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

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PAYING THE PRICE FOR FOLLY

FOLLY is sweet while it lasts, but the taste is bitter when we pay the price.

While our troops were fighting for victory in France the rest of us were fighting for dollars at home — at least the majority of us were.

Money literally poured into America from other countries in return for our munitions and supplies and food-stuffs. There seemed no end to the stream of gold.

Prosperity came with a leap, profiteering with a bound, and insanity outstripped them all.

Everybody made money — big money — and apparently the question uppermost was how to make it fly. And it flew.

People, who before the war could hardly afford a sewing machine, suddenly blossomed out in fine raiment and rode in expensive automobiles.

Nothing was too good or too high in price.

Money was the only thing that was cheap.

It came easily, went swiftly, and forgot to return.

In the early days the foolish virgins went out without oil in their lamps, and had no light.

The five wise virgins filled their lamps, and had light. The virgins remind us of our own people in the profiteering days.

Foolish heads of families spent money like water. Now they have water, but little money.

Wiser ones saved their money, and now live in comfort and plenty.

That is the difference between wisdom and folly.

If the people had saved their money instead of squandering it in riotous living they would not be feeling the pinch of want.

Wise men saw the reaction that was sure to come. They accumulated all of the money possible and invested it in interest bearing securities. They are now profiting from their wisdom.

Those who considered only the pleasures of the hour are now wondering how to combat the miseries of the future.

They are paying the price of their folly.

BUSTING THE BUSTERS

THE cement trust has done more to bust up the roads of this country than any other agency. They have done it by forcing the price of cement up to such a prohibitive price that road building and improvement has practically ceased.

Now the government is after them and they must face indictment in the federal courts.

It is to be hoped they face good round terms in federal prisons as well. They will if the courts and prosecutors do their duty.

They appear to be getting what is coming to them, and we hope they enjoy what they get.

In the meantime if the price of cement does not come down to a reasonable figure there is still a potent card left up the American sleeve.

Let the states build their own cement works.

Let them build new roads and improve others.

Let's lift ourselves out of the mud.

We need good roads and millions of people need work.

And incidentally, if more jails are needed to accommodate the gougers, let's build them — and fill them.

THE POOR DEVIL!

LILLIE Mathilde McCormick, 17 and self-willed, wants to marry a Swiss riding master old enough to be her grandfather.

Her father and her mother and John D. with all of his billions can not prevent her. She rides rough shod over them all and is determined to have her way — and her riding master.

Bully for Mathilde! We hope she gets him, for we do admire a game sport.

But, O, the poor devil!

High living is often the cause of a low death.	Trouble never bothers some people. They don't recognize it.
Don't worry over criticism. Only the brainless escape.	Don't be content to follow a good lead. Get in ahead of it.
A good story tells its not always as good as his stories.	Many a man is better known to fame than to his neighbors.

ADAMANT

BE a student of human nature. You will learn much and be wiser. A certain project is suggested for the home town.

John Smith is an enthusiastic supporter. He sees success at every turn. There can be no such thing as failure.

Ton Jones opposes. He can see nothing good in the project. It is doomed to certain failure, with disaster in its wake!

There you have the two extremes of life in a small community — the stumbling block which prosperity is unable to surmount or sidestep.

Smith is granite in his optimism.

Jones is flint in his pessimism.

Somewhere there is a middle course — most likely the correct and safe solution — but neither Smith nor Jones is willing to take it, or even to consider it.

They stand pat — and the town stands still.

DESTROYING DEFENSE

CONGRESS is reducing the Army and Navy to mere skeletons — to shadows without substance.

We see no conclusive evidence of other nations doing the same. In fact, we have strong suspicions that if the truth were known conditions would be found to be quite the reverse.

A dog without teeth can growl and snarl, but it is easily licked.

A country without an Army or Navy can protest, but it can not repel an invader with its tongue or with its fists.

We need no weapon of offense, but is it wise to destroy entirely our means of defense?

WHAT A FOOL DESERVES

SOME people will pull off any kind of a fool stunt in order to get their names in the newspapers.

In figuring his income tax a New Yorker found that he owed the government just four cents.

Did he send the four cents? He did not.

He elected to pay quarterly and mailed the collector a one cent stamp.

The freak action was duly reported in press dispatches, as he expected — but with names omitted.

Good enough — all that a fool deserves.

WILL WE REMEMBER?

IT has cost this country \$241,000,000 to keep its Army on the Rhine in Germany. Some of our troops are still there, when they should be here.

Our allied "friends" have arranged for extracting from Germany the cost of maintaining their own armies there, but have studiously refrained from including the \$241,000,000 due this country in the settlement.

When they get their backs up against a wall in another war they will yell lustily for aid from America.

And they will get it right where they are giving it to us now — in the neck.

SPRING AND PANIC

SPRING is near. Let us hope that it brings with it a reasonable resumption of business in the industrial world.

Regardless of the fact that depression and unemployment have been widespread, there has been but little real complaint. The people have accepted conditions as a matter of course, secure in their faith that the tide that ebbs will always flow again.

Panic? There is no such word any more. It has been erased from the American vocabulary.

That, at least, is a good sign.

Only a patriot can pay his income tax without thinking of the eleven billions of dollars foreign governments owe us.

Mrs. Asquith, English lecturer, considers prohibition in America a farce, but the thirsty are ready to argue the question.

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The more violent the quarrel the sweeter the kiss at the end.

Some people are the butt of ridicule because nothing else fits them.

Save the pennies and you will have more dollars to squander.

Keep your best foot forward, but make the other hustle to keep up.

Go to church occasionally. It may induce you to attend more frequently.

Practical jokers are seldom practical when the joke is turned onto them.

The most popular of all women is the one who talks to a man about himself.

A wise man never turns the other cheek. He gives no cause for the first swat.

Why do people say that beauty is skin deep? Much of it is only smeared on the surface.

Some people never collect the living the world owes them. The courts are too lenient.

Some people are both wise and far-seeing. They never advocate giving the devil his due.

The fellow who exerts all of his strength in the beginning finds plenty of dust at the end.

Blind men are fortunate. They don't have to worry over the prevailing styles of dress.

The dignified man always has an alibi when he fails to do his duty. It is beneath his dignity.

The fellow who is in the right place at the right time may be considered the right kind of a man.

Twenty-one nations, members of the league of nations, have failed to pay their subscriptions for 1921. Possibly they mistake the league for a newspaper.

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