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A Beneficial Chastening

Last spring the Rev. Bouck White, pastor of the Church of the Social Revolution in New York City and author of "The Call of the Carpenter" and other books, was preaching pacifism as loudly as he could. To show the worldwideness of his democracy, he burned several flags, including an American flag.

For this act of contempt for the flag of his country he was sentenced to serve a term in Tombs prison. He was released recently, and found his country at war. He writes:

"I am still a pacifist. That is, I am for peace as against war, but this fact of my country being at war puts quite a new and different face on affairs.

"Whatever can be said of the rights of a minority in time of peace cannot be affirmed with equal truth for times of foreign war. It matters not by whose fault the accident happened; when the ship is off a lee shore with the anchors dragging and the officers laboring to inch her away to an offing, mutiny by the crew is illogical, unsagacious, indefensible. My readings in the book of history show me not one instance of pacifist success after the howitzers had begun their bellowsings.

"In times of war the word of the constituted authorities must be law. The government holds all the trump cards, and it ought to."

The chastening he received apparently has been profitable to his soul. Certainly it has brought forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness. Possibly a similar method of treatment would help other pacifist agitators to a like sanity.

A fellow isn't sure he's right until someone tells him he's wrong.

The suffragets in Occoquan jail lost from six to nine pounds each. The trouble with all these anti-fat remedies is that the cure is worse than the condition.

Bisbee's Slacker

Bisbee, Ariz., made itself famous during the summer by summarily deporting several hundred citizens, the vigilantes who pulled off the job accusing the ousted ones of being I. W. W.'s.

Now it turned out afterwards that at least nine out of ten of these people were not I. W. W.'s at all, but simply working people who had demanded of the immensely wealthy copper mine owners a reasonable wage and decent living conditions.

Most of them were found to be contributors to the Red Cross fund, buyers of Liberty bonds, registered select service men and law-abiding citizens.

Today Bisbee, Ariz., again appears in the news dispatches. Warner A. Shattuck, son of one of the millionaire copper kings of that burg, has been reported for failing to appear at Camp Funston to enter training under the draft. His father, pressed for an explanation, admits that the boy is probably somewhere in Mexico, a skulking slacker, a fugitive.

We refrain from comment.

Sweden seems disposed to admit that her minister to Argentina was a blockhead, and let it go at that.

Thought takes man out of servitude into freedom. Emerson.

One man went to war because his wife didn't wash his shirts. In the trenches he'll be happy if he can wash them himself.

Why don't the Swedish diplomats, in America to get food from Uncle Sam, cable their eatable from Argentina?

It Is a Good Move

What to do with the aliens in our midst is a real, live, burning question, so many of them are jumping into the places vacated by drafted Americans, and the senate has tackled it by passing the Chamberlain bill.

Under this measure, aliens of the central powers can be "utilized for necessary purposes during the stringency." In other words, such aliens can be drafted for other than fighting purposes. German aliens, for instance, will not be holding drafted Americans' jobs, while the latter are at the front fighting to protect them and the jobs.

There is widespread demand for some such measure, if such can be enacted without interference with treaty rights. We've got to respect treaty obligations, even though the central powers don't.

There's one thing about the Maine suffrage defeat; they can't blame it on the brewers.

Count Luxburg really should be sent home on one of those steamers which he urged his government to destroy so as to leave no trace.

The high cost of living, says a consulting engineer, is due to the railways' poor terminal facilities. Most folk find the H. C. of L. due to their own poor terminal facilities, said t. f. being so constructed that they are unable to make both ends meet.

CONFESSIONS of a WIFE

BABIES ARE LIFE'S GREATEST JOYS

We had a letter from Chad this morning, little book, saying Mollie was the mother of a beautiful boy and she was doing very well.

"She wants to write you herself," he said, "but the nurse says she must be quiet for a few days. Personally, Margie, I feel rather insulted when anyone says the little red wrinkled mite looks like me. I am sure I never had such peculiarly inexpressive eyes as he has. Up to date he has not opened them often, but when he has his eyes have shown a rather opaque appearance that scares me.

