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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 29, 1919.

**THE AMERICAN'S CREED.**  
I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

**THE RED CROSS.**  
THOSE who have been at work on the preliminaries for the coming third annual roll call of the Red Cross report that in spite of the pronounced let down from the high interest in such things which characterized the war days and the prejudice against a continuance of the "drives" which came so close together while the army was on the other side, the Red Cross is in high esteem and will be most loyally supported in the coming campaign.

This is the best possible testimonial to the success of the Red Cross in both its field and home work. No voice has been raised against this great organization during the period of examination and criticism which followed the signing of the armistice, and there has not been the slightest disposition to find fault with the management of the local chapter. Indeed the prevailing opinion is that Fairmont chapter made such a wonderful record that the citizens are in duty bound to give it a vote of confidence, as it were, by enrolling for another year.

But the best possible reason for enlisting for another campaign with the Fairmont chapter is that during the ensuing year a most important extension of the local activities of the organization will take place. The success which this new work will score will depend in a large measure upon the amount of sympathy and financial support which the local people give to the chapter. In the circumstances it is very fortunate that the public entertain such friendly feelings toward the organization.

**FUTURE STRIKES IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY.**  
THE steel strike has got to the point where the men who lead it are saying that the strikers have won even though they have lost. After a strike reaches that stage there seldom is much more to it except the details of the capitulation.

Yesterday John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the committee which had the strike in charge, said that this strike is merely a ground work for future battles and that the chief gain from it is as far as the men are concerned is the knowledge that the United States Steel corporation is not bigger than the will of the men.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is underestimating the intelligence of the men. They may not know it now but they will after they have an opportunity to study the history of the struggle that the reason they did not win the strike was that it was not on the level and that it was led by men who did not have, and who could not gain, the confidence of the public. They will realize in short that in a matter of this kind it

is not a matter of the will of one side as opposed to that of the other, but the power of public opinion.

Before the strike actually broke public opinion, which was not posted as to the merits of the controversy, was inclined to be on the side of the men and against the steel corporation. The attitude of Judge Gary was far from popular. Men who have a high regard for organized labor as it had been conducted in this country during the war resented his refusal to meet with the leaders. But as soon as the strike actually broke and the facts began to come out it quickly developed that it was not leaders of organized labor with whom Judge Gary refused to treat, but some radicals who were bent upon bringing about a strike in spite of lack of support from the real steel workers of the country. Then public opinion lined up on the side of the steel corporations, and right then and there the strikers lost.

The outstanding lesson of the steel strike for the men is that they cannot hope to win a strike unless they have a practically unanimous opinion inside the mills in favor of the move and the good will of the public. The strike which is now dying out did not have either. The men are going to get this eventually and there is every probability that the leaders who induced them to embark upon their morally wrong and badly organized enterprise will find that they have lost their influence with them. There will be no "future battles" under such commanders.

**RUFF STUFF**  
Well, as far as the laws can make the country is dry at last.  
That may sound like a bum joke, but bootleggers who have a large stock on hand will do well to conduct a few bargain sales just the same.  
When Uncle Sam's special booze sells set to work there will be something doing.  
Even an alcoholic breath is liable to lead to a call to produce proof that you got it in your own cellar.  
They have given up plans to sing German opera in English over in New York.  
Of course this is because of the attack that was raised over the attempt to sing it in German.  
But those guys who do not have a very high regard for German opera will begin to feel that maybe after all wars have a useful side.  
Airplane dashed into Ohio river—came hurt!—Headline.  
Alfmen are hereby warned that they had better not take the same liberties with the old Monongahela.  
They would at least get their noses skinned, and if it had not rained for a long time they might get pretty badly broken up.  
Which by the way reminds that the rainy weather of this week, which

**WHEN THE WAR ENDS.**  
THAT Washington dispatch of yesterday which says the White house announcement to the effect that the President will issue a proclamation immediately after the ratification of the treaty with Germany declaring that war time prohibition is at an end clears up any doubts as to the exact time of the legal end of the war is scarcely based upon facts.

The constitution places the war power in the hands of congress, and the Supreme court has decided that the President has no power to declare war or to conclude peace except as he may be empowered by congress. It is possible therefore that if congress for any reason should decide that the war emergency continues until after the Austrian treaty for instance, is ratified, that action and not the White house opinion would govern.

Nevertheless the position taken at the White house is a reasonable one and is in line with the action taken on the other side of the Atlantic. In France and England there were many business contracts based upon "the duration of the war" and the business world and the courts have decided that this means until the formal ratification of the treaty of peace with the principal enemy belligerent. In other words, peace already exists legally in both France and Great Britain and all "duration of the war" contracts have been terminated because the peace treaty with Germany has been formally ratified.

