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"ABOVE POWER AND WEALTH"

The following remarkable editorial for a secular newspaper appeared in a recent number of the Los Angeles Times: "When Solomon chose wisdom above power and wealth, he not only struck the key to what he had apparently renounced, but he also recognized the expansion of consciousness as the business of life."

"If you gave a man a city block it would be no great thing to do for him because a chance fever or a stray bullet might take him away from it, but if you said something to him that made him spiritually aware of himself, you would endow him with a treasure from which he could never be separated. If you should give a man a thousand dollars, he could spend it in no time, but if you gave him a book that made him think more and more and made him happier for it, you would bestow upon him wealth that could never be dissipated."

The word of the spirit endures and prevails when all other literature fades as if written upon sand and the givers of spiritual laws are remembered when all others are forgotten.

"Nevertheless, you are not to be impressed by the form of any book. Never mind what is said. Pay no attention to statements of facts or seeming truth. There is nothing conclusive or even important about any utterance. Only one thing about the teacher, the speaker or the writer is significant. It is his approach to the mysteries; not what he sees, but that he has vision; not what he says, but that he has pure knowledge; not what he reveals, but that he has revelation. The joy of the great and the blessed is neither their word nor their works, but that they have had a living experience. Their worth to us is not alone that they are the promise that a like experience awaits our own realization, but that in their presence we share the fullness, the power and the bliss of their exalted attainment. It may be that you will never hear or read anything that really counts for yourself, for the realities are formless, wordless and mental concepts are rarely points of complete agreement, but the authority to speak or to write, the godly necessity to function, the quality of mercy that inspires the great to seek to arouse us, these qualities within them are so divine that we are swept within their consuming fire."

Emerson defined wealth as thought applied to nature. Drummond's definition of life was correspondence with environment. Emerson saw all rich men through their capacity to achieve and enjoy the forms of beauty and of use which thought brings forth from nature. Drummond saw all men great in their capacity to love. You shall not hold yourselves prisoners within the narrow confines of an undeveloped mentality; you shall not remain prodigals to feed the living spirit upon the husks of death. This quenchless, dauntless self of you shall yet emerge in the starlit fields of plenty.

"It is not in any attitude of thought that we approach the sublime region of equals. Beyond the walls of reason, where pure emotions commingle in a clear stream with the rare qualities of intuition, are we immersed in the sustaining fountain of life. Here is the well-being of the race, here is the meat to eat that we wot not of, here springs the law of Manu, here flames the bush of Moses, here blossoms Aaron's

rod, here ignites all the inspiration that has made the songs of angels and the best works of men.

That this realm celestial is not always apparent to our three-dimensional world, does not argue that the world is not limitless and that we are not to proceed. It is a challenge only to the self-proscribed and to the finite of perception. Want is an illusion which spurs us on until we are fed and clothed by the reality; death is the somber mask which knowledge tears from the laughing eyes of life.

"To look beyond the illusion of compounds upon the imperishable realities, is the work of every advancing order. Back of your sordid illusion of a city of crashing commerce is your city of reality, a city of flame and snow; back of your lumber and firewood, and merging inseparably within them, is your tree-soul, fluid to water and green-spread to shelter and shadow the earth; back of your garden are the roses that never die—even now you may breathe the long, sweet distillation of every blossom that has spilled its fragrance in the gardens of the world."

The appeal of the Salem school physician should be heeded. The way to stamp out contagious diseases is to report all cases.

Some one suggests that it might be a good idea to pass the cost of old wars on to posterity so that posterity can't finance any new wars.

H. G. Wells says George Washington was indolent. But he was sufficiently industrious to wallop the Hessian troops in the pay of the country in which Mr. Wells holds his citizenship.

Jo Davidson, the distinguished American sculptor, notes a "tremendous new enthusiasm for art throughout France." Not all of "war's reactions" evidently are thoroughly bad.

Lady Rhonda's application for admission to the house of lords and the special committee's approval apparently have by no means settled the question. The lords yield their prerogatives with a struggle, but when progress really insists then they do yield.

Columbia's modest belief that with 32,420 enrolled students it is the largest university in the world is corrected by the University of California, which announces 43,266 students. Happily the quality as well as the quantity of both the Atlantic and the Pacific institutions is excellent.

"An agreeing mind," says Senator George Wharton Pepper, "is one of God's greatest blessings." It would be in the nature of a novelty to have a larger proportionate number of that kind of minds in the United States senate.

