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**THE RENT PROFITEER AND THE WORKINGMAN.**

Rent is of first importance to the workingman, when the first question is considered of bringing his wages back to normalcy.

The rent item, next to that of food, is the biggest item in the family budget.

Experts on domestic economy have been for years in almost unanimous agreement that safe family financing requires that not more than 15 per cent of income be spent for rent.

This permitted the \$1,200-a-year man, before the war, to live in a \$15-a-month house of apartment.

Assuming that the \$1,200-a-year man, pre-war, is today a \$2,400-a-year man, he probably is paying \$35 to \$40 a month for the same house or apartment that used to cost him \$15 a month.

Of all the different kinds of profiteers developed by the war, the rent profiteer is the most unconscionable.

Now, supposing that the \$2,500-a-year man is forced back to the \$1,200 pre-war level with a \$40 a month rent charge to meet.

Instead of rent representing 15 per cent of his income it would represent 40 per cent of it.

He simply couldn't get along, even if every other commodity required by his family dropped to the pre-war level.

Even a 25 per cent wage reduction which would put the \$2,400-a-year man on an \$1,800 a year basis, if he still kept on the high rent level would throw his budget all out of balance.

And from the workingman's standpoint, as well as from the standpoint of the public generally, the worst of the situation is that the rent profiteer is going to be the hardest to dislodge of the whole foul profiteering crew.

That he will be finally shaken loose even if society has to dispossess him of his property, is quite certain, but that certainty of future justice isn't going to help solve the workingman's problem during the period that he is being "liquidated" as to his wages while paying or trying to pay an inflated rent bill.

"Everybody agrees that there must be a new wage level which will take into account the declining price of commodities.

But, in justice to the workingman, this wage level must also take into account the vital fact that he is still in the toils of the rent profiteer.

Now that New York is dry not so many people will feel it necessary to make business trips to the metropolises.

Some people seem to think a divorce coupon ought to be attached to every marriage certificate.

Some people apparently think they can solve the industrial problem by calling strikes and throwing a lot more people out of employment.

No wonder it costs more for street cleaning as the women some years ago decided to give up sweeping the sidewalks with their long skirts.

It is hoped that President Harding's bull pup and airedale dog won't bark so loud as to wake up the government clerks.

Some folks swap husbands and wives so frequently that they must have got a trading stamp with their marriage license.

After distributing hot air all over the world, bolshevists are finding themselves in hot water.

After tramping dirt into the house for a year many of the men of this town will kick on a day or two of house-cleaning.

The man who wears out the knees of his trousers getting religion in the winter time and the seat of his trousers back-sliding in the summer time is not much of an ornament to the church.—Ex-Vice-Presidenta Marshall.

**ON THE FUNNY BONE**

"What's the matter, old top? You look sick."  
"I've just undergone a serious operation."  
"Appendicitis?"  
"Worse than that. I had my allowance cut off."

"I notice that Agnes doesn't go around boring other people with her ailments as she used to."  
"No, she met a man who cured her completely."  
"A doctor?"  
"Oh, no. She was telling this man some of her symptoms when he remarked, 'It's strange how many of these things afflict people as they begin to grow old.' Since then she has held her tongue about them."—Boston Transcript.

"Will you join my society for the Prevention of This and That?"  
"No, I'm too busy."  
"At what?"  
"Minding my own business."

Mrs. Flick—I have a new milliner, Tom. Don't you think my hats are more becoming than they used to be?  
Mr. Flick—Yes, and your bills are becoming more than they used to be.

"How far is it to New York?" asked the passenger with a mileage book.  
"I don't say exactly," replied the conductor who used to work in a dry-goods store. "But I should guess about a yard and three-quarters."

"Waiter, why do you prop the screen door open?"  
"More flies in here than there are on the street, sir. Some of them may go out."

He—"If I were to die you'd never get another husband like me."  
She—"What makes you imagine I should ever want another like you?"—London Mail.

Waggles—"Say, Tatters, we's got to protest again' dese doctors' prescribin' so much iron fer dese patients."  
Tatters—"What fer?"  
Waggles—"Cause it makes dem too hard-headed."

"Why did you sell your car?"  
"Cost too much for repairs."  
"Wasn't it a good machine?"  
"First rate. Never got out of order. But I had to pay for repairing the people it ran over."

Bing—"I understand that Shmelts is lazy."  
Biff—"Lazy! You bet! Why, when he spanks his child he lays a carpet over the kid so that he can do two jobs at once!"

"My wife asked me to bring home a head of cabbage."  
"Yes, sir; large head or small head?"  
"Oh, about 7/4," said the man absent-mindedly.

First Chauffeur.—Did the guy you ran over give you a tip for taking him to the hospital?  
Second Chauffeur.—He did not! The next time I run over him he'll know it!

**Topics of the Day.**

We won't need so much Pacific fleet if we have a little more pacific diplomacy.—Toledo News-Bee.

America needs little red school-houses, but not little "Red" school-teachers.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Yap may be important as involving a principle, but it sounds like a booby prize.—Toledo Blade.

