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THAT INVESTMENT

SOME enterprising and patient comptometer has figured the cost of the late (or shall we say current?) war to be $260,000,000,000.00.

Or, expressed in words of one syllable, two hundred and sixty billions of dollars.

If you are not in a hurry, stop and think of that for a few minutes.

Wrap your mind around it in an intelligent and comprehensive manner.

We ought to have a good deal to show for an outlay of that size.

And what we have to show ought to be worth showing.

WHILE THE GOING IS GOOD

IT IS rumored that Secretory of Agriculture Houston sails next week on the “George Washington” to investigate the new species of “Welsh Rabbit,” recently discovered by the British Premier. The Marine Band will attend the party, also a chosen band of ladies, experts, to taste and pass upon the new dainty. It is believed that a new and valuable source of food-supply may be in sight. The office-boy will run things in Washington during their absence.

We hear that Postmaster General Bulsone has requisitioned the Battleship “Texas,” and will sail in a few days for Brest. The Jazz Band, of the famous colored regiment, will provide the necessary music, and several charming kinfolk will complete the party. The main object seems to be to look into the methods used in France to hold up the Doughboy’s mail, with a view to introducing some of the adaptable features into our system here, to slow up deliveries in the home-land wherever possible.

The report comes that Secretary of the Interior Lane starts the first of the month for France, to find the basis of the report, widely circulated, that one of his Indian Braves was refused permission to scalp the Kaiser. His sisters, cousins, and a few aunts, will make up the party. The Tammany Hall Band will discourse encouraging music, and one of New York’s famous chefs will provide the needful “hot-dogs” for the party.

They say that Attorney General Palmer has selected the Battleship “Pennsylvania” for a short trip to Liverpool, accompanied by a select party of choice friends and advisers. It seems a bit startling for a new official to start off to foreign parts so soon, but a report that a piece of the old English Common Law has been dug up at Oxford makes it obligatory that the trip be under-

IN THESE BOLSHEVIST DAYS

MISTRESS: (to new maid) “And Mary we breakfast at nine.”

MAID: “That’s all right, Mum—if I ain’t down, don’t wait for me.”
HALF A LEAGUE DOWNWARD

HISTORY tells us that there was a certain more or less democratic individual, member of the firm of Wilson, McAdoo & Co., proprietors and lessees of a certain more or less independent nation.

And history further states that the said party had certain more or less definite ideas about forming a certain more or less comprehensive League of Nations.

But history regrets to add that every time the said more or less democratic individual undertook to make the said League definite and certain, he found that somebody had been monkeying with it so that he had to stop and fix it again.

Had our old friend, Al Tennyson, been at Versailles, he might have been led to exclaim:

"Half a League,
"Quarter of a League,
"Eighth of a League,
"Onward.
"Into the Valley of Debt."

A DIFFERENT QUESTION

Each generation must fight its own battles. Just because the fathers of the rich have succeeded in getting all the wealth away from the fathers of the poor, we can not feel safe in concluding that the sons of the rich will be able to keep the sons of the poor from taking it back.

CONFIDENTIAL GUIDE TO THE FUTURE

In order to get a good idea of the future as it now looms up before us in these strenuous times, one must first open one’s eyes as wide as possible. Then one must open one’s mind as wide as possible. After that it would not do a bit of harm to open one’s heart as wide as possible.

As soon as all these are wide open, one must allow all of one’s prejudices to escape as fast as possible. There is something about the general atmosphere of the immediate future which is going to make it very hard for all prejudices to survive.

Relieved of prejudices, one naturally undergoes almost a complete metamorphosis. One naturally ceases to have a regard for all those preachers and soothsayers and lawyers and professors and editors and philosophers who have made it their assiduous business to keep our prejudices alive. This then forces us to dig beneath the surface of things and turn up new germinations which are more intimately related to the future than to the past.

This is the first lesson. Already the most backward of pupils can begin to see that the future is not what it used to be by any means.

THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

The college president makes a show.

Of shrewd and erudite axioms,
But yet he’s careful not to know
Too much to scare off fat endowments.
There is a great deal of hope on the horizon as Good Morning goes to press. First is the most cheering announcement that Congress is to meet once more. Then will be the resumed the patient and earnest compilation of important and pregnant truth covering our beloved planet and the dwellers therein, truth which will be placed tenderly in the archives, but upon which no action will be taken because of the great amount of truth which is still uncultivated and which must be found out without undue postponement.

