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## PAYING THE SUPREME PRICE.

WITH GOVERNMENT administered telegraph and cable lines one would imagine the cost of notifying the relatives of a dead officer would be defrayed by an administration which boasts of the liberal treatment of soldiers but the facts in such cases do not tally with any preconceived ideas. The case of Capt. Kenneth J. Beach furnishes an example of the parsimonious system of dealing with men who offered their lives to the cause of their country. A telegram notifying the widow of the death of her husband while serving with the United States army in Germany was sent "Collect \$2.50" and the widow subsisting on the miserable salary which Uncle Sam pays his officers was compelled to put the money in order to receive the official news that her husband had made the supreme sacrifice for an ungrateful republic. So far as the War Department knows the young widow with her fatherless bairns had nothing but the meager salary of the breadwinner to furnish food for the orphans, yet there was no compunction in transmitting this official message announcing the death by sending it over government-controlled wires to be paid for at regular commercial rates. Where are the countless incentives to loyalty and patriotism when such treatment is accorded an officer's family? Even the insurance feature of which the army boasted and sought to popularize through a series of misrepresentations furnishes a meager apology for the loss sustained by the dependents whose only support was taken away from them without the courtesy of a formal notification. At this late day, forty days after death, thirty days after the mails could have delivered the message, a telegram without a word of condolence or sympathy of news received two weeks before, through unofficial channels. It would not have bankrupted the government to have paid for this message. Senators, congressmen and others in the pay of the nation have their frivolous messages franked at the expense of their constituents but when it comes to conveying the last tribute to a departed soldier the bereavement is rendered all the more acute by taking the widow's mite to cover the cost of a notice which is as much part of the government business as any message emanating from the White House. Who is at fault? Will the congressional representatives of Nevada take the trouble to ask and ascertain why such brutal treatment should be accorded the brave men who laid down their lives for a principle while chairwarmers of the Washington offices have the privilege of using the wires without cost? The system is wrong and it behooves the Republican war inquiry board to include this practice in their investigations. Presumably this is the form of notification used in all cases for on the same day the brother of another man who sacrificed his life to the principles of an adopted country died in an army hospital at San Francisco and all correspondence conducted over the wires by the sole surviving relative in Tonopah was at the expense of the inquirer. The government which squandered six million dollars on grafters in the aviation department could not countenance the expenditure of a few cents without exacting the last penny, even to the war tax, from the family. The Montenegrin hero whose body should arrive here tomorrow did not offer his services for the paltry consideration of thirty dollars a month. He could earn five and six times that amount by remaining at home and attending to his regular business. The government needed men and this valiant Montenegrin, actuated by a greater loyalty than was ever manifested by President Wilson, went into the army from which he was exempt, fought, bled and died for the Stars and Stripes which he had learned to revere, only to have his remains treated like those of an impostor by taxing his countrymen the small cost of a message informing them that the body would be shipped to Tonopah for interment. No sordid motives induced this man to fight for the United States but when it came to recognition of valor the machinery of the United States government would not function until somebody paid the nominal price charged for the transmission of an official telegram.

Secretary Baker saw that the conscientious objectors who were too cowardly to fight were rewarded for the time they were detained from their civilian duties while in a case where a soldier died in the service there was not a dollar to carry the news to either family or friends.

## BAKER SHIELDING FORD.

THE TRIBUNE libel suit has not cleared the name of Edsel Ford of the adum attached to a slacker. In spite of his millions the son of the flivver man was yellow and showed it in every way although he tried to make it appear at the trial that he nobly refused an officer's commission which would allow him to remain at his desk and wear a uniform. Secretary Baker has refused to disclose the full record in the Ford case on the ground that it would disclose family affairs. This action is solely to shield a presidential pet who was kept out of the military service of the United States by a gross abuse of executive power. Secretary Baker conceals the proofs of the president's favoritism, in this case, and his own connivance with it as secretary of war. The humble citizen with a wife and child but no millionaire father and order from the president to exempt him from service may well doubt the good faith of the executive heads who applied the draft law. The young man who left his family to live on \$30 a month and his wife's efforts would like to read the public record of Edsel Ford's exemption. It is a disgraceful affair and Secretary Baker knows that the only safety for the president and himself is in suppressing the record of it.

Senator Sherman says that now that the president is back on his native soil again he might profitably give attention to "this national scandal which began at his table and reached back to Detroit, Mich."

# JUST A LINE OR TWO WITH YOU

By C. L. B.

After they made it dry it was not necessary to turn on the heat.

It's going to be no joke next winter for the fellows who have all their wood and coal piled in the back yard owing to the congested condition of their cellars.

THE MAN WHO HASN'T A WELL STOCKED CELLAR THESE DAYS HAS NO RIGHT TO QUESTION THE MOTIVE OF HIS FRIENDS WHEN THEY CALL.

It has long been referred to as "The High Cost of Living," but the profiteers have made it the high cost of existing.

We are reading much nowadays about the bumper crops and high prices. Fine; the seller gets the high price and the buyer gets the bump.

A Tonopah soldier who recently returned from overseas says that in a "coodle" race all the entrants start from scratch.

TOLEDO IS SAID TO BE A DRY TOWN BUT THE CLARET FLOWED THERE ON JULY 4th.

