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## WILSON URGES TRAINING FOR PURPOSE OF HEALTH.

"It is right that we should provide it not only, but that we should make it as attractive as possible, and so induce our young men to undergo it at such times as they can command a little freedom and can seek the physical development they need, for mere health's sake, if for nothing more. Every means by which such things can be stimulated, are legitimate, and such a method smacks of true American ideas.

"It is right, too, that the National Guard of the states should be developed and strengthened by every means which is not inconsistent with our obligations to our own people or with the established policy of our government. And this, also, not because the time or occasion specially calls for such measures, but because it should be our constant policy to make these provisions for our national peace and safety.

"More than this carries with it a reversal of the whole history and character of our policy. More than this, proposed at this time, permit me to say, would mean merely that we had lost our self-possession, that we had been thrown off our balance by a war with which we have nothing to do, whose causes can not touch us, whose very existence affords us opportunities of friendship and disinterested service which should make us ashamed of any thought of hostility or fearful preparation for trouble.

"This is assuredly the opportunity for which a people and a government like ours were raised up, the opportunity not only to speak but actually to embody and exemplify the counsels of peace and amity and the lasting concord which is based on justice and fair and generous dealing.

"A powerful navy we have always regarded as our proper and natural means of defense; and it has always been of defense that we have thought, never of aggression or of conquest. But who shall tell us now what sort of navy to build? We shall take leave to be strong upon the seas, in the future as in the past; and there will be no thought of offense or of provocation in that. Our ships are our natural bulwarks."—President Wilson's Message.

## ILLITERACY DEFINED.

Rev. E. E. Smith's contribution to the Messenger on Thursday was timely as well as novel. The topic chosen by him for treatment was, "Illiteracy, One of the Causes of the Great War in Europe." The amplification of this theme made the notable article. It was novel chiefly in the broader meaning given by Dr. Smith to the word "illiteracy." In common parlance the word is taken to mean the absence of knowledge of books and other things strictly literary. This is the meaning given to the word by most of those who use it. This is convenient and customary, but Dr. Smith delves deeper and peers further and gives us a new significance for this now quite current word. He makes it mean not only ignorance of letters, but ignorance of men and their manners. He even hints that there is not only ignorance of neighbors, but misinformation founded on preconceived notions nurtured by egotism and jealousy.

And just here is where he accounts for the war most rationally. Not only does he find the cause in a rational way, but he also does it ethically and thus accounts for the more brutal and more frequent wars of the past when men (or brutes, were they?) stood face to face and bayoneted each other to death, or even broke each other's skulls with clubs or stones.

Yes, illiteracy—the lack of knowledge of each other's interests and purposes, no doubt caused the war and other wars.—Owensboro Messenger.

## AN OUTRAGE AGAINST THE RAILROADS.

The statement is made by a well informed railroad man that the railroads of this country kill over 5,000 persons annually, an average of fourteen every day, because there are no laws penalizing trespassing on railroad tracks.

In other countries men are fined for exposing themselves by walking on railroad tracks.

Here we assess heavy damages against railroads because men put themselves where those operating the trains can not avoid killing or injuring them.

We have seen so much here of this free train hopping, walking on the tracks and the eternal penchant to trespass on the danger zones of the rail, ways, and the resulting accidents and tragedies that one almost is forced to think that many human beings are incapable of reasoning.

If a hobo, tramp, loafer, deadbeat, or any one else is killed or injured while trespassing on a railroad, the company should not be blamed.

We mean those who trespass.

The railroads are common carriers and if a dead hobo is a superior being vested with special rights and privileges, the statutes ought to say so—but they don't.

Keep off the cars unless you have a ticket and keep off the tracks even if you have forty tickets.

## WHERE WAS SOCIAL JUSTICE?

What became of Social Justice at the Chicago conference of the Progressive party? We can find no reference to it in the reports of the proceedings, and the canned statement issued in behalf of the committee was devoted in large part to explaining the need of "a permanent non-partisan tariff commission."

That particular article of faith could just as well have been framed under the inspiration of Uncle Joe Cannon, Boise Penrose and William Barnes. Let them appoint the tariff commission, and they do not care how permanent or non-partisan it is.

But this is all as far from Armageddon as the kaiser is from Tipperary. The Army of the Lord used to battle for Social Justice, and if it has nothing better than a permanent non-partisan tariff commission to fight for, we fear that recruiting will be slow and desertions heavier than ever.

Social Justice ought to have gone to Chicago. Was it obliged to stay home because the Colonel stayed home?—New York World.

## WILLIAM JENNINGS GREAT BIG TWO-FER.

Henry Watterson never did really approve of William Jennings Bryan. Now that Mr. Bryan has run the gamut from Free Silver to Prohibition, "Marse Henry" feels that save as an object of verbal castigation the Nebraskan can be of no use to anybody who isn't running a chautauqua.—Frankfort State Journal.

## THAT WAR IN COLORADO.

President Wilson, proceeding on the theory that as long as we have preserved the peace with the foreign nations we should set a good example by stopping the war in Colorado.—Washington Star.



