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OUR DYE PRODUCTION.

Because we were forced to do it in order to supply our needs, we engaged in the manufacture of dyes for which we had become dependent upon Germany. There had always been an opportunity for the development of this industry in this country but because of the lack of encouragement and the highly developed industry in Germany which was able to underbid any product offered the market by manufacturers in this country no effort had been made in this direction. The war quickly illuminated the predicament in which we found ourselves. We saw the mistake in permitting ourselves to be dependent upon others and there is an appreciation of the situation relative to other countries for our dyes will never be permitted again.

A number of chemical concerns quickly springing up to meet the demands for dyes. Recently there has been a movement to have the largest part of them for the purpose of self protection and to make sure that it will not be possible in the future for the German dyemakers to regain control of the American market. Having made ourselves independent there is a determination to remain so. Certainly there can be no desire to undermine an important industry now that the war is over. It is rather for our interest to give every reasonable encouragement to its development that we can the more certainly feel our freedom from foreign competition but that we can engage in the business of supplying foreign demands in this line.

Whatever doubt may have existed about the ability of Americans to make dyes in a short period that would take the place of those made by old and experienced hands at the business seems to be completely overcome. The statement made to the American Chemical Society to the effect that 800 of the rare chemicals that Germany was relied upon to furnish are now produced in the United States. Certainly such excellent results cannot be cast aside and the large investments made to obtain them are justified just because the war is over and Germany is again making dyes. It is a product of the war that we should take pride in maintaining.

DISTRESS IN ITALY.

It makes no difference where earthquakes occur humanity is invariably involved in the results. There are sections of this country which have been feeling shocks of no great severity although they have been devastated on other occasions, but just now it is Italy which has received a new visitation accompanied by many deaths and much destruction of property. And as is always the case the sympathy of the rest of the world and help from many quarters is already being rushed to their relief. This latest disturbance comes at a time when Italy is struggling with problems of a decidedly different nature. There has been an eruption among certain classes which has given the Italian people and government much to think about, but political and industrial troubles must for the time being be side-tracked, for the physical distress caused by the earthquakes must necessarily unite the whole country in the common cause of administering to the injured, sheltering the homeless and feeding the provisions.

The full extent of the disaster is not as yet known but many towns appear to have suffered from the shocks and one of considerable size has been wiped out. With a knowledge of what such trouble has meant on previous occasions in Italy it can be readily appreciated that the stricken area, even if the reports have not recorded the whole story, is in serious need of help and that Italy has reason to unite its forces for the administration of much needed help. Even though in certain respects it cannot fail to recognize the need of unity when it comes to dealing with such a situation. Humanity in distress wherever it may be makes an appeal which is irresistible and while it does not appear but what Italy will be fully met the situation it knows from previous experiences what can be expected from others in case their assistance is desired.

WHEN THE SECRETARIES SPEAK.

The announcement to the effect that Attorney General Palmer is going to go on the stump for Governor Cox is in keeping with the declaration of Secretary Baker to the same effect. It is to be expected that they will endeavor to convince the country of the necessity of seeing that the policies which have been put forth by the Wilson administration are maintained.

Whether the attorney general will devote his time to telling what his department has been able to accomplish in the way of eliminating the profiteers and reducing the cost of living is a bit uncertain but it cannot fail to be realized that such matters are of deep concern to the people who as yet have failed to recognize getting the results so enthusiastically aimed at and so signally missed. Certainly in view of the promises made by the administration and the part assigned to his department in connection therewith the country has reason to expect an accounting from the attorney general as to how it was that not only has there been a failure to bring down the cost of living but it has on the contrary gone higher than ever and in spite of the fact that the administration through special legislation had greater control than ever before. Glowing promises were made at the opening of the Democratic administration as well as be-

fore. How well they have been kept those who were expected to benefit from them know too well. There will certainly be some very interesting things for Mr. Palmer to reveal while his fellow cabinet member, Secretary Baker, can likewise furnish some enlightenment relative to the waste in connection with war expenditures which placed a system of taxation upon the country that promises to remain for many years to come. While these advisers of the president could furnish the country some enlightenment in these directions it seems likely, in view of conditions, that they will studiously avoid such matters.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.

