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OUR MUDDLED SITUATION

The world chaos that gains impetus with every rising sun has reached a critical point at home. A country and government that have been held up as examples of progress and glorious democracy are floundering in a sea of unrest, crime and misery. In this hour, when problems of supreme importance confront us, it is interesting to observe the censorious spirit that dominates the mind of man. Every fellow is disposed to blame some one else for all the ills to which he has become heir. The government, the trusts, strikes, automobiles, newspapers, chain stores, the republicans, the democrats and the tariff—these and other forces are called into account for afflicting us with discontent, shrinkage in business, loss of credit, an all other evils that beset us. Seldom, if ever, is there heard in the chorus of denunciations, one word of self directed blame, but whether we are willing to admit or not, our troubles are directly attributed to our own thoughts and are self-made.

A people, for the most part accustomed to living moderately and even frugally prior to the war, has launched into an orgy of buying on the installment plan such as has never been known in the history of man. Although endowed with a modicum of reasoning power, we have deliberately thrown discretion to the winds and plunged into a debt that will take years to overcome, if ever.

The men and women who honestly work their way out of the present muddled condition will be those who think right and are possessed with the proper intestinal stamina. For some time we have needed something to divide the sheep from the goats. Crooks and deadbeats have been sailing along in the vanguard of society and the church, enjoying all the privileges and often more than those who make up the ranks of honest citizens. If the present crisis serves as a leveler in the business and social realms, much will be gained.

There is really a great deal about our present status to give us urge to go forward and cheer in the hope that in going forward much that has been unwholesome will be left in the discard.

Tart words makes no friends; a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar.

UNIONS AND CAPITAL

In the old days capital ruled with an iron hand and had little in common with labor. Unions, were of necessity, organized to protect the laborer. For years they grew slowly, until now they have a strangle hold on capital.

We believe in a capitalistic country, for without capital we would not progress as we have. We believe in unions, for they must protect their ranks from intolerant capital.

We also believe capital is getting what it deserves, for their attitude toward labor for years was distressing. Capital is now receiving what they gave to labor in former years—little consideration.

Now, however, labor has passed all bounds of reason. They succeeded in getting capital where they wanted them, but were not satisfied. They developed many lucrative positions that drew nifty salaries, and these salaries must be continued and handed out as plums to the faithful. Two factions of labor began a war among themselves to see where the plums would fall, and the consequences are disastrous to the whole nation.

Capital is on its knees, so to speak, and the great mass of common people are patiently waiting for the internal strife between the two factions to see who will rule, and it is becoming intolerable. Another six months of this sort of thing will place the country in another civil war and when it is cleared up, labor will have lost all it has been fighting for. The average American workman is just as dumb as the average American voter. A spell binder can sway them this way or that, to suit the situation at hand.

The honest laborer is in the same position as the honest citizen who refuses to allow his name to go before the public for office. Neither desires the publicity of running the gauntlet of criticism that will be heaped upon them for taking the lead and trying to put forth honest effort.

So what?

JAPANESE PROPAGANDA

Japan is making every effort to combat her unpopularity in the United States since starting her war with China.

In our mail bag recently, came a pamphlet stating Japan's position as regards China, and giving the impression China is responsible for all the trouble. The pamphlet states it was printed in Japan, and apparently a copy mailed to all newspapers in the nation.

Last Tuesday evening over the Columbia network, the rankest piece of propaganda we ever heard on the radio was presented by Lewis Brown, and many times in his description of the sinking of the Panay, as it was shown on the screen in Los Angeles for the first preview, he spoke concerning about Japan. Indeed, read a letter from a Japanese student which was calculated to soften the wrath Americans hold for the fighting Nipponese.

His efforts in Japan's behalf were so apparent, the interview given as the pictures were shown, was disgusting to say the least. "Let's remember the incident is closed." "So far as the pictures are concerned, it does not appear any place where the deed was deliberately perpetrated." These were some of his remarks, as near as we could get them from the radio.

We do not know who is responsible for the interview under the banner of the Columbia Broadcasting Stations. We do not know if the Columbia company knew what Mr. Brown was going to say. But we do know that the said Mr. Brown did his best to send out a ship load of pitiful propaganda for poor little Japan, and if the average listener caught the same impressions we did, Mr. Brown's efforts were entirely nil.