But it is not for that reason alone that the meeting of Congress gladdens our hearts. The meeting of Congress carries the strong implication that our beloved president will soon be here, for in this latter end of the second decade of the twentieth century, it is almost unthinkable that a Congress of so progressive a nation as this should try to do anything on its own initiative. Congressmen are like other people and, when you have once accustomed yourself to calling up a certain establishment on the phone before making a move, no matter whether it is a white house, a green house or even a little red schoolhouse, it is very difficult to break yourself of the habit.

Much of the joy comes in anticipating the many happy little methods which Congress, by and with the consent of the President, will undoubtedly find to raise more taxes in order that our government may spend more money in order that the comfort of our officials may not be curtailed and in order that funds shall not be wanting to allow them to roam the world in search of those experiences so necessary to a well-rounded life.

Although Congress has already done a splendid job in levying taxes upon luxuries, there are still many that are exempt. Not so long ago in the old country, windows were taxed. Why not revert to that practice? To look out of a window is nothing more nor less than luxury. Then it would certainly be proper to tax the buttons on one's coat. It is hard to think of anything more luxurious than coat buttons. Other things that come to mind are handkerchiefs, lawn-mowers, dumb-waiters, knives, forks, self-starters and traffic police.

Then again, when our president returns (if we may still call him our president) he will undoubtedly take us, his children, into his confidence on such intimate matters as what really became of the fourteen points, whether they were buried, cremated, or lie in state somewhere. He will tell us no doubt just what to do to get the democracy that we fought for so valiantly. These and other little things he will reveal when he gets us alone once more. Manifestly he can not be too communicative now upon such sacred topics. It might offend the dignity of some of the high plenipotentiaries in extraordinary who compose his peace council. Orlando might lose his temper and demand Monte Carlo. Clemenceau might take a sudden notion to annex Greenwich Village whereas Lloyd George would think it only right and proper that he should have everything that was left. This would cause Japan to cast an evil eye toward China, which might make Kolchak do something desperate.

Other news of a hopeful nature tells that the people of Italy are showing signs of losing reverence for the acts of their monarch; that Caranza does not believe in the Monroe Doctrine and probably never did; that Mackaool is becoming very well-acquainted with Douglas Fairbanks; that the more the railroads charge for passengers and freight the less money they make; that our army will be withdrawn from Europe by December first if not later; that the Victory Loan was oversubscribed in spite of the fact that the common people paid no attention to it; that the Senate Committee still hasn't got quite all of the truth about Russia, but is doing pretty well without it; that President Wilson has made the people of France understand that the people of America give very little thought to money, but are thinking of democracy all the time; and that practically all of the really interesting people are safely reposing in various jails.

An annoying predicament

It is easy to understand the predicament of the Great Father in Washington (sometimes) in the matter of general amnesty of political prisoners.

Having used up a large and well selected vocabulary in establishing a reputation for something that made a noise like democracy and justice and human brotherhood, the natural thing, now that the war is over, would be to throw wide open the doors of all those military and political prisons without stopping to ask each particular inmate whether he is a socialist, an anarchist, an I. W. W., a Christian, a psychoanalyst, an astrologer, a Cubist, an intellectual, a conscientious objector, an unconscious ammunitions manufacturer or whatever.

On the other hand, we must realize that among this number of select jailbirds are some of the bravest and keenest men and women that the country possesses and that, if they were released, they might make some very unwelcome comments about things in general and certain people in particular.

A good rule for statesmen is: When in doubt, keep your critics locked up.

Following the flag

Democracy follows the flag, you know. "Yes, I know. That's what worries me. I don't mind the flag wandering all over the seven seas, but I wish Democracy would stay at home. We need it here."

Do you believe in a large standing army? "No. I think they ought to go away back and sit down."

If you say another word against the government I'll knock your block off.
SPEAKER:—Whazza use of tryin' to do anything—for the (hic) working-man? Hesitation in saying that liquor is the curse of the working-man. (Applause)
WELFARE INVESTIGATION

ALL morning Sindbad carried the Old Man of the Sea without saying a word, whereas usually he was more or less talkative. The more prolonged this silence became the more ominous it seemed to the Old Man of the Sea. He began to fear that Sindbad might throw him off without warning.

It was the Old Man of the Sea who finally broke the silence.

"I trust you are well, Sindbad," he observed.

"No worse than usual," grunted Sindbad.

"You will find that politeness always pays," continued the Old Man of the Sea.

"It never paid me anything," retorted Sindbad.

Neither spoke for a mile or two. It was evident to the Old Man of the Sea that Sindbad was in an ugly mood and he was racking his brain as to the best method of dealing with the situation.

"Oh by the way," began the Old Man of the Sea at last, "you know you were telling me the other day about your family and the great difficulty you had in getting along."

"Yes, and unless something is done, I'll tell you about it again and again and again," replied Sindbad.