From all sections of the country there come reports concerning the need of more houses and efforts being put forth to bring about increased construction. It is fully understood that there has been a failure to erect houses, to enlarge industrial establishments or to engage in any large building enterprises because of the conditions prevailing. The war period interrupted the annual increase in this direction and with the rush of people to the cities there has been a demand for accommodations which it has been hard to meet while there have been those within the city who have been encouraged to seek better homes because for the time being their employment made it possible.

For a long time the inability to get material, the uncertainty of delivery, the labor conditions, the increased difficulty in getting loans, backed by the belief that construction costs would decline served to bring about a policy of delay in connection with building operations. Even the fact that houses today are commanding much larger rents than ever before has been regarded as a temporary condition which did not encourage large outlays in anticipation of such returns, since it has been felt that such returns are bound to be more or less uncertain.

Just when conditions are to be expected that will lend encouragement to increased construction is as yet uncertain. There has been no great change and the inability to get certain materials is still experienced. That there is a demand for new houses, for more accommodations in many localities, and on the part of not a few for better homes than they have been occupying cannot be questioned. There has been a normal growth in this direction for several years. It means therefore a constantly increasing task to meet the demands, but the time does not appear to have been reached when the individual feels certain that he would be warranted in making such use of his money. Conditions are not becoming stabilized sufficiently to clear the way.

CONTROL OF VEHICLES.

A quartet of accidents resulting in three deaths and possibly a fourth as the result of motor vehicle operations in this state across the border in Connecticut reveals the manner in which the hazard of the highways is being increased. In the first of the Massachusetts cases a young woman was crushed to death while waiting for a trolley car at a street corner in Springfield, the driver of the car stopping for the crowd that had gathered off to the car but tried to swing around them at such a speed that he was not able to avoid going onto the walk, striking the young woman and crushing her against the pole. The other Massachusetts case was that of a small boy who ran into the street in front of a machine which could not be stopped.

In this state the case where it is expected one of the drivers may die concerned a head-on collision between a truck and an auto. High speed and driving on the wrong side of the road are charges in this instance. The Connecticut case involved a collision between a motorcycle and an auto in which the motorcycle going at a fast speed and unable to stop was killed. In all the cases it does not appear but what if the vehicles had not been going at such speed but what it would have been possible to have prevented the fatalities, barring possibly the instance of the small boy running across the street. Connecticut has an unenviable record for the past year for automobile fatalities. In the cases referred to Massachusetts appears to be quite as bad, but with the great increase in the number of motor vehicles it cannot fail to be appreciated that there is more than self to be considered upon the highway. Drivers must give consideration not only to personal safety but to having cars in such control that they can protect self and others when unexpected conditions are encountered.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Between the reds and the earthquakes Italy is certainly in a hard way.

The democratic proof seems to be based upon something that might have been, but isn't.

The man on the corner says: Bonedry regulations make no impression upon the salt in the shaker.

What a saving there would have been in the paper supply if the business of the Creel bureau had been kept in check.

If Lenin has forbidden the entry of foreign reds into Russia, can it be that he is trying of such helpers as Alex and Emma?

When Secretary Houston declares that the nation's debt reduction will be started next year he of course anticipates republican action.

The expressions at Marion on Labor day made it quite evident that Samuel Gompers isn't likely to deliver the labor vote according to his ruling.

Connecticut republicans can feel quite as proud of the state convention results as they could had the selections been made by the primary method.

The republican delegates assembled in state convention should understand that the party and state want the best man that can be found for the place.

But while the Democrats are so horrified over the out in the open plans of the republicans they are crying for all they can get and assessing federal employees.

By the nomination of Thomas Watson for senator possibly Georgia will still claim that the best element of the state is opposed to him even as it is to lynching.

If the special session of the legislature takes up all the business that can be brought before it it will have to hustle to get out of the way of the next regular session.

It is amusing to see Governor Cox labeling statements by others given under oath as falsehoods when he has failed to so much as to take oath to the allegations he has made.

