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THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 11, 1920.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a govern-
ment of the people, by the people, for the people, whose
just powers are derived from the consent of the governed;
a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Na-
tion of many sovereign States; a perfect
Union, one and inseparable, established upon
those principles of freedom, equality, justice,
and humanity for which American patriots
sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is
my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitu-
tion; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend
it against all enemies.

MARKING THE COURSE.

THE Federal Trade commission was created by an
act of congress which was signed September 26,
1914. It got down to work in February of the following
year. The purpose as expressed in the act is "to prevent
persons, partnerships or corporations, except banks and
common carriers subject to the acts to regulate commerce,
from using unfair methods of competition in commerce."
The idea, loosely expressed, was to set up a body which
would do for ordinary business what the Interstate Com-
merce commission does for the commerce that is carried on
the railroads and other common carriers.

But the Interstate Commerce commission as a regulatory
body developed rather slowly. Its increase in powers
and activities was so gradual that it managed somehow to
carry a compelling measure of public opinion with it.
Moreover most of the time the commissioners kept their feet
on the ground and did not attempt to do anything revolu-
tionary.

The Federal Trade commission, on the other hand, not
only attempted to spring full panopied into power, but it
soon developed some rather peculiar ideas as to what its
mission is in the scheme of things at Washington. There
is need for just such an organization in the government,
but it can be of no real service while it is attempting to
carry on with a high hand and to exceed its authority.
In starting suits which will serve to define just what its
powers and duties are the National Coal association there-
fore deserves the thanks of the business men of the nation.
Federal Trade commission demands upon the coal industry
have been vexatious and burdensome for a long time.
Doubtless the issue would have been joined long before
this had the operators not had many other things to think
about.

GIFF PINCHOT'S NEW JOB.

WITH Frank Harris Hitchcock, postmaster general
under Taft, out as the practical man of the Leon-
ard Wood campaign, with authority equal to that of Col-
onel Proctor, the rich Cincinnati who has undertaken to
make a president out of Roosevelt's old friend and Gifford
Pinchot accepting an appointment as forestry commissioner
of Pennsylvania at the hand of Governor William C.
Sprout, the average man may be excused if he comes to
the conclusion that politics this year is a highly uncertain
game, and one with which men with weak hearts should
not tamper.

Hitchcock, of course, is a "business man" in politics.
He goes where opportunity is largest for Hitchcock, and
makes no bones about it. As the guiding spirit of the
famous steam roller which Roosevelt employed to make
Taft the nominee of the Republican party in 1908, he
can claim a certain regularity in his return to the service
of the progressive wing of the party. But Pinchot as a
henchman of the Republican machine in Pennsylvania; the
man who ran against Boise Penrose the first time that polit-
ical and physical heavyweight was up for election to the
senate by popular vote, taking a job as a bureau chief
under a state government which after four years of wierd
personal rule under Brumbaugh is again staunchly stalwart
and properly disciplined, is simply too amazing for proper
analysis at the moment.

What brought it about? Has Gifford, after a season
during which he carried the political woes of the whole
country upon his shoulders and imagined that he was the
only politically righteous person on two legs as long as
the Colonel was out of the country, suddenly developed
a sense of humor sufficiently strong to make it possible for
him to get a line on his real worth? Or is he simply an-
other of those cases of the hanker for office thwarted at
every turn which at last adopts that bit of political phi-
losophy best expressed in the Missouri aphorism, "if you
can't lick 'em, join 'em"? Or, finally, has Governor

Sprout, mindful of what happened in the rock ribbed old
Keystone state in 1912, determined to have a united party
this year even if he does have to toss Gifford and the oth-
ers of the self conscious crowd of political purists over
there a bone or two?

