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## Monmouth Meditations

We begin to suspect that the Crown Prince is more adept at rolling a cigarette than he is at leading an army.

Polk county may well give due thanks to the weatherman. The harvest is about over, the crop is under cover and all in good order.

Bombing their cathedrals and hospitals might annoy the Germans but to madden them the allied aircraft should make a specialty of bombing their breweries.

Again the screws are placed upon the newspaper man and he is told to reduce his use of print paper 15 per cent.

The latest news from the front is to the effect that the army of the Crown Prince continues to advance along the lines of least resistance.

Consider the prune. In these days when guests are exhorted to bring their own sugar with them, the prune does not have to be told. It acquired the habit long ago and always carries its own sweetening.

The Czech-Slovaks of Siberia are apparently not inclined to do a great deal of watchful waiting.

Now that Roosevelt has taken Henry Ford's measure, the latter's political career is apt to have all the spectacular characteristics of a touched off sky rocket.

In his studious devotion to military gods, Caesar, Alexander and Bonaparte, the Crown Prince might have carried the thing a bit farther and included General Sherman in his list. General Sherman's comments on war might strike the C. P. just at present as marvelously comprehensive, although brief.

Japan has reached the era of civilization where it has strikes. The idea that money and pleasure are for the few is the first form of culture and then comes the constant struggle for equality.

German Initiative Paralyzed is the way a headline puts it but candor compels the surmise that in addition to paralysis there appears to be a touch of St Vitus dance about it also.

From the way that the Russians shift on the political checker board it might appear that either the original Russians came from Ireland or the original Irish came from Russia.

We like the attitude of fellowship that impels churches to hold union services at this season of the year. Tolerance and friendliness are churchly virtues and a little practical application thereof shows a commendable spirit.

They also serve who stick to the job and work. Every whisper of the breeze appeals to the restless spirit and the money or glory to be

attained somewhere else comes with a luring power. But some one must keep the home fires burning and some must furnish the fuel; for the whole structure of war as of peace rests on the man who is digging wealth out of the soil of the old home place.

It might be considered an easy thing to grow beans but a brief though decisive experience of the past two years convinces us that it is not as easy as a few other things that might be mentioned. Mrs. J. W. J. Stockholm, however, has mastered the art, judging from some specimens of Kentucky Wonders which she brought into the Herald office this week. She says they were grown with only one hoeing and as they averaged nine inches in length of a pod and some much longer we wonder what might have been the result had they been hoed two or more times.

One of the features of the G. A. R. annual encampment this week in Portland is the assemblage of 100 or more of old soldiers who were ex-prisoners of war. It is through the prisoner veterans that unpleasant memories of war time linger longest and make it most difficult to restore pre-war conditions. Every historical society in the Northern states has its file of prison reminiscences and all of them tend to bitterness. The stories of Andersonville and Libby have been told and retold in every corner of the North and have always been potent to keep alive sectional feeling. In the same way, when the war with Germany is concluded, nothing will tend more to prevent a renewal of the friendly feelings before the war than the tales of prison camp veterans. Germany is writing a confession of her own impotence in the treatment she has given prisoners of war in the present struggle and she is also digging a pit in the pathway of her own commercial advancement after the war.

It must be that evergreen blackberries do not grow in Germany. If they did the army would have had a few rows planted along the front of the Hindenburg line and they would have been impregnable. The Evergreen would be immensely superior to barb wire. Its only rivals are the fishhook cactus and the monkey tree of the south and the Flanders mud would discourage them. But the more you discouraged it the more the Evergreen would grow and once its innumerable claws were fastened upon the foe there would be no letting go.

Speaking of blackberries reminds us of the cow that is pastured on the back lot and depends, this time of the year on various kinds of foliage for the raw material with which to operate its milk and cream factory. It is said that the cow in the woodland pasture finds the tree moss a most succulent food and the sound of a felled tree is sure to bring up the herd, eager for the feast. The back yard cow at this season of the year is a little hard up for green stuff, although there is considerable variety. Of course the grass was all finished, down to the roots long ago, but there is still yellow dock, burr dock, horseradish and bull thistles to feast on and a cow that is clever can skim enough foliage and green berries from among the thorns of the evergreen to spice the meal. When there is the succulent foliage of young English walnut trees to pass for dessert, the talented cow can naturally turn out an A. 1 grade of butter on the combination.

100 I. W. W. were found guilty of sedition in the 138 day trial recently concluded in Chicago and the curious part of it is that the 100 admit that they had a fair trial.

Such is their point of view that with a fair trial they fail to see how they could have been convicted.

They have broken the law so continuously, deliberately and unconsciously that it has become second nature to them and are surprised that any one should call them to account. In his closing address the prosecuting attorney said: "At its very start the I. W. W. struck at the foundations of our government. Is it not peculiar that in every state in our Union these fellows got into trouble? In a little town an ordinance is passed. They go and violate it and say they are going to violate it." That this is true all who keep informed, know. The I. W. W. is constantly in trouble with local authorities for violating local regulations. Many Americans believe they have the right to sit in judgment on laws and obey them or not as suits their convenience. This applies especially to municipal and state laws. A man may build a building, or lay a side walk and deliberately violate the laws of the municipality. Or he may hunt or fish illegally or violate the pure food laws or defy the election laws. The I. W. W. went further. They determined in council what laws they considered antagonistic and deliberately set about to defy them. This course kept them in continual hot water with the state and municipal authorities. But being an organization that covered different communities and states they were usually able to evade a calling to account in any one place. They were national and the law was local and the local law got the worst of it, usually. That they have come, perhaps unconsciously to look on law breaking as an invested right of theirs is evident from the surprise they announce at their conviction. But in defying national laws they have met up with something that is bigger than they are. It was a little careless in Mr. Haywood and his associates to defy the Federal authority. They have found that it does not pay to monkey with Uncle Sam.

### Road of Frights.

In the central part of China there is a very strange road, which leads to the famous Ming tombs. On each side of the avenue are huge figures of elephants, camels and giraffes, lions, etc. Each animal is carved out of a solid piece of stone. They are probably more than 500 years old.

### Old Idea of the "Far West."

The citizens of Albany, N. Y., experienced a thrill on February 28, 1795, when 500 emigrants' sleighs passed through that city on their way to the distant and little-known Genesee country of western New York. The Genesee valley was then considered the "far West."

### Carbolic Acid for Carbuncles.

In an article in the New York Medical Journal Dr. Edward H. Ochsner reported very favorable results in the treatment of carbuncles by injections of carbolic acid. The injection gives immediate relief from pain and the sore heals rapidly.

### The Summer Solstice.

June 21 is the day of the year when the sun is directly over the equator, and for several days about that time there is no observable difference on his position, or his hours of rising and setting. It is the longest day of the year.

### Getting There.

Miss Lucy says de man whut b'lieve in hisse'f gin'ally gits dah, but Kun'l Bob 'Jow ef da's all it take some dem pol'ticians whu's rec'mindatin' deyse'f fuh office sho jue t'g't 'lected! —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

### Oil Engine Needs Little Fuel.

A French inventor claims the record for efficiency for an oil engine that has a fuel consumption of less than forty pounds per horse power per hour.

### Ideals.

We must love ideals and struggle toward them ourselves, but we must not use them excessively in the measurement of others.—David Swing.

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