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CONGRESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The last congress was a war congress. The present one is a reconstruction congress. Or, at least, it should be. There is a vast amount of work to be done, some of it left over by the last session and some newly developing, all necessary in order to wind up the war at home and abroad, and get back to a normal prosperous peace basis.

Congress will be judged accordingly as it sets about to do this work in a conscientious, patriotic, creative way. Both parties in congress will be judged likewise. The eyes of the nation are on them more critically than usual, because of the important issues involved and because of the imminence of the next national campaign.

It will go hard with either party that campaign if its representatives in congress do not measure up to public opinion of their duty. The chief legislative responsibility, naturally, will rest with the republican party, because it is control of both houses. But a minority, too, has responsibilities that it cannot shirk. And the fact that the minority has the President for an ally makes the responsibility about equally divided.

The last session was marked by some disgraceful and ruinous exhibitions of partisanship. It is too much to expect that politicians will refuse to play politics in the present session, while jockeying for advantage in the presidential campaign. But the public fervently hopes that there will be as little petty politics as possible, and a great deal of the wise and profitable sort of politics which consists in trying to do the things that the nation wants done.

X PLUS Y

A speaker from the national socialist organization had been talking at the University of California about the work of the social unit in the Bonawille-Brighton district in Cincinnati, where that plan for making a community truly democratic has been in progress for the past two and a half years. Among those who questioned him afterwards was a young Hindu student who said he wished he could understand just what Americans meant when they talked about democracy.

In about this fashion the speaker tried to make it clear.

He asked if the boy had studied algebra. He had.

"Democracy," said the speaker, "is not X over Y, one class, the well-fed, well-educated, dominating over the other half of the world. Nor is it Y over X, as the Bolsheviks would have it. It is not X gobbling up Y, nor Y gobbling up X. It is not X alone nor Y alone, nor does subtraction nor division enter into the calculation at all.

"Democracy is X plus Y. It is every man and woman working right alongside every other man and woman, each giving the best that is in him to make the life of every X and every Y better and happier, freer to choose his path."

It is not such a bad way to put the matter. And if every man and woman would put his shoulder to the wheel of life with the idea of service to humanity paramount, instead of the idea of service to the separate self, would not all the troubles, class distinctions and economic inequalities be ironed out on God's great ironing-board even as the chaff of autumn is now being swept out upon His dustpan?

RECALLS OLD ROME

Ancient Coin of Surpassing Historic Interest.

Two Thousand Years Since It Came From the Mint, What a Story of Adversity This Token Could Tell!

A coin 2000 years old, which may have reposed in the treasure box of a Roman senator, passed from hand to hand in the dice games of members of the Roman imperial guard, been tossed to the rubble by a patrician as he passed through the streets on his way to the baths, or thrown to a victorious gladiator by one of the vestal virgins, now is in the possession of Arthur S. Hibler, United States immigrant inspector at New Orleans. On its way to Mexico, where it was obtained by its present owner, the coin may have been carried as a keepsake by one of the Spanish conquerors and exchanged for the gold and jewels of the Aztecs. Two thousand years afford ample time to pass through a few adventures.

The coin is valued by Mr. Hibler not only for its age, but for the queer history attached to its gaining possession of it. While he claims he is not superstitious, he admits he regards the coin as a good luck talisman. The piece was sold to him by a Mexican, who wished to cross the border at Brownsville, Tex., and had not enough money for his toll. To pay his way across the international bridge he offered the coin with several others to Mr. Hibler, asserting that it had a strange significance and a blessing attached to it. It had been given him, he said, by the mother of a member of Villa's band, who had been murdered in a cafe brawl. As he lay dying, he had begged the man to take a handkerchief, stained with his life blood, to his mother. The Mexican had sworn to fulfill the trust, and delivered the handkerchief to the old woman. She opened the corner of the handkerchief, which was knotted tightly, and took out several coins. Then she retired into an inner room and returned, placed a small silver disk in the messenger's hand, saying it was a talisman that would mean much to its possessor.