"However, I expect what I don't know about babies would make a book. But when I look at this one—which, by the way, Mollie seems to think is the most beautiful creature ever sent to help people this earth—I cannot but believe we are nearer the monkey than ever Darwin dreamed in his wildest flights of fancy.

"I expect the good God makes a mother blind to the imperfections of her offspring for a while, for certainly if she were not blind, Mollie would not have called to my attention the little button on his face that she designated as 'his beautiful little nose.' To tell you the truth it is the feature that has worried me most in that baby.

"But, Margie, there is a kind of thrill in the contact of his soft, smooth flesh. It is a 'feel' that I never had before—you cannot describe its texture, altho Mollie comes nearest when she says it is pink chiffon velvet endowed with life.

"I have never seen Mollie so crazy about anything as she is about this baby and you know she can be pretty enthusiastic. I don't know whether she told you, poor girl, that I did not seem to enter into her anticipations over the coming of the baby, and to tell you the truth, Margie, I guess I was afraid he would make a bad third in our beautiful duet. But yesterday the little beggar in some way twined his tiny hand about my finger and straightway that little hand was tugging at my heartstrings, tying them firmly about his little body.

"Why, you do love him, Chad!" said Mollie in surprise as I called her attention to his little clinging hand.

"I am not ashamed to say my eyes were wet when I answered, 'Of course; what made you think I did not?'"

"Well, she said, 'you have said repeatedly you didn't want him and every time you did, dear, I just whispered down in my heart, 'Never mind, baby, I want you.'"

"You can see what a selfish man I am, Margie, for I did say that, and that blessed Mollie never let me know how it hurt her. But I do want the little beggar now, and oh, I am so glad I have both my wife and my son. Please God, I'll never be unhappy nor grouchy again."

"Isn't Chad a queer chap?" said Dick when I read him Chad's letter. "Why, do you know, Margie, I could not write nor even talk like that to any human being. I suppose it is what you call Chad's artistic temperament."

"Perhaps, Dick, but isn't it beautiful?"

"Is anything manly beautiful?" asked Dick.

"If there isn't there should be," I answered hotly, for I knew what this outpouring of Chad's soul meant to Mollie. In the supreme moment of a woman's life she must expect her husband to enthuse over their child.

"Dick, you must remember that, for your sonny never lived. You never felt the thrill of chiffon velvet that was alive."

"Some time, Margie, I hope to feel it," said Dick softly, and little book, would you believe it, I felt myself blushing like a girl!

(To Be Continued.)

Society

The rammage sale for the benefit of the Tacoma Day Nursery, at 1153 Broadway, will be held Saturday and Monday. The salesrooms will be open Friday to receive donations. Everything except furniture is desired. Articles which cannot be brought to the salesrooms will be sent for if Mrs. F. A. Carlyle, Main 7598, is notified.

Miss Miriam Woodberry, secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary society, will speak on "The Problem of Foreign Women in the United States," at the First Congregational church, Sept. 26, at 2:30. Miss Woodberry has personally investigated foreign settlements, lumber camps, mining camps and factories. She is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Wheeler, 807 North Cliff ave.

The Y. W. C. A. gymnasium will be formally opened Sept. 23 with an open house so that the public may inspect it. A special program will be given.

Marriage licenses were issued Wednesday to Nelson Prother, St. Joseph, Mo., and Rose Steel, Kansas City, Mo.; Alexander Holland and Zola M. Miner, Tacoma; Arthur A. Severson, Tacoma, and Hazel Johnson, Bee; Willie Hahn, Wauana, and Minnie Lee, Elgin; Paul J. Buon, Camp Lewis, and Mae Rose, Lostone, Ore.; Robert Howard and Esther Johnson, Tacoma; William Obenhofer and Clara Orosman, Tacoma.

Invitations are being issued for the first dance to be given by the Walkiki club on Friday evening, Sept. 23, at the Linnæa Dancing academy. At the last business session the members voted to hold the first of the series for Camp Lewis.