Reports that little Billy Dansey, the baby who disappeared from his home at Hammonton, N. J., on the eighth day of this month, has been seen are coming from various parts of the country. This is one of the most harrowing features of the experience of parents of kidnaped children. People become worked up over the matter and they begin to "see things." Most of them probably think they are helping, but as a matter of fact they are making the real search more difficult and increasing the anxiety of the parents, who naturally want to run down every report that reaches their ears.

When they really want to do things in congress parliamentary entanglements and other means of delaying action are quickly brushed away. Witness the speed with which both houses passed the prohibition enforcement measure over the veto. Congressmen in both houses have learned that a large majority of the people want this kind of legislation and they are not afraid to go ahead with it. It is a pity there is not some way of keeping congress in touch with public sentiment on the big new issues that arise from time to time.

The brewers say they have been advised that the dry enforcement act is unconstitutional and that they will test it in the courts. One is apt to think that any law which gouges deeply is some sort of an unconstitutional invasion of his rights, but in this case the protestants are dealing with the federal government and the act will be enforced while legal differences of opinion are threshed out, and the chances are that the brewers will lose quite heavily on their effort to thwart the will of the people as expressed in an act of congress, for the new law goes into effect today.

Judging by what the newspapers throughout the country are printing about preparations for the campaign which the National Budget committee is going to launch next month there is a great deal of popular interest in this matter. And there is going to be much more interest in it. In the days when the United States was practically free from debt and there were no large appropriations for army and navy upkeep, waste in the administration of the treasury did not make much of an impression upon the public. But now that we have a debt that puts us on a par with the nations of Europe public finance will have to be put upon a business basis.

**REFLECTIONS**  
By ALFRED MEYERS.  
A young actor married a rich widow, says a news item. Was it because she had a fine "roll"?  
Buglers broke into the police station at Caspar, Wyo., and stole several valuable articles. The police station turned out to be as burglar-proof as it was proof of police.  
Reptiles are the latest fad in England. Even snakes have their day.  
The House of Commons, says a London dispatch, adopted an amendment giving women seats in the House of Lords. Women "stood up" long enough for them.  
Miss Mabel Bennett, 15, and George Bond, 18, both of Providence, Ky., eloped and were married in Mitchellville, Tenn. First came George Bond, followed by a friendship bond, which terminated in a marriage bond; and it all happened to Mrs. Bond, aged a dozen years and three.  
LIFE BUT A TRIFLE.  
Aviator—All right! I'll do all the fancy stunts you want, but you got to split 50-50.  
Promoter—Nothin' doin', young man. You forget I'm riskin' the money.—Life.  
WHERE THE MONEY WAS.  
Did Mayme accept the college professor?  
No; she wanted an automobile and a diamond necklace, so she married the skilled day laborer.—Baltimore American.

**Methodists Planning Evangelistic Work**  
On Thursday, October 30, forenoon and afternoon, the Morgantown District of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold a "Retreat" in St. Andrew's church at Grafton. Every minister of the district and all laymen who can possibly do so are expected to attend. The purpose of the "Retreat" is to plan for a simultaneous evangelistic campaign for this winter. The Methodist Episcopal church in the past year raised one hundred and seventeen million dollars for necessary work and war reconstruction. Now the church is calling for a world wide evangelistic campaign and has set as her goal one million souls saved or brought to Christ by June first, 1920.

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**TRUTHS AND TRAVESTIES**  
By Th' Bard.

Tenshun!  
With a moan sobbing from his foam flecked lips; bloodshot eyes grimacing horribly as the raving spasms of a disordered mind were revealed, some person in Manningham whose postoffice box is 442 composed the following communication to Th' Bard. I am not sure of the identity of the writer, but I have my suspicions. I am of the opinion that it is a certain medico whose name would fit nicely in the blank space in the sentence: "— that bloom in the spring. Tra la la." But here is the letter—  
PEANUT, W. VA.,  
Ides of October, A. R. 2359.  
Dear Bard: When I began reading your "Truths and Travesties" in The West Virginian, I was considered by my friends as a good fellow with not more than the average tendency towards humor, but after having faithfully followed your wonderfully prolific pen through barrels of ink, I have become such a menace to my fellow man that I have been exiled in Peanut. As evidence of my mental condition I submit the following:  
LYRICS OF A LOON.  
By DOK.  
O come where the cyanides silently flow,  
And droop o'er the oxides and hydrides below;  
Where the rays of potassium lie white on the hill,  
And the song of the silicate never is still.  
O, come to my cloister and let us think,  
Carbolic acid and sulphate of zinc,  
While alcohol's liquid at thirty degrees,  
No chemical change can affect man-ganese.  
While liquids are solid and gases are free,  
My heart shall beat constant, Sweet Science to thee,  
Yes, to thee, O, to thee!  
Bevo, pick-handle and what used to be.  
They now talk of moonshine and tamarack, too,  
But what of Blue Ribbon and Anheuser Brew?  
They rave of raisins and corn-meal and such,  
But for brewing good brew, you can't beat the Dutch.  
O, come brother mine, it gives me a pain  
When I read stuff like this from the "Bard" and by "Lane."  
Parade Rest!