"It won't be necessary," said the Old Man of the Sea reassuringly. "I've arranged to look into the matter."

Sindbad knew the Old Man of the Sea well enough to know that "looking into the matter" was not at all the same as finding a remedy, nevertheless he took a little hope at this reassurance. "What are you going to do?" he asked.

"Well, I think it quite likely that you don't make the best use of your money. There is a great art in buying, in knowing how to arrange the diet and in using the right kind of methods."

"My wife can make money go farther than anybody you ever met," said Sindbad. "She has to, what with all those children in the house and the cost of living going up every day. What we need is more money."

"I'm not so sure of that," replied the Old Man of the Sea, "but we can tell better after an investigation. I am sending a trained social investigator. He is going to examine what your family eats, what they all wear, how much they spend on amusements—"

"Amusements," exclaimed Sindbad bitterly.

"Don't make me laugh. What we spend on amusements would not pay your toothpick bill."

"Wait and see," said the other. "I am sure my man will make some interesting discoveries. For instance, it is likely you spend too much on meat. Do you know that it has been proved scientifically that there is more nourishment in a bean than there is in an egg, that one reason for the high mortality of the poor is that they wear too many clothes and burn too much fuel, that—"

"Are you kidding me," queried Sindbad.

"Not at all. You just wait. I'll bet I can show you where you can save a tidy little sum each week."

"And what will I do with the money," asked Sindbad by no means convinced.

"Why I could take care of it for you in my bank. You could save and save and then, when you die, you could be buried in a style befitting a man who has learned how to be thrifty."

CONTRAST

IT is easy enough to be unpleasant when the umpire makes a decision against the home team. But the man worth while is the man who can fly into a rage when the politicians are looting the public treasury.

I'm going to immortalize Wilson by collecting all his speeches and using them in the libretto of my new musical comedy.
OUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

We nominate a staunch Republican. A man who follows progress. Though progress stands still or goes backward, there he is devoted and untiring. A man whose broad tolerance of the

HON. KNUTE NELSON

new spirit of social justice shines like a star at high noon. We nominate the Hon. Knute Nelson of Minnesota. (Applause.)

(Next week we may nominate somebody else just as good.)

AND ESPECIALLY LAWYERS

T he behoves all lawyers, perhaps more than any other single professional class in the community, to oppose the present extreme revolutionary tendency.

This noble body of men have gone to school and high school and college and law school and have practiced in the courts in the effort to perfect their familiarity with and understanding of the established order of things. If they succeed, then manifestly all or nearly all of the earnest efforts of this band of legal lights will have been in vain. With one fell swoop of the revolutionary wand, all that the said lawyers, as aforesaid, know becomes nonexistent, leaving them as useless as a swimming master in the Desert of Sahara. D. O. G.

IMPRESSIONISM

THE artist a long time had earnestly wrought;
For he was engaged in portraying
A subject quite fresh and un hackneyed, he thought:
A Symphony Orchestra playing!

He had the conductor convincing in pose;
The trombones were smartly extended;
The players sat in their conventional rows:
On the whole it was warmly commended!

The whole thing upon one was likely to grow,
So vividly all was depicted;
But for the coloring, this was, you know,
Necessarily rather restricted.

On closer inspection this work most original, drastic revision demanded:
The cellists played on the wrong side of the bridge,
And the fiddlers all were left-handed!
—Wilson A. Burrows.

THE most hopeless thing about being a misfit
is that you don’t even fit in with the other misfits.

WISDOM OF THE POOR FISH

The Poor Fish says he knows that many of our leading citizens got their wealth dishonestly, but we ought to let bygones be bygones.

JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT

April 29, 1919.

GOOD MORNING—Thought I know that you receive more letters than can be good for anybody, I must tell you how delightful I was with the first edition of Good Morning.

Indeed, I am full of hope for the future of this little baby paper. It was born just at the right moment; its ship will sail swiftly with the fresh breeze of the great new time! If it remains true to itself it cannot fail.

Most cordially yours,

Billy Marvel.

TIME WILL TELL

May 2, 1919.

GOOD MORNING—Here is my check for one year’s subscription. If you persist in threatening to discontinue “Good Morning” when the last hypocrite has been redeemed, I hope that the rascal will remain unregenerate forever.

Fraternally,
S. John Block.
New York.

DRAWING ON IMAGINATION

April 14, 1919.

GOOD MORNING: For the purpose of having Art Young say Good Morning to me each week, until we reach the impossible condition described in your circular, I enclose my check for $3.00, which is good whether the magazine is or not.

As for Art Young, he told me himself he never could get up before eleven, so how the devil can he draw those pictures of the morning sun except from imagination?

