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DOUBLE STANDARD OF PATRIOTISM

During the war men proved themselves willing and eager to submerge their private interests in behalf of the nation's welfare, but with peace declared the old self-interests are quick to assert themselves at any cost.

This weakness is not monopolized by any one individual but is characteristic of our social point of view. Our patriotism of war is high, noble and self-sacrificing, but our patriotism of peace falls far short of this high standard. Is war, then, necessary to bring out the heroism of human nature and does peace mean an irremediable sinking to mediocrity and self-interest? If this is true, it is a pity beyond compare.

War may have more dramatic heroism than peace and offer more thrilling opportunities to snatch victory from the jaws of death, but peace demands a patriotism more exacting and sustained than war. But as a society we have not been sufficiently trained to see the fields of heroism lying all about us in the business of the every day.

We are quick to recognize the difference between George Washington and Benedict Arnold in times of war, but are we so responsive to the ways of right and wrong in civic life? Men who were supremely loyal during the war do not hesitate to profiteer in peace upon the people's needs; and men of unquestioned fidelity in the crisis do not hesitate to make the proverbial "barrel" more eloquent in their behalf during a political campaign than the appeal to their moral and civic character.

And yet the heroism of peace is always so close at hand that we are prone to overlook it. Every street car making its way through the crowded thoroughfare, every railroad train rushing into the night, every home where the mother sacrifices constantly for the child, every pick or shovel, axe or scythe wielded in the sweat and ache of the common day, gives witness to a human courage that is incessant and that never fails.

Peace demands the capacity for honor and loyalty to supreme aims even as does war. This is the ideal to which we must rise, if democracy is to be worthy of a great future. The great question is not whether there is peace or war, but what do we do with our peace or war. And the high patriotism of peace must be taught and cherished, if victory is to bear its perfect fruit.

OVERCOMES OBSTACLES

On the evening of February 8th, Superintendent Hall in an address to the students assembled in chapel, drew attention to the necessity of cultivating strength in the formation of proper habits. It was a splendid, practical talk, and was as follows:

Every one of you students who have reached

the age where you can think rightly have a well-defined idea that you would like to attain success, honor, influence. In fact, all young people have this idea. But practically 90 out of every 100 fail because they lack the backbone to overcome difficulties, the hard things which present themselves on the way. And why is it a fact that so many dodge the difficult things as they come up? Because it is the easy way.

Judging by my own experience when I was a schoolboy, the first thing that occurred to me in the morning was a intricate problem in mathematics, science or translation, which I found difficult to handle, or some knotty question concerning my work. In order to solve the problem or master the lesson it would take a couple of hours or more, while it would take but a few minutes to get my parents or a teacher to help me out. To yield to the latter method was mighty easy; to resist and do the work myself was hard. It follows that the surrender to obstacles and hard work is the general rule and successful resistance the exception. However, here and there you find boys and girls who do overcome obstacles, and who keep it up in nearly everything that presents itself to them and who triumph over difficulties. In these students we recognize masters, those who acquire the conquering habit, and we find this class of students rejoicing in their strength, which comes from repeated victories.

Habitually mastering difficulties places a student on a sure road to overcome all obstacles in whatever vocation he engages, and the large majority of fellows who weakly yield when difficulties arise are the very material on which the conquering man builds. There are two ways to deal with hard things: One is to give up, yield to that lazy feeling; give up mathematics on account of the study being hard; pass your lessons up generally, and give up a fight which would have placed you at the top because it took too much effort. Follow this line of surrender for a year or so and where are you?

Just examine your backbone, test your mind, your moral strength, your conscience also. See how your whole capacity for achievement has been weakened until you are incapable, probably forever, like the great mass of lunk heads that you see around you.

It appears to me that a boy or girl with any sense at all will first try the other way, which is to tackle the difficulties as they come and be their master instead of their servant. Master the problems or knotty questions in your school work and realize the joy of victory—see how strong you will be for the next day's work. Master those hard things faithfully until it becomes a habit. Then see how strong your mind has become, how you jump ahead in your work, how you grow to be a master instead of a nonentity. Try this habit of honest effort; commence right now this obstacle-conquering habit, and if it fails you then go back to the weak method of surrendering to difficulties and take your place with the great mass of people who accepted defeat for being helpless, as this helpless habit begins early and it grows. It commences by dodging responsibility, with a desire to unload your work onto someone else; by never doing a thing that is not required of you. Never broaden your mind by study or proper reading, but just drift along. In time you will wonder why other boys or girls are getting to the front while you are in the rear.

Your mind may have become so stunted through laziness, and lack of ambition, and inability to think right, that you lay all the blame for your failures on your teacher, your department, your school, for you will not have enough discernment to know that it is absolutely all in yourself and you alone.

So, students, cultivate strength, determination rather than weakness, and in time take your places in the company of the strong men and women—the world's helpers of today.

AGENCY ITEMS

Miss L. Olive White was absent from her duties for a few days on account of a case of the small-

PEYOTE

The introduction of peyote into this reservation and its use within the reservation is forbidden by law under penalty of imprisonment for not less than 30 days. A reward of \$5.00 will be paid to the party or parties furnishing information leading to the conviction of any violator of the above law.

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pox. She was determined to have folks believe it was just chickenpox and to prove it to the doctor she presented him with a nice chicken feather.

Several changes have been made at the agency hospital: Cordelia Needham succeeds Isabelle Beau-lieu; Josephine Lawrence, Gertrude Head; Charles Jourdain, Frank Mason.

Supt. Cross made a business trip to Bemidji and also to St. Paul during the month.

The Cross Lake Indians have been doing quite a bit of hauling while the ice is good.

The Cross Lake logging camp crews finished their hauling for the winter and have left.

Mr. Hawley, our chief clerk, left for Casper, Wyo., the 22nd of March. We all wish him the best of success in his new position.

The Little Rock Farmers club has been hauling hay for Charles Ward, Guy Stand, Simon Spears, John Prentice, Charles Mason, Bazil Maxwell, Joe Boxer, and Keniew Sumner. They have also been helping Peter Pierre and Bazil Maxwell haul manure to their fields. The club has also hauled lumber for As-sin-e-wuh-beak and helped Bah-be-dway-we-dung clear land for a new field.

Omar. Gravelle recently made a business trip to Minneapolis.

John G. Morrison, Jr., returned a few days ago from Washington, D. C., where he has been on business.

Nathan J. Head returned from Washington, D. C., where he has been for a few weeks on Red Lake matters.

Dr. L. L. Elliott and mother spent a day visiting relatives and friends here. Doctor is now located at Warroad, Minn., and has a good practice. Their many friends wish them success.

Mrs. Wm. Heritage returned from the logging camp where she spent the past month with Mr. Heritage.

Work will start on the bridge at the outlet as soon as the ice goes out of the lake. Road work will start about the middle of April.

William Isham, who has been forest ranger for the past three years, has accepted a transfer to a similar position at Nett Lake, Minn.

Curtis A. Smith, who has held the position of farmer at the farm station, has resigned and intends to start farming on his wife's attentive allotment in the Northwest Angle, near Goodridge, Minn.

Louis Gurneau and Solomon Blue are the only families living near the farm station at present.

Alex Gurneau, Sr. and Mr. Goddard have been busy working on the "Chippewa" boat.

Mr. Barker and Miss Chimzar made an agreement one night to play a game of tennis at 6:30 the next morning. The next morning dawned dark and drizzly and a heavy rain was falling at the appointed time. Both of the contracting parties claimed that they were on the spot at 6:30 but neither was seen by anyone, so we will have to go on guessing whether or not they were there.