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Our Debt to President Wilson

Thrice blessed is this country in having at the present time a man of peace in the White House. Not a peace-at-any-price man is he, but a peace man for the sake of peace. Seldom indeed does man have such an opportunity for mischief as has fallen to the lot of President Wilson. Americans have been commendably patient in their confidence in his ability to handle the Mexican trouble. But there has not been a day since it began that there would not have been a popular uprising, had he but given the word, to follow the flag into Mexico. And of late there has been a feeling on the part of many that we should, in spite of ourselves be forced into armed intervention. Continued patience, however, together with gentleness and firmness, still promise a peaceful outcome.

But suppose a belligerent had occupied the White House at this time, a man fond of notoriety, and seeking personal aggrandizement. A word would have been sufficient to bring on the clash. And once started, the struggle would have been drawn out till thousands of men had perished, vast amounts of property had been destroyed, and the national debt doubled. And after the miserable, long-drawn-out war had been brought to a close, we should have had the inevitable crop of widows, cripples, and pensioners, together with the unending hatred of a neighboring people.

And for what? Merely because ambitious chieftains in a partially civilized country had substituted the bayonet for the ballot.

But worse, even, than such evils would have been the setting back of the reform work that is now on the point of fruition. Men's minds are now centered upon social problems as never before. Nor was there ever such intelligent comprehension of the questions. War thrust upon us at this time would mean a display of noisy patriotism, big contracts for army and navy supplies, cheap military heroes, and a debauched Congress. In a trice we should be in the passion and tumult of the reconstruction days that followed the Civil War. The tariff wall would be rebuilt, and questions of taxation, public utilities, and political reform would be swept away by the greed and selfishness that accompany military operations. President Wilson may not have done all the things that he should have done; but he has avoided the one thing that he should not have done.—The Public.

Trying to Avoid War

In face of a critical situation in Mexico, President Wilson is determined, if possible, to prevent war. He does not wish to issue an order which will mean the sacrifice of thousands of American lives, the starting of a new pension roll, the waste of a billion of wealth, the derangement of our relations with every Latin American country, and the placing on us of a new burden of imperialism beside the weight of the Philippines is light. The President has knowledge. He has taken the whole question into his thought. He has looked beyond the immediate hour. He knows, even if frothy jingo goes on, that it will be easier to get into Mexico than out of it; that it is a serious business to attempt to conquer and to hold in subjection a nation of 15,000,000; that the fact that so many Mexicans are uneducated and semi-civilized increases rather than lessens the difficulty of the task.

An overwhelming majority of the American people are in full sympathy with the President in his Mexican policy, yet the New York Tribune and some few other partisan newspapers are trying to make it appear that the interests of the nation demand intervention. They are accusing the President of showing indecision and of being afraid to fight. They are protesting that the American people are brave and are not in sympathy with the President's "cowardly policy." Happily for the country, President Wilson is not likely to be worried by sneers at his courage. He is not the kind of man likely to be teased into war. Whatever the ultimate action may be, the country can feel sure that it represents the President's deliberate judgment. The President's patience, firmness, and fixity of purpose will win. Per-

sons who now say they don't understand will understand next year, and they will realize that the President has done something big and that he has done it in a way to give the United States a new claim of honor among the nations.—Tacoma Tribune.

Demanding a Miracle

"We want cheaper products of labor without affecting labor's compensation; we want cheaper food without affecting the farmer's compensation."—Houston, Texas, Post.

Solemn scholars and erudite economists have written volumes on the high cost of living and the reforms that must be adopted before an ideal condition can be obtained, but the Houston Post says it all in nineteen words. The people want a miracle—and will be disappointed. Nothing short of that will meet the demand. We want the farmer to get the fancy prices for his fat steers, but we want to buy beef at about 10 cents a pound. We grieve when the grower gets less than 75 cents a bushel for his potatoes but protest when we have to pay more than 50 cents for them. We rejoice at the good wages paid to railway employes and insist that freight rates should be lowered. We appeal to the attorney general to smash the egg trust and sympathize with the poultryman when he fruit goes below 25 or 30 cents a dozen.

The trouble is—and we have no suggestion for remedying the condition—that we are all in the double role of producers and consumers. We take in with one hand and pay out with the other and probably will spend more or less time finding fault with conditions until the miracle is wrought and leaves us where everything will be coming in and nothing going out.—Tacoma Tribune.

MURPHY GOES TO WASHINGTON

Well Known Land Attorney Will Leave Next Week for the National Capital on Land Business

Jesse F. Murphy, the well known and successful land attorney of Seattle was in the city several days this week, closing up some business affairs preparatory to leaving for Washington, D. C., next week, where he goes to attend to some important land cases before the interior department.

Mr. Murphy who is one of the best known land attorneys and insurance men in the state, and has been particularly successful in both lines of endeavor, served as register of the United States land office at Olympia during the second Cleveland administration, in which position he made a most creditable record. A rock-ribbed democrat, Mr. Murphy has been one of the leaders of the party in the territory and state of Washington for the past twenty-five years, preaching the progressive doctrine of Democracy in season and out, and he will doubtless enjoy a visit of a few weeks at the Capital under a democratic administration.

PECULIAR CLIENTS

Cranks With Whom Lawyers Sometimes Have to Deal.

QUEER CASES OUT OF COURT.