Mary says she hates a man  
Who when he plans a kiss  
Assume that she is ignorant  
And says "It's done like this."

Present Arms!  
The Girl in The Office tripped in this morning with the information that she went to a masquerade dance last night with Campbell Flaherty and he said the affair was a complete fiasco and she slipped around and repeated the compliment to her hostess who seemed very much affected.  
Ground Arms!  
"Why be a snail?" asks an advertisement. Well for one thing snails don't have to worry about rent collectors and the house shortage.  
All Hands On Deck!  
I DETEST  
—The fellow who when he starts talking with you hangs his arm over your shoulder and paws all over your coat front.  
—The gink who drops down beside you in the street car, smiles amiably and then asks, "Well, what do you think about the strike?"  
—The girl who giggles at a poor old lady wearing the fashion vintage of 1912.  
Return to Quarters!  
Every office has its wit. Even the undertakers establishments have their persons given to brilliant sallies. The fellow who calls himself "Pop" is the sparkling one up here. The other evening an insurance collector paid him his periodical visit. After accepting Pop's contribution he desired to be sociable and remarked, "Well, how are you feeling?" "Much relieved, thank you," was the answer, just like that.

**Use the Tiniest Bit Our Pepper Has Strength**  
Pepper twice as clean and three times as strong as usual. No dust, no dirt, but all pepper. Nothing added and certainly nothing taken away from it. An unusual quality of pepper not found in any other brand sold in any other store. You never really know pepper until you try it alone.  
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Values that are Builders found on every hand in OUR BLOUSE SECTION

Other Styles May Come and Go—BUT  
**The Vogue For Tailored Waists**  
Goes on Forever!

That is just what we knew and just the very reason that we have these large shipments daily rushing in. Only yesterday it taxed our capacity to unpack, mark and find a place in stock for these

**TAILORED WAISTS**  
of Madras, Batiste, Voile and Linene. Many with linen and pique pockets while other models are trimmed with tucks and stitching so much admired by many. In this superb collection we are displaying both high and low neck style in all sizes from 36 to 44. Values worthy of your immediate attention

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To obtain the low price we got on these beautiful waists we had to take an immense quantity of them. We did not hesitate to confirm our buyers orders, because we knew that our customers would be eager to avail themselves of the opportunity of buying such waists as these at such savings as the low price we obtained enables us to offer.

Truthful Advertising **Courtneys' Store** Dependable Merchandise



**Editorial:**  
Variety, newness, quality, value—to successfully meet a woman's desire a store must adhere to these underlying principles, which together serve as a guiding light to right and reason.  
Not "now and then" but NOW and ALWAYS must stocks present these features. And no one department must fall behind another or be less worthy of attention.  
Fall finds this store ready with great stocks—splendidly ready with hundreds of guiding lights that surely point the way. And we trim the lights right straight along that they may burn as brightly tomorrow as today.

**Railroad Shopmen Offer Ultimatum**  
By Associated Press  
PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29.—The convention of railroad shopmen representing the railroad shopmen of the country in session here last night considered today the question of presenting an ultimatum relating to their demand for wage increases for craftsmen and helpers to the Railway Employees' department at Washington. A committee was appointed to report back to the convention before the end of the day.  
PHYSICALLY GIFTED.  
Fatum—I wish you wouldn't talk while I'm shaving; you've made me cut my chin.  
Mrs. F.—Don't worry, dear, you've got two more.—Pearson's.

**HEADACHE!**  
It's the first warning—heed it!  
"Flu", Typhoid, Malaria, show first as a headache, with a feeling of depression and feverishness.  
Get at the cause of the disorder in the lower bowels. Take **BURTON'S**. Clear away the poisoning focal matter congested in the intestine. Purifies antiseptically the entire alimentary tract. Braces you up and tones the entire system. Makes the blood red, rich and pure. Cleans the stomach, regulates the liver, bowels and kidneys.  
Get rid of that dizzy, doxy, bilious feeling. Try **BURTON'S**. A few tablets will make your system disease-resistant. Your druggist has it. **BURTON'S** is 25c a box and its effectiveness is backed by a double guarantee. If **BURTON'S** fails to better your health your origin will refund **DOUBLE** the retail price you paid. Made in **Richmond, W. Va.**, by the **United Store Company**.

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The kind that will stand the hard knocks. Made of the broad to lasts, also English, black and tan.  
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