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Monmouth Meditations

We can not conceive of any smaller business that one can engage in than that of spreading distrust of the Red Cross by repeating absurd and preposterous tales concerning it and its great work.

These cool nights make the fire feel like a most welcome friend and they also serve a useful purpose in keeping back the forward buds.

This is the season of the year when a man examines his Ford to see if it can be made to last another year or examines his bank account to ascertain the prospects for starting the season with a new one.

And now while the boys in Europe are working and preparing for that great conflict in the trenches the home people should be preparing in the same way to make the coming Liberty Loan drive a victory to be remembered.

If the Grange offered nothing but its social features it would be worth while. It is well that people should meet occasionally and get better acquainted with one another. People relax on occasions of social intercourse and show sides of their character not suspected. Your next door neighbor may be a mighty good fellow if you once get to know him.

The Germans may mass on the western front or make feints at the defenders south of the Alps in Italy but there is a passing probability that this is done to engross attention while they attend to their most favorable prospects which are in Russia. With the masses of Russia fitted for German domination through an experience under centuries of Czars; with large areas of agricultural land promising the food they need; with deposits of minerals which would make what they have thus far got hold of seem very small in comparison, it need not be at all surprising if what fighting the Germans do in France and Italy in 1918 will be forced upon them.

Gossip, it is claimed, holds more people into the straight and narrow path than either the respect for courts and intimidation of jails or the love of God and the fear of the devil. A man may brave the perils of the air or of land or sea but when it comes to facing the consequences of what Mrs. Jones tells Mrs. Casey over the back yard fence why that is something that will try the stoutest heart.

What advertising does for the merchant, fertilization does for the farmer. The merchant who rents a store and merely lays in his stock and the farmer who plows his land and merely puts seed into it are both in the same class. To achieve results the merchant must advertise and the farmer must fertilize.

There is always a period in every task when the first flush of enthusiasm has died away and the drudgery of the actual work begins to pall that the tendency is to become discouraged. This is the period in the world war at which we are now arrived. The flag flying, the patriotic songs, the enthusiasm to take the work of finance in connection therewith has worn familiar and the actual work ahead seems mountains high. Here is where the optimism of the leader of the "Three Musketeers" becomes a valuable quality, "Courage, comrade, the devil is mortal" he was wont to say. So, when fed up with highly colored accounts of German efficiency and prowess, we are apt to grow despondent in the magnitude of the task ahead, we must remember that the devil is mortal, and that sooner or later we will get a sword into him in the vulnerable spot.

The patriotic citizen who finds the cost of living so high that he can subscribe but little to Liberty Bonds, or to other war activities can at least raise a garden. Make yourself self sustaining. With the experience of last year to guide him he should be able to garden this year, successfully and profitably. No available piece of ground in Monmouth this summer should be allowed to lie idle. Potatoes and beans are the staples but there are a dozen other things which the small agriculturist can produce with profit to himself and as an aid to the government in its prosecution of the war.

While we hardly expected it of Ex-Governor Francis McGovern of Wisconsin, who has been a candidate for something or other at every election for the past eighteen years, his action in withdrawing from the senatorial race in that state is distinctly to his credit. He saw that if he remained in the race the result might turn out to be tactically an endorsement for LaFollette and rather than allow this he patriotically withdrew. Time was when McGovern was a friend and backer of LaFollette's. But what a multitude there are in the Badger state of whom the same thing can be said! The one abiding characteristic in LaFollette is that he can not bear to have any one in the lime light but himself. As fast as any one of his friends came to that conspicuous stage where he felt like striking out for himself, LaFollette immediately became his enemy. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" has been his motto and in his narrowness and his egotistical selfishness he has reached a stage where he has wellnigh bereft himself of all of his friends.

In his autobiography Champ Clark tells of his surprise in finding how metropolitan papers were run. It was at the end of his successful candidacy for his first nomination to Congress, and it was a long drawn out affair, extending from April to August in which he shook hands with practically every voter in the district. As soon as the nomination had been secured, that the facts might be made public in a light at least friendly to him, Clark made a rush for the office of the St. Louis Republic, the democratic organ of that city. Inquiring for the editor in chief, he was told that gentleman was out of town. The same was the case with the second in authority and when he came to pour his story into the ears of the third in command the latter threw the young political aspirant into cold shivers by announcing that he was a Republican, and would not go out of his way to aid a Democrat. Previous to that Clark had supposed that the same rule prevailed in the great newspapers that

prevails in our national government and that the first thing a metropolitan newspaper asked of its prospective employees, was the nature of their politics. Later he found that the matter of politics cuts a very small figure and that sometimes the owner or publisher is of different politics than the paper he controls as notably with MacCullagh of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, a Democrat although his paper is Republican in politics.

Faith, the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen, is an asset at this time. All wars have ended and it has been the unvarying accompaniment that the things that work for the betterment of humanity have steadily gone forward. Great souls have been men who had faith and seen beyond the temporary triumph or defeat, the powers of truth and justice working out their destiny.

"Careless seems the Great Avenger,
History's pages but record
One death grapple in the darkness
Twixt old systems and the Word;
Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold guides the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above his own."

The milk market at present appears to be a thing of great uncertainty. The condenseries, which a few months ago were sweeping the country with a fine tooth comb to increase their supply, now are decidedly cool in their reception of new business. Condenseries which formerly paid twice a month are now cutting the pay days to one a month and that date grows later and more uncertain each month. Some of the establishments because of unsold and accumulated stock are facing serious financial troubles. In the east the dairymen around Chicago are scorning the rate given them for the next six months, with a price of \$1.80 for June, the lowest of the half year. The farmers are selling cows to the stock yards and saying they can not produce the milk, and pay for feed at the prices offered. But the prices stand. Many reasons are given for the drop in the milk market. But over supply seems about the most effective explanation. The idea was prevalent a few months ago that the demand for milk could not be supplied. But when all the resources were called on the demand proved ample. For another thing, milk, while the best balanced and best food there is, is yet something that the adult can get along without. At any rate the milk market is badly demoralized just at present.

James Braden has been named marshal of Dallas to succeed Oliver P. Chase, resigned.

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E. M. Ebbert, C. E. Force, Paul Riley are a few of the many that secured leghorns last spring and pronounce them the best layers of any chickens they have ever kept.

Millard McCaleb, Mrs. W. J. Stockholm give the Barred Rocks most worthy praise for their laying ability for the heavier breeds. Miss Loretta Smith has 9 Barred Rock pullets secured from me last spring which began laying last fall. From along in October until Feb. 1, '18 these pullets laid over 40 dozen eggs, some winter layers!

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