

# Many Men of Many Minds

**John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Treasury.**—The abounding prosperity and strong condition of the business houses of this country generally are vividly illustrated by the official record of yearly commercial failures as compiled by the mercantile agencies. These reports tell us that the number of business failures in the United States for last year, 1919, was actually the smallest in about forty years, or since the year 1881, despite the fact that the total number of business houses has more than doubled in that time.

**Dr. Mary Pennington.**—Both our winter and summer markets would be entirely bare of certain foods that we have come to look upon as staples were it not for cold storage, and both the consumer and farmer would be losers thereby. Only by a better knowledge on the part of the general public of what goods go into storage, how they should come out, can cold storage take its proper place in our scheme of things as do canning, drying and other established forms of preserving commodities produced in the flush season for consumption in the season of scarcity.

**Governor James M. Cox.**—Civilized peoples cannot segregate themselves any more. We are not five days from Europe now, but fifteen hours from Europe. McKinley caught the vision of all that, and said it at Buffalo just before he was shot. The problems thus created are difficult, but they won't be made easier by sticking our heads in the sand and pretending they don't exist.

**Lieutenant Colonel Emil Marcussen, Salvation Army.**—The day of the dormitory, or, more accurately, the "flop house," has passed. The kind of men who used to come to us, seeking free beds or glad to get them for a dime, now ask for private rooms. Since prohibition became effective I have closed several of our workingmen's hotels, including one in Chicago and another in Kansas City. There is a real need for good, modern hotels for men at reasonable prices and those which are run along such lines. Our Workingmen's Palace in Chicago has 571 beds. Three years ago we would have found 10 or 12 men in the Palace with bank accounts. Last month there were 312 men in that hotel who carried bank books.

**Governor Smith, of New York.**—I am running for governor and not any of you, and I want a woman on the ticket.

**Mrs. Barton French, New York society woman.**—Bolshevism must be reckoned with by those who are wealthy in the United States, and those who have money had better go to work and correct the impression now existing in this country that they are too well favored with the good things of life. There is one thing that I have discovered during my short stay in New York, and that is the wrong attitude against Bolshevism, which is generally understood here as standing for murder and taking away of private property. It is really an advanced socialism, and must be looked at from that angle. The idle rich in America must go to work and make themselves useful in the community.

**Professor Alvah W. Taylor.**—In the steel mills there are, roughly speaking, two kinds of labor—one highly skilled and always American, the other unskilled and foreign. In this latter class there are those of whom the old saying holds good "that no brains are needed, only weak minds and strong backs." Where there is one skilled workman there are very many unskilled. The skilled workman makes as high as \$15 a day, but the unskilled class receives less than three-fourths the amount that the government requires for an American standard of living. The rise in the wages of common labor throughout America has been less than the rise in the cost of living.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt.**—History will lay a great share of the responsibility for the plight of the splendid people of Poland upon those little narrow men in the United States Senate, those little narrow men who today control the machinery of the Republican party. But for their desire to satisfy a personal spite, the Bolsheviks would not be knocking at the gates of Warsaw.

**Alice Paul, suffrage leader.**—The victory of women completes the political democracy of America and enfranchises half the people of a great nation. It is a victory which has been won not by any individual or group but by those women who since the time of the revolution have suffered and protested against the humiliation of disfranchisement and proclaimed the equality of men and women. All women of the United States are now entitled to vote in the coming elections on the same basis as men. But our work cannot yet end.

**Eddie Cicotte, Chicago American League pitcher.**—A wise pitcher, facing Ruth, will never feed him spitters exclusively. I mix them up. I give him my fast one to show him I have one, but I never groove it. Usually I shoot it about face high. When I use my slow ball on him I keep it inside and low. Then, when the count is close, I use the spitter. As I say, that has been my system in the past. He may bump me good and hard next time. I wouldn't be foolish enough to say that is a sure way to fool Babe Ruth.

**Bertrand Russell.**—The Communist who sincerely believes the party creed is convinced that private property is the root of all evil; he is so certain of

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all this that he shrinks from no measures, however harsh, which seem necessary for constructing and preserving the communist state. He spares himself as little as he spares others. He works sixteen hours a day, and foregoes his Saturday half holiday. He volunteers for any difficult or dangerous work which needs to be done, such as clearing away piles of infected corpses left by Kolchak or Denikin. In spite of his position of power and his control of supplies, he lives an austere life. He is not pursuing personal ends, but aiming at the creation of a new social order. The same motives, however, which make him austere make him also ruthless. Marx has taught that communism is fatally predestined to come about; this fits in with the Oriental traits in the Russian character, and produces a state of mind not unlike the early successors of Mahomet.

**Rear Admiral Thomas Snowden, governor of San Domingo.**—The military government has set the country an unassailable example of good government, free from graft, giving a square deal to all, an administration absolutely above reproach.

**Mrs. Charles Sumner Bird, candidate for governor of Massachusetts.**—Education for a healthy, intelligent, and righteous citizenship is our first concern. We must make the first duty of our state equal opportunities for all its children. It is to the women we must look to bring about a new social order whose center of gravity shall be shifted from strife to life; from the mechanical to the spiritual, and from political greed and dishonesty to justice and truth.

