

# EDITORIALS

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## FREEDOM FOR ALL FOREVER

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## A Pernicious Lobby

The biggest, most persistent railroad lobby of all times is in Washington, interfering with war business, and we would like to see President Wilson take a club and beat it out of town.

This lobby is mainly concerning itself in defeating the administration measure leaving return of the railroads to private possession an open date, to be decided upon by congress, and in whooping it up for the largest possible government guarantee of dividends.

Then, there is a strong lobby within the lobby that is especially concerned in finally beating off government ownership.

The solution of the general railroad proposition is plain to everyone, save staff-lawyers, over-paid railroad officials and receivers, and would-be "promoters" of the Harriman sort. That solution is centralized ownership and management.

The inefficient management, the rings, the wreckings, the gambings, the bankruptcies, the abominable service of the past have plainly proved this. The present centralized management by the government is going to prove it again.

The question is no longer whether the railroads shall or shall not be returned to private and promiscuous exploitation. Coal shortage, alone, is enough to teach the people that the railroads are a vital part of themselves. When, if at all, there should be a return to private centralized management, the only sort that will be put up with, is a matter to be left to the people, and congress is their constitutional representative. Such return should, and very likely will wholly depend upon success of the present plan under Director McAdoo.

That lobby ought to be sent home to mind its own business. It is lobbying against solidly united public sentiment. The railroads are part of the people; the people not part of the railroads. It's one of our biggest war lessons.

Reports from Europe say Emperor Karl of Austria lets Emperor Zita run things. Get ready for the upheaval, boys. You remember what happened to Alexander of Serbia, Czar Nick and Constantine of Greece, don't you?

## Don't Count Your Chicks Yet

The news stories leaking out of Germany about a tremendous upheaval of the civil population may all be true; we devoutly hope they are.

Always, however, there is the chance that such information is mere poison propaganda. If a million men really are on strike in Berlin the kaiser would do everything possible to keep the news to himself.

There is the possibility that behind this strike smoke the kaiser is preparing for his mightiest military smash.

If so, we trust the allied leaders will not be fooled as were the Italians.

In any event, the one safe course for us is to redouble our war preparations. If the kaiser has trouble on his hands at home they will only make it worse.

It is feared that Chancellor Von Hertling will turn out a failure. His recent speech contained no charge that the war was "thrust upon Germany."

## Why, Certainly

"Official Washington," whatever that means, cheers up our pacifists with the announcement that "the door is not closed to a separate peace proposal from Austria."

Sure thing! The door is wide open and always has been. All we've got against Austria is that she sent us a lot of sneaking, conspiring diplomats and is the right-hand ally of our enemy, Germany. We'll cut out our anger as to the first of these objections and take the blamed door off its hinges, if Austria has got any proposal to quit Germany.

Let the senate talk. So long as it only talks it won't be passing any foolish bills.

## The German Peace

Chancellor von Hertling, in official discussion of President Wilson's 14 points in the world's peace program, says in substance that Germany will accept all that give anything to Germany and will reject all that demand anything of Germany. Peace upon that basis may be had any time the enemies of Germany are willing to confess that they are defeated.

# IGNORANCE IS BLISS!



## ANSWERS By CYNTHIA GREY

Dear Miss Grey: Is there really such a word as "cannot"? Should it not be "can not" the same as "will not," would not," etc?

ONE CURIOUS. The word "cannot" is correct. It is an auxiliary verb.

Dear Miss Grey: Will you kindly inform me if Theodore Roosevelt ever received the Nobel Peace Prize, and when?

W. C. Theodore Roosevelt received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906.

Dear Miss Grey: In defense of my article recently printed in your column, and in answer to one who signs herself "In the Game to Win," permit me to

state that I quite disagree with her assertions. If she has been so unfortunate as to go thru her business experience with a boast on her lips that she has never been insulted, she is to be congratulated, and can afford to put a halo over the heads of the employers with whom she has come in contact; but, it would be a far better policy for her to speak from actual experience, rather than assumption.