THE MAN WHO TALKS

That character is influenced by environment admits of no possible doubt. Let anyone, however good the stock he comes from, be put into a bad moral atmosphere and he will soon reflect his surroundings in the conduct of his life. But close observers tell us that even topography and climate have something to do in the production of personality. It is certainly true that rough, mountainous countries rear men of only of physical brawn, but of mental and moral ruggedness. Soft climates and the moral raise of soft people; not those who discover continents, or build up vast industrial enterprises. The hard, raw climate of New England produces white oak trees and white oak men. Countries that boast of their climate seldom have occasion to boast of their men. Mountains particularly are associated with loftiness of mind and soul. Scotland, Switzerland and New England are remarkable for "mountain men" and men of men and women of the highest rank. No race of men have ever surpassed the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers.

As one goes about and listens to the conversation of different groups of men one is struck by the fact that it is only a frequency with which God's name is profaned. To insult the Deity or even to use His name frivolously is no small offense. It is no excuse to say "Oh, you belong to a different set, you don't mean anything by it." We cannot get into the habit of doing some things with impunity. If you should knock a man down, would you plead as an excuse that it was only a "thoughtless habit" you had gotten into? How would the judge or jury in any court treat such an excuse? And yet every time you swear you virtually strike your Maker in the face, and do you think you are going to get away with it? What does your reason tell you? Suppose you "get into the habit" of trading with the street corners and your treason on the street corners and in the market place, in all probability you will get a free ride to Atlanta, Ga., where you belong. Many parents are the profanity of a little child. Parents, what are you doing in the matter?

The identity of a man with the natural world expresses itself forcibly in summer. If this statement needed any proof one has but to do it to point to the exodus of city people into the country during the summer months. Why is it that country resorts make a specialty of "Charming Beaches," "Magnificent Glens," "Ice Caves," "Lover's Retreats," "Sylvan Shades," "Bear Mountaintains," and spots where the early settlers were killed and scalped by the Indians? It is because such places appeal strongly to man's instinctive love of nature. It is refreshing to cast aside for the time being the exalting conveniences of our modern life and to revert to primitive modes of life. The scant attire demanded by life in woods and fields and lakes shows us that some trace of the primitive man who was once a part of our blood. If human society is to continue viable it must not get beyond the touch of Mother Earth.

A well-known Scotch divine now touring the country is reported to have remarked that things worth having are always beneath the surface. It may be that this assertion would need to be modified to meet isolated cases, but it is no necessary to reveal the manner in which the hazard of the highways is being increased. Most of the enjoyable things of life are the fruit of individual exertion. Nothing vitally important comes from diligent search. Generally the more valuable a thing is the harder it is to get. We can pick up pebbles almost anywhere, but not diamonds. To dig into the depths of the Dark Continent, I once asked a quartermaster in Putnam, Vt., why they went down 400 feet after marble when they could be cropping out through the surface everywhere. His laconic reply was: "The deeper we go the finer the grain." Isn't that true of all our studies? To get education one must dig not for a week or month only, but for years, and must put his very best into it. The great inventions and discoveries that have benefited the world have been the result of frequent use of a heavy roller, copious waterings and top dressings can we have laws like those of some other countries. There may be some who who would be perfectly willing to see not only laws, but also law-movers less vigorous and velvety for several months.

French Are Practical.

Biorot, the first aviator to fly across the English Channel, has been forced by the French government to pay 5,000,000 francs into the treasury out of his war profits. The French may be emotional, but in money matters they are eminently practical.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

There is a growing tendency in great religious conventions to utilize all available material in an in a psychological effect in introducing features that do not contract, but supplement the heavy, thoughtful addresses. It is very desirable to listen hour after hour to great speeches, however instructive and interesting they may be. One convention recently introduced a Junior choir of children ten years and younger and when the list was read "Precious Jewels" it was the dramatic climax of a very notable gathering. Very much like this was a pageant given in a great Boston church recently bringing out some phase of the life of the Pilgrims. There is no better way in which history can be taught to children than by pageants; it makes the past a living thing, and

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Mrs. Stratton had to wait for a friend in the waiting room of the department store and found it rather tiresome. At first she enjoyed the passing crowds and the sight of the women near her, but after a while she began to feel sleepy and bored. The woman who sat next to her in the rocker was a pleasant looking soul, so Mrs. Stratton addressed a remark to her in regard to the weather. The stranger was evidently glad to break the monotony of her own waiting and it was not long before they were discussing everything from European politics to the high cost of living.