"Ancestor" Clients Are Quite Common, and Their Claims Are Just About as Visionary as Those of Numerous Patent Seekers Are Freakish.

"What is the most peculiar case that has ever been brought to you by a prospective client?" was the question put not long ago by the writer to one of the ablest lawyers in New York.

The lawyer said that probably the oddest client who had ever visited him was a woman about forty years old, who wanted to bring suit against one of the Sunday newspapers for not having printed an account of her latest "social function" on its society page as she had particularly requested over the telephone.

As the second oddest client, he cited the case of another woman who had come to him in tears and sought to enlist his legal aid in making her husband stop flirting. "The woman assured me that she loved her husband and that she knew her husband loved her, but that he had a habit of winking at every good looking woman he saw," said the lawyer. "When I told her there was no legal redress for her inasmuch as she said I was a fool if I even thought she or her husband wanted a divorce, she exclaimed that I was the poorest lawyer she had ever heard of and left my office in a rage."

The same question was put to several other lawyers and an unbelievably peculiar assortment of would-be clients was revealed through their answers.

One patent lawyer cited the case of a man who asked him to represent him for two months at the patent office in Washington. "I want you to go there stay there and represent me," he said.

"But," interposed the attorney, "what in the world do you want me to do while I am there?"

The man drew his chair close to the lawyer's and in low tones told the attorney that he had invented an "aero plane clock," as he called it, and that he wanted him to go to the patent office and prevent any other inventor "from checking in a similar invention while the authorities are in a careless mood."

The man seemed to be in his normal senses despite the fact that his highly prized invention was absolutely nothing more than a small watch fastened in a leather case, the sort that may be seen in stores anywhere. When he had imparted this information the lawyer pointed out that there was nothing patentable about his "invention."

"There isn't, eh?" shouted the man. "Indeed there is! Who has ever thought before this of putting a clock in an airship?"

The attorney sought to humor him and said, "Wouldn't a watch in the aviator's pocket do as well?"

The man jumped up. "That's just the point!" he cried. "It would not do as well, because it might fall out."

Against such logic the attorney said he found himself helpless, and he told the man he feared the case was too difficult for him to handle.

Another strange client who visited a patent lawyer wanted to secure a patent on a "flower clothespin." The latter was an ordinary wooden clothespin with a little wire point on top. On the latter fresh flowers might be stuck, thereby, according to the inventor "giving the clotheslines the appearance of flower gardens." He saw a fortune from the sale of his pins in cities.

When the lawyer assured him that besides the fact that there was more sensibly than practically to his invention, a pin stuck in the end of the wood would serve just as effectively as the "invented" piece of wire, the client threatened to bring suit against him for "violation of confidence."

Another patent lawyer said that the oddest client who had ever come to him was a young woman who wanted his help in getting a patent, literally on an "idea."

"What is your idea?" asked the lawyer curiously.

The young woman refused to tell him, saying that she hesitated to divulge the nature of her idea until it had been secured by patent. "I won't trust anybody with it, not even you," she told the lawyer.

Like the famous Anneke Jans heirs, there are numerous strange cases of so-called "ancestor clients" to be had from the lawyers.

One of the oddest of these is cited by a New York lawyer as well as practiced. "Not long ago," he says, "I came to my office a woman who insisted that she owned the lower part of the Hudson river, having inherited it from Henry Hudson her ancestor 'by right of discovery.'"

"If this seems an exaggerated case I shall tell a second one that is stranger still. Last winter a man who said he had been recommended to me by a 'spec' at a soiree he had attended at several nights previous, wanted me to prove his title to the land upon which the substructure building stands. He told me that it had been given to an ancestor of his by George Washington out of gratitude for the former's loan of a coat during one of the campaigns of the Revolutionary war. Certain claimants to land through ancestors are regular visitors to lawyers' offices. There are hundreds of stories about them, and the two quoted are fair criteria."—New York Tribune.

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By HOLLAND.

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Thousands of people throughout the country object to billboard advertising. They are angered at disfigurements of a beautiful landscape, and if they remember the name of the article on the billboard it is with a feeling of resentment if not with the distinct resolve not to buy that particular object.

Circulars thrown into yards annoy neat householders. They give a bad impression instead of making friends. You would not expect good results from walking a man at 2 o'clock in the morning to tell him about the advantages of doing business with you, and you would not prefer an argument for visiting your store with a sign in the face.

The billboard and the circular are often the equivalent of a slap in the face—not to every one perhaps, but to many. Why take chances of offending when the newspaper offers you an opportunity to reach possible customers cheaply, surely and quickly?

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The physiological benefits of laughter cannot be overestimated. It shakes up the diaphragm, sets the pulses beating to a lively measure, stimulates the blood and enlivens the brain. Used with discretion, laughter is as inspiring as a sea breeze, as refreshing as a needed shower. Its moral effect is beyond computation. It is contagious, and will dispel gloom where it peals forth in honest merriment. Indulge now and then in a good laugh. The man who laughs never kills himself.

His Start in Life.

"How much of an income would it be necessary for you to have in order to be satisfied to retire?"

"If I could be sure of \$10,000 a year I would quit business and be thoroughly satisfied."

"Do you think there is any chance that you will be able to get things fixed in the near future so that you will have as much as that?"

"Well, I'm hopeful I saved \$11 out of my income last month."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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