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THE ROAD TO PEACE

(From an Address by Herbert Hoover)

Neither the gospel of hate nor the gospel of unpreparedness is the road to peace. The true road lies in every effort to remove the cause of war, not in tearing down such structure of peace as we have, nor in blindness to present dangers. Those who think we can isolate ourselves seem to ignore the fact that modern communication has shortened our distance from our neighbors from a month to an hour. A vast amount of our civilization, and the daily improvements of life that come to our people, are the products of the ideas and intelligence and labor of our neighbors. If we believe we can see our neighbors return to another thirty years' war through the breakdown of this treaty, and we still maintain our progress, it is the egotism of insanity.

We are an overseas people and we are dependent upon Europe for market for the surplus products of our farmers and laborers. Without order in Europe we will at best have business depression, unemployment, and all their train of troubles. With renewed disorganization in Europe, social diseases and anarchy thrive, and we infected by every social wind that blows from Europe. We are forced to interest ourselves in the welfare of the world if we are to thrive. No American who has spent the last ten months in Europe does not pray that we should get out of the entanglement in the sordid selfishness, and passions, the misery of the world. Our expansion overseas has entangled us for good or ill, and I stand for an honest attempt to join with Europe's better spirits to prevent these entanglements from involving us in war. We are not dealing with perfection, we are dealing with the lesser of evils. These are reasons of interest.

There are also reasons of idealism, and true national interest lies along the path of practical ideals. There are ideals in Europe. During the last 150 years, a far larger proportion of our citizens than those of Europe have developed a new outlook of life—a disinterested sense of justice, sympathy with the down-trodden. It was with the hope of ending war that we went into it. To fix peace in international law—that idea dominated our representatives in the Peace Conference. We have expended the lives of our sons and an enormous portion of our wealth, hoping to see these ends made secure. For us to refuse to enter into a joint attempt with the well-thinking sections of a large part of the world to establish a continuing moral conscience against war is the utmost folly in our own interest.

MACHINES AND PEOPLE

An interesting application of the six-hour day is revealed in an interview with Lord Leverhulme, a big British manufacturer. The plan has actually been introduced in his great soap works. The idea originated in this case with the employer.

Lord Leverhulme's theory deserves the serious attention of manufacturers and workmen everywhere. His idea is to "sweat the machine." He explains it as follows:

"Wear out the machinery, but not the man. It is easy enough to replace the machinery when it is worn out. Not so with the man. Conservation of human life is the thing. A machinery doctor can easily build up a body of steel worn from over-work. But the physician who attends the worker cannot attempt to bring him back to 100 per cent efficiency with the same definite assurance of success.

"The idea is to get the greatest possible production out of the machinery by running it twelve hours a day. The men and women who attend the machinery work in six-hour shifts, to the extent that they do not work more than thirty-six hours a week. We want to wear our machinery out as rapidly as possible, but to conserve our human materials. It is an economic benefit if a machine wears out under extreme production, and an economic disadvantage if men and women are worn out by long hours."

This represents, in a way, an idea that has been carried out more fully in America than anywhere else—substituting machinery for human labor. But it has remained for this British employer to give it a more human application.

Undoubtedly he makes his operatives work pretty hard during those six hours. As the machines are speeded up, the men and women tending them are naturally speeded up too. This is necessary if they are to turn out, as presumably they are expected to do, about as much in six hours as they used to in eight or more. It requires closer concentration on their work. They probably expend as much physical and nervous energy in a day as they did before. But having worked under this strain from 7 a. m. until 1 p. m., or from 1 p. m. till 7 p. m., they are through. Every worker has the whole afternoon, or the whole morning, in addition to the usual night hours, for rest and recreation. The gain should be worth while.

The machinery keeps right on working 12 hours a day. An American manufacturer would probably work it 18 or even 24 hours a day, with three or four shifts of workers.

This plan seems to have the possibility of increasing production and at the same time giving the workers more leisure. It not the logical development of industry along this line—working machinery longer hours and people shorter hours, but having the people work a little harder while they are at it, in order to earn their leisure?

Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By H. & A.

A FOOL THE WAS

With apologies to our old room mate Ruddy Kipling

A fool there was, and he roached his hair,
Even as you and I. —

And he slicked it back and he thought it rare.

We called it a pate that would look better bare.

But the fool he called it his pompadour fair,

Even as you and I.

A fool there was and his coin he spent
Even as you and I.

For tonics and shampoos the pocket-book dent.

And the "pom" didn't get him a shiny red cent.

But a fool must follow his natural bent,

Even as you and I. —H.

Sir—I sent a poem entitled "The Dove" to the editor and he pigeon holed it what shall I do.

We suggest that you send him one entitled "A Compliment" and he might return it.

Meet me at St. Louis Looie,
Meet me at the bar.

Don't tell me the booze is flowing
Anywhere but there.

"Sir," said the Obnoxious two-third-
er arriving at the office thirty minutes late, "about my tardiness."

"Well" thundered we in sepulchral tones. "Oh I thought I would go out and do my Christmas shopping early said he. Where in we forgave him.

WOULDN'T IT RASP YOU?

If you dropped into a barber shop to get 'em clipped off.

And you had to wait an hour for your turn.

And the barber dropped a hot towel on your mug.

And you inquired in muffled tones as to why he did it.

And he said it was too hot to hold.

And as he told you the latest wheeze he nearly severed your ear from your bean.

Now wouldn't that rasp you?

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

At the Front—

Portland's report of automobile accidents reads like one of last years casualty lists from the French front. The records show that half as many people have been killed in the last three months as during the whole of the year 1918, and that the number of accidents reported for the first 11 months of this year shows an increase of 52 per cent over the entire 12 months of last year, and no effective remedy has yet been suggested.

The Irrepressible Booster—

Glendale is the busiest town in Southern Oregon and we have the finest city government, with the most attentive officials, says the Roseburg review. All of our business houses were rushed with orders, our only hotel is crowded and overflowing and we need another one of twice the size.

Reedsport is Under a Bushel—

"Let there be light," has been the cry of the people of Reedsport for the past months. At last it is being received—and now the power, let that come also.—

Umpqua Courier

The Census is Coming—

There's one good thing about the census; people will know all about themselves when they get through answering the enumerator's questions.—

Thinks the Register

Said the thin man to the fat—

Mayor Baker is greatly concerned over the multiplicity of auto accidents in Portland. Well may he be. It behooves a portly gentleman past middle age, and whose hearing is not the best, to be concerned about crossing Portland's narrow streets.—

Mr. Ingalls in the Gazette-Times

With a Kick in Him—

Ed. Kalina and wife took in the dance at Seio Saturday night and to make up for lost time plowed next day in the rain. Ed is as full of snap as a barrel of vinegar.—

says Bro. Dugger

Thanks the Lodge—

With smirking satisfaction Japan will proceed to make her grip on Shantung permanent, now that the only nation objecting is left outside the league of nations.—

Brownsville Times

Have You Thought of Dishes?

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