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Timely Warning

The following, cut from The Banner under date of