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BLAZING THE WRONG TRAIL

One of the leading farm journals of the south is authority for the statement that in the rural high schools of North Carolina seven thousand children are studying Latin, while only seven hundred are studying agriculture.

The significance of these figures are not grasped until we learn that of the pupils attending high school in this country not more than one per cent ever reach the college or university.

When we assimilate the further fact that the high schools do not and can not impart a working knowledge of the Latin language, we begin to appreciate the utter foolishness of an educational system that forces upon children the study of a dead language from which not one in 7,000 will ever benefit.

The above figures may vary in other states—we hope they do. But they serve to call forcibly to our attention a glaring fault in the school system of the United States.

Any system that requires boys and girls (who in many cases can ill afford the time and means to attend even a high school) to waste from a quarter to a fifth of their school life on a study that will never benefit them in life's struggle, is not a blunder—it is a CRIME.

Consider again. Of the 7,000 studying Latin, there are only 700 studying agriculture. These figures also may vary in other states, but still any one familiar with the school system of this country knows that the proportion of our rural boys and girls who secure a competent education in agriculture is lamentably small.

And what is the conclusion? Why, that we are wedded in our schools to a fossilized, petrified and antiquated system that ordains a language that in order to acquire an "education" one must be conversant with a language that is so everlastingly dead it has not been generally spoken on earth in the last thousand years. And this while the crying, burnings needs of the hour are sidetracked as of minor importance.

It is time for the rural population of our country to arise in their might and DEMAND that the schools cease educating their children away from the farm.

The professions are overcrowded, and the trades are in even worse condition. The farmer's job is the only one in the land that promises a career without the paralyzing competition to be met in other lines. Yet instead of being trained for efficiency in this great calling our youths are compelled to fritter away their time on a course of study that, to be in any sense beneficial, must be followed through the college or university—which the very smallest per cent of them ever reach.

The day of the antiquarian, the dreamer, the mummy, is past in this country. The age demands ACTION, and the mind that is not trained to it in capital letters is doomed to be left at the starting wire.

DONT TALK PEACE TO THEM

In a dispatch sent out from Washington Saturday, it was stated that peace talk didn't listen good to Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro, even the vatican explanation failing to move them. And one can hardly blame these little countries who have felt the crushing blows of the powerful nations of Germany and Austria. Of all the cruelties and misery and ravages ever sustained by small nations what has been done to these three helpless small countries is brutality supreme.

Belgium, invaded and torn to shreds, its people outraged and taken captive, suffering all the tortures of fiends, the word of Germany a "scrap of paper," so confessed by her ruler, looking for peace with no redress? The best she can expect is restoration by force after a thorough subjication of her violator? It's a hard problem but one which calls for more than mere peace. Who of us would "turn the other cheek" in such a problem?

The German people are not at fault but is the fault of the inhuman monster who rules them with an iron heel and who should be made to suffer for his sins, but no adequate punishment could be devised and hell wouldn't have him.

OUR SENTIMENTS EXACTLY

Don't be a slacker if asked to assist in purchasing uniforms for the home guardsmen, who are as necesary as an army in France.—International Falls Press and Border Budget.

Our sentiments exactly. Any man who refuses to support his own home guard for personal reasons has a lop-sided brand of patriotism that will shrink in the wash and fade in the light of publicity.

The fellow who hired his children to go to bed without supper and then stole their money while they slept is discounted for cussedness by the one who cut all of the eyes from a load of potatoes before selling the spuds.

Now that they find the stigma of cowardice firmly attached to them, war grooms are explaining that they merely obeyed the call "to arms." They further assert that as no particular "arms" were specified, it was their privilege to make the choice.

If the kaiser wants to jump from the frying pan into the fire, he might try the job of emperoring in Russia.

Old men are wise men, some times. But young ones, always.