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Monmouth
Meditations

It comes natural to balk at peace down in the Falkans.

A week like the one past stiffens the backbone of the family wood-pile.

It formerly took soldiers to prevent polygamy in Utah, which the h. c. of l. is now doing automatically.

Carranza announces that Mexico will soon be on its feet and when that happy time comes doubtless she will get off our toes.

If Herbert Hoover should become president there is one thing he could do to a nicety. He could put the politicians on rations when it comes to parceling out the offices.

Russia is immense in its area, stretching from the Baltic to the Behring strait but in spite of that the dove of peace is hard pressed there to find a spot big enough to light upon.

While we blame the undigested foreigner for the I. W. W., it is a fact to be lamented that good old American names among the prominent members thereof are altogether too common.

With the high price of feed, hog feeders claim they are losing money. Very few of the consumers will admit they have found any of it.

A list of the welcoming committee who greeted Mr. De Valera, the new president of the republic of Ireland to Portland, reads like a list of the faculty of a Catholic seminary. If holy water could lubricate the way to power the Sinn Fein nation could float to success without a great deal of trouble.

In short, the treaty situation in the senate has now reached that interesting state in which a plan is to be evolved by which the majority and the minority are to emerge as winners.

A Hungarian laborer of Omaha had in his possession for years a stone which he called a lucky stone and which turned out to be a blood red ruby, large and flawless and of almost priceless value. The stone was cut and polished by a Chicago worker and during the process it was constantly under the eye of an Omaha attorney who accompanied it. Just who went surety for the attorney has not yet been made public.

"Organized minorities attempt to rule unorganized majorities" said General Leonard Wood in a recent interview; which might be likened to summing up the situation in a nut shell. We can think of many worse things that might happen to this country than to have as president in the turbulent times we are passing through, a man of decisive force and plain common sense such as the aforementioned Wood.

A certain dentist of North Bend who is president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city and a member of the school board, is alleged to have treated his friends to whiskey and to have made a night of it. The noise so annoyed the mayor of the city, who lives not far away, that he remonstrated with the member of the board of education, ending up by knocking him down. While the operator is changing reels

the audience is cautioned not to stick freshly chewed wads of gum under the seats.

It is hard to get the viewpoint of the radicals who set out to slay and terrorize people who do not agree with them, and most people are not willing to try. It is also hard to explain the flu or scarlet fever or hydrophobia or other destructive ailments. We know they exist and it is up to us to take measures to prevent their spread. It is a time for firmness and decisive action. The rights of the majority far outweigh the whims and pet aversions of the few.

It is announced by Attorney Darrow of Chicago that a plan is underway to secure the parole of J. J. McNamara, the dynamiter convicted of blowing up the Los Angeles Times building. This might appear a specimen of humor except for the unfortunate fact that it is given as truth. We suspect the theory is that McNamara suffered from a mental disease that caused him to commit wholesale murder. He has been treated in the penitentiary and now they would let him out as cured. Such is the fantastic reasoning of a certain type of sentimentalist.

No man was ever successful who refused to advertise and some of the best advertisers are unconscious publicity men, doing their advertising with the same degree of routine that they use in eating and sleeping.

It is a lamentable fact that few business rivals think well of one another's product. This is the meditation of one trying to post up on the merits of wood, iron and steel pipe.

Between the home cured and the government stored, Monmouth ought to have enough bacon to last until the salubrious spring time.

The silver in a dollar is now worth five cents more than the dollar, but the government has enough in circulation and stored up in its vaults so that a few can be melted for the metal in them without being ever missed.

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