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SOME DAY.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Some day, when lips are dumb,
And o'er Love's face the rains unheeded beat,
You'll hear this voice: "Love called. You would not come;
No more—no more we meet!"

And through the lonely years
One other voice—the bitter in life's sweet:
"Love asked for love—you gave him only tears,
No more—no more we meet!"

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BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

SOME people thought that Harding's election would mean \$3 wheat, the elimination of federal taxes and other conditions cordoning on the millennium in the business world. They are fast learning their mistake.

Politics is politics and business is business. Successful government has considerable to do with successful business and industrial conditions but no political party is the custodian of the nation's prosperity. What we are getting now might have occurred even had the outcome of the election been different, though pro league men have strong basis for claiming that affirmation by the people of the Versailles treaty would have had a reassuring effect on foreign trade, including export sales of wheat.

As to taxes, there can be no reduction. The new administration may be able to shift the burden from certain shoulders to other shoulders. But the war debt must be paid by rich or poor or both and that means heavy federal taxation for several years to come. The situation, however, is not as bad as some think. A very large part of the war expense has already been met out of funds collected by the government during the war and since that time. It is estimated that nearly half the war cost has been paid if the loans to foreign countries are exempted. As these loans are to be repaid they can scarcely be considered as part of the war expense of this government.

From numerous quarters come predictions of a slow down during the next year or two. These fears may be realized and again they may not. The situation has been foreseen and for months past the banks, working under the federal reserve system, have been preparing for the new day. These preparations will serve to lessen the blow and in many cases the storm will blow over without any damage. It is an ill wind that blows no good. There are those who will profit by conditions that will injure others. As the dollar increases in value through reduction in living costs those who have fixed incomes will be the

gainer though others will be hurt. Conditions tend to right themselves.

The most hopeful thing about it all is that the nation is financially in better shape than ever before. The banking system, thanks to the federal reserve law, is thoroughly sound. There will be no bank failures. The reserve system provides for an elasticity never before enjoyed and for safeguards such as the country did not have in 1907, in 1893 and at other periods of trial. The times call for conservatism but not for hysteria. A ship in a fog needs extra lookouts but often the fog lifts as quickly as it came.

NATURE'S REFORESTATION

IN SPITE of forest fires Nature has restocked a good percent of the logged and burned-over forest land in western Oregon and Washington, according to J. V. Hofmann, Director of the Wind River forest experiment station, who has just returned to the station near Carson, Washington, after an inspection trip that took him over many of the larger logging operations in Western Washington. For several years the forest service, under Dr. Hofmann's direction, has given much attention to the study of natural Douglas fir reforestation in the Northwest. He has found that most of the young fir growth coming in on burned-over areas is not due to seeding up by occasional trees spared by the fire, but rather from seed buried in the duff of the forest floor.

"In the Douglas fir region, the forests produce a heavy seed crop every two or three years. Rodents collect the seed from the cones in large quantities and bury them in the duff and litter, where they sometimes remain several years, retaining their vitality until logging lets in the light and warmth of the sun, when they germinate and produce a new stand of trees," were statements by Dr. Hofmann.

"So uniform is the behavior of the forest land of western Oregon and Washington after the original stand of timber has been removed," says Dr. Hofmann, "that one can predict with much certainty whether or not a new stand will come in and also the percentage of species that will be found." On several occasions the doctor has taken a map of the logging operations of some company, made a few inquiries about when the different areas were logged, whether they had been burned over or not and if so when and how often, and then marked on the map his prediction concerning new growth on the various areas. Logging superintendents were much surprised on making a field investigation to find how closely the prediction on the map checked out on the ground, until Dr. Hofmann explained that the scientific principles which made him pretty sure in his predictions had been studied by the forest service for many years at the experiment station.

A reasonable amount of rejoicing is to be expected from victors in a political contest and should be cheerfully granted. But pretty soon the Hardingites will have to take up a more constructive line of action. They have had two weeks in which to celebrate and people now desire some of the excess prosperity that was promised immediately after election. Mr. Harding is taking a well earned vacation in Texas and caught a big fish. He is next going to Panama. That is his privilege but many believe it would be more instructive if he would hie to Europe and take a look at those millions of graves with little crosses above them. There is serious business ahead of the new administration and those gigantic tasks cannot be solved by repetition of old insults toward Wilson and Wilsonism, nor by raids on civil service postal positions. After the Portland Oregonian gets through with its daily jibes at the democrats, will it kindly explain why the business world has grown so pessimistic since November 2?



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THREE DIE IN QUARREL OF KENTUCKY TENANTS

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 15.—It is dangerous to attempt to dispossess a man of his home in the Kentucky mountains. Three men have been shot in such an attempt during a general battle at the home of Stanford

Preston on Buffalo creek, according to word received here tonight.

Preston is a typical mountaineer. His ancestors came over the hills from Virginia more than a hundred years ago. They made their home settlement, and the succeeding generations have lived there. Recently Preston had some financial reverses, resulting in an order that he be dispossessed of his ancestral residence.

Sheriff Stambaugh and Deputy Sheriff Edward went to move the aged man. They were both armed.

Arriving at the Preston home, William Preston, son of Sanford Preston, objected to the removal effort, and both sides opened fire about the same time. Sheriff Stambaugh and Deputy Edward were badly wounded, while young Preston was shot through the foot.

About 25 shots were fired. Preston, it was reported, shooting from the house. All three are now in the Paintsville, Ky., hospital. Sanford Preston still lives at his lifelong home.

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