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WAR RISK INSURANCE.

Every few days the War Risk Insurance Department of the government drops tons and tons of mail into the regular postal channels. This mail is directed to the newspapers scattered over the United States. Some of it finds its way into The News office, to the editor's desk and then to the dump where we are conserving a fuel supply.

If the publishing of this highly synchronized press matter would aid one soldier one bit, or give him correct information, we would gladly print it. But all of the evidence of the case proves that the War Risk Bureau is a joke and disgrace to the government.

Men who continued payments on their war insurance after being discharged have been started at getting notices of the lapsing of their policies for non-payment of premiums. Protests are answered on the nonsensical form letter so beloved of the bureaucrat. Disabled men who were entitled to and expected disability compensations under their policies, immediately on discharge, have waited for months for their allowance. With all these blunders added to youth's natural indifference to the future, is it any wonder that 90 per cent. of the war risk insurance has been dropped?

Yet the war risk bureau functions with all the zeal of pre-armistice days. It is amazingly active without getting anything done. It has no superior in getting out circulars that service men (nor anybody else) do not read. But it has no time to accomplish results that would convince the returned soldier sailor and marine, that the war risk insurance is a good thing. As late as August of this year there were 17,000 employees in the war risk bureau in Washington, and insurance policies were lapsing at about 10 per cent a month! "In the war risk bureau 'psychology' appears to cover a multitude of sins—and keep a great many persons on the payroll.

BUSINESS MEN WAKE UP!

Scheduled to come to Palatka between now and the holidays are two circuses and a carnival, the latter to stay a full week. Every stray nickel, dime and dollar will find its way from the regular channels of trade into the coffers of the amusement promoters. They will drain Palatka as dry as a bone, financially speaking. They will leave merchandise stranded high and dry on the shelves of local shop keepers.

What will they give in return? For the period during which these traveling bands are in Palatka we will have on our streets hundreds of human derelicts looking for an opportunity to practice their art of sneak thievery and burglary. We have had experiences with them before. Must we submit to it again?

There will hardly be any objection offered to the coming of one good circus, or, perhaps, two. But there is very serious objection to the coming of a "carnival," which is nothing, more or less, than a collection of catch penny affairs and gambling devices. The modern travelling carnival is not a carnival, but a collection of small tent shows, shooting galleries, cane racks and gambling devices. They're designed simply to lure the unwary small change from the spectators attracted by garish music and bright lights.

Members of council say they are prepared to take whatever action the business men of Palatka desire to keep the carnival out. It is up to the business men to indicate their desire.

We need amusement, but it does not necessarily mean the vicious kind usually found at carnivals. We can either provide it ourselves or arrange for established and accredited enterprises which have merit.

If the coal strike forces the movies in the north to close down we are sure of a tidal wave of tourists from the desolated region.

If every man, woman and child in the United States were to agree, and stick to the agreement, not to use another ounce of sugar for thirty days we would loosen tons of the sweetstuff that is now reposing in huge warehouses and store rooms.

It has to come sooner, or later. A political labor party is being formulated. When labor turns loose the job to enter the field of politics we might well consider the situation threatening. Labor needs representation and is entitled to full consideration but when it openly threatens to enter politics and take charge of the government, which the new movement really means, it makes a mistake that it will find too late.

Coming of the Sevannee Military Academy to Palatka means a great deal of advertising, a considerable amount of business and some new young blood among us. Let's greet the cadets with open arms and make them love Palatka so that when they get out of school they will want to come here to live.

SHOULD A MAN RETIRE AT 50 AND WORK FOR PUBLIC GOOD?

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Edward W. Bok's advice to successful American business and professional men and women to retire from active work at 50 years of age and devote the remaining years to enjoying life and engaging in civic and welfare work has met with a variety of opinions, pro and con.

Addressing a luncheon in Philadelphia, Bok, who himself quit as editor of the Ladies' Home Journal recently after 31 years of service, said: "People come to me and say, 'are you well?' Then they look at me as a curiosity for retiring. That is what men should do. They should not wait until they are so old they cannot do any more. Get out of business in time and become a civic asset to your community."

"There are forty men in Philadelphia who should do as I have done. Then interesting themselves in civic work, what a power they would be in aiding our mayor in making our city what it ought to be."

To determine whether successful men and women in other cities shared Bok's views, the United Press has asked prominent persons in Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, St. Louis and Cleveland what they thought of the idea. Several declared the idea would be workable, while others asserted it an unwise policy which would result in overbalancing endeavor and cause, as one man expressed it, "a rule by the ancients."

How the "Pros" View It.

The "pros" expressed their opinions as follows: Thomas Lovelace, under 50, assistant secretary of the St. Louis chamber of commerce: "Mr. Bok's plan would result in a greater country and better conditions. A very man, before and after he reaches 50, should devote some part of his time to civic usefulness. It is good advertising, and if not done from the standpoint of unselfish service to the community, it should be done from a commercial and selfish standpoint, for advertising betters a man's business and gives him a better viewpoint. Everyone should devote a part of his time to civic aid, no matter what his age is or degree of success in life."

James Jackson, under 50, former vice-president of the State Street Trust Co., Boston: "A good part of the industrial problems today might have been averted if successful men had devoted their time to the good of the community and played the part of good leaders. Men financially able ought to retire, as Mr. Bok suggested, at 50 and start in as young as possible at civic work or clean politics. As things go now—when business men give most of their time to their own affairs, politics and welfare work fall into the hands of apathetic, selfish and indifferent leaders. There's too much of the spirit of 'we won the war; now let's sit back and let somebody else run things.'