I regret to say there are such girls as she pictures in her article; but for her to assume that all girls are alike, in order that she may defend the employers, is a very slurring insinuation. The girl she pictures is one who either thru necessity or having acquired the idea that

she can bluff her way thru, allows herself to fall into the hands of the coward "who must have an excuse to work on."

And can even this sort of girl be held up as a cloak of defense for this poor creature who is being lured against his will? It is only a depraved wretch who would seek to hold up a woman as a protection for his wrongdoing.

The type of girl I defend is the one who asks little of the world, but to earn an honest living. She is the one who seeks advice when she faces the problem of being employed by a man who is anything but a gentleman. He it is who would camouflage himself in the eyes of the world at the cost of a girl's pride and honor, and from whose vile association not the least effort is made by the city to protect this brave little girl, before whose eyes the business world seems a great, big game of chance. The city should see to it that these men are given a heavy fine, and in a case like "Motherless" mentions, where this brute threatens to keep her from obtaining other positions this cruel wretch should be imprisoned.

Were I a man I would fight for my country; but being a woman I intend to fight for my own sex and do my bit toward making this good, old U. S. A., a land of which we may justly be proud.

## AN HONEST GIRL.

Dear Cynthia Grey: In a trial by civil authorities the prisoner is considered innocent until proved guilty. I have heard that in a court martial trial by military authorities the prisoner is considered guilty until proved innocent. Can you advise me if this is true? STUDENT.

The military law does not differ from the civil law in this respect. In a court-martial trial a prisoner is deemed innocent until proved guilty.

Dear Miss Grey: Needing a neutral authority to decide this question we call upon you.

Does an American, upon joining the Royal Flying Corps forfeit his citizenship for the duration of the war?

THREE FLYERS. Prior to the United States entering the war, Americans who enlisted in other armies forfeited their citizenship because they would be taking up arms against a neutral nation. But our entrance into the war has changed that, and United States citizens enlisting with the French or British forces or any ally forces, do not forfeit their citizenship because we are all fighting for a common cause.

Dear Miss Grey: I wish you to please tell me what can be done with a husband, who after mak-

ing his wife believe he is going to live with her so she will sign his questionnaire blank, leaves her? He said it would do no good to report him as Uncle Sam could not make him support me, anyway. I would love to know all the particulars real soon. A. B. SCRIBNER.

Uncle Sam can put "Mr. Hubby" in the ranks of the national army, and turn one-half of his pay over to you for your keep if you report him. By all means file your claim against him at the local exemption board headquarters.

Dear Miss Grey: Can you tell me how I could address a letter to a boy at the soldiers' prison? It is Alcatraz island, I believe.

I have a message of great importance for a soldier there and it is imperative that he should get it. Are they allowed to write, and if so are the letters read before they leave the place? Are the letters that are sent to them opened and read before they receive them?

A FRIEND IN NEED. Simply address the communication to the young man at the prison, using his full name. As different prisons have different regulations it is impossible to say of the correspondence of the prisoners is censored.

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# Confessions of a Wife!

## A CHILD'S FUTURE

I wonder, little book, how many girls have lived thru hard experiences that they might have been able to manage without hurt to themselves if they had had the right kind of mothers. Why will mothers rest calmly in the notion that their daughters can do no ill? It does not seem to me that I would feel that my daughter would be able to resist all assaults of the world, the flesh and the devil just because she was my daughter, little book. But that is the way some mothers feel evidently.

I hope that I shall be able to banish platitude from my child's education. I shall try and teach her to think, which is one of the few things that people, men or women, do.

When we have become a race of thinkers, instead of a race of followers of the few, the world will have traveled far in the direction of the millennium, to my mind. Those who are alive at that time will know the joys of a liberty which is for all and a peace which will be unbroken.

Here I go, looking into the future far as the human eye can see, and planning that my child and my child's child to unnumbered generations shall have some part in its ultimate end of perfection.