Government expenditures in January dropped to the lowest point of any month since the pre-war period. They were \$231,246,985. This is a reduction of \$98,518,000 below December, 1921, and a reduction of \$327,039,000 below January, 1921, at which time the Democratic administration was in control. In the first seven months of the

longer than should have been taken for the task. Over a third of a million people is too many to come into the United States in a year—of the kind that do come, largely. It would be a good many, even if there could be the most careful selection. And there should be careful selection, under the permanent immigration law; as both to country and race and as to qualifications for becoming good and useful citizens of the United States.

TROTSKY'S FULL FED ARMY.

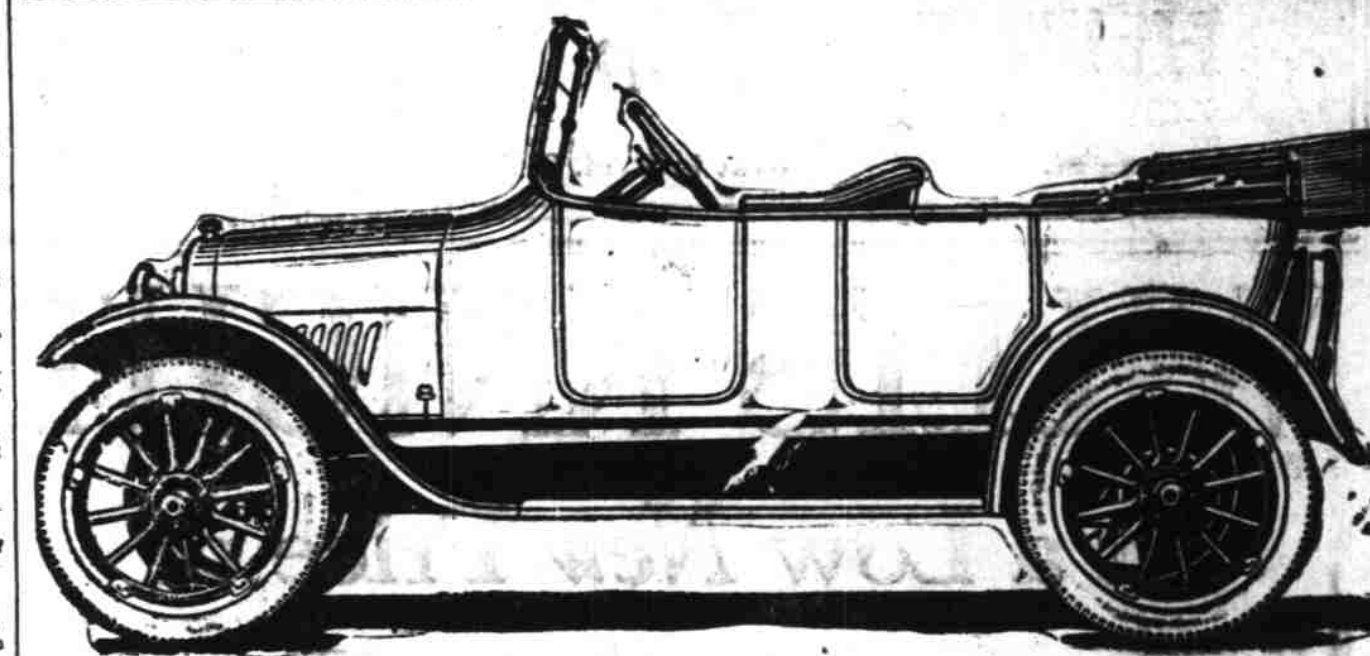
While millions of Russians starve, Leon Trotsky, the war minister, stuffed with proteins and vitamins in the Red Square of the Kremlin reviews the well-fed Moscow garrison on the fourth anniversary of the Red army. He returns snappily the salutes of veteran officers who served Russia in real battles when Trotsky was a hungry pamphleteer among the comrades in Manhattan. At Trotsky's elbow as the soldiers pass are such notables as Bela Kun, who had his Red heyday in Hungary, and the precocious Bill Haywood. The Kremlin towers, from which Napoleon looked down on burning Moscow, have never been the background of a military scene more fantastic.

The Red army, such as it is, may be reckoned the solidest achievement of Lenin and Trotsky. Industry is wrecked, the economic structure has been smashed to smithereens, production has ceased, crops are not raised; but in numbers, discipline and equipment the army has been strengthened year by year.

