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Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

SONGS

Sing me a song that will light the eye,
With the joy of the long ago;
The orchards' trees and the patch of sky
From the scenes that I used to know;
Sing me no song in a classic strain
From an age that I've never known;
But sing me the sweet and the low refrain
Of joys I can call my own.

The heart of me yearns for the simpler things
Which out of my life have flown,
Let mine be the music which sweetly brings
Some touch of the love I've known.

Sing of the tears which my eyes have shed
And the hurts which my heart has borne;
Sing, if you will, of my lovely deed
And the trail which my feet have worn.

Sing me a song of the long ago,
And the song which the kettle sang,
Sing of the breezes that used to blow
Where the laughter of boyhood rang.

Some joy I can call my own.
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LET RUSSIA BE A WARNING TO THE NATIONS

A correspondent for the London News Major, W. T. Blake has made a trip through a considerable portion of Russia to observe the famine conditions there. In his story, which was cabled to the New York World, this correspondent says that the most heartrending sights he saw are too terrible to be depicted. He sums it all up as a "Gigantic nightmare of horror."

Here is a section from Major Blake's story, not the worst part of his narrative but one chosen because it is less repulsive than much of his report:

"At Pinsk, one of the chief towns of White Russia, I found the situation terrible. Not only are the people suffering from intense hunger, but they are without seed, machinery, horses, cattle or homes. The district was the scene of long fighting between Germans and Russians and Poles and Bolsheviks in turn. On top of all this, the greater part of such of the town as has remained burned down and 10,000 persons were thus unwittingly added to the crowds of refugees.

The American Relief Association has arranged for the local authorities to issue food for 500 people for two months. Even with this help the future of the people of Pinsk is precarious in the extreme. People in the surrounding country are dying of like illness; starvation is the chief cause.

"From Pinsk to Vilna and from Pinsk southward to the Dnieper the old German and Russian trenches are inhabited by starving peasants. I spent one day seeing for myself the conditions under which these White Russians are living. All the doghouses have been turned into habitations. Wooden supports are rapidly rotting and families have been buried in the collapse of their temporary shelter.

"In one dugout were a woman, her daughter and her granddaughter. The daughter was paralyzed and could only crawl slowly on all fours. The granddaughter was too young to be of much use. These three lived on what grandmother could beg, which was little enough, as none of the neighbors was in much better condition than herself. The dugout looks as if it might collapse at any moment and the paralyzed woman knows that in case the earth should fall in she could not possibly get out. When I saw them the old woman was preparing their only meal for the day—a soup of grass, water, hot peppers and half a dozen rotten potatoes. No wonder they are no more than walking skeletons.

"In the next dugout, a few yards away, were two boys. Their father and mother had died. The boys were contriving to live on milk and a few potatoes. Another family live on potatoes and small fish which they find in the mud of what is left of the local river. All these people are in rags.

"In this region skeletons of horses, cows and human beings are common roadside objects. Men and animals collapse through weakness and die where they fall. Dogs and birds pick the bones clean. Signs of starvation grow worse the farther one goes east.

"What is going to happen this winter? A more tragic question never faced humanity.

"When the snows come how will these poor creatures exist?" I asked a local official at Baranovitchi.

"In the winter," he replied, "they must freeze to death."

Those conditions are worse than barbaric and they exist in the year 1921. Why? The casual citizen will say bolshevism and let it go at that. But that does not tell the whole story. Bolshevism overwhelmed Russia because Russia had too much war and too much militarism. In the old days it was a military autocracy. For that matter, it is a military autocracy now because Lenin's rule rests chiefly upon force. Russia is a war victim and her fate should be an object lesson to the rest of the world. Give us another big war and other countries will go the same way. In fact some other European nations had a narrow escape this time.

Warfare should be put under the ban. It can be done and it will have to be done if civilization is to survive. Warfare between nations can be stopped, no matter what reactionaries and pessimists say. It can be stopped by the same process whereby it has been stopped between individuals, between families and tribes. Society must do it in self defense. It is true no peace plan may work perfectly or be free from objections. But the big thing can be put over if the nations get together on a basis consistent with common sense and human nature. Why should they not do it? How can anyone think of Russia without misgivings for the future if mankind fails to chain the war god? War and militarism produced bolshevism in Russia just as bad sanitary conditions produce fever. If we want to make the world of the future safe we must deal with causes and not with symptoms. If this is not done there will be other victims in the future and the nation that now thinks it is the safest of all may prove the most susceptible. Until a few years ago people thought the Russian government very secure in the saddle and they never dreamed that Russian civilization could be undermined so easily and so thoroughly.

The battleship Washington was launched Thursday. It cost many millions of dollars. The money spent in building it would build the proposed Umatilla Rapids Project on the Columbia river for the development of electrical power, the irrigation of thousands of acres of land and the drowning out of a barrier to upriver navigation. This is one very understandable argument for an international disarmament agreement.—Astoria Budget.

When a Clatskanie laborer died after drinking some moonshine his body turned black. He wanted something with a kick in it and he got it.