We will never be exactly satisfied that everybody has been justly rewarded until Henry Ford tries to run for mayor of Jerusalem.—New York Evening Mail.

George Harvey says he is learning to talk. It is unfortunate that we haven't a few thousand more diplomatic posts.—Providence Journal.

The Democratic minority has a Kitchen, but no other material for making pie.—Washington Post.

The railroads' troubles will be at an end if they can devise some plan by which they can simultaneously increase wages and reduce freight- and passenger-rates.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

The trouble with young America is that he wants to step on the gas and sidestep most everything else.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

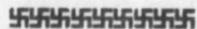
The best policy in dealing with the Soviet Republic is an insurance policy.—Dallas News.

"If jobs hold out," says the Baltimore Sun, "Marion will soon be a deserted village." Don't you believe it. We are experiencing "a steady, natural growth."—Marion Star.

A Scotch scientist predicts that the world, finally, will be managed by big lizards walking on their hind legs; and yet they say that Scotland is going dry.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

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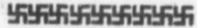
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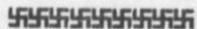
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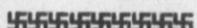
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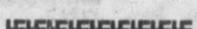
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**Maryland Happenings.**

The Elkton district has raised \$273 for relief of famine-stricken China.

M. F. King has been appointed reporter for the Federal Government on weather and crops for Ridgely section.

The cornerstone for the new community house, Cecilton, will be laid on Sunday, May 8, with all-day services.

Bootlegging is declared to be increasing at Easton, regular trips being made from Philadelphia and Wilmington to supply the staff.

W. H. Valliant, oyster and fish packer, on Tred Avon River, eight miles from Easton, declares the herring run this season greater than ever.

Four acres of land have been offered Trappe free for a high school.

Using a headache remedy purchased from a traveling vender, James Rodges, colored, of Kent county, has lost his sight.

Mrs. Emma Loch, of Philadelphia, has bought the hotel and moving picture parlor in Hillsboro, at public auction, for \$3300.

Miss Fannie Bernard, of Ridgely, and Edward M. Noble, superintendent of schools for Caroline county, were married by Rev. Dr. John McElmoye, in Elkton.

Charged with stealing the automobile of Joseph Gorman, of Havre de Grace, two young white men have been arrested in Baltimore, where the car has been recovered.

The Cecil County Medical Society has elected Dr. C. C. Laws, of Chesapeake City, president and Dr. Howard Bratton, Elkton, secretary-treasurer.

A branch of the International Typographical Union has been organized in Salisbury, with James H. Bannister president and James Byrd secretary-treasurer.

The State Roads Commission has awarded the contract for building a concrete road between Chestertown and Rock Hall to Kaufman Contracting Company, on a bid of \$59,000.

Prominent Republicans of the Eastern Shore and friends are urging Judge Robert F. Duer, of Princess Anne, in the First Judicial Circuit, as successor to Judge Ross, of the United States District Court for Maryland.

The suit for damages for personal injuries due to an auto mishap, brought in the Harford County Court by Charles T. Waltring, against Harry D. James, of Aberdeen, and removed to Towson for trial, has resulted in a verdict for \$8000 for Waltring.

**Mortgagees' Sale**

**Valuable Land**

IN FRANKLIN DISTRICT CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

The undersigned, by virtue of a deed of mortgage from George W. Magin and Florence V. Magin his wife to George W. Grimes and Catherine V. Grimes his wife, dated December 20, 1916 and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll County in Liber E. O. C. No. 68, folio 415, will sell at public auction, on the premises situated near Cover's Corner and Four Corner School House, in Franklin district, Carroll county, Maryland, on

**SATURDAY, MAY 21st., 1921,**  
at 2 p. m., all that piece or parcel of land and the improvement thereon, which the said mortgagees obtained from the undersigned by a deed dated December 20, 1916, and fully described in said deed of mortgage to the undersigned, containing

**80 ACRES AND 24 SQ. PERCHES**  
more or less. This land is situated immediately on the Liberty road at Cover's Corner and adjoins the lands of David E. Stem, Harry Koontz and others.

The improvements consist of a good size barrick.

**40 ACRES IN WOOD**  
It is also adjacent to Four Corner School house which may be purchased and converted into a dwelling at very little expense. The barrick is in good condition and is close enough to the school house to be used for a barn.

Terms of Sale—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or upon the ratification of the sale by the Court, and the balance in two equal payments of six and twelve months, the deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser with security, bearing interest from the day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

A deposit of \$200 will be required of the purchaser on the day of sale.

GEORGE W. GRIMES,  
CATHERINE V. GRIMES,  
Mortgagees.

Joseph D. Brooks, Solicitor.  
F. A. Crawford, Auctioneer.  
May 6-3t.

**A RISE OF 25c A TON IN THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF HARD COAL MAY 1st.**

Instead of the usual 10c a month advance, 25c higher is the new wholesale price for May. Happy people those who filled up in April. You get yours in May if possible.

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