CHURCHES

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday school 10 a. m.
(Leonard Beard, Supt.)

Preaching each Sunday, 11 a. m.
Loyal Defenders, Vivian Pullen, acting president 7 p. m.

Preaching and a good old fashioned sing begins 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting in church
Wednesday night 8 p. m.

"No books but the Bible and no creed but Christ."

We have been enjoying some very good services lately at the Bridgeview Community church.

We had with us the last few Sunday nights a number of fine southern gentlemen from camp Oregon Caves.

The pastor has been conducting evangelistic services at the camp, accompanied by the Ray Kennedy family, special singers.

On Tuesday, December 21, the attendance was about 100 and on Christmas evening we had 170 present out of an enrollment of 174.

The drama by five young ladies on internationalism was very educational and the girls displayed unusual talent.

Sunday is communion Sunday, also election of Sunday School officers and the church will consider calling a pastor for the new year.

ED WRIGHT, Pastor.
"The little church with the big welcome."

NON-DENOMINATIONAL Cave City

Sunday School and church services at Legion hall, Cave City

every Sunday.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Church services at 11 a. m.
Rev. George L. Gray of Grants Pass, pastor. Everyone invited.

For Sunday, December 26th, there will be no Sunday school, instead a play will be presented, with a full program.

ILLINOIS VALLEY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Sabbath School at 1:45 p. m. every Saturday.

Preaching service at 3 p. m.
The speaker for this coming Saturday will be Adolph Johnson.

Prayer meeting announced each Sabbath at church service.

Seventh-Day Adventist Communion service will be held Saturday, December 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Jones left for Brookings Wednesday returning Thursday for a short visit.

Friendly Mission

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anyway."

As a suggestion toward the solution of the problem of relief for every community Dr. Brown gave his analysis of our situation:

"I know my Illinois Valley," he said, "and I know the number of people now on relief. And I know that we can care for all of them with no cost to the government, and with no cost to ourselves, except the cost of careful thought and planning. What we can do in Illinois Valley, Americans can do everywhere."

Dr. Brown then addressed himself to the problem of unemployment and the difficulties in the working world. His suggested so-

lution of the present fratricidal strife in the labor organizations is most unique:

"A man who might work and will not, should be listed and known as such. That will largely solve the problem of unemployment," he said.

Regarding the coming session of congress and the threatened disaster to America in the serious difference of opinion in the political world, the pastor of The Friendly Mission challenged all America when he said:

"As a measure of good faith in the people let congress meet in January, and by resolution recognize the urgency of the emergency which is upon us; and then by formal resolution commit the cause of America once again to the people whose the government is. America is ours and not theirs alone. The destiny of the nation now hangs in the balance.

"Then in complete confidence that we, the people will accept the trust and fulfill the obligation which this implies, let congress adjourn until after Easter.

"I know America, America the beautiful, — my America and yours. I know America and I know Americans. We will not fail the land of our undying love but will do what we never yet have failed to do in every crisis in our history."

Grange Initiation

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home economics committee.

The next Grange meeting of importance will be the Pomona Grange, held at the Fruitdale Grange hall on New Year's day. The meeting will start at 10 a. m. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon. All Grangers are cordially invited to attend.

Bertha M. Caid Becomes Bride of Bruce Snelson

Last week another marriage was solemnized when Bertha M. Caid became the bride of Bruce Snelson. The marriage was a surprise to a great number of her friends.

On Sunday night the newly weds and a large group of friends gathered at the Spanish Castle in Cave City and celebrated the happy event. Singing, games and music entertained the guests until a late hour when a sumptuous luncheon was served.

Among those at the party were: The bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Snelson, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Woodcock, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Spence Mayes and son, Mr. and Mrs. Les Henry, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. McCasland, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fagnant, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lewis, Misses Ethel Jackson, Babbie Ralph, Catherine Gates, Emma Owens, Mrs. Blanche Cousineau, the bride's mother and Messrs. Clarence Saunders, Bud Cross, Jack Bennett, Carl Hausle Annis Dixon, Earl Judkins, Earl Sherier, Morris Sauer, Milton Akerill, Harry Fields and Charley Trefethen.

After congratulations the happy couple were wished a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The Man of the House



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