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MEMORIAL DAY.

LESS than two weeks intervenes between now and Memorial Day. The holiday which was instituted for the purpose of impressing on the rising generation the gallant deeds and sacrifices of their forefathers should not be allowed to pass without putting forth a special effort for its proper and salutary observance. To the shame of the American people it must be said that Decoration Day has been robbed of much of its charm and significance through the heedlessness of youth which sees no more fitting moment for the holding of picnics and indulgence in pastimes than on this, the most sacred day in the chronology of patriotic events. The day is devoted to the dead and the memories of the men who died that their cause might live, should be saluted in the most solemn and impressive manner. On this particular year it is specially fitting that Memorial Day should be observed with ceremonies chosen with the object of impressing the earnestness of the dead heroes whose performances are wreathed with wholesome thoughts and suggestions of loyalty and devotion to the flag for which we, as a united people, are now preparing to flourish in the face of the greatest military despotism ever conjured by a human power. The day should be divested of the frivolity and pleasure seeking that has commonly accompanied it and the celebration should be fitted to the epochal era on which the country has embarked. Instead of lavishing funds on flowers whose fragrance have only a sentimental value, the program should be designed to avoid every thought of unbecoming levity and to encourage the use of patriotic funds for the serious purposes of providing comforts for the boys and men who may spend the next two or three winters in the trenches of Germany. There should not be any extravagance in the meretricious display of costly flowers or the decorating of graves with gifts that wither and fade almost before the setting of the sun. The money can be better applied. The Red Cross has use for every penny turned in its direction. The promoters of that grandest of world-wide philanthropies will not turn away from the child's offering of a few pennies any more than they will reject the princely contributions of those who are unfitted by age or physical deficiencies, to shoulder a rifle or shovel in the cause of mankind to which the nation is committed by the president of these United States. Therefore let us gather together on this Decoration Day actuated by serious thoughts and inspired by the example of our progenitors to invoke the blessings of God on the arms of a nation which never was disgraced by a war of aggrandizement.

"To the end of time,
The virtue of their valiance shall remain
To pulse a noble life through every vein
Of our humanity."

FOOD SPECULATION.

IT DID not take the food brokers of Chicago and Kansas City long to translate the writing on the wall. Their mad revels in food-stuffs was akin to a Babylonian orgie preceding the fall of Belshazzar. The food speculators have fattened off the hunger of the public, but they were brought to a quick realization of their monstrous conduct when that grand old sequoia of the Rockies, Senator Chas. S. Thomas, rose in the United States senate and expressed himself forcibly to the effect that unless something were done for the conservation of food there would be a score of necktie parties in the principal cities of the west with the food speculators dangling from convenient lampposts. Food Director Hoover followed these sentiments with a stinging criticism in which he declared that food control by the government would mean a reduction of 50 per cent in the chief products of the country. Reprisals were invited by the utter contumacy of the men on the boards of trade who believed they could manipulate prices without regard to the rights of starving millions who were threatened with a reduction of the paltry pittance on which they were forced to exist. Suddenly a bright light flashed across the minds of the speculators who saw the inelegant picture of themselves dangling from street corners in lifeless effigy as a votive offering to the wrath of an outraged public. It was then the traders in futures took counsel with their better selves and resolved to cease speculation so long as the country needed the foods on which they were fattening by inflation of the most rascally character. It was at this time these unscrupulous men understood that the country was at war with a remorseless foe and that under war condition, as a military necessity, the president was empowered to do as he saw fit in his judgment to bring about a readjustment of prices even to the extent of confiscating every bushel of grain and every pound of meat without any further process of law. The tense situation was broken by acts that spared the chief executive from taking any drastic steps. The robber speculator was told where he belonged and the warning was accepted.

ALREADY A DEAD LETTER.

THE last session of the legislature enacted some very good laws. One of these provided that automobiles should not be driven by youths under 16 years of age. This statute had the support of every man of sense and was regarded happily as one of the best measures ever suggested for the protection of life and property. Unfortunately there appears to be an impression that the mere enactment of a law is all that is necessary to secure enforcement with the cordial support of the public. Never was there a greater mistake. Up to date there has not been a single arrest for infraction and, if the truth were known, it would be found out that few owners of automobiles know anything about the law. Their attention has not been directed to it and those who gave it a thought when the subject was under discussion take it for granted that, when the law becomes effective it will be enforced without fear or favor. It is not necessary to go away from Tonopah to find necessity for applying the provisions of the statute for not a day passes without open violation on the principal streets of the city. Youngsters without any knowledge of road rules and with little or no mechanical skill may be seen constantly racing up and down Main street and on the outskirts of the camp regardless of the rights of others and reckless of the consequences of their own wanton disregard of law. This should not be permitted and parents should be taught that they are incurring a grave penalty by permitting their sons and daughters to drive powerful machines in defiance of the law.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Salt Lake	23	15	.605
San Francisco	24	16	.600
Oakland	20	19	.513
Portland	18	18	.500
Vernon	16	24	.400
Los Angeles	14	22	.389

Yesterday's Games. (By Associated Press.) At Salt Lake—R. H. E. Oakland 3 10 2, Salt Lake 9 12 2. Batteries: Beer and Roche; Dubuc and Hannah.