The coin is small and white, resembling a modern United States dime in size and color. On its front is a relief of a Roman emperor, with the inscription: "Domitian VIII, Imp. Caesar," and several other characters which are indistinguishable. On the reverse side is what seems to be a reproduction of the temple erected in Jerusalem by Solomon. It is worn thin by the touch of the millions of hands in which it must have rested. "I have no doubt that it is genuine," Mr. Hibler said. "But how did it come into the possession of the Villaista bandit? Well—quite a tale!"

Trip Is Enjoyed—
Laurel Lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias, went to Corvallis last evening and enjoyed the hospitality of Valley Lodge of that city. Seven candidates from the local lodge were taken over and initiated along with a group from the sister city. After the lodge work a social session was enjoyed at which the members of the host lodge provided a luncheon which was greatly enjoyed by the visitors. The Albany delegation returned home at an early hour this morning.

The Odd Cent Price is Used to Dupe You

No merchant will even attempt to justify the use of prices like \$2.49, \$2.98, etc. We use no odd-cent prices, but

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Play Oxfords and Barefoot Sandals cost the same. Why the 30c difference in selling price of Play Oxford and Barefoot Sandals? Answer, to even up the profit lost on marking \$2.50 articles \$2.49 and \$3.00 articles \$2.98.

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Recording Tree Growth.

Botanists of the Carnegie Institution keep an interesting record of the growth of tree trunks, with their daily and seasonal changes of shape, by means of a new apparatus called the "dendrograph." It has two forms, each using as a supporting belt a series of wooden blocks hinged together and fastened around the tree. In one form of the instrument, plungers, supporting an encircling wire at their outer ends, touch the trunk at selected points, and any movement of a plunger is transmitted by the wire to a recording pen on a revolving cylinder. In the other form, a yoke carrying four contacts surrounds the tree, the variation in the distances between the contacts caused by any change in the tree's girth being indicated on the recording drum.

Her Offering.

The elder sister had married a grocer and was well pleased with her choice. But not so her eighteen-year-old sister. She was taking great pains to impress the family with her ambitions for a husband. "He'll have to be a college graduate, a successful man in some big business and very handsome," she ended.

The elder sister smiled placidly. "And what charms," she asked blandly, "have you to offer for all these demands?"—Indianapolis News.

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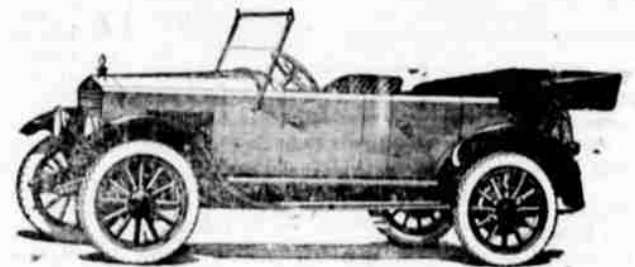
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IT IS INTERESTING to hear the ESSEX discussed from the viewpoints of widely diverging types of people.

What the User of Small Cars Has to Say

FOR INSTANCE, the man who has always owned a small car. He is the most enthusiastic of ESSEX admirers. It gives him a new sensation of power and stability. He likes its complete, comfortable atmosphere. He does not hesitate to drive it over cob-

bled streets or rough roads. Squeaks and rattles are not annoyingly present in the ESSEX. He is proud of the easy way it passes more costly and more powerful cars in traffic because of its acceleration. The big, roomy seats, the fine finish, the handsome appointments—all appeal to his pride of ownership.

Owners of Large Cars Admire Essex Economy

YOU WILL HEAR other men compare the fine performance of the ESSEX with that of large, high-priced automobiles. Certain features of Essex performance remind them of such-and-such a fine car. Other points recall the gratifying behavior of other costly machines. And all are delighted with the low operating and upkeep costs.

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