FUTURE DATES

- March 20, Monday—Spring term of circuit court opens.
March 20, Monday—Willamette-Redlands intercollegiate debate, Waller Hall, 8 p.m.
March 20, Monday—State convention Oregon Tax Reduction League in Portland.
March 21, Tuesday—Wrestling bouts at high school gymnasium, Salem High and Chemawa.
March 21, Tuesday—High school Chemawa center.
March 22 to 25—Mary Garden and company in grand opera, Portland.
March 24, Friday—Willamette university spring vacation begins.
March 27, Monday—March term of circuit court opens.
March 27, Monday—First day of March term Marion county circuit court.
March 27, Friday—Mrs. Temple's Telegram.
March 27, Friday—Snikpoh Dramatic society play at the high school.
April 7, Friday—"Paul Revere" to be presented by Salem high school music department.
April 12, Wednesday—County community club federation meets in Salem.
April 14, Friday—Last day on which candidates for state offices may file with secretary of state.
April 16 to 23—"Better Music" week in Salem.
April 16, Sunday—Easter.
April 18, Tuesday—Whitney Boys' Chorus to sing at Christian church.
May 13, Saturday—Junior week-end entertainment at O. A. C.
May 19, Friday—Primary election.
May 19, Friday—Open house, science department of high school.
May 23 and 27, Friday and Saturday—May Festival, Oratorio Creation Friday in armory; living pictures Saturday night.
June 5, Monday—Track meet, Willamette and Pacific University at Forest Grove.
June 14, Wednesday—Flag Day.
June 16, Friday—High school graduation.
June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marsh field.
July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday State convention of Artisans at Woodburn.
September 21, 22 and 23—Fandleton reunion.
September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair.
November 7, Tuesday—General election.

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In The Pirates' Cave

THE STORY OF CAPTAIN KIDD HE BUNCH of us had squatted in the Cave and Ollie Clark offered a story about Captain Kidd, the famous old pirate. "Go ahead," says we.

"Captain Kidd wasn't a pirate by choice," begins Ollie. "I'll tell you how he became one. In 1695 some rich English people chartered a ship called the 'Adventure Galley,' meaning to send her out into the West Indian seas to capture prowling pirate ships. Incidentally, the crew of the 'Adventure Galley' was to seize the plunder of the pirates and turn it over to the English lords.

Kidd Appointed Captain "On the recommendation of Lord Bellamont, one of the Englishmen, Captain William Kidd was hired to lead the crew. He was a bold and fearless leader, and being an experienced seaman, he knew the ways and haunts of pirates. "He took the job, and with the power given him to seize all pirate vessels, he sailed out of Plymouth harbor in April, 1695, with a crew of eighty men. "It was a rough, reckless bunch. Not a man had been hired for wages. Each was to get a share of whatever booty was taken from the pirate ships. "Business didn't go well with the 'Adventure Galley.' About nine months after leaving England she touched Madagascar, where Captain Kidd knew to be the hang-out of the East Indian pirates. But not a pirate ship was to be found.

which had hired Kidd, was living. "Captain Kidd felt that while he had not been greatly successful, he had done enough to pay the lords and others well.

"But Lord Bellamont and his friends didn't think so. So when Captain Kidd arrived in New York he and his crew were seized and sent back to England and imprisoned. The men were charged with piracy, and the captain was charged with the murder of Moore. "He admitted his guilt, when the trial came up in May 1701, but said that in killing Moore he had done the right thing, for the gunner had been a dangerous character and might have caused the entire crew mutiny. "But it was a one-sided trial, and Captain Kidd, with all his money taken from him had no chance to defend himself. He was sentenced to death, and with six of his crew, was hung.

ONE REEL YARNS

THE JANITOR'S KID "Who was that boy out in the court?" said Mrs. Fisher, as her son, Standish, came in. "That was the janitor's kid," said Standish. "Don't you remember, the day we moved in he came and helped the janitor fix up in here? He came up and wanted to play marbles with me. I just told him I didn't play with no janitor's kids, and he walked off. He had a lotta nerve." "You did quite right," said Mrs. Fisher. "The idea of letting the janitor's children come out and play with the children of the tenants in a swell place like this! Now we've got money, we've got to live up to it, and you've got to be mighty careful who you play with." "I know, Ma," said Standish. "You just watch me out on the kids that try to get too fresh. Where are you going?" "I'm going in to pay next



A GLASS TUMBLER I DON'T GET MUCH PAY, AND I'M LIABLE TO BE BROKE ANY TIME.

month's rent. The owner has an office in the building. G put on your fur cap. We want him to think we're somebody, all right." Standish followed his mother to the office of the owner. They had to wait a long time in the mahogany furnished waiting room. Then they were ushered into the office. Standish's eyes almost popped out of his head. The janitor's kid was standing by a window. He looked up as they came in. "How do you do, r.Ms. Fisher?" said the man, pleasantly. "So this is your son. Come here, Roger, here is a new boy in the building. This is my son, Mrs. Fisher. Why don't you two boys go out and play?" "Sorry," said Roger, starting to leave, "but I'm going down to see Nels, the janitor. He's showing me how to connect electric lights this afternoon."

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