Very respectfully yours,

St. Louis, Mo.
H. E. Read.

FROM ONE WHO LAUGHS

April 20, 1919.

GOOD MORNING: I am very glad to learn of your proposed venture. God knows we need humor. Were it not that I could laugh as court fool I would go crazy.

Yours,
Milwaukee, Wis.
Oscar Ameringer.

A HOPELESS APOSTATE

April 27, 1919.

GOOD MORNING: I am a hopeless apostate eking out an existence on salt herring and New York Tribune editorials. From an over indulgence of the latter I am now being treated for hyperacidity of the brain. I am not doing very well so inclose herewith One Dollar for which kindly send me a sample of Good Morning. Like a lot of others, I believe in trying everything once. With a six cylinder hope that your medicine will be good for what ails me, I am with kindest wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
L. R. Reque.

WE BLUSH

April 26, 1919.

Dear Ellis O. Art Young-Jones,

Now we can all say “Good Morning,” because “Good Morning” means something since you two good souls have made it worth while. The satirical stuff of Ellis O. Jones in “Life” was the most widely quoted of anything published in the paper. I would rather be able to draw like Art Young than be able to paint like Rembrandt. Here’s my check.

Ever yours,
Ryan Walker.

FROM ONE WHO SWears

April 15, 1919.

GOOD MORNING: So this is what you have been doing—starting a new periodical. Damned be the man who makes two periodicals go where one grew before. However, a man may make one good new periodical that will drive out a lot of the poorer ones, according to the well-known and justly celebrated Gresham’s Law.

Here’s looking at you, good morning to “Good Morning”? I expect it to be still running—about half a block ahead of the sheriff—by the time I get to New York next summer. I’ll call around and invite you out to a soda water fountain to refresh you for your continuous sprinkling.

Very sincerely yours,
St. Louis.
William Marion Reedy.
ANY SOLDIER TO HIS SON

What did you do, Daddy, in the great world war? Well, I learned to peel potatoes and to scrub the barrack floor. I learned to use a shovel, and a barrow, and a pick. I learned to get a jerb on, and I learned to make ’em click. I learned to wash in shell-holes, and to shave myself in tea. While the fragments of a mirador did a balance on my knee. I learned to dodge the whizzbangs, and the flying lumps of lead. And to keep a foot of earth between the sniper and my head. I learned to hunt for vermin in the lining of my shirt, to crack them with my finger nail and feel the beggars spurt. So much for what I did do; now for what I have not done. Well, I never kissed a French girl, and I never killed a Hun. . . . I never played the hero or walked about on top I kept inside my funkhole when the shells began to drop. . . . So I learned to live and lump it in the lovely land of war. Where all the face of nature seems a monstrous septic sore; Where the bowls of earth hang open, like the guts of something slain. And the rot and wreckage of everything are churned and churned again; Where all is done in darkness and where all is still in day; Where living men are buried and the dead unburiad lay; Where endless files of soldiers thread the everlasting way By endless miles of duckboards, through endless walls of clay Where life is one hard labor, and a soldier gets his rest When they leave him in the daisies with a puncture in his chest. And I read the Blighty papers, where the warriors pen Tell of “Christmas in the trenches,” and the “spirit of our men.” And I saved the choicest morsels, and I read them to my chum, And he muttered, as be cracked a loose and wiped it off his thumb: “May a thousand chats from Belgium crawl their fingers as they write; May they dream they’re not exempted till they faint with mortal fright; May the fattest rats in Dickebusch race over them in bed; May the lies they’ve written choke them like a gas-cloud till they’re dead; May the horror and the torture and the things they never tell (For they only write to order) be reserved for them in hell!”

THE WAR MILLIONAIRE

Well, what are we going to do with the War Millionaire? And what is he going to do with himself? There are about thirty thousand of him, we are told. What excuse can he give for his existence? How does he feel when he reads the casualty list? How does he feel when he sees a maimed soldier on the street? What will happen when the people see clearly that a great many dollar-a-year men were really dollar-a-minute men? Do these eminently practical men think that the mills of the gods are going to grind up everything but them? What are we going to do with the War Millionaire?

THE COMMON HERD

No less an authority than the United States census assures us that we have a large common herd in this country, running up into the millions. As common herds go, it is a very nice common herd. We are fond to think, in our patriotic moments that it is the best common herd on the face of the globe, that foreign admirers cannot fail to reduce its quality. But it is not such an excellent common herd that those who are in it are willing to admit their membership or those who are out of it are making any great struggle to get in.

ARE YOU INEFFICIENT?

DO YOU KNOW
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