"My rent has been raised so much," Mrs. Stratton declared, "that I just simply have to be awake nights thinking up ways to economize. I go bargain hunting as I never did before." "One has to," agreed the stranger. "It just makes you gasp to see how much they charge for suits, for instance." "And hats!" sighed Mrs. Stratton. "Have you tried to get any sort of head covering yet?" "I came down today to meet my daughter," said the stranger. "We are going to get hats if it takes us all night and we are not going to pay all sorts of prices for them, either."

"Oh, the subject of profiteering makes me wild," said Mrs. Stratton with indignation. "How do you think I like having to go without clothes in order that my landlord may have a yet every time you hear of a profiteer, me cross and I am just figuring that a day will come when we can get even." "Yes, indeed," said the stranger, feelingly. "I do hope we can get even. The high prices are perfectly inexorable."

"Of course we have to stay where we are, because there is no other place to go," said Mrs. Stratton. "But can't you economize on clothes? I am not entirely destitute yet, but there is one thing we cannot do without, however, and that is provisions. The prices of mere things to eat, just the simplest things are perfectly appalling."

Sunday Morning Talk

The Importance of Prayer. May we pray? The question is a very important one. There are some who tell us that we may not, that there is no need to hear of one another who care for us and who could do anything for us if he did care. A great force at the center of things cannot hear the cries of human distress on the earth or answer them. It was the only God these were vain. But how thankful we should be that there is a loving heavenly Father and not a heartless force that controls all things. If we accept the teaching of Christ we are commanded to pray. He does this that we may feel confident to go to Him in prayer. That we may feel that God is our Father and we are His children. Christ gave many teachings regarding prayer. The Lord's prayer gathers these teachings together into an example in a few great sentences. This prayer seems to us very simple and easy, but like all of our Lord's words its petitions are wide and deep, each one carrying an ocean of meaning. For one thing, the Lord's prayer teaches us that we all need to pray, not to pray to get ourselves off altogether from God, the source of all good, of all blessing, of all life. No doubt there are men who do not pray and who yet seem to live on and to receive mercies and blessings from God. He does not cut them off from His love though they pay Him no honor, recognize Him not as their Father. This tells us how gracious God is. "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust." He continues to love even when His love is slighted and rejected. Nevertheless he is an infinite lover who does not pray. He is leaving out of his life all the best things. He is gathering the weeds and pebbles that lie at his feet and missing the crown which hangs above him, ready to be taken and worn. He is

missing the love, the companionship and the help of God, without which life in the end is a failure. The first thing one begins to do when one comes to one's self, when one has been born from above is to pray. The Lord said of Saul, an hour ago a persecutor now a Christian, "Behold he prayeth." We are to pray as children. It is not hard for a child to tell a loving parent his wants. We may come boldly to His throne for it is a throne of love. To stretch my hand and touch Him. To raise my eyes and see Him. Through darkness or through day. To life my voice and call Him— This is to pray!

Stories That Recall Others

Including Everything The teacher was instructing her class in the uses of the various punctuation marks. The comma and period were fairly simple, but when she got to the exclamation and question marks things began to get complicated. She wrote this sentence on the blackboard: "Where are you going?" "Now children," she said, "which of you can tell me how to read it?" "The all observed it closely and finally one hand was slowly raised in response the teacher urged Alice to tell how she would read it. "Where are you going little button-book" declaimed the small girl triumphantly. So He Told Billy's parents were going out for a short trip, so they notified the neighbor that he would be their guest for an hour or two. Then they started him off with instructions to push the button on him, ready to be taken and worn. He is

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