(By Associated Press.) At San Francisco—R. H. E. Portland 3 4 5, San Francisco 5 7 2. Batteries: Fincher and Sepulveda; Fisher; Dougherty, Erickson and Baker.

Vernon-Los Angeles not scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	20	9	.688
New York	13	7	.650
St. Louis	14	10	.581
Philadelphia	12	9	.571
Boston	8	11	.421
Cincinnati	12	17	.414
Pittsburg	8	12	.400
Brooklyn	6	14	.300

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, May 16.—Vaughan had decidedly the better of Tyler yesterday and Chicago won its eighth straight game, defeating Boston 5 to 1. Merkle's batting and fielding and the sensational outfielding of Kelly were the features of an otherwise ragged, one-sided game.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 16.—New York was deprived of its lead in the National League race here yesterday, St. Louis taking its second straight ten-inning game from the locals, 5 to 4. After New York went into the lead in the seventh, scoring three runs, the visitors scored four in the eighth. Hornaby hit a homer with two men on bases. New York tied the score in its half. St. Louis won on hits by its sub-battery when Gonzalez singled and took second on P. Smith's infield out and scored on a single by Ames.

(By Associated Press.) BROOKLYN, May 16.—Brooklyn jumped on Schneider in the fifth for five runs and won 6 to 2 yesterday after having lost seven straight. Stengel hit a home run with two on bases after Roush's miff of Daubert's fly had prevented Cincinnati from retiring the side.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Philadelphia hit Grimes and Miller hard and beat Pittsburg 6 to 2 yesterday. Brien made his second home run in two successive games here.

GARDNER JOINS ARMY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, resigned from congress today to enter the army.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	16	7	.695
New York	14	9	.609
Chicago	18	12	.600
Cleveland	15	14	.517
St. Louis	14	14	.500
Detroit	10	15	.400
Washington	9	16	.360
Philadelphia	7	16	.304

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 16.—Bons pitched a masterly game yesterday, holding the visitors to four scattered hits while Chicago hit E. Johnson and Meyers hard and won from Philadelphia 11 to 0.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, May 16.—In a game marked by hard hitting New York won from St. Louis 7 to 4 yesterday. New York won in the fourth on a single, a double by Pipp, and one. Marsans and Nunamaker were ordered out of the game in the fifth after an exchange of hot words between the two players.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, May 16.—Boston defeated Cleveland 6 to 5 yesterday. Cleveland errors allowed Boston to score four runs in the first three innings, while Lambeth's ineffective-ness permitted two more in the next two innings. Cleveland knocked Ruth from the box in the sixth. Walker cut his left hand badly sliding into third base.

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, May 16.—Ineffective-ness of Detroit pitchers enabled Washington to win yesterday 11 to 3. Three bases on balls and five hits gave the visitors seven runs in the second inning. Rice in this inning doubled with three men on bases.

TARDY RECOGNITION FROM COUNTRY FOR BRAVERY

(By Associated Press.) GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., May 16.—Few instances are believed to be on record where there was such an interval between the act of valor and its recognition as in the case of Benjamin C. Criswell, of this city, who recently was awarded the congressional medal of honor for "Distinguished bravery in the battle of the Little Big Horn, in Montana, June 25, 1875." Though the award was made March 6, 1917, it was only a few days ago that Criswell received formal notice of it or the medal it granted.

BROKERS FIRST IN BAGDAD

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, May 16.—Members of the London Stock Exchange were the first troops to enter Bagdad. The stockbrokers were headed by one of the most prominent members, now a major in their regiment.

EXPORTATION OF OIL

(By Associated Press.) MEXICO CITY, May 16.—Export of crude oil from the Tampico field in March exceeded those of the next largest month in the history of the field by over 500,000 barrels. It amounted to 2,587,000 barrels.

LARGE RANCH DEAL AT SUNNYSIDE, NYE COUNTY

One of the most important ranch deals made in eastern Nevada in several years was consummated in Ely during the present week, whereby the Lewis ranches and livestock interests at Sunnyside, Nye county, were transferred to Casten Olsen and Harry Bews, both well known stockmen of White Pine county. The estate consists of 2500 acres of land, several hundred head of cattle and horses and farming implements. The consideration has not been made public but it is generally considered to have been well beyond the six figures mark. The new owners are to take charge of the property at once. Lewis brothers have not as yet decided upon plans for the future, but will probably remain in eastern Nevada, but their mother, who has lived on the ranch for the past 45 years, contemplates making her home in Reno, where her daughter resides. —Ely Record.

DISTRIBUTING GUNS

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, May 16.—A special war office committee has been appointed to deal with the collection and distribution of captured guns which are useful only as trophies.

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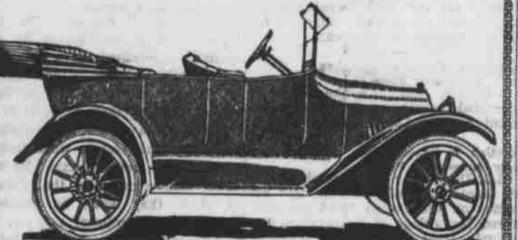
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