Oh God! How terrible—how agonizing it must be to know that a child is coming to you and that you must not weave hopes and plans together into that wonderful crown of woman—motherhood.

Some time, oh, great law makers, make all children legitimate. As I write that word in that connection, little book, I almost laugh to myself. That a little child (who certainly, if he had been asked, would not have made his debut into this world under circumstances that label him with disgrace) should be asked to bear a stain thru all his life for no fault of his own, is monstrous.

The blessing of a baby's life by bell, book and candle is a kindly act, but just as surely as it is not necessary to his entrance into this world it should not be necessary to make him legitimate in the eyes of the law and the whole world of men.

I expect that I am inclined to give too much thought to this subject. But to you, little confidant, I can say what I feel—I can open to you my innermost thoughts and only you will see. This is one of the subjects that lies nearest my heart. It is a matter that I would like to talk about to every man and woman whom I could induce to listen.

My baby is coming to me under the blessed circumstances of respectability—a respectability held up by the law and the church, and so I cannot help thinking of all those other poor little mites who must be banned—and of their poor mothers who must be disgraced.

I believe I am beginning to look forward to being a mother again, but every little while it comes to me that I must not let myself look forward with too much anticipation.

I do not believe that I could stand another disappointment of such great hope as I did when I knew that Sonny would never rest within my arms. I am dreading to tell Dick the news, for altho I am sure he will be glad, I know his mind will immediately revert to the long sickness of body and mind that I went thru after the loss of Sonny.

I am glad, little book, that I am so very well now.

It will be queer, little book, won't it, to have a baby in the house after all these years? (To Be Continued.)

ing his wife believe he is going to live with her so she will sign his questionnaire blank, leaves her? He said it would do no good to report him as Uncle Sam could not make him support me, anyway. I would love to know all the particulars real soon. A. B. SCRIBNER.

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# Your Income Tax

Q.—I want to ask you a few questions about the war tax on such a small income as \$1,000. I am an elderly lady of about 62 or 63. I have been an invalid all my life and could not earn anything. If it were not for this little income that was left me, I would have to go to the poorhouse. I have had tuberculosis of the throat and have had several operations, and I could not meet the expense with my income. My doctor's bills are large. I am not able to keep house. For such cases is there not an exemption? Is the tax one per cent? A.—All single persons having an income of \$1,000 or more are required to make the return for the income tax, without exception. It may seem to be a hardship, but there is no exception for your case. Your tax will be two per cent.

Q.—Can the amount of life insurance premiums and premiums paid for insurance on my residence property be claimed as deductions? A.—No, as these are held to be items of personal expense. If, however, you pay premiums on insurance policies covering farm buildings, or other than your dwelling house, or any property used for business purposes, these premiums are allowable as deductions.

Q.—A tenant, under the terms of a lease, is obligated to pay a certain cash rental and all taxes assessed against the property and keep it insured. May he claim as a business expense the aggregate amount of rental, taxes and insurance premiums paid? A.—Yes, if the property is used by the tenant for business or trade purposes and not as a home, the aggregate amount may be claimed as a deduction for the year during which actually paid.

Q.—I own stock in a corporation which in 1917 assessed each of its stockholders \$50 on each share held. Can the amount paid by me be claimed as a deduction? A.—No. Assessments made by a

corporation on its capital stock are regarded as further investments of capital and do not constitute an allowable deduction in the return of the individual.

Q.—If a physician or other professional or business man, rents a home and uses a portion of the same for professional or business purposes, may any portion of the rent paid for that home be claimed as a business expense? A.—Yes. The proportion of the rent paid which is property chargeable to the number of rooms so used may be claimed as a deduction.

Q.—In 1917 I purchased a property the title to which proved defective, and in order to straighten the matter out I employed an attorney and resorted to court proceedings. Can I claim a deduction to cover the fee paid the attorney and the court cost? A.—No. Such items are held to be a part of the cost of the property, and, therefore, not allowable as deductions.