It may be some time before the public will get the cor-
rect answer to the riddle. In the mean time it is safe to
say right out plain that the acceptance of this position is
a sign that Pinchot recognizes that he has been attempting
to sail around in an altitude where the air is altogether too
rarefied for the kind of an organism with which he was
endowed. Moreover it is certain that he will have to dis-
play real talent for forestry and keep out of politics alto-
gether if he wants to make good professionally. He suc-
ceeds a man who never tried to dictate to a president or tell
the American people how they should vote, but who did
build up from nothing the finest state forest preserve in the
country and worked out forestry practice which has been
copied all over the world while he was doing it. If Gifford
lets politics alone and sticks closely to the job in front of
him now, he may yet be of some account in a practical
world.

PROMOTION.

ROGER W. BABSON, the noted business observer
and expert, has just spent a month visiting factories—
great and small—department stores, publishing plants and
other great business establishments. In every case he talked
to their owners or general managers. The most important
question he put to these men was: "What quality do you
like best in the men who work for you?" Listen to the
answers he got:

"We promote those who are most interested
in their work."

"We pay for enthusiasm and not for time."

"We pay most for new ideas."

"Those who like their work are the ones
who get ahead here."

"Enthusiasm, imagination and initiative are
the qualities we want."

Do you get to the eternal limit what this means? It
means simply that America is just as democratic as ever!
Babson did not get such answers as the following: "We
like to promote gentlemen." "We prefer to give the best
places to the owners' and bosses' sons." "High places
in our business are reserved for men with money."

No such answers were given at all. Everywhere these
big business men wanted qualities for promotion that any
young man can have if he only makes the effort.

If you like your work you are in line for promotion. If
you have enthusiasm, they'll pick you, my boy. If you
think—use your brains—they'll push you straight up the
ladder.

It's all up to you. It does not matter whether you are
of lowly birth or not. It doesn't matter whether you wear
a swallow-tail or an overall. And you don't have to have
a college education.

In a word, it's equal opportunity, equal rights, the gold-
en age of equality. America, the paradise of the com-
mon man!

In giving publicity to the important information he pick-
ed up on his tour Babson has done an immensely valuable
service to the people of this country and his story should
be blazoned across this land in box car letters. Oh, yes;
and don't fail to tell the Bolsheviks about it.

According to a dispatch from New York to the Balti-
more Sun, a movement has been started by a committee
of independent Republicans to make Herbert Hoover
the nominee of the Republican party for president. In
the meantime the New Hampshire Democrats have ap-
propriated him and several delegates from that state
to the San Francisco convention have binding instructions.
There is not yet much prospect that Mr. Hoover
will be the candidate for either of the old parties, but
it is worth while to notice that in the talk he is running
well with any other man. The obvious moral is that
in this country the surest way to strike the popular
imagination and become a national hero is to display
ability to do big things simply and well.

Down in Pittsburgh the city council has begun a cam-
paign against profiteering in rent which is apt to pro-
duce some salutary immediate results and to have ef-
fects that will be felt for a long time. One of the fea-
tures of the movement is a public hearing of the griev-
ances of tenants whose rents have been raised. All
who have been subjected to increases of more than 25
per cent have been invited to tell the world about it,
and as a result some things that landlords probably
would like to keep quiet are coming out and the officers
of the board of assessors have intimated that income
and not building cost in the future will be the basis of
assessments on real estate.

Admiral Sims probably is right when he declares that
the American navy did not do the things that it should
have done during the first six months of our participa-
tion in the war, but he is talking nonsense when he
declares that if it had pursued a different course it
would have been possible to end the war in July in-
stead of November of 1918. If there had been a
railroad straight to the front it would have been im-
possible to put an American army there and sooner,
for the simple reason that it could not have been
trained any faster than it was. As it is, some of the
critics are talking about men drafted in the spring
of 1918 being killed in France before they had learned
how to use their rifles. It is about time for some of
these critics of the American war effort to be ordered to
fall back far enough to get a perspective so that they
will be able to appreciate what a truly remarkable and
altogether magnificent affair it was. Some of them are
like the overworked surgeon who came to the conclusion
that the whole war was a failure because he could not
get a railroad siding built to the hospital over which he
was in command.

