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Our Keynote: "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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WHO WON THE WAR?

WHO won the war? It had been said the Germany had won it after all, and that she has some mighty potent allies here at home. If the price is kept up two years longer, she will have captured the markets of the world—those of America included. Just how long she can keep on paying her workmen in currency that is internationally worthless and underselling the rest of the world in their own markets nobody knows. The facts are that she is doing it, and that's the answer. Those persons mysteriously referred to as "the great American banking interests" tell us we must shut up shop and buy German manufactured goods, so that Germany may pay her indemnity. Beaten on the battlefield, our foes win in the market-place!

Why talk vaguely about "other nations" when the American valuation plan of the Fordney tariff bill is assailed? Everybody knows just who is meant. Everybody knows that American shelves are being flooded with German made goods, with the "Made in Germany" left off. Everybody knows that our factories are on short time, and our workmen walking the streets. But what everybody does not know yet, is that Germany and the United States are now on a practical free-trade basis. Why, because her marks are worth next to nothing and our tariff is levied upon a mark valuation. Such a tariff is next to no tariff at all. The American valuation plan would substitute the dollar-valuation for the mark-valuation.

During the war people blew out their cheeks and talked bravely about boy-cotting German goods when the war was over. They now pocket their profits and give Germany the place of commercial honor. 'Tis the jingle of the guinea! Because of the grotesque variations in exchange rates, Germany enjoys practically free-trade with us. While the boys who "went over there" to defend American honor, are walking the streets of our cities, ill, maimed and destitute, crying for work and care, we import the Germans to our country by the thousands to underbid them and work for less pay.

Where is the American patriotism now?

EVERYBODY HAS A KICK

WOULD you like a barrel of fun, and at the same time learn something of the inconsistency of human nature? The circus is free.

All you have to do is to watch the antics of the various "interests" as congress wrestles with the prolem of providing the funds necessary for the financing of the proposed soldier bonus.

Everybody has a kick, and the burden of his wail is "soak the other fellow."

The poor man thinks the rich man should bear the burden, while the rich man is not averse to having the poor devil hit often and hard.

The manufacturer is opposed to having the burden saddled onto him, and the retailer can't see where he should pay.

The farmer has already been hit so hard he thinks another whack would be too great an honor for him to even consider.

Transportation companies can't see it at all, while automobile owners claim they have been taxed for everything except the bonus, and that this latest distinction belongs to somebody else.

The laboring man objects to being the goat, while the gilded gentleman of leisure has an inherent aversion to anything that would interfere with the pleasures of life. The ordinary consumer has been squeezed until he could crawl thru a clothes wringer without touching the rollers, he can't see how he could cough up something he doesn't possess.

Then the secretary of the treasury is opposed to the bonus entirely, but that is probably because he is not a candidate for office or has acquired a dignified frown.

Every way you turn it's a royal sidestep, with everybody stepping in perfect unison.

Somebody has to pay the bill, but nobody wants to be somebody.

And still, the possibilities have not been entirely exhausted.

We might tax the new babies, because they are not yet born and can't register a kick in time.

Or we might let the soldier pay his own bonus.

Don't worry about the fellow who claims that he can lick anyone in a fight. His vision may be limited to...

ARE WE OPEN MINDED?

Much of the future progress of a town depends upon the home life of the community.

If the town is divided into business, social, religious and political cliques, each with hard and fast lines drawn and each pulling against the others, there is but little opportunity for real progress. The people can not get together on a common plane of understanding and work. No one is willing to accept the leadership of another.

But when a town is comparatively free from paralyzing cliques and factions there is great opportunity for advancement. Everybody knows somebody else, each feels free to advance suggestions to others, and in turn is willing to receive them.

In this way the best points of every proposition are brought to the surface, and the logical leader to carry a work to completion is easily selected.

The closed mind is the heritage of a town divided against itself. It imbibes but few new thoughts, and those few are centered around the particular clique to which the mind belongs.

The open mind gathers in much food for new thought, and that thought is capable of expansion and development in many ways.

KEEPING MONEY AT HOME

FOR fifty years or more American capital has been engaged in building railroads, with which to haul our surplus of grain and other products to the sea ports. During that fifty years this surplus has been shipped to foreign countries in foreign ships and the transportation charges went into foreign pockets.

This was good business for the foreign shipping interests.

But now we propose to have a merchant marine ourselves some day, and ship our goods abroad in our own ships, and keep the vast sums of money paid for transportation charges in American pockets.

Foreign countries don't like this, which is natural.

They object mightily to the creation of an American merchant marine, because it will cripple the earning capacity of their own ships. This is also but natural and to be expected.

country that we have no right to. But when they attempt to tell this build a merchant marine, as some of them have done, they become presumptuous and must expect to hear a few words of homely truth.

What they don't like they can lump.

It is none of their business. We will do as we please.

HUNGRY RULERS

CONDITIONS were bad in Russia under the autocratic rule of the czars. But the people had bread, and enjoyed life; it but little more.

Then they overthrew and murdered the czar and beggared the nobility and formed a government of the peasant class. They would be free and independent, and all had dreams of sudden wealth.

Now they have not even bread and are starving by the hundreds of thousands.

America is feeding many of them, as usual, but while engaged in this work of the Samaritan we can not forget that they brought their plight upon themselves.

Mob rule sounds good to the mob only until hunger begins to gnaw.

TOOK SECOND PLACE

WHEN the disarmament conference first met in Washington, it attracted widespread attention, and scareheads plastered the first pages of the daily press.

Of late days it has been almost forgotten, important as it is, and generally a half column on an inside page was its recognition.

We have too many murders, and holdups, and bank and mail robberies and divorce scandals and other attractive forms of light amusement to remember anything of a serious nature for long at a time.

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