The Butter creek road is an important road and the people of that region are justified in asking that it be made navigable.

The wheat market does not seem very much stimulated by the agriculture relief bill.

A little September rain to settle the dust will be welcome, Major Moorhouse.

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WORTHY LABOR NOT ALWAYS PHYSICAL IS VERSION OF PASTOR

Rev. Gressman Exalts Brain Work Also; Those Who Build for God Put Honor in Work.

(Extracts from Sermon by W. A. Gressman, at the First Christian church, Sunday morning, on the topic, "More Like the Master—in Laboring and Building for God." Text, John 6:27: "Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life.")

"Labor Day" should mean to everyone a day of respect to the honor and dignity of labor. But when we speak of the "dignity of labor," some receive it with a sneer, saying there is no such thing as the dignity of labor, for all labor is slavery. These same persons meet the term, "my country," with a sneer, declaring that they have no country. They also utter the words, "my flag," with a sneer. Such persons need to realize that all labor is not physical. Mental labor by one at the head of an institution which employs one or more workmen, or such as that of teaching school, is most often labor of a far more strenuous sort than that which is prominently physical. Mr. E. R. Fish, of the Seattle Labor Union, is a man with the right idea in this matter, and is going about the country, teaching workmen to realize these two phases of labor. He himself works with his hands, and says that he prefers to work by the sweat of his hands than the sweat of the brain, such as is done by his employer whom he honors.

We should ever see not merely the slaves, but also the dignity of labor. The latter is prominent in the teachings of the Scriptures. God is represented as a worker, and man's first occupation was that of a workman. The Carpenter of Nazareth should represent to any honest mind the dignity of labor. Also, physical labor is at its best only when it is preceded and permeated by mental labor. This is easily seen in the mind and work of Thomas A. Edison.

To become more like the Master in laboring and building for God requires us to possess in our hearts the love of God. Hate tears down; love builds up. Love for family builds homes; love for books builds libraries; love for education builds schools; love for God builds churches. The most magnificent church building in the world, that of St. Peter's in Rome, was built by Michael Angelo prompted and inspired by a religious motive. When Peter offered to build three tabernacles on the mount of transfiguration it was the expression of the religious

instinct of love. He who is laboring and building for God puts honor into his work and looks not merely for money. Too many children today are taught by their parents and encouraged by social surroundings to expect pay for every little favor they do. Thus some of the finest qualities in the building of life and character are placed on a foundation of money, and then we wonder why the present age is so materialistic!

OUTLOOK IN MEXICO IS NOT ENCOURAGING

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Sept. 6.—Mexico is facing the prospect of another dreary, workless winter for the masses.

Mining is still stagnant. Some of the mines which resumed operations at the time President Obregon issued his decrees to stimulate the mining industry and give employment to the idle miners have shut down.

Closing of mines is reported from the states of Coahuila, Chihuahua, Durango, San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes and other sections.

Most of the properties closed are silver mines the owners declaring that they have been unable to operate at a profit.

Crop shortage and actual crop failure reported in some places have added to the gravity of the situation.

While gloomy reports are coming from many mining and agricultural sections, news from Tampico indicates improvement in the oil situation there when new wells have been brought in.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian September 8, 1893.)
Matthew Neaves leaves this evening for Roseburg to enjoy a visit among his grandchildren.
Mrs. Jack Lamb, who was removed last week while quite ill, to Theodore Harm's place on North Fork, is not being restored to health.
W. J. Kivender came in Tuesday from John Day to meet his daughter, who arrived on the night train from Chicago.
Little boys and girls, with the usual abandon and recklessness of childhood, are in the habit of jumping on and off the wood truck. They give no heed to the warning of the driver, and parents are asked to use a little extra vigilance in the matter. Last evening Mr. Light barely saved himself from running over a girl who essayed to steal a ride, and would like to have the nuisance stopped.
Before leaving for the East, J. E. Beam provided himself with a marriage license from this county. It was suggested to the young man that the instrument would not be good in Illinois or Michigan, but Johnny said the office owed him a license and this might be the last opportunity he would ever have of getting it. Besides he might meet his intended bride on the midway pliance or on the tow-path of the Erie canal, and there was nothing safer than being fortified for any emergency.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS TOM IS ACCOMMODATING. BY ALLMAN

TOM SEEMS TO BE GIVING MRS. SPENCER A LOT OF ATTENTION TONIGHT—HAVE YOU NOTICED IT?

YES, HE LOOKS LIKE A TUG BOAT BRINGING IN AN OCEAN LINER WHEN HE DANCES WITH HER!

I JUST LOVE TO DANCE BUT I ALWAYS GET SO OVERHEATED!

STEP RIGHT OVER HERE, MRS. SPENCER—THERE IS A FAN!

MY, THIS IS SOME RELIEF!

IT'S AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NOBODY SOME GOOD, MRS. SPENCER

OH GOODNESS! ALL MY POWDER HAS BLOWN OFF! I MUST LOOK A FRIGHT!

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