It is reported that a Goldfield telephone operator recently broke off her engagement.

Judging from the post-mortem comments of the "I Told You So" gang, picking the winner of the Willard-Dempsey fight was like taking zeonats from the baby.

The whole-souled of today have something to be thankful for. It takes about fifteen bucks to be proper shod.

THE AVIATOR WHO VISITED TONOPAH ON THE FOURTH OF JULY WAS CERTAINLY "UP IN THE AIR" OVER THE RECEPTION TENDERED HIM.

Soap, termed a luxury, is taxed for war revenue.

The barbers of the United States should do a rushing business from on.

Just think of the long hairs.

A DRY TOAST  
(Sung without butter)

Here's to the cup  
That cheered us up—  
Here's to the old oak bar—  
Here's to the days  
That WERE the days  
Compared to the days that ARE

## AMUSEMENTS

WILLIAM FAVERSHAM AT THE BUTLER TODAY

After holding the stage in England and this country for more than thirty years, "The Silver King," the famous melodrama of English life, has been pictured with the celebrated actor, William Faversham in the leading role, and this great Paramount-Artcraft Special production will be shown at the Butler today. "The Silver King" deals with the adventures of Wilfred Denver, an English country squire, who is ruined by a supposed friend in revenge for cutting him out in the affection of a beautiful girl whom Denver marries. Years later, Ware induces Denver to bet all he owned upon a Derby race, the result being that he is impoverished. When Denver hears Ware gloating over the success of his scheme, he goes to the latter's home at night with the intention of killing him, but Ware instead is slain by the leader of a band of robbers. Denver is suspected of the crime but he evades arrest by fleeing to this country where he amasses a fortune in a western mining camp. His wife and friends, as well as the police, believe him to have been killed in a railway accident and when he reappears in England under an assumed name, exciting events ensue. Denver's innocence of murder is established and he is reunited with his family. Added to the feature will be a Paramount-Bray cartoon comedy, "Tomorrow, Hale Hamilton," in "That's Good," and a two-reel Tom Mix comedy, "Six-Cylinder Love."

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Here's to the old time Saturday night—

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Here's to the grill room, deserted and dead.

Here's to the road house, where pleasure has fled

But HERE'S to the suit case that's under the bed

Where I'm saving some stuff for a cold in my head.

ONE SHOULD NOT BLOW THE FOAM OFF THE ICE CREAM SODA IT SHOULD BE INHALED.

Do not touch glasses with the young lady next to you when partaking of a soda at the fountain. She may have all the friends she wants.

Since the lawmakers of the states were lax enough to allow wine for sacramental purposes, in all probability the coming minister crop will be a bumper one.

Harold Van Buren, the millionaire speed king who had an alleged reputation of being arrested twenty-two times in one day for speeding over South Dakota did not bother the speed cops in this city.

He did not get'er out of low.

Harold was touted as an honest to goodness millionaire by a local paper. He had (almost) \$50,000 to use in purchasing a mine and said he would pay nothing less. Horrors. Not a mine in the Divide district was for sale at that price so Harold did not get a chance to spend his jack.

THERE'S ONE DRY BILL THE PROH'S OVELOOKED. For further particulars inquire at this office.

## INTERVENTION IN OLD MEXICO

(Correspondence Associated Press)

BALTIMORE, July 17.—Dr. James Morton Callahan, professor of diplomatic history at Johns Hopkins university and an authority on status of Latin-American republics, says he can see no other satisfactory solution of the Mexican problem than armed intervention by the United States. In recent lectures at the university Dr. Callahan has advocated intervention and the holding of Mexico to ransom for the losses and expense she has caused Americans.

"One reason why the United States should not only intervene, but establish permanent and paramount ascendancy in Mexico City," said Dr. Callahan, "is the absolute necessity for the control of the Mexican oil fields by this government. With other nations seeking to acquire the world's output of oil, it would be fatal to this nation to engage in any future war without making certain of this all-important source of supply."

"Another most vital acquisition must be that section of Mexican territory which joins Lower California. This must be permanently annexed, not only because of its strategic value to Japan or any nation seeking to attack the United States along the Pacific seaboard, but because the Rio Grande does not furnish a sufficiently stable boundary. What might result were this large section of Mexican territory left in the hands of Carranza is partly illustrated in the excitement caused by the lease of much of this land to a Japanese firm and the turmoil which ensued when this danger was revealed to the public."

"It is obvious," continued Dr. Callahan, "that this country cannot invoke the Monroe doctrine to restrain European government from protecting their citizens in Mexico unless, in such grievous cases of outrage and injustice as have already occurred, it is prepared to act for them."

He points out that after more than two years' effort Carranza has made but tardy progress in pacifying the country; indeed, the control of land in some parts of the land is greater for mischief than ever and until by force of arms a stable and firm government is established in Mexico no relief from the intolerable conditions which now obtain is to be expected, he says.

Dr. Callahan believes President Wilson made a mistake in not recognizing Huerta some years ago, but approves the president's course in

not declaring war on Carranza in obedience to German plans and hopes. Now, however, the situation is different, he says. Possibly the greatest restraint upon the president and a compelling factor, is the fear of alienating the republics of South America, who would read in Mexico's fate possibly their own ultimate destiny.

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