16, one reads that "in the leadership of Lodge the German sees the promise of success for the battle against the treaty." There is a mistake somewhere, for the same dispatch quotes a prominent German diplomatist as saying that "Lodge is no enemy of Germany." The Germans forget that the senator tried to prevent the armistice last Novem-

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ber and demanded that the allied armies dictate peace on German soil, even if they had to march to Berlin.

Herr Erzberger says the Germans will do their utmost to square themselves with the other nations. Well, we need to call them squareheads.

Some Salem automobile dealers are getting in new cars, at \$3,000 each and up. Prune plutocrats will please take notice.

Oregon is to vote on cigarette prohibition in 1920. Then the old cornucop will have to go, and after that the soda pop.

Herbert Hoover says experiments in socialism and communism in Europe have resulted in every case in reduced production of necessities. Mr. Hoover is a careful observer.

Chairman Hays says that the President is pounding a stone wall. "Solid ivory" is the way the slang phrase used to run.—Springfield Republican.

Borah found everybody against the league. That's nothing. One finds what he seeks. You couldn't prove to the premier thief in the Oregon penitentiary that there are any honest men in the world.

There will be no loan sharks or profiteers in Palestine, according to resolutions passed yesterday by the Zionists at their convention in Chicago. Also, at the same time, all the ducks of the world will be banished to dry land.

British advocates of a protective tariff are fearful of the effects of a German "invasion" with several shiploads of toys to be sold cheap. But Germany must make some foreign sales if it is to pay the big war bills.

The Salem public schools are to have a new feature; it is a part time school. Youths of school age who are working will retain their jobs; but their employers will allow them to go to school an hour a day, on their time—that is, their pay will run along while they spend the hour in school or five hours a week. The ambitious ones will then spend some of their own time in studying at home, and thus they will get themselves better prepared for the duties and responsibilities and pleasures of life. And the last is not the small-

PROMINENT PORTLAND WOMAN CURED OF STOMACH TROUBLE

Portland, Or., June 14, 1919.

To Whom It May Concern: I have been a constant sufferer of stomach troubles for the past six years. Have suffered untold agony and misery and spent money doctoring with first class doctors. Have been told by them that I had ulcers, cancers and a growth in the stomach. Have tried so many kinds of patent medicines and remedies which helped others. Was on diets, lost my appetite, broke down in my nerves, could not eat, drink or sleep in a minute of peace—was a wreck in fact all over. I finally lost in weight from 160 pounds to scant 124 pounds. I lived and existed on cold, fresh, sweet milk to which the doctor ordered me to add one teaspoonful of malted milk in glass of milk I drank. I suffered no one knows but myself the unknown inward misery with that constant nagging, burning, throbbing sensation in my stomach. At times I would get perfectly despondent and earnestly pray to die. So over a year ago I heard of Dr. S. C. Stone's Stomach Powders and Blues Relief and thought I'll take another chance, and thank God, my heavenly Father, it did and has proved my relief and help and I believe cure. I eat and drink anything I see I want and crave at any time. As I say it is over one year ago but I constantly keep the powders in my house and when I feel the least distressed or any one of my family or friends complain I am only too glad to mix them a dose and see how quickly they are relieved. I can't recommend it too highly, neither can I say by writing and make one know and understand the relief it has given me from suffering untold agony and I say to each and every one who is suffering with indigestion and stomach troubles this powder is worth its weight in gold. Am only too glad to tell other sufferers what relieved me and truthfully believe will relieve them.

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It is to be hoped that Principal Moton of Tuskegee is correct in his statement that the southern white people were never "more determined to put down mob rule," but it is disconcerting, after digesting his encouraging opinion, to read that a mob at Jacksonville, failing to find the negro prisoners in the jail whom it had sought, took two others in place of him and hanged them. There wasn't much restraint in Jacksonville for that mob.

Contradiction has been made of the report that the British government desires Armenia to be protected by an American army of 200,000 men, but Dr. James L. Barton, in charge of the American relief fund in the near East, is quoted as saying that a small force would only stir up trouble, and that if American troops are to go to Armenia they should be in adequate numbers. It is well to recognize that the responsibility is too serious a one to be lightly undertaken.

A COVENANTER

When President Wilson dramatically exclaimed at Kansas City, "I am a covenanter," he carried the crowd with him.

His remarks must have taken many in the audience back to the days when they followed the fortunes of the grim old covenanters of the seventeenth century who entered into solemn league and covenant for the reformation and defense of religion and who braved even death itself for that covenant.

The covenant of the League of Nations transcends in importance any other agreement which has been offered to the peoples of the world and we are proud to range ourselves along side of the president as modern covenanters. As he has so earnestly pointed out, this is a matter which should be outside the range of politics, and that view is held by the leading Republicans as well as Democrats throughout the country.

THE ETERNAL QUESTION

From time immemorial people have been asking, "Why do women follow the fashions in dress?"

It is probable that in the promised millennium curious folks will still be asking the same silly question—silly because it is unanswerable.

Certainly not every woman admires the kind of hats and coats prescribed by the clothes-makers and their models, yet—certainly, also, nearly every woman likes to be "in style."

Ask the average woman why she wears such-and-such frills and fancies and she will probably reply that it will be fair tomorrow if it doesn't rain.

Ask her if she dresses to please men and she will come back at you with an emphatic negative.

Ask her if she keeps in style because she fears the opinions of other women and she will appear insulted.

Ask her: if she wants to "make herself beautiful" and you will queer yourself with her forever.

Ask her plainly just why she dresses so-and-so and she will say that she was wrong in the first place and that it will be cloudy tomorrow unless the sun shines. If you really want to know why women follow the fashions ask the Spin—maybe she knows.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Busy day at fair grounds.

Many campers are there now.

The grounds are assuming a holiday attire.

It was a great day for General Pershing at Washington.

The first day of fall will be next Tuesday. Some of the leaves on the trees are already showing it.

The hop picking will be about over this week. But prune picking is only getting a good start. Then the winter apples will come, and root crops, etc. With diversified farming, there is something to sell all the year through; especially where dairying is a part of it. That makes a prosperous country.

Old Willamette is opening up her school year with high hopes. The campus is assuming a busy and animated appearance. This institution is a great thing for Salem, in many ways.

The fanagers of the new meat packing plant, which is beginning to get along toward completion, intend to give an opening to the people of Salem—something like the dehydration banquet of last Friday. There is said to be a fine beef already selected for the great roast that will be a part of the feast; what the French would call the piece de resistance, or something like that.

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farmer's boy promised that in the future he would "be up with the lark." The next morning the old farmer came in from his milking and found his son sitting on the stile and singing as blithely as though there was no such thing as work. "Why, you young rascal," said his exasperated sire, "this is worse than sleeping. What do you mean by loafing on that stile and singing at the top of your voice?" The lad grinned. "Why, dad, you told me to be like the lark, and that's all he does when he gets up early."

To learn how it was in the beginning and as it possibly may again be, read this old market report for June 17, 1894: "Eggs butter, 19 cents; eggs, seven and one-half cents; veal chops, eight cents a pound; chickens, twenty-five to thirty cents each.

First Rustie (in London Bystander)—It looks like Bill was going to marry that there widdler. Second Rustie—Well, 'e might do worse. Her first husband left an uncommon good overcoat.

"Number, please," says the fire department, but the house is burned down now.

English Paper: "The bride as stood before the altar, revealed proportions of a Jumbo." "Egad! it is written 'Juno' even, though other is correct.

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