**Naturally.**  
He's always tinkering with his auto.  
Naturally. He's a vivisectionist.

**His Love.**  
She—"I can not accept the offer of your love."  
He—"I will be just as well satisfied if you will return it."  
—Baltimore American.

**Tailor's Ways.**  
Friend—"I've noticed Cutts, the tailor, going up to your studio every day for a week. Is he sitting for you?"  
Artist—"No; he's laying for me."  
—Boston Transcript.

**On a Street Car.**  
Madam, that child looks older than three years.  
Yes, indeed, he does, conductor. That child has had a lot of trouble.

**Positive.**  
"Are you sure she'll make a good wife?"  
"Positive. She doesn't believe a thing I tell her."  
—Buffalo Express.

## READING, WRITING, AND WHAT?

A state illiteracy commission has been appointed in Kentucky for the purpose of getting rid of the reproach to the state that lies in the fact that 208,000 grown-up Kentuckians can not read or write.

Illiteracy is to be fought in many ways, but the most interesting means is the "moonlight schools," in which volunteer teachers are conducting evening classes. It is stated that through the leadership of one woman, Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, county superintendent of Rowan county, illiteracy has been entirely wiped out in that county in three years. If this statement is correct it is only additional proof that the most wonderful opportunities for social service in these days lie in the position of county superintendent of schools.

When illiteracy is wiped out, what then? The mastery of the three R's is the basis of every sort of education, but there is no magic in reading, writing and arithmetic to transform a man or woman. In themselves they are only tools.

What, let me ask, does the State of Kentucky propose to give these people to do with these tools? Train the girls for stenographers, clerks and the wives of city men? Make over good, sturdy illiterate mountaineers into people who can sign their names no more intelligently than they now make their marks?

Let us hope that the Blue Grass State will do something better than this, and better than any state now does. The people of the mountains have been called America's greatest undeveloped asset. They are a fine, strong, rugged people, very much like the folk who made Scotland the most learned nation of Europe. They need education in better farming, better fruit-growing, better stock raising, better use of the hills and valleys of their native land. Their soil is not an easy one to make profitable, but in the hands of Japanese or Swiss it would render its cultivators prosperous and happy. The Kentuckians of the hills are capable of doing just such wonders with their mountains as the Swiss and Japanese have done with theirs. All they need to that end is not so much schools as a new sort of schools.

For that matter, we need them all over the country. As the matter now stands, about the only good schools, save in a few favored localities, are those attended by the boys and girls in the reformatories, the schools for the Indians, and the night schools of the Philippines.

## A PUZZLE FOR THE COURTS.

The city of Omaha has a case that will interest many another American city where such conditions may prevail. It all depends upon what is a child, and what a certain traction ordinance means. A city law of Omaha provides that the traction company shall sell car tickets at reduced rates to "children attending school." Several university students boarded a street car and tendered the reduced-fare tickets. The conductor refused to accept the tickets; the young men refused to pay or get off until their destination was reached. Now, what is a child?

Of course, that is a matter easily settled. Don't the dictionary tell us what a child is? So the city attorney of Omaha thought. He read the definition of a child and suddenly discovered there are times and occasions when dictionaries do not define. Here is what he read:

"Child—A son or daughter; a male or female descendant in the first degree; the immediate progeny of human parents."

Now, what is a child, anyhow? There is but one way left to determine and that is the courts, to whom are handed up such simple questions as to what was in the mind of the author when he wrote these words, and what was his intention to say which he failed to say. These may seem rather hard questions for philosophers, mind readers and telepathists, but the courts never appear to balk. They never pass it on. They always get something out of it, and if the man did not mean just what the courts have said he should have meant, so much the worse for the man. The thing has to be settled somehow, and by the time the courts get through with it everybody is in that excellent frame of mind when they do not care how the thing is decided, so that it is over and done for.

The courts will decide what is a child under this ordinance, but what the courts may decide is a child for that particular person might not be a child for some other purpose or on some other occasion. There are all sorts of children, you know.—Charleston Mail.

## HOW FRIEND WIFE GETS A VASE.

An amusing thing occurred at the Elk carnival. A man drew a vase and just as he started to hand it to a young lady standing by, wife stepped up from out of the crowd and pointed to a handsomer vase in the booth and said, "I'll take that one." And she got it.—Ashland Independent.

The most difficult person for the great singer to please is the woman who took a term of singing lessons when she was a girl.

## INTERESTING ITEMS.

St. Paul this year laid \$1,000,000 worth of new paving.

In the Philippines the government is making great efforts to improve the quality of tobacco grown there.

W. L. Wilmarth of Glens Falls, N. Y., is active in business at ninety-three. The San Francisco Exposition is expected to open on time, February 20, next.

Chicago city judges ask salary increases. They now get \$6,000 a year. They want \$8,000.

Pittsburg, Kas., compels registration of all auto drivers' names and car numbers.

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11:15 p. m.	10:15 a. m.
9:30 a. m.	11:15 p. m.
10:15 p. m.	9:30 a. m.

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