Mrs. Annette Adams Kaus, 38 San Francisco attorney: "When men and women have comfortable incomes at 50 years old, the nation would benefit if they would devote their time to its affairs, instead of trying to make more money. If I am financially able when I read 50, I will consider it a privilege to retire from business and try my hand at helping in civic affairs. The best qualified men and women too often shirk their duty when they decline to participate in their country's or city's affairs."

Albert P. Langtry, above 50, former successful business man and just re-elected secretary of state for the third term: "For three years I have made addresses almost daily before business men, civic organizations and clubs, pleading and advocating the very thing Mr. Bok advised. Leaders of men are needed now more than ever, particularly is needed the successful, independent man who can devote his time to the good of the public. Right now I am taking every opportunity I can in my position as secretary of state to carry on civic work and to urge others to do so."

Those Who Believe Bok Is Wrong.

Those who believed Bok was wrong in his advice gave the following opinions:

Robert Dollar, 76, president of the Robert Dollar Co., San Francisco, largest shippers on the Pacific coast. "There'll be no retiring for me until I am dead. I am more valuable in my business now of developing the world's foreign trade than I ever was before. I wouldn't quit for anything. I will keep on working to the very last. I know nothing about civic work, anyway, and I would be a failure at it. To make a success at that, as at anything else, requires a lifetime of endeavor."

M. L. Wilkinson, above 50, president of Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, department store, St. Louis: "I would feel sorry for both civic work and business if all successful men retired at 50. It would fatally overbalance things, taking everything from one and putting it into the other. At that age the majority of big men are just beginning to settle down to business and getting in position to do things on a big scale."

C. F. Freibolin, 49, referee in bankruptcy, Cleveland: "Why should a man wait until he is 50 to work for the public good? It is much better to devote a part of one's life as one lives it to public work, rather than to wait to do it all at an advanced age. The first plan will give society advantage of all the reactions of all ages, while the latter would mean a rule by the ancients."

Arthur T. Aldis, above 50 millionaire real estate operator, Chicago: "If a man retires at 50 he is much more likely to devote his time to imaginary ills than to civic work. Civic work, in my opinion, can be done more effectively if handled along with one's business. A little letting up, perhaps, is advisable when a man reaches 50, but by no means should a person quit."

Jacob M. Loeb, former president of the Chicago board of education, and wealthy insurance man: "The whole idea of attempting to set down a rule of that kind is silly. Some men are dead long before they are 50, so far as usefulness is concerned. A business man should not wait until he is 50 to take up some public work, and furthermore he doesn't need to give up his business. The most valuable public servants are those who render service to the state without giving up their business."

In his address at Philadelphia before the City Club, Bok said: "Give the younger men a chance. There are three periods in a man's life: First, education; second, achievement, and third, the crossroads. Are men to remain more money getters when they already have enough? Or will they get out and help others along?"

"This period is the time for useful play. Since I retired five weeks ago I have worked hard, but it has been play. I like to play golf and ride a horse, but heaven forbid that I should spend all my time in the saddle or on the links."

"World Statesmanship Will Be Sorely Tried in the Next Few Years"

By ROBERT LANSING, U. S. Secretary of State

Undoubtedly there is a great danger in the world today. Western civilization is still dazed by the shock of four and a half years of destruction. Industry and commerce are not yet restored. All of Europe is impoverished; parts of it are starving. Its whole political fiber has been shot through.

World statesmanship will be sorely tried in the next few years. Two things are essential: first an alert, intelligent, interested public opinion; and second co-operation of the nations.

The former is needed both as a check on any sinister purposes that may crop up and as the great support for common action. The second is essential, unless the nations are to return to a selfish particularism which can only breed the most dangerous dispute.

The peace conference has been history's greatest instance of a unified world statesmanship directing the moral and material resources of the world's family of nations. To allow the spirit behind it to disintegrate at this moment of emergency, when united action is imperative, would be fatal to all the hopes of permanent peace with which we entered the war.

If it is true that one nation can destroy the equilibrium of all it is all the more true that each nation is bound by its own law of self-preservation to co-operate with the others to check troubles before they get their headway.

So I come home pleased but not complacent with the outcome of the past six months and hopeful but not in the least unmindful of the problems of the next few years.

FLORIDA DOWNS CAROLINA
Won Saturday's Football Game By
Score of 13 to 0

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 24.—(Special)—Florida's superior weight proved too much for Carolina Saturday afternoon, the visitors winning their annual game with South Carolina 13 to 0, scoring a touchdown in the second period, when B. Anderson threw a forward pass to C. Anderson and another in the last period on a blocked kick by Merrien Baker falling on the ball behind the Carolina goal.

The 'Gators rushed the ball to

great advantage, the lighter Carolina line failing to hold before the charging of the powerful Florida forward.

The visitors also made another touchdown, the first half ending with the ball on Carolina's 6-yard line. C. Anderson, at half for Florida, was his team's star. This back gained more than half the distance negotiated by his team. Wutrich, Goldsby and Baker starred in the Florida line.

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SUGAR FARM IN MARION

Ed Carmichael Sells 2,000 Acres to Northern Syndicate

OCALA, Nov. 24.—Edward Carmichael of this city, has sold his famous 2,000-acre plantation on the Silver Springs run, several miles from Ocala, to a foreign syndicate, which expects to operate it as a sugar plantation. The land is well adapted to the culture of sugar cane, being largely of heavy class, with much of it muck land.

The twelfth annual Marion County Fair closed its gates this afternoon. It was in every way a success and pronounced one of the best fairs ever held in the State.