Invitations may be secured from the secretary, Main 6688.

MELBOURNE THEATER

LAST TIME TODAY

Marguerite Clark

IN

"The Valentine Girl"

COMING

Friday and Saturday

"WAR and the WOMAN"

A great timely drama of American womanhood.

Millers Can't Hoard; Must Empty Bins

Led by the Walla Walla district, other Eastern Washington farmers have become convinced that they will move their crop this year at the price originally fixed by the Hoover program, or on the basis of \$1.37 for bluestem or No. 1 soft white, on the farm.

A little hope is now being felt that the plans will be modified or amended to allow them \$2.10, country price, as asked, and considerable wheat has accordingly changed hands this week.

The movement of wheat will not be according to the customary trainload standard of normal times. The federal grain and flour control measure, designed to prevent hoarding, storing and speculation, forbids millers to keep on hand a supply longer than for a 30-day grind, and Puget Sound mills have already bought-up to their limit.

Under the control law they will be compelled, first, to empty their bins and move the flour before taking out more. This will cause a general movement, where under normal conditions the season's supply would be bought and stored and a sufficient quantity of grain to meet requirements placed in mill bins.

The restrictions regarding the 30-day supply of grain, it is stated, are causing hardship to millers in

Hold Trench At Presidio

(United Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Six hundred men of the first battalion of the Presidio training camp doggedly held their first line trenches today against the imaginary invaders moving up the peninsula from San Mateo.

The men moved into trenches this morning after a night during which much electricity was consumed while orders covering the duty of platoon commanders at the front were studied.

The Outbursts of Everett True. BY CONDO.

HA-HA-HA! THE TRAMP THAT PROMISED TO SAW THE WOOD AFTER YOU FED HIM HAS— HA-HA-HA! HAS BEAT IT WITHOUT DOING A LICK!!!



ANSWERS By CYNTHIA GREY



(EDITORIAL BY CYNTHIA GREY.)

"The people clamor for cheaper bread, and it is up to the manufacturing and retail bakers to hearken. Let us forget the profits we have been making on bread and be content with the profit we make on pies, cake, doughnuts and other pastry. It is possible many of us have been too selfish, and it is time for us to show we are willing to do our bit."

This is quoted from a speech by Maximilian Strasser, honorary president of the New York State Association of Master Bakers, who hold their 62nd annual convention this week.

But the American housewife has the situation in her own hands. For 5 cents she can bake a loaf for which she would pay 10 cents. By baking bread at home she can save her own money, help her own government, and all the starving people of the world.

One Man Shoulders Job of Building Army Camp Cities

Suppose Uncle Sam stepped up to you on the street today and said:

"Look here, son: I want you to build me 16 cities. Put them in various parts of the country. Plan each one for a population of 40,000 men. Have heating, lighting, water, ventilation and sewerage systems perfect in all of them. Finish them in three months. That's your job. Now go to it."

Would it excite you at all to realize that every mistake you made meant perhaps fatal delay in the training of your country's armies for the war?

That proposition was put up to one man by Uncle Sam. He and his colleagues shouldered the burden and did the job.

The man was Maj. W. A. Starrett, before the war an architect, now chairman of the committee on emergency construction and contracts of the council of national defense.

Biggest on Record. No such task had ever been undertaken on a nationwide scale in that space of time.

"When this thing was first contemplated Maj. Starrett told the United Press today, 'the government provided a couple of army officers and stenographers at Washington, D. C., to do the job.'"

"Word had gone out that the work was going on and every contractor in the country was here. As a result, all those men did was to stand in front of the desk and shake hands all day.

"We told the munition board these people would have to be taken out and that the cantonment men would have to be let alone.

Accordingly the next morning the men were taken to the Munsey building with their records. We immediately saw the need for the finest men we could get, so we reached into the big engineering organizations all over the country by wire and telephone.

Send BIG Men. We asked them to send big men. We got big men. I could name you a list of 25 men we got who were worth \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year.

