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A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year. By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

First printing of an original poem written daily for The Washington Herald.

An hour spent in thinking of Some deed of an unselfish love; Another spared from daily care; To dream of things of beauty rare;

Bill Sulzer is going to star in a film play depicting the events that led to his impeachment as governor of New York.

Following the reduction in the number of saloons, the New York health department reports an increase of 50 per cent in the consumption of the Milky Way.

Thirty-four persons were killed in automobile accidents in New York in June, while the record for the past six months is 152.

Several prisoners have escaped or attempted to escape from Sing Sing recently, apparently because of a dread that they may be included in the list to be transferred to other prisons.

There has been a long, long year for those unfortunate owners of small lots on the Union Square-Capitol Plaza, who have been paying a commission on an awful \$50 a day and expenses for services rendered in the way of paying down the sums allotted in payment for their property two years ago by a former commission.

A man sentenced in New York to spend a year and a day in the penitentiary at Atlanta has been trusted to go to the prison and deliver himself into custody, upon the theory that his feeble health and sixty years will insure compliance.

Prof. Scott Nearing says the motto, "there is plenty of room at the top" is no longer true in this country on account of the fact that in every great industry only three of every 1,000 employees have a chance to rise to the top.

A great deal is lacking in the explanation made to the Department of Commerce that the advertisement of an American firm, offering to supply shells capable of inflicting wounds which cause "death in terrible agony in four hours" was a "mistake."

Miss Lane Addams is receiving compliments on all sides for having called the present war "an old man's war." It only old men are fighting this war, the several countries must have many millions of reserves on hand.

In a bulletin urging co-operation between the farmer and consumer the Department of Agriculture says: "Like the European farmer the American farmer is being driven to co-operation by necessity."

Authorities Blind to a Menace.

The man Weinschenk, who was arrested in this city on Friday, several weeks after the time when he should have been taken into custody, may or may not be mentally deranged; but there is no doubt that he is a dangerous character.

But, sane or insane, Weinschenk is dangerous and the uncovering of his nest by a newspaper ought to bring a rough awakening to the Washington police department and the government detective services from a state of lethargy.

Weinschenk may be nothing more than a crank, but there is good reason to believe him capable of committing violent crimes.

Temperance Drinks.

What is a temperance drink? They are asking the question in England and also in New York. There will be as many answers as there are advocates and users of the various decoctions which have been in favor for many years.

How many temperance people, even "teetotalers" will follow Mr. Wells and take to plain water, either pure or impure? King George and the royal household did not go so far.

There are a good many people who agree with Mr. Wells that soda water and the other liquids that flow from the soda fountains, "fill a man with wind and self-righteousness."

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Efficiency.

It was Louis Brandeis, of Boston, that gave the movement its strongest impulse. His arguments aroused instant response all over the country. They showed that in most kinds of work there was an immense amount of waste in both time and energy.

No wonder so many business men saw the shrewdness of the argument. For them it meant increase of profit with decrease of expenditure.

At the time Mr. Brandeis began to preach the gospel of efficiency he was recognized, as he still is, as a friend of labor.

The position of the labor unions seems very un-American. It denies the right of a laborer working for capital, when his powers are exceptional, to exercise those powers to the utmost limit.

Recalls Phillips Brooks.

It is your deepest need and mine today. There is not a person in this chapel this afternoon who is not sure of the possibility of realizing that twenty-five years have passed since that soft summer afternoon when we met together.

What is now the equipment which we most want? What is the virtue which is indispensable if we are to obtain that incorruptible of every true life?

A real understanding of this rather complicated matter cannot be reached till we look beneath the surface. What is the cause of the situation that makes the labor unions take their present attitude?

The discussion of this subject must make us all see the folly of our present human relations and the importance of developing a way of living that shall encourage all men to make the most of their powers without harm to others.

Thought For Zeppelin.

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New York Not Alone.

New York provided carefully against any menacing miscreant who sought to buy a package of firecrackers to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Harvard Grads Hear Notable Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Calkins

Members of the Class of '90 Are Told: "According to Your Faith Be It Unto You" Address Delivered in Appleton Chapel.

The following sermon was delivered by the Rev. Raymond Calkins, Harvard graduate of the class of '90, in Appleton Chapel, Cambridge, Mass., on the occasion of the twenty-fifth reunion of the class during commencement week.

Benefit it and to give the sermon a wider publicity. I do not base on the fundamental error that there is no God, no Power that worth unto us both to will and to do.

I. Such is the spirit that we need to carry into our work. It must be kept fresh and young and efficient. Perhaps that is the greatest need of our profession than in others.

We may be good doctors, skillful surgeons, keen lawyers, influential financiers, but the measure of our work will depend ultimately on the soul that lies beyond and shines through our special task.

What we all need is what was once said of Henry Martyn, that "he had not a single torpid nerve in him." What we need is the ardor of our youth.

When Hopkins Smith died some time ago, between 70 and 80 years of age, a reviewer declared that "to the end he worked with the unspent ardor of youth."

It is our expectations, our faith, also, which measures our worth in the social order to which we belong. It is this quality which literally makes men and women what they are.

As a matter of fact, the man who believes like that, talks like that, lives like that, is not wise, but has made the phrase of Annie Besant, who said: "This prudent, calculating, attitude."

THE OPEN FORUM

In Which Readers of The Herald Give Their Views On Current Topics.

Editor of The Washington Herald: Will you let me, as a Democrat, say a word about the current expenses? Apparently this country was enjoying the highest prosperity in 1912-13.

Second: Then the railroads of this country ceased purchasing (because they were trying to curtail expenses) the automobile market for these products fell off.

Third: Then the undue expansion in Canada and South America and its natural consequence of depression, and the countries which had been important foreign markets, ceased buying and we lost both in the foreign and in the domestic trade.

There are many families in the neighborhood whose children are suffering hot days and nights, and do not cease at 9 p. m. and many who are thirsty in the morning that would be greatly comforted with a drink of the fine water this well affords.

The selfishness of any one or more persons in depriving a large neighborhood of the privilege of obtaining a drink of cold water, furnished at public expense, should not be considered by any authority that claims to be Christian.

Who, before such moral adventure as this, another, someone ought to do it, but why should he? He is ready, "Someone ought to do it so why not I?"

What we all need is what was once said of Henry Martyn, that "he had not a single torpid nerve in him." What we need is the ardor of our youth.

And may I say, as I close, I am sure that you will understand that I am sure that you would not want me to close without saying that these great spiritual expectations, these unspent and unfulfilled ambitions of this ardent of a youth that is eternal, come into a man's life only as that life is given to and drawn its strength from the life of God.

My classmates, the best of our life is just before us. The years on which we now enter are the years that will tell the story. If we have learned the discipline that we have received, the knowledge that we have gained, some day in the future we shall realize that with the passing of the years he has come to the rather settled persuasion that for him at least, the day of grace is past, that his character is now settling, if indeed, it has not already settled, into its fixed and final mould.