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## WHAT IS THE ANSWER, GENTLEMEN?

A BIG industry in this state was nearly throttled by the Nevada-California Power Company, the Public Service Commission and J. A. Sanders, then district attorney of Nye county. If it had not been so confident of its future and so well supplied with funds it would have been driven out of existence. The marble industry is referred to and when one realizes that marble is a sedimentary formation and that the domain in which we live once was the bed of a sea and that thereon were deposited vast bodies of calcareous rock, the limes of all sorts, selenites, gypsums, dolomites and marbles, he will know what wonderful possibilities there are in the marble industry.

Down in the southern portion of this county a prospector found enough marble to rebuild the palaces and shrines of the desolated cities of Europe as well as to provide castles in Spain for any and all who might have a desire and the financial wherewithal to dwell in that benighted land of ineffectual neutrality.

This prospector interested capital and the Carrara Marble Company was incorporated. A huge amount of money was expended building a railroad, quarrying out the product, installing machinery, even establishing a thriving town. Then, as hopes were about to be realized and return given to the investors, the blow fell. The Nevada-California Power Company proceeded to wreck its power lines in southern Nye in order to use the material elsewhere. At this point in the story let it be mentioned that the N. C. P. Co. is a corporation and thus is to be considered soulless. Its shareholders demanded their dividends and the melon cannot be cut when operating expenses exceed income. Southern Nye had gone to smash and hitherto prosperous camps had been deserted. There still remained a large number of enterprises, some of them just getting on their feet and they had their motors fail and their lights go out.

It was up to the Nevada Public Service Commission to stop the wrecking of the system and up to the district attorney to apply for an injunction, but neither the commission nor the district attorney crinkled on eyebrow, although a great roar and wail came up from the southern end of Nye.

Happily the Carrara people were financially able to install their own plant, but how about the little fellows who went broke and who abandoned the country, locking the door and throwing the key down the well?

The Public Service Commission and the recent district attorney, who must have loved not the struggling industries less but the corporation more, have much to answer for and the people should at the opportune moment demand the answer.

## "NO PRISONERS WERE TAKEN"

CREeping into the dispatches ever since our boys reached the front is a clause that each day grows more grim in its connecting power. It is, "No prisoners were taken." Its constant repetition offers much food for thought. It occurs, or has been occurring most frequently in the descriptions of the engagements in which Americans went over the top. We may differ as to the conclusions to be drawn from its sinister repetition.

We know that the American fighters are for fair play as a general rule. We know that the average American will not take advantage of a crippled nor a wounded adversary. But we also know that the average American soldier would do with a rattlesnake that he discovered in his blankets.

There has been a world of proof and in all probability our boys have seen countless examples of the Hun's handiwork. Their treachery has become proverbial. The French, the Italians, the English, in fact, all of the various races that have set about the gigantic task of defeating Germany, testify to the treacherous nature of the enemy's every act on the battlefield. To paraphrase a well-known Western bromide, "There is no good Hun on the battlefield but a dead Hun." We repeat that although we differ as to the conclusions to be drawn from the sinister repetition of the clause, "No prisoners were taken," it offers much food for thought.

## HE MADE EVEN ST. PETER LAUGH

WHEN Riley Graunin died at Rawhide he was given a mining camp funeral. There were few, if any, flowers and the quartet that essayed "Nearer, My God, to Thee," would have been more at home with dance hall ragtime. But Knickerbocker arose, clad in a borrowed-from-somewhere frock coat, beneath which showed his corduroys and his three-buckled boots. He lifted his right hand and held it in that posture, without further gesture, until the conclusion and there poured from his lips one of the purest classics that have emanated from the mouths of orators alive or dead. Some one, in commenting upon this wonderful tribute to a departed friend, said in his editorial column: "Ah, the ultimate will have been reached when Knickerbocker's eulogy is pronounced." But it was not, for the ultimate had already been reached.

Sam Davis, who died Saturday, was one of the few humorists who laughed at their own quips, for they were a part of himself, unstudied and spontaneous. Sam, our Nevada Sam, was not a wit, for wit hurts like a lash and Sam never hurt anybody or anything. He did not live among material things, anyway, but existed in a hall of dreams, the walls of which were hung with visions. He laughed himself fat, but laughed only at the beautiful things, not at the misfortunes of others, such as induce German laughter in German cultured illustrated publications. He laughed at the smiling child. He laughed at the blue skies. He laughed at the sigh of zephyrs and the ripple of flowing waters. He laughed at nature and he laughed at God.

Sam Davis developed a number of grave faults as he laughed his way through the world. He forgot his duty to himself. His brother, Bob, himself not more greatly talented, although in a different way, amassed a fortune from his magazines, but Sam

simply scribbled a few quatrains or a little sketch occasionally for the self-same publications and was content. Sam never commercialized anything except a poem he once wrote about the sagebrush—a poetic idealism that is as pure as a gem of the dark, unfathomed caves of ocean—he gained the great idea that he could follow up his verse by committing a vandal act upon the theme, namely extracting seventeen different sorts of commercial products from the artemisia that he idealized, but he failed. He nearly always failed when he attempted anything that the world calls practical, but that was the hall mark of genius. Sam, you were good. You laughed. You made other people laugh and as they laughed they grew better in body and purer in thought.