**Eugene V. Debs.**—The people in this country have not known what their government was doing in opposing the Russians. It was kept a very private secret until it was revealed by the foreign dispatches, and then Secretary Baker was forced to confess that the War Department had lent \$100,000,000 on credit to the Polish Government on the basis of notes which are not worth the paper they were written on. He presented them with \$20,000,000 worth of American bacon which was "not available" for the American people—although bacon is 65 cents a pound at home—not available because the beef trust objected that it would check the rise in prices.

**Otto H. Kahn.**—The rich man has little to "squeal" about on the score of taxes, provided he will join the ranks of the idle rich. All he has to do is to turn his back on work, and risk, and constructive effort, and place as much of his capital as is, or can be made, liquid, into tax exempt securities—and to the extent that he does so, all direct taxation ceases to trouble him. The excess profit tax in its existing form and the high surtaxes are in effect nothing less, to a large extent, than disguised and inflated consumption taxes. The ideal tax is one that rests where it is laid. Grossly excessive or palpably unsound taxes are avoided or passed on to a greater or lesser extent.

**Billy Sunday.**—It's a dead open and shut proposition we can't gumshoe, sidestep, pussyfoot, detour or pass the buck. This country is going to be run on the basis of a government under the Constitution, and not by a brood of foreigners with the smell of the steerage still on them. Socialism is the sulphur and I. W. Wism is the nitro which the radical breed mixes into the T N T of rebellion to blow the government into atoms, if it could. I would not prevent the immigration of worthy Europeans. Millions of such are worthy citizens and become moral, religious and industrial assets.

**Arthur Brisbane.**—Cox says Republican Senators, in opposing the Peace League, are trying to "annex the President of the United States to their domination." Maybe so, but that would please Americans at least as well as to have Mr. Cox, as advocate of the Peace League, annex the whole United States to the domination of Europe. As between control of the United States by Republican Senators and domination by a European council, the people of this country would prefer the Republican Senators, however little they may think of Republican Senators generally.

**Senator Warren G. Harding.**—Call it reaction if you like, we need the old standards of honesty, the lofty standards of fidelity. If I could call for but one distinction, I would like ours to be known as an honest people. We need the stamp of common, everyday honesty everywhere. If governments and their diplomats in Europe had been honest there would have been no war. If everybody concerned had been rigidly honest peace might have followed the armistice within ninety days. If we could only be genuinely honest with one another we could put an end to industrial and social unrest, and if we were only honest with God we would become a moral and religious people again.

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.**—I spoke face to face, heard well-known voices and discussed private subjects. My interviews were with my son several times; my two nephews killed in the war; my brother, General Doyle; my wife's mother, and several friends. The mediums were in some cases Conan Powell, in others Mr. Wright. Such manifestations must be in the dark, for psychic phenomena are governed by law, just as development of a photographic plate must make the observer very careful. And I have been so, but there has never been any chance of deception.

**Samuel T. Nash, vice president, Institute of American Meat Packers.**—Out of each dollar paid over the retailer's counter for meat, the farmer gets sixty-four cents, the packer gets thirteen cents and the retailer twenty-three cents. Of the last share, nineteen or twenty cents goes for rent, light, labor, service, and so on, and only three or four cents on the dollar are left as profit. These figures are the results of thorough studies and are confirmed by Department of Agriculture investigators.

**Felix Deutsch, German councillor.**—Let me tell you this: Europe cannot exist without Russia. We have realized it for a long time. Mr. Lloyd George is realizing it now. France will realize it some day. Without Russia Europe's present bad state will grow worse; with Russia, Europe can save itself from starvation, economic collapse and chaos. Someone must develop Russia immediately. The Germans, who were foremost in Russia before the war, are best equipped for that. I hope that as soon as possible Germany will come to an understanding with Russia both politically and commercially. The treaty need not be secret. We are willing for the whole world to know of it because it is to the whole world's advantage to have Germany reconstruct Russia.

**Wu Tingfang, Chinese statesman.**—Up to eighteen years ago I was a flesh eater—I ate corpses, dead bodies of animals and fish, the scavengers of the water. I was afflicted with sciatica and other ills, but now that I have changed my diet and become a vegetarian my former ailments have disappeared. So, physically, I am in better condition to live much longer than I was before. The reason I have changed my idea of living to be 200 is that I have changed my philosophy. I now believe that God created man for the purpose of evolution. I should not hasten my end, but when my part in the scheme of evolution is finished I shall be glad to go. However, I believe in reincarnation. God is infinitely just, and if there is not reincarnation how is it that some are born rich and some poor?

**Vegetarian Diet  
Cures Ills  
Says Wu Tingfang**

**Marshal Ferdinand Foch.**—Young nations find it difficult to restrain their activities, and I think that is the case with Poland. My counsel has always been one of prudence. The Poles should have begun by consolidating the internal life of their country; then they could have turned to external problems. Despite my reputation of being an imperialist, I do not sympathize with expeditions of conquest, and, of course, that is what the Polish campaign started out to be.

**Major General P. C. Harris, Adjutant General, United States Army.**—The educational and occupational courses offered by the army have attracted young men. There are now 105,000 soldiers studying in the army schools. We shall have no trouble in soon attaining the number of men authorized by law for the army.

**Wesley B. Jones, Senator from Washington.**—I would like to see American shipping interests sacrifice something for the flag. I want ships to fly the American flag on the Pacific. There is no one to look after American interests on the high seas except Americans and the bill is American in every detail. I do not want to drive foreign ships from our ports except to replace them with American ships and I will confess I desire more. Don't scare up bogeys about the awful things the law will do; find something to sustain the law and put more ships under the American flag.