The fight to secure ratification in this state for the
suffrage amendment which began badly has ended well.
There is of course some incidental soreness, but all this
will be forgiven long before the general election rolls
around. But two more ratifications are now needed to
give women the right to vote at the next election, and
there seems every prospect that these will be obtained
before many weeks pass.

Woodrow does it himself occasion-
ally and he knows.

So they are going to put the rotund
follower of the aristocratic old re-
actionary who did not approve of votes
for women back in the days of Rome's
greatest glory on trial.

And if there are any women on the
jury what he'll get 'll be a plenty.

One of the witnesses in the Bergdoll
draft evasion trial is a Hagerstown
hotel clerk named Ina Dayhoff.

You can make your own wheezes,
but it is certain that if young Bergdoll
had taken no more than a day off in
Hagerstown he would not now be so
deep in trouble.

How would it do for the Demmes to
nominate Colonel Wait for one of the
court house jobs this fall?

But don't forget, girls, there'll be
other guys who perhaps cannot write
as well as Col. Wait but who were just
as much opposed to woman suffrage
at that ticket.

Make 'em come clean on both
tickets.

They know what is before 'em now
and if they do not make the right kind
of nominations soak the cleaning
ones.

And just remember that the rest
room question has not yet been settled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HON. JESSE A. BLOCH FOR CONGRESS.

FAIRMONT, March 10.—[Editor
The West Virginian.]—The First Con-
gressional district will send a Repub-
lican to congress at the next election,
that is sure, and there is no man in
the district who has, by conspicuous
public service, made a superior claim
to this honor than the Hon. Jesse A.
Bloch, senator from Ohio county, who
has risen to the supreme occasion of
saving the day for woman suffrage in
West Virginia by transcending trip to
break the dead-lock in the state sen-
ate. Senator Bloch is no novice in leg-
islative procedure, he having already re-
presented Ohio county in the house of
delegates before he was given the
higher honor of the senatorship from
the Panhandle district. He is a man
with extensive business experience,
being one of Wheeling's most inter-
esting manufacturers and identified
with the state's industrial progress in
many other business enterprises. The
First Congressional district being one
of large manufacturing interests Sen-
ator Bloch would immediately marshal
to his support an influential following
and there is no district in the state
that needs the solid, old reliable in-
fallible business policy of a sound
protective tariff than this district.

If Senator Bloch can be induced to
make this race he is in every way
qualified to fill this office with credit
to himself and honor and satisfaction
to his constituents and no man in the
district could perfect a better organi-
zation and make a more vigorous
campaign than he.

If you want a Republican in con-
gress from the First district, and one
whose statesmanship and Republi-
canism you can implicitly rely, wire
or write Senator Bloch that you want
him to make this race for you.

—REPUBLICAN.

Evening Chat

Don't Take Off Your Un-a-wares.

The usual early spring warmth per-
vaded everything yesterday and many
people immediately removed part of
their wearing apparel to conform
with the weather. In about a week
we'll have a new crop of the finest
colds anywhere. There isn't anything
more conducive to colds than this
sort of weather minus the usual cloth-
ing. Winter coats and other things
should be continued for some time
yet.

Here She Is.

Here is an example of the sort of
woman who is never satisfied any-
where. You can run across her most
anywhere, and she is to be found in
Fairmont as well as in other cities.

"Oh, I'm so lonely," wails the af-
fected one. "I am cooped up all day.
I see nobody. I go nowhere. Oh,
dear, Oh, dear!"

BETTER THAN WHISKEY FOR COLDS AND FLU

New Elixir, Called Aspiron-
al, Medicated With Latest
Scientific Remedies, Used
and Endorsed by Euro-
pean and American Army
Surgeons to Cut Short a
Cold and Prevent Complica-
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structed to Refund Price
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The sensation of the year in the
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tatively guaranteed by the laborator-
ies; tested, approved and most enthu-
siastically endorsed by the highest
authorities, and proclaimed by the
common people as ten times as quick
and effective as whiskey, rock and
rye, or any other cold and cough re-
medy they have ever tried.

