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On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

Quitting Time

Hindsight being much more satisfactory than foresight, it is observable that President Wilson's present stand on the Fiume matter is what he should have taken many months ago. He does not, as Washington dispatches first stated, threaten that America will withdraw from all participation in European affairs, if the allies force their plan on Jugoslavians, but states that America will withdraw from participation in settlement of the Adriatic policies.

When President Wilson went to Paris, with his 14 points in hand, he had his country practically solid behind him and pretty much all the rest of the world that was not in on secret treaties secretly arrived at as war policies. He found himself, confronted by secret treaties concocted by the allies, which treaties absolutely paralyzed his 14 points. The spoils had already been formally partitioned, and his alternatives were to swallow the mess or try to make the allies dishonor themselves by repudiating their agreements, which latter would mean their unfitness to become parties to a League covenant or any other international agreement.

The very existence of those treaties was proof enough that America, with her unselfishness and ideals, could not take part in division or diversion of the spoils. It must have been a terrible shock to a man who was acclaimed the hope of the world and who felt that he could run the world. But then was his time to say, as now, "Settle the dirty business yourselves!"

Not Wilson, nor America, nor the common folk of Europe but the allied bosses of Europe will, finally, confirm America in her exclusiveness.

Life's Handicaps

Blindness is regarded by most persons as a crushing affliction, sapping one's courage and ambitions and killing opportunity.

But not so with Clyde Hagans, violinist extraordinary, of Liberty Center, O. This affliction was the incentive which spurred Hagans to fit himself to take his place in the world.

Becoming blind before he was one year old, he never has known the beauties of the material things of life. But this did not discourage him. His ambition, his determination, his will power, his grit led him to greater heights than to go thru life dependent on a cold world's charity or the proceeds of sales of shoestrings.

Clyde Hagans received his first instruction in the State School for the Blind at Columbus. He took up the study of instrumental music and graduated with highest honors. Then he took advanced courses of instruction, his latest teacher being a noted Belgian professor in New York.

"The struggle was long and hard," Hagans says. "But I determined that I would win. Each time I became discouraged or disappointed I resolved to try harder and buckled down to my work again. I would not be beaten by my handicap. My success means much more to me because it has been attained against great odds."

Beauty and the Beast

Once upon a time a malicious fairy transformed a Prince into an ugly beast. But Beauty came and loved him in spite of looks, and when he loved her in return, it broke the spell, and he became once more a stalwart, handsome prince.

The Prince is always the boy that reads the tale and the book says that Beauty was a lovely maiden, who became the Prince's bride. But some psychologists say that the real Beauty was not so much the bride as the wonderful model that all brides must live up to, the one perfect being, the first and truest love that child or man ever had—his Mother. She it is whose love charms away the evil passions that turn princes into ugly animals.

How well the story fits! For nothing but evil moods and passions can make one ugly and bestial. They only have the evil magic. And it is the beautiful things of life, like the wonderful mother, the lovely maiden or a glimpse of nature, a sunset touch, a chorus ending from "Euripides," that break the spell and give one back his human inheritance.

By being elected president of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Herbert Hoover is getting in a little practice, anyway.

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Now that the time for spring garden planting is here, we beg to inquire: Do hops and raisins grow from seeds or slips?

It may or may not be a coincidence, but on Seattle diamond rother has been stopping for some time at the Hotel Penn.

Senator Dan Landon reports that, in spite of leap year, he is still holding out against the attack of the fair ones.

We would like to ask the lady who writes to Cynthia Grey that she pays \$15 rent for an apartment, buys \$30 suits for her son, attends her husband in Tuxedo, pays all the other bills, and puts a little money in the bank on her hubby's salary of \$130 a month, how she gets that way.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

This is positively the last time we will repeat that we smoke either the Panatella Optimo or the Van Dyke Banker. Don't crowd.

So far there has been considerable pyrotechnics, according to the political writers. To us, the campaign has appeared utterly smokeless.

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PROTECTING EMPLOYEES

Communicable diseases can often be detected by the industrial physician at the time the worker applies for employment, and their introduction into the plants prevented. Measures looking to the correction of such defects as flat feet, impaired vision and hearing, decayed teeth and others of a similar nature, can be instituted at the time of making the physical examination, so that the worker is able to approach his task in the best possible physical condition. Without the physical examination to discover the defects of the applicant, useful members of the industrial community are oftentimes denied employment.

