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OPPORTUNITY OF THE CENTURY

The new congress comes into life facing one of the greatest opportunities of modern times.

Its action will be watched with interest by millions of people.

One of the worst evils with which this country is afflicted is the constant and flagrant abuse of board of trade privileges by certain piratical speculators who are enriching themselves at the expense of the producing and consuming public.

Boards of trade may be a modern necessity, but nullifying the law of supply and demand is not necessary and should be prohibited by the iron hand of the government.

A combination of plutocratic speculators can hammer down or boost to the skies the price of wheat, corn or any other commodity at will. They clean up millions on their deals, but these profits are not shared in by either the producer or the consumer.

It is purely a juggling of the markets by individuals who have the power to do so, and solely for their own personal gain.

If we have no law elastic enough to strangle these leeches one should be enacted and rigidly enforced.

If the law of supply and demand is allowed to determine the value of stocks and commodities there can be no valid objection to the price they bring, and they will always command what they are worth.

Any price beyond this is robbery of the many for the benefit of a few. And robbery is robbery, no matter in what guise we find it.

No congress as yet had the courage to meet this supreme issue.

Will the new one go into history as greater than its predecessors, or will it content itself with sidestepping the golden opportunity of the century?

Supply and demand! What a wonderful treat it would be to see it again firmly seated in the saddle!

SOME BONE

Utopian dreams are very pleasant things while they last.

Just now a good many well meaning people are in favor of America setting the world an example by disarming without waiting for other nations to take similar action.

That reminds us of the big dog with a juicy bone. As long as his teeth are good and sharp he will hold onto his dinner. But remove his teeth and some many cur will take it away from him.

America's great wealth is a mighty juicy bone.

Our armament is our teeth. Figure it out yourself.

HE WILL KEEP ON

With farm products clear down, a few are wondering what the farmer will do this summer. They fear he will raise only enough for his own use and let the rest of us starve.

It might be an act of just retribution if he did let the gougers go hungry. But he won't. He has a bigger heart than some other people and the world will not suffer through any inaction of his. He will go right on raising his crops and we will keep right on eating them.

It is a pity, though, that there is no way of singling out the gougers and profiteers and compelling them to grub for themselves or do without.

It would be mighty comforting to the farmer, the retailer, and the fellows who pay the piper.

We made a lot of noise until the government brought the boys back from France. But once here they were soon forgotten. Uncle doesn't need 'em any more.

If you doubt the proximity of spring just cast your eye at the robin, the painter and the paperhanger. They are the birds that never fall.

Every time prices start to tumble some one comes to the rescue and props 'em up again. Some people never can learn when to keep still.

And still, it isn't so much a matter of high prices as it is of fools who think it is smart to pay them.

The modern world is developing a lot of speed, but it doesn't keep the track well ballasted.

Our principal notion of a good thing is to find a way to annex it.

SHOWING SIGNS OF LIFE

Congress reminds us of old Rip Van Winkle. It sleeps and sleeps and then shows signs of slowly coming to life.

At last it appears to be awakening to the peril of wholesale immigration from pauperized Europe, after the press of the country has been sounding warnings for many months past.

Adding to our unemployed is dangerous at any time, and it is especially so when we already have about four million men out of work.

Close the door, Rip—at least until there is work enough for our own people to earn three meals a day.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

Read the sporting pages of the daily papers of the big cities. You will find many glowing tributes to the prowess of prize fighters—men who earn great incomes by punching other people, just as the bull fighters of Spain earn fortune and glory by brutally inflicting wanton pain upon dumb animals for purpose of sport.

When the next war comes these prize fighters—men of prowess—would make good soldiers. But they won't—unless drafted and driven to it.

Fighting for wealth and glory is one thing. Fighting for country and pittance is quite another. And then, in the prize ring one may get knocked out. On the battlefield he may get bumped off.

There's a difference, and it is considerable.

THIS GIRL SAVES A WAR STAMP EVERY DAY

Miss A. Louis Larson of Minneapolis recently received a letter from President Harding stating that if the rest of the people in the United States would follow Miss Larson's example our "country's economic problems would not long await a satisfactory solution." The President wrote congratulating Miss Larson on the fact that she has bought a Thrift or War Saving Stamp every day since their issue, December 5, 1917. President Harding's letter follows in part:

"THE WHITE HOUSE
My dear Miss Larson:

My attention has just been called to what I am assured is an unique record created by yourself in the matter of investing in Thrift Stamps and Saving Stamps. I want to congratulate you and to express the wish that very many more might take the same interest that you have shown. If your example could be followed by all our people who are able to do it, our country's economic problems would not long await a satisfactory solution."

"I will treasure this letter with the President's signature to my dying day," said Miss Larson. "It will become an heirloom in our family. Naturally, I think it is the most wonderful letter that ever came through the mails."

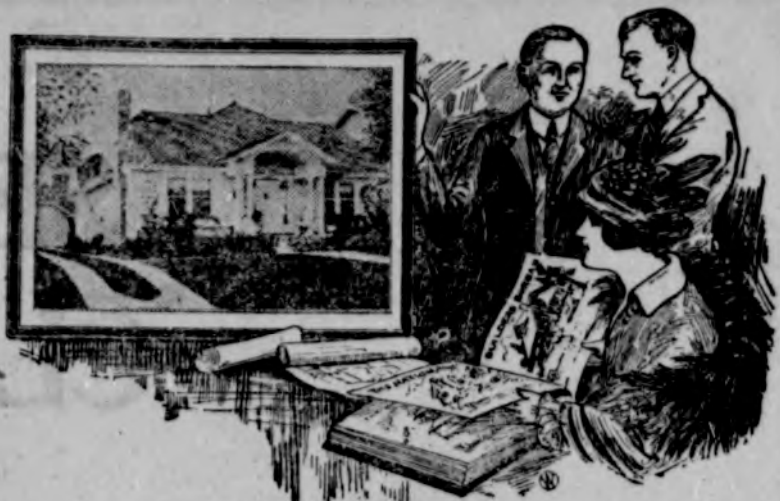
Miss Larson says that she is continuing to buy her Thrift or War Saving Stamp day in and day out and that she has rolled up a desirable nest-egg. She advises everybody else to try it "just for the fun of it."

ERNEST TRUOX IN PLEASING COMEDY

"The night of the Dub," which is shown at the Play House next Saturday presents Ernest Truox, in a delightful little Paramount-Truox Comedy, adapted from the story of the same name by Albert Payson Terhune in the Saturday Evening Post. In the picture Mr. Truox is Ernie Biggs, a clerk in Wall Street, who tells the folks at Pompton Plains, N. J., his home, that he is a power on the Street and with one nod of his head can change the trend of the whole market.

In the end, however, Ernie does become a magnate, and if you were told by what means he reaches that height the whole expectancy of seeing the picture would vanish. It is enough to say, however, that the plot is one of the most unique ever presented on the screen.

Mr. Truox is brilliantly supported by a capable cast. The picture was staged by John Joseph Harvey, while the story was adapted for the screen by Mrs. Sidney Drew, who herself is a comedienne of the first magnitude.



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