## AN EVER PRESENT MENACE

BEFORE the Frenchman had been in the war six months he, the individual, that had remained at home was thoroughly aroused from his former indifference regarding spies. The Englishman, slower going, though very efficient when finally awakened to the facts, was in the war more than a year before he, the individual, woke up and began to keep his eyes open for the spy. It did not take the Italian half as long to become thoroughly aroused. His temperament may have something to do with that and, of course, he had the mistakes of his allies to guide him.

It is safe to say that the American individual is not as yet really aroused to this peril. His confidence in the ability of this country to take care of itself under any and all circumstances, his characteristic of passing the buck and his eternal quest for the dollar make it a comparatively easy matter for the Hun spy to operate with what he must feel is immunity to a greater or less extent.

We have been taught that our secret service organization is as good as any and that is saying a great deal. It is not saying, however, that each of us should let that organization do all of the work. Any information, we are informed, that is handed on to the department of justice, will be thankfully received, will be thoroughly investigated before action is taken and may lead to the arrest and conviction of the well paid energetic spy. It is almost unnecessary to remark that all such information is treated in the strictest confidence.

## KIPLING DELIVERS PICTURESQUE SPEECH REGARDING WAR SAVINGS

(By Associated Press.)

FOLKSTONE, England, March 20.—"Nothing else under heaven matters today except that the war shall go on to victory," declared Rudyard Kipling here in a striking and picturesque speech in advocacy of war savings. "The money we loan to the government helps to set our land and our world free," continued Mr. Kipling. "Our security for our loan is not only the whole of the British Empire, but also the whole of civilization which has pooled its resources in men, money and material to carry on this war to victory."

"What is the personal aspect of the case for you and me? We are fighting for our lives, the lives of every man, woman and child here and everywhere else.

"We are fighting that we may not be herded into actual slavery such as the Germans have established by force of their arms in large parts of Europe.

"We are fighting against eighteen hours a day forced labor under lash or at the point of the bayonet, with a dog's death and a dog's burial at the end of it.

"We are fighting that men, women and children may not be tortured, burned and mutilated in the public streets, as has happened in this town and in hundreds of others. And we will go on fighting till the race who have done these things are in no position to continue or repeat their offense.

"If for any reason whatever we fall short of victory—and there is no half-way house between victory and defeat—what happens to us? This:

"Every relation, every understanding, every decency upon which civiliza-

tion has been so anxiously built up will go—will be washed out, because it will have been proved unable to endure. The whole idea of Democracy—which, at bottom, is what the Hun fights against—will be dismissed from men's minds, because it will have been shown incapable of maintaining itself against the Hun. It will die, and it will die discredited, together with every belief and practice that is based on it.

"The Hun ideal, the Hun's notions of life will take its place throughout the world. Under that dispensation men will become once more the natural prey, body and goods, of his better-armed neighbor. Women will be the mere instrument for continuing the breed; the vessel of man's lust and man's cruelty; and labor will become a thing to be knocked on the head if it dares to give trouble, and worked to death if it does not. And from this order of life there will be no appeal, no possibility of any escape. This is what the Hun means when he says he intends to impose German Kultur—which is the German religion—upon the world. This is precisely what the world has banded itself together to resist.

"It will take every ounce in us; it will try us out to the naked soul. Our trial will not be made less by the earnest advice and suggestions that we should accept some sort of compromise, which means defeat, put forward by Hun agents and confederates among us. They are busy in that direction already. But be sure of this: Nothing—nothing we may have to endure now will weigh one featherweight compared with what we shall most certainly have to suffer if for any cause we fall of victory."

## VALDEZ RESIDENTS ENGAGED IN RAISING FOXES FOR THE MARKET

(By Associated Press.)

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 20.—Many residents of Valdez are engaged in raising foxes for the market, and although fur farming is an industry still in its infancy, owners of such farms who are conducting them on a scientific basis assert that the industry is a profitable one.

Prince William Sound is said to be almost an ideal location for the fox farmer, as there are thousands of islands, large and small, which may be leased from the government at a nominal annual rental. These islands are especially adapted to raising foxes because of the great variety of food to be obtained and the shelter afforded the animals.

One farmer here has sixty-five blue foxes ready for the market, while another near Cordova is said to have nearly 500 prime animals ready for killing.

The foxes are either brought or captured when very young, and carefully bred. Some capital is required, as a fox, if purchased, costs from \$50 to \$250. A red fox may produce cross foxes, which in turn may breed a black or blue fox.

Each species is kept together; the blue foxes on one island, cross foxes on another, and red still on another, and the young are sorted out as they develop.

About 1600 fox pelts were exported from Alaska during 1916.

