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

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GOVERNMENTAL SUPREMACY.

OPINIONS are at variance as to the merits of the various controversies between capitol and labor that are paralyzing the industries of this country and injuring millions of people who are in no way responsible for the conditions that exist.

Without greater knowledge than we possess we would not presume to pass judgment upon the briefs of either side. There may be right and wrong on both.

But one fact stands out paramount to all others. The supremacy of the government must prevail, and any person who is not willing to acknowledge and abide by that supremacy is an undesirable citizen and should be treated accordingly.

We have seen too much of the bolshevistic effect upon Russia to ever countenance its control of this country, but if any organization or group of men, whether of capital or labor, is allowed to continually flout and defy the governmental authority, bolshevism in its most virulent form is exactly what we must face—and sooner than we anticipate.

There is entirely too much of a tendency to ignore the government and apply the rule or ruin law of might. When the government reaches the end of its patience and says settle, it is time for the contestants to do just that very thing. The public, as well as the parties to the dispute, have rights that must be respected, altho the scrapping minority appears not to be aware of that fact.

Stephen Decatur once said: "Our country! May she ever be right—but our country, right or wrong!" Those are our sentiments, let them pinch where they may.

GOOD NEWS—LET'S HAVE MORE.

GOOD news from England, and all the more welcome because in some quarters it was only half expected.

The British government has publicly announced that the four billions of dollars it owes to the United States is a solemn and sacred obligation and must be paid dollar for dollar and penny for penny.

There's one worry temporarily removed. It may be some time before we get it, but in the meantime it is drawing interest and the interest will materially swell the principal. Like the apple that is just beyond our reach, it will be mighty good when it finally lands at our feet.

From France the news is not so assuring. She continues to pine for a cancellation of her debt to us, and is as peeved as a spoiled child because we turn a deaf ear to such proposals.

From the other countries in our debt there appears to be no late news at all. But no news, 'tis said, is better than bad news.

We still retain a glimmer of hope.

WE'RE STUMPED.

WE REALLY ought to have something to say about the latest sensation of the day.

But, candidly, we are stumped.

There are so many sensations, and they come so thick and fast, that we are unable to decide which is the latest, or the juiciest, or which would be most relished by our readers.

Therefore, dear friends, we humbly crave your indulgence, and ask that you refrain from expecting the impossible from us.

Besides, this is not a sensational sheet.

It is a newspaper, instead.

Don't talk. Say something, instead. Let's everybody strike! Why let a few have all the fun? Keep everlastingly at it, but get it in a way the judge won't condemn. Some men make the money and their wives wish they could spend it. Some humorists never see the for trouble. They get all they want at home. If some people would pay more attention to the middle they wouldn't have so much trouble in making ends meet.

The mouths of some people are like the cut-out in an automobile—all noise. Any female can powder her nose but it requires real brains to cook a good meal. Some humorists never see the points to their jokes. They are pointless. Don't be content with holding on to a good thing. Exchange it for a better one! In the good old days when we were called pet names. When had we were called to the woodshed.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

A local orator was proudly declaiming to a group of friends on one of our public streets recently.

"Live within your means and keep your debts paid," was the burden of his song—and excellent advice it was too.

"For many years," he declared, "I have made it a rule to pay my debts the moment they are due. I never allow a bill to become a 'debt.' It is a comfortable feeling to know that I owe no man a dollar."

Just then he spied the editor on the fringe of the crowd, and had the grace to remember, and to blush—and to pay.

Periodically some one arises and remarks that "no man understands the heart of a woman."

Of course not. Men are not supposed to understand them. The feminine heart is peculiarly the property of woman, to conceal in any manner she thinks best.

From infancy men are taught to reverence and respect womanhood, and that respect is enhanced by the mystery which surrounds her heart.

That which is discernable to everyone soon becomes common.

Womanhood was never intended to be such.

Every day we read in the daily press about "million dollar boozefestings" being unearthed by federal officials.

Every day we read of the prosecutions "that are to take place."

Some day we may read that the jail doors have been closed upon them—but we fear it will be a long "some day."

A few weeks ago we were all expecting Morgan and his international bankers to advance the money necessary to put Germany on her feet. Such an act would be beneficial to the whole world, as it would remove the menace of bolshevism which is hanging like a cloud over that land.

The deal fell through—at the time. But don't imagine that is the end of it. Morgan and the other moneyed men are not fools. They know that if Germany collapses completely it will mean another war immediately and the annihilation of civilization.

To protect their own interests the money must be forthcoming to prevent Europe from going to smash.

It will be advanced—under proper safeguards and at the right time.

The idea advanced by some foreign governments that America should finance the rehabilitation of Europe is pure gall, conceived in minds consisting principally of bunk.

We did our share in a war that was not of our making, and when we were not duty bound to do it.

We are willing to do our share in remedying the effects of that war—but no more than our share, and then only when other governments and peoples concerned evidence a disposition to shoulder their own portions of responsibility.

We may be goats on this side of the Atlantic, but we will hang onto our whiskers.

We frankly admit that this world is a sinful old place, but in self defense we must remind you that we didn't make it and we didn't come here of our own accord.

A case of "Old Crow" was recently raffled off, and when the stampeede for chances had subsided, and the winner opened up the case, he found himself possessed of a very ancient rooster.

Advertisement for James P. Cannon Co. featuring "Clotheraft Suits for Men" and "BUY SHOES NOW". Includes prices like \$27.00 and store hours.

Advertisement for O'NEILL'S ANDOVER'S BARGAIN GROCERY. Lists various food items and prices such as Fancy Lemons, Shredded Wheat, and Canned Corn.

Advertisement for WINDSTORMS AND CYCLONES HIT NEW YORK STATE. Discusses insurance and features a REWARD for information on the murder of Jerry Harrington.

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