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Monmouth Meditations

Like a great many other people, the crown prince can prophesy a great deal better after an event has happened than before it occurred.

Another thing to be thankful for is that you have a whole month ahead in which to do your Christmas shopping.

Men may come and men may go but we fancy that Geo. Sullivan will be missed in Monmouth by as many people as any of them.

We have often wondered what object is attained by cheering a motion picture performance.

The springs that feed the city wells having renewed their wet season abundance, our summer may be officially said to be at an end.

Experts are sharpening the legal mill stones in preparation for the legislative grist scheduled soon to be brought forth.

The weather sharks are now predicting snow and a cold winter. Snow, falling alike on the beautiful flowers and on the aspirations of the kaiser.

A great many men by continued boasting are able to convince themselves of their own prowess. Occasionally they are able to convince somebody else. This sometimes is luck, and sometimes the triumph of genius.

The first detail of soldiers to be sent to this country were upon arrival, hustled into quarantine. In these days of medical precaution the soldier is apt to find nothing lacking in the sanitary welcome awaiting him.

Vice Admiral Simms is to be made an admiral. Simms, by the way, is one of the great naval men of the day. For years he made a hobby of expert marksmanship and kept at it until through his direction our navy has gunners the peer of any in the world.

The Red Cross is to put on a Christmas campaign with the plan of making every American a member of the Red Cross. While our community has been raked and combed for memberships in the past we surmise there are still a few more to be gathered in.

In common life it is usually the case that a man who steps in to settle a neighborhood quarrel, gets the worst of it, and this on a national scale is what President Wilson essays to do just at present. If he comes out of it with whole skin he surely will be deserving of a great deal of credit.

Feeding Europe and especially the Central powers, is not an agreeable thing to think of just at present with food stuff high in price and hard to obtain. But it is something that must be cheerfully done and at the least it is to be

hoped they be made to pay for what they get.

An Illinois buyer who keeps track of his transactions sold a carload of hogs in Chicago, November 14 for \$3,365. In December 1896 he sold a car of hogs for \$374. This year the hogs sold for \$17.80 per hundred and in 1896 he received \$3.25 per hundred. There is some difference in the size of the cars but there was also a difference of nearly six fold in the price received.

All at once it is discovered there is plenty of sugar in the country and all restriction on purchase is removed. The price, however, will have to be lowered before there is any great rush for the refiner's stock. It is also stated to be a fact that in fixing prices the government insisted that retailers take a larger profit than they would have done if left to themselves.

Two items in the president's annual message may be said to dovetail nicely with the approved thought of the day. While he does not recommend any procedure with railroad operation, friends of the middle course of private operation under federal control find greatest encouragement from his remarks. As distinguished from the two extremes of government and private ownership, federal control, it is acknowledged will minimize the dangers of monopoly, will offer to every section an opportunity to obtain redress from wrongs, fancied or real, and will avoid the positive dangers of politics and inefficiency connected with government ownership. The second item is the one relative to the operation of public enterprises as a means of absorbing surplus labor. It is recognized that on short hauls the auto truck has become a formidable competitor of the railroad and the building of hard surfaced roads is not only a public necessity but offers to the government one of several ways by which it can employ labor to advantage.

The trust of leadership placed with individuals entails responsibilities as well as privilege. The Kaiser has enjoyed the privileges of his preferred situation and, now that they have him within reach, his conquerors contemplate bringing him to account for misuse of his stewardship. It is acknowledged that he and his ruling group have consistently led the German people in the wrong direction and it is felt that adequate punishment should be inflicted as a warning to other leaders who may become vested with similar power. It is now freely admitted that the questions that culminated in the civil war were aggravated by designing leadership. Southern leaders worked upon the credulity and passions of their fellow citizens turning them to their own selfish ends. So it is with Mooney, the labor agitator. Entrusted with the responsibility of leadership he has always used his influence to feed the fires of class hatred, has never been backward in advocating violence. As we sow we reap. The crop sown by Bismarck and William I has been harvested in the past four years of blood. Harvest from the seed sown by such men as Mooney depends upon how freely we permit them to do their work.



U. S. Public Health Service Warns Public Against Tuberculosis. One Million Cases Tuberculosis in United States—Each a Source of Danger.

Influenza Convalescents Should Have Lungs Examined—Colds Which Hang On Often Beginning of Tuberculosis. No Cause for Alarm if Tuberculosis is Recognized Early—Patent Medicines Not to Be Trusted.

★ Beware tuberculosis after influenza. No need to worry if you take precautions in time.
★ Don't diagnose your own condition. Have your doctor examine your lungs several times at monthly intervals. Build up your strength with right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.
★ Don't waste money on patent medicines advertised to cure tuberculosis.
★ Become a fresh-air crank and enjoy life.

Washington, D. C.—(Special.)—According to a report made to the United States Public Health Service, the epidemic of influenza in Spain has already caused an increase in the prevalence and deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. A similar association between influenza and tuberculosis was recently made by Sir Arthur Newsholme, the chief medical officer of the English public health service, in his analysis of the tuberculosis death rate in England.

In order that the people of the United States may profit by the experience of other countries, Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the United States Public Health Service has just issued a warning emphasizing the need of special precautions at the present time. "Experience seems to indicate," says the Surgeon General, "that persons whose resistance has been weakened by an attack of influenza are peculiarly susceptible to tuberculosis. With millions of its people recently affected with influenza this country now offers conditions favoring the spread of tuberculosis."

One Million Consumptives in the United States.

"Then you consider this a serious menace?" was asked. "In my opinion it is, though I hasten to add it is distinctly one against which the people can guard. So far as one can estimate there are at present about one million cases of tuberculosis in the United States. There is unfortunately no complete census available to show exactly the number of tuberculosis persons in each state despite the fact that most of the states have made the disease reportable. In New York city, where reporting has been in force for many years, over 35,000 cases of tuberculosis are registered with the Department of Health. Those familiar with the situation believe that the addition of unrecognized and unreported cases would make the number nearer 50,000. The very careful health survey conducted during the past two years in Framingham, Mass., revealed 200 cases of tuberculosis in a population of approximately 15,000. If these proportions hold true for the United States as a whole they would indicate that about one in every hundred persons is tuberculous. Each of these constitutes a source of danger to be guarded against."

What to Do.

In his statement to the public Surgeon General Blue points out how those who have had influenza should protect themselves against tuberculosis. "All who have recovered from influenza," says the Surgeon General, "should have their lungs carefully examined by a competent physician. In fact, it is desirable to have several examinations made a month apart. Such examinations cannot be made through the clothing nor can they be carried out in two or three minutes. If the lungs are found to be free from tuberculosis every effort should be made to keep them so. This can be done by right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

Danger Signs.

The Surgeon General warned especially against certain danger signs, such as "decline" and "colds which hang on."

These, he explained, were often the beginning of tuberculosis. "If you do not get well promptly, if your cold seems to hang on or your health and strength decline, remember that these are often the early signs of tuberculosis. Place yourself at once under the care of a competent physician. Tuberculosis is curable in the early stages."

Patent Medicines Dangerous in Tuberculosis.

"Above all do not trust in the misleading statements of unscrupulous patent medicine makers. There is no specific medicine for the cure of tuberculosis. The money spent on such medicines is thrown away; it should be spent instead for good food and decent living."

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