One of the big problems of the "human engineer" can help solve is that of placing the handicapped worker where his service can be of most value to himself and to industry. By so doing the economic independence of the worker is assured, his mental attitude is directed into right channels, and he becomes a community asset rather than a liability. By placing the worker to the best advantage, the work of the employment department is lightened by reducing turnover, a thing always costly and one to be avoided. The worker has also been made to feel that some one has his interests at heart in thus placing him in his work.

The "human engineer's" contact with the safety department usually begins when an accident case is brought to the dispensary for treatment. In addition to caring for the injury he makes an investigation as to how the accident occurred and, in cooperation with the safety engineer, determines ways and means of preventing the occurrence of similar cases. He may find that the employee's work is fatiguing because of faulty posture, poor ventilation, or bad lighting, which may be insufficient lighting or too brilliant lighting with the production of glare, or because of other conditions susceptible of correction. These matters are all within the scope of the safety department to correct, but that department is seldom equipped to discover all of them, or to associate them with the cause of the accident.



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Generalizing

BY DR. FRANK CRANE
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The trouble with most minds is their inability to generalize.

The essence of sound thinking, and of a well-balanced intelligence, is the power to make generalizations, to see and appreciate them when they are made by others, and to feel their force.

Little minds are side-tracked by exceptions. They are confused by single instances.

There is not a general rule in the world to which there does not exist many contradictions. It is this idea that caused the quip: All generalizations are false, including this one.

But the sounder notion is embodied in the saying: The exceptions prove the rule. This does not mean that the rule is made up of exceptions, but that the fact that there are exceptions proves that there must be some rule, else the exception would not be an exception, but an instance.

Take any generalization, for instance: To be good is to be happy. The cheap and amateur mind sees at once that many who are good are not happy and straightway concludes that the rule is false. The maturer judgment perceives that the rule is none the less a good one because it holds in so large a majority of cases.

The power to pick flaws, to raise objections, to see defects, is second rate. Everybody has it. Children and fools excel in it. The first thing your lad of six says when you tell him that candy is not good for him, is that one time he ate a lot of it and it did not hurt him.

Savages are swamped in particulars. That is why they are savage. Civilization is based on generalization. Because men learn the advantage of law.

All education is classification. At school we learn to group, to make a new fact out of the common qualities of many facts.

All morality is generalization. The Ten Commandments constitute a remarkable example of the distillation of a few general laws from a multitude of single facts.

A woman is virtuous only in proportion as she sticks to the general law and will not budge for the specious reasonings in favor of an exceptional case.

No man is honest who will not trust the generalization that honesty is always best, in the face of any occasion when dishonesty apparently pays.

"Just this once" has ruined many. You cannot be loyal unless you can grasp and feel the general excellence of your country. Our government is free, just, and sound. There are thousands of exceptions to this statement. The anarchist upsets and the railers are deceived by these. They cannot see the forest for the trees.

Love, the greatest thing in the world, is impossible unless it rests upon a faith in the truth and dependability of generalizations. For there are scores of things in one you love that are unlovely, and loyal love is simply the ability to discount these exceptions and put trust in the majority rule of ideas and emotions.

Optimism is the result of generalization. Pessimism is the plight of a soul that is lost in the wilderness of particulars.

ever, requires regular supervision by a physician, and you must be sure, therefore, to consult your doctor and have him advise you.

Q—What can be done for a dropped kidney?

A. In some cases, the wearing of a suitable corset or abdominal supporter is all that is required. In other cases, however, especially when serious symptoms are caused by the condition, an operation may be required to fasten the kidney in place.

Often when the kidney is merely movable, and does not drop any considerable distance, very little treatment is required, beyond building up fat tissue.

Q—I have a breaking out on the side of my nose. It consists of small red spots, which subsequently fill up with some yellow material. It is very itchy and often burns. Can you tell me what it is, or what to do?

A.—It is quite impossible to say from this description what is the nature of the trouble. It is possibly an infection with some pus-producing bacteria. Be sure to consult a qualified physician or a skin specialist, and have him advise you.

"UNCLE SAM, M. D." will answer, either in this column or by mail, questions of general interest relating only to hygiene, sanitation and the prevention of disease. It will be impossible for him to answer questions of a purely personal nature, or to prescribe for individual diseases.

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