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THE MESSAGE

As careful as I am, I can
Not guard myself against the
fool.
The wild and woolly reckless
man.
Indifferent to every rule.
I may proceed with utmost care
And watch for jabs and sud-
den bumps.
But I'm in danger everywhere
So long as care are run by
chumps.
There is no law to guarantee
The safety of a man or child
So long as fools are running
free.
And motoring like demons
wild,
Though thousands drive their
autos well.
They're menaced by the reck-
less few.
For no man living here can
tell
Just what the fool is apt to
do.
I write it from experience.
The not myself I have to fear
It is the lack of common sense
That makes a lot of drivers
here.
The strictest rule I may obey
To guard against all accident
Yet I'm in danger every day.
The fool I cannot circumvent.
—Detroit Free Press

LINCOLN'S HEIRS

CONCLUDING with the statement that the democracy of Wilson is closer to the democracy of Lincoln

than that of his republican opponent and asserting that this fundamental democracy is the real issue of the campaign, the San Francisco Bulletin discusses the political situation in the following language:

Not many previous presidents could fill out the ideal of a perfect president, as expressed by the critics of the present administration. Nothing short of a combination of Lincoln, Washington and Andrew Jackson would do. Lincoln alone would not fill the needs felt by the republican opponents of Mr. Wilson. Conservatives of today would find him as hard to accept as did the conservatives of 1860. The conservative American of 1916 is not capable of sincere admiration for the product of a frontier democracy, and has, indeed, no enthusiasm for democracy. The clamor for "Americanism" has its origin partly in a dislike of the immigrant, because the immigrant is poor and ignorant, and the dislike of the immigrant is a diverted expression of a distrust of the masses of mankind and consequently of democracy.

The continent has been conquered by heroic undisciplined pioneers in order that the soft heirs of this conquest might make an issue out of the need, which they so gravely feel, of disciplining and degenerating the million-minded masses. Out of individualism and democracy came the greatness of America, and now, being great, America is being asked to suppress individualism and devise a more controllable form of democracy.

Thus Lincoln would not do for a republican president. Andrew Jackson would not do. Washington might do—if he had learned nothing since 1799, and Woodrow Wilson, whose ideals are at least democratic, certainly will not do.

WINNING A FIGHT

THE Denver Post has hit upon a novel and most effective way of fighting the coal trust of Colorado. To prove its assertions that the trust has been robbing the people for years, this newspaper has gone into the coal business itself and is delivering coal any place in Denver for \$1.50 per ton less than the coal barons charge.

The Post is putting coal in Denver bins for \$3.50 a ton whereas the trust price is \$5.00. Moreover, the management of the paper offers to sell coal in carload lots to anyone in the United States for \$2.10 f. o. b. at the mines. The trust is threatening to ask the United States trade

commission to force the Post to raise its prices and the Post is daring the trust to take such a step, declaring that a government investigation of the Colorado coal business is the end for which it has been agitating for years.

If the Post is making a profit on its coal, and the paper could hardly afford to operate mines at a loss, it is very evident that the big coal lords have been reaping unreasonable profits. On the surface of things it appears that a government investigation has been needed for some time.

A Denver judge told a man he had just divorced that he was too homely to get a second wife. Still, love is blind and also a big bank roll sometimes has a greater attraction than the face of an Apollo.

If the Deutschland succeeds in diving beneath the British and French warships we may expect the old familiar "Deutschland Uber Alles" to be changed to "Deutschland Unter Allies."

If there is to be a moving picture drama of the early history of Pendleton, we hereby nominate Lot Livermore for the hero.



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