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FIFTY DOLLAR PENS

A correspondent makes an interesting comment on an advertisement he happened to see the other day in a big city newspaper. It concerned fountain pens, at \$30 to \$50 apiece.

These pens were not offered by an expensive jewelry store, to a select clientele. They are advertised apparently in the normal course of business by a firm dealing in books, stationery and office supplies. And there was nothing out of the ordinary in the wording of the ad. It seemed to assume that pens at such prices were to be taken as a matter of course.

Fifty dollars for a fountain pen! Or \$30, if the purchaser wants to be economical. Isn't it an impressive commentary on present living standards?

There are plenty of fountain pens—good, dependable pens, too—that can be bought in that very store for \$3 to \$5. There are pretty good fountain pens for sale in the same business block for \$1. But it isn't much use advertising them. The public, with all its affected dismay at high prices, doesn't seem to care for them.

There is only too much justification for a recent remark by Herbert Hoover, describing the tendency of consumers to buy extravagantly as "a terrible and appalling evil."

"The mania for buying expensive things," he says, "is the one big element contributing to higher food prices, as well as advances in prices of other commodities."

OUR BOYS UNDER FOREIGN FLAGS

The Navy League is undertaking an interesting and important work in seeking and compiling information about the hundreds of thousands of Americans who entered the war before 1917. These men are just as truly "service men" and are just as deserving of glory and honor as the boys who served in our own armies under the Stars and Stripes. Many of them, perhaps, answered the call of adventure. But undoubtedly many more answered the call of idealism which the whole country heard and responded to later on.

These forerunners of the doughboy armies served under various Allied flags in widely scattered battle regions. Many of them gave their lives in the cause of justice and honor before they knew that their own country was following them into the fight against a cruel and criminal power.

It is true that after the United States entered the war large numbers of these men were permitted to enlist under their own flag, and their names will be on the honor lists as veterans of the world war. It seems fitting, however, that they should be known also as the real "first to fight" Yankees. And surely those who died fighting for their country's ideals, although under a foreign flag, deserve to be honored in memory for their fine courage, vision and willing sacrifice.

Any outside help or support which the Navy League may need in its quest for these heroes' records should be furnished gladly.

FARMERS AND THE 44-HOUR WEEK

"We know that the 44-hour week cannot feed the world, and we proclaim that it cannot clothe it." With these words the Farmers' National Congress clinched its arguments protesting against the ever increasing demand of labor for shorter hours.

The 44-hour week in industry has been gaining so steadily in favor that it is doubtful whether the farmers' protest can check its progress. But sympathy can be felt for the farmers' stand when they go on to say, "Those who advocate the short day in industry cannot expect the farmer to work six hours before dinner and six hours after, with before-breakfast and after-dinner chores thrown in."

A little simple, serious propaganda spread among other workmen as to the effect upon the food supply if the farmers should go in for short-hour strikes might do a great deal of good.

Certainly the day on the farm is unfairly long. The

only way to help this condition is to have more farm help and the work better divided. If this is to be done, then the farmer, in order to hire the extra help, must be able to buy his farm supplies more cheaply, and have better facilities for reaching his market, or else he must raise the price of his products. This brings the issue right back to the men who are making what the farmer needs. If they fail him, he cannot help failing them.

The 44-hour week is not at fault. It is rather the failure of many workers to produce 100 per cent while they are working, or the long expensive strike when they do not work at all. The trouble comes from the fact that too much stress is put upon the 44-hour week for labor, and not enough upon labor for the 44-hour week.

One of the famous war slogans was, "Talk won't win the war." Can't somebody resurrect it, and apply it right now? The same thing is true of peace and prosperity.

Hoover says high retail prices are due to "the appalling psychology of the public to buy expensive things," but most of us would be glad enough to change our psychology if any body would show us something inexpensive that we could buy.

In Fiume they hissed the American flag. America might retaliate by a boycott on spaghetti.

Viscount Grey is bringing his own tea to America. Don't crowd, boys. It's really tea. The viscount doesn't drink anything else.

Remember the good old times when we were at war, and everybody worked hard, and production was oversubscribed, and we all pulled together and got something done?

It does seem as though Gen. Yudenitch ought to be able to beat those Petrograd Reds by a scratch, anyhow.

Many a barrel of cider is working overtime to beat the one-half per cent limit.

Really, that man Albert is too fine a fellow for a mere king.

What this country needs is a League of Factions.

New Records Today

(Who Played Poker with Pocahontas	Al Jolson)	2787
(Alexander's Band is Back in Dixieland	Harry Fox)	85c
(Oh! What a Pal Was Mary	Henry Burr)	2786
(Waiting From "Listen Lester"	Charles Harrison)	85c
(I'll Be Happy when the Preacher Makes you Mine, Kaufman)		2780
(Mandy from Zieffeld Follies	Von and Schenck)	85c
(The Gates of Gladness	Arthur Fields)	2774
(If You Don't Stop Making Eyes at Me	Arthur Fields)	85c
(Breeze	Synco Jazz Band)	2783
(Tell Me	Waldorf-Astoria Singing Orch.)	85c
(Allah's Land, Fox trot	Sherbo's Orchestra)	6120
(Tulip Time	Sherbo's Orchestra)	\$1.25
(Chinese Lullaby	Columbia Orchestra)	2777
(Chocone"	Columbia Orchestra)	85c
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(When Evening Bells are Ringing,	Riccardo Strassari)	\$1.00

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