We said to these concerns: 'You will have to give these people up. We face an emergency. They patriotically gave them up. Then and there, over about two days and nights solid conference work with all these people we built a great organization under Col. Little of the war department.

Inside of four days we had the organization in skeleton. Everything was worked out with the object of speed and economy. That machine constitutes about 250 people occupying a whole building and working anywhere from 12 to 18 hours a day.

We looked around to see what the government had in the way of a register of contractors. It did not have anything for us.

We asked the American Institute of Architects, the chief engineers of all the railroads and big industrial establishments, who the reliable people were they had been dealing with. In 10 days we had

Dear Miss Grey: I am a girl 17 years old, and go with a boy 19. We both work at the same place part of the time. The other night it was quite late when we got our work finished. This young man was to bring me home, but our employer insisted on coming along with us. At last we consented.

The next morning he made the remark that he did not consider it safe for me to come home alone with this boy.

Now I have not known the boy very long, but I know his family, and have for two or three years. I have come home alone with him times before, so I don't see why I couldn't do it again without this man starting talk.

I am a decent girl and I think this fellow is good. Anyway, every one speaks well of him. I want your opinion of this, Miss Grey, and hope to see my answer very soon.

SEVENTEEN.

Instead of denouncing your employer, you should be thankful that he takes an interest in your welfare. Under the circumstances it was right and proper that he should see that you reached home safely, regardless of whether the young man was the proper sort of escort. In the first place, you employer was responsible for you remaining safe, and in the second place, both you and the young man are under age. You must remember that the man for whom you are working is years older than either of you and has these years of valuable experience behind him. In this instance you will do well to heed his advice.

Dear Miss Grey: I have been reading your letters for some time and I find a great deal of them worth considering. I have recently tested some of the facts stated in the letters regarding the friendship of boys and girls.

After a fair trial and due consideration I made the following conclusions. If the girls are respectable and use common sense when they go out with a young man, i. e., do not see how much money he will spend on them, but how much enjoyment they can get out of the least amount, then the young men will enjoy their companionship.

It is often asked, 'Why don't men respect the girls whom they meet on the street or in public places?' My answer to this is, they do, if the girls prove themselves worthy of their respect. In a great majority of the cases I find the girls are to be blamed for any serious misfortunes which may result from forming such acquaintances. It is quite true that the larger half of you young ladies of today are seeking only to have a sweet time on the other fellow's money regarding the rights of others.

Girls, don't you know that the young men have your number," as they often term it? A young man can tell immediately what sort of a girl you are and just how far he can go. Your speech, your actions and your manners give you away. Usually it is the little suggestions that come from you which convince the young man.

All men are not evil-minded, and even the lowest class will respect a decent girl. I do not mean by decent one who sits around with folded arms and is afraid to speak her own thoughts. No, if there ever existed such girls, they are fast out of date now. But you do mean a girl who has a clean mind, noble thoughts and all the virtuous qualities which lay the foundation for a strong moral character.

Reader, do not misjudge me. I do not lay all the blame on the question. Far from it. This question involves forethought and consideration of both parents and educators. If the courses of study in our public schools were revised, and in the place of so much mechanical memory work a course in systematic moral training be installed, the results cannot be overestimated.

It is an evident fact that we cannot reform our young men without having an equal reform in our young women. As long as our girls insist upon being the "fast-gee-whiz" type, we will certainly find a similar type of boys. We do not often find a modest and dignified girl associating with the fast boy, neither do we find the best type of our young men associating with the "gee-whizz" girls.

Girls and boys when forming acquaintances with strangers, beware—evil may result where good abounds. But if you are both the same class, i. e., equal in intelligence, social standing and in morals, and if you both have good intentions I see no reason why you should not become acquainted, without the usual formality.

Live true to yourself always, regardless of the eyes of the world.—JEAN.

SENATE ADOPTS HUGE BOND BILL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20.—The senate today adopted the conference report on the \$11,538,000,000 bond bill. The house is expected to agree to the report tomorrow.