Q.—When is a farmer to return for tax purposes the value of the stock produced? A.—The value of grain, stock and other products produced on a farm is not considered taxable income until reduced to cash or the equivalent of cash. Therefore, if crops and stock were produced in 1916 on a farm owned by you and they were sold in 1917, the total amount received therefor is to be included under GROSS INCOME in your 1917 return. Crops and stock produced in 1917, and on hand December 31 of that year, need not be considered; but the amount received therefor should be included in your return rendered for the year during which they are sold.

Q.—If a farmer exchanges produce for merchandise, groceries, etc., is the value of such merchandise to be returned for tax purposes? A.—Yes. The price placed by the merchant upon the goods exchanged for farm produce is to be included as income in the farmer's return.

# Society

Queen Review, No. 4, of the Maccabees, will hold a social evening Friday, Feb. 8, at the home of Mrs. Sarah Wells, 2913 So. 10th st. Come and bring your knitting.

Odd Fellows lodge No. 65 will give a ball at Odd Fellows temple Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Yndelson announce the engagement of their daughter Emma to Max Novikoff of Tacoma. The wedding will take place the latter part of the month.

Chapter C, P. E. O. will meet Saturday with Mrs. W. H. Miller, 724 No. 1 st., instead of with Mrs. J. Q. Mason as first announced.

Gammie Phi Beta alumnae will meet Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Leo Bronson, Earham court. The members will bring their luncheon, and coffee will be served by the hostess. The day will be spent in sewing for the French orphans.

Oracles council will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Miss Keith, 2355 So. Yakima av.

Westminster guild of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Earl Dugan, 818 So. Sprague st., Monday afternoon.

The Woman's League of the First Congregational church will meet in the church parlors at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Mrs. C. K. Staudt will have charge of the program, following which tea will be served.

Julia Dent Grant tent, Daughters of the Veterans, will meet at

the armory at 2 o'clock Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid society of Zion Lutheran church will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harder, 2815 So. Yakima av.

Vida Cadettes, O. E. S., will give a dancing party Saturday evening, Feb. 16, in the Masonic temple. No formal invitations will be issued but tickets may be obtained from the committee, Mrs. J. H. Hallam, Mrs. T. Reeve Jones and Mrs. Ethel Fairchild or at the door. An invitation is extended to all Masons and Eastern Star members at Camp Lewis.

Col. and Mrs. P. C. Field will entertain at dinner at the Country club Feb. 9, preceding the regular fortnightly dance.

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# Painless Parker---Outlaw His Confessions.

**CHAPTER LIX.**

"Respectability" as I have told you, is the great goal of the education of an "ethical" dentist—or, for that matter, any other kind of professional practitioner.

"Respectability" sets him apart from those who are not "respectable." I suppose that's the name as any "disrespectable" it's the distinction which makes him different from the ordinary run of humanity, makes him seek a higher level than that in which his fellowmen travel, makes him consider himself better than the rest of us.

This kind of "respectability" is a cash value. That's why it is such a necessary part of the education of a young man with an ambition to be a successful, unobscure, successful man. It gives him a "standing" in the community. It makes the other fellow look up to



him with awe. It makes the ignorant (takes his word as law. It makes the collection of large fees from patients almost a sacred religious rite.

That's why, early in a young man's dental curriculum, he is taught the vital importance of doing things differently from other folks. In other lines of endeavor you may advertise your business. But it is not respectable for a dentist to advertise his. This, you may have noticed, separates the dentist even from the members of the church, which doesn't hesitate to advertise to attract people. You may believe that it is only fair to be open and above-board with the people with whom you do business. But the dentist can't do that and be respectable, according to the immovable laws which govern his own highly specialized line of conduct. He must move around with mystery, Latta and sage wagging of the forehead and must not like a Medicine Man running a Ghost Dance. You may have some theological notions about this, but you can't do it. You may have some theological notions about this, but you can't do it. You may have some theological notions about this, but you can't do it.

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