All drug stores are now supplied
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you have to do to get rid of that cold
is to step into the nearest drug store,
hand the clerk half a dollar for a bot-
tle of Aspironal and tell him to serve
you two teaspoonfuls with four tea-
spoonfuls of water in a glass. With
your watch in your hand, take the
drink at one swallow and call for your
money back in two minutes if you can-
not feel your cold fading away like a
dream within the time limit. Don't
be bashful, for all druggists invite you
and expect you to try it. Everybody's
singing it.

When your cold or cough is re-
lieved, take the remainder of the bot-
tle home to your wife and babies, for
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effective, the easiest to take and the
most agreeable cold and cough re-
medy for infants and children.—Adv.

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"Well, why don't you get out, join
some women's club, stir around and
be somebody?"

"Because I think too much of my
home!"

Can't you lay your finger on a wo-
man like that right this moment? I
can. It isn't altogether unexplained
either. Women do feel very often
that the home doesn't satisfy them,
but they have been brought up to be-
lieve their place is there all the time
and somehow they can't seem to get
away from the idea. They've become
so used to sticking around constantly
that it is actual pain to pull the
away. As a consequence they aren't
happy anywhere. If they try going
calling or to the club, the children
can't leave home from school first and get
into mischief. If they stay home, they
grow too hard and don't see a mo-
ment ahead to sit down. It's mostly
a matter of lack of judgment, an in-
ability to know just how much home
to mix with just so much club or
other dissipation. The two work ad-
mirably together, but neither will get
along exclusive of the other.

Maybe It Will Be Worth All the Trouble.

There are a lot of men congregated
on the streets today discussing wo-
men to still greater degree than ever
since the ratification of equal suf-
frage late yesterday. Why are the
men so worried about the thing? Some
of them appear almost frantic and
are rushing about today quite
distracted. "Now what will happen!"
they exclaim, not in question form,
but as an exclamation suggesting all
sorts of possibilities. "We'll not have
to give up our seats to the ladies any-
more," they say half in jest. "We'll
not have to treat women as though

they were on pedestals in the future.
They'll come down now to common
level." This they say in earnest.

I don't think any one is very sure
what is going to happen to this state
following woman suffrage put to the
test. But I believe, in spite of pre-
dictions to the contrary, that women
who demand respect and considera-
tion will continue to receive it from
men just as in the past in spite of the
vote. There isn't any more reason
why a woman can't go to the polls
and vote in a respectable manner
without insult than there is that she
should go to any other public place
where she mingles in a mixed crowd
and receives proper treatment.

Many men predict that the country
will go to ruin because they declare
they can buy women's votes. Tut,
tut, my man, did it think this hasn't
been going on long before women had
a single thought outside of rocking
the cradle? There will always be the
element composed of both men and
women who would sell their souls for
they received sufficient pay for it—
some will sell them for less than suf-
ficient. We'll have added troubles in
taking care of an increased voting
population, it is true, but who knows
what the result will be? Maybe it
will be worth all the trouble.

The first private wireless message
since government wireless control was
lifted, was sent through the New
Brunswick (N. J.) station at midnight
March 1.

FORMER RESIDENT HONORED.
Fred W. Karhl, a former resident of
this city, has been named president of
the Chamber of Commerce at Mt. Ver-
non, Ohio. They had resided there
since leaving this city a number of
years ago.

Fairmont is no Exception

Fairmont People Come Out as Frank-
ly Here as Elsewhere.

Fairmont people publicly recom-
mend Doan's Kidney Pills. This paper
is publishing Fairmont cases from
week to week. It is the same every-
where. Home testimony in home pa-
pers. Doan's are praised in fifty thou-
sand signed statements, published in
3,000 communities. Fairmont people
are no exception. Here's a Fairmont
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I know they are a good remedy, for
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happened last evening at Charleston.

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ominous.

Tell him that the friends of Wood-
row are planning to bring him to trial
for guessing wrong.

That's a terrible offense in polit-
ica.