## JOINS TO AVENGE DEATH OF BROTHER

(By Associated Press.)

KALISPELL, Mont., March 20.—With two of his three brothers in the Italian army killed by the Austrians, and enemy airplanes flying over his old home in Italy, causing death and destruction with bombs, Joe Beltrami applied to the local draft exemption board recently for permission to enter the United States army that he might seek revenge.

"I'm mad; I want to fight," he told the exemption officials and was disappointed because he would have to wait a few days before leaving for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., where he planned to enter the signal corps.

## WORLD WAR THREATENS FUTURE OF CHILDREN THROUGH MILK SUPPLY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—One of the most disastrous effects which can come from the world war and one which threatens the future life of the nation is the curtailment of the milk supply for children, says a bulletin just issued by the children's bureau of the United States Department of Labor. Milk is described as the indispensable food for children and whenever the milk supply is limited the life and health of the people is imperiled.

The probable effect of the war on the health and welfare of our children is best learned from the experience of the European countries. It is to avert such conditions as now exist in Europe that the children's bureau of the labor department is pointing out the necessity of increasing and conserving our milk supply.

In order to supply food to the allies this country must prepare to feed an ever increasing number. This can be done in two ways—by increased production or by decreased use of food. Food may be saved by eating less, by substitution or by elimination of waste. None of these methods will impair the health of the adult. But the child cannot have its food curtailed. Neither is it wise to attempt, except in the case of cereals, substitution of foods, asserts the children's bureau.

Before the war the United States imported large quantities of milk products from the northern Europe countries. Likewise our allies and

particularly England and Belgium depended to a large extent for dairy products from these countries. Now this supply is completely shut off. The United States is compelled to not only give up its imports but must be a large exporter of these commodities to the allies.

According to the bulletin of the bureau, the existing situation demands that the number of milk cows must be increased in this country or the entire world will face the calamity of milk shortage. The growing demands on the country for milk production has not been met by a corresponding increase in dairy herds. The per capita milk production in the United States is now only about one quart including that used for all purposes. It has not increased since 1900 and, unless immediate steps are taken to augment and conserve the dairy industry, it will fall rapidly.

In Europe the milk cow has been sacrificed on account of the scarcity of meat and the inability to get fodder. Similar conditions, it is asserted, now threaten the dairy industry in this country and, unless radical measures are taken to prevent it, the same situation will obtain. It is an astonishing fact, the department's bulletin shows, that the price of feed has increased recently from 100 to 200 per cent while the price of milk has advanced not more than 20 per cent. As a war measure immediate action is imperative to save and further the country's dairy industry.

## FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AFTER ALL FILIPINOS THAT EVADE DRAFT

(By Associated Press.)

HONOLULU, T. H., March 20.—Federal officials are working today to piece together the evidence and collect more in what is alleged to be a systematic conspiracy to smuggle out of the islands a large number of selective draft registrants without the required permits. It is alleged that from fifty to one hundred men, chiefly Filipinos, have already been secretly shipped out of the territory.

As yet only steamship officials and employes have been charged with being implicated in the conspiracy, but it is the belief expressed by federal authorities that "higher ups" were involved.

Three men are now under arrest in connection with the alleged plot. Thomas Keven, and Salvador Lopez have been charged with gross cheating, it being alleged that they took \$30

apiece from several men on promise to furnish them with transportation to the coast when they were unable to do so. The second steward of the steamer President, W. Stewart, was taken from the vessel just before it sailed for San Francisco last Saturday and detained.

One of the methods which it is charged those in the alleged conspiracy used in smuggling draft registrants out of the territory was by placing them in the steward's department as helpers, they being enabled in this way to get away without having to apply to the selective draft officers for permits, which are being refused to all draft registrants of Class 1.

The arrests were made on complaint of Gus Garfield, a Russian, who asserted that he had paid \$30 for transportation to the coast, which had not been furnished him.

## WRITERS DESCRIBE AIR RAIDS AS WITNESSED FROM HEIGHT

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 20.—The Manchester Guardian prints the following description of the recent air raid over London as seen from a height, by a correspondent:

"It was some time after the bursting of the maroons that the first sound of the attack was heard. It came from the northeast, a series of quiet, separate noises—plop—plop—plop, like porridge boiling. The firing died down and started again from the north in the same gentle way. Then it became quicker, and then died away in soft, flannelly noises.

"Suddenly the firing burst again to the northwest and also to the south, and some nearer guns began to bay. Then there was activity in the west, and we heard four or five harsh noises that we took to be bombs, accompanied by faster firing. The last movement was to the south and southeast, and the noise of the guns was near and loud, till the whole earth seemed full of barking and the skies of explosions.

"At the same time the unseen

enemy, that had been buzzing around our defenses like mosquitoes round a net, tried again on the north. It was the last wrestle, and could not continue long. The enemy fell back, and the firing died down until only a few distant guns were firing softly, plop—plop—plop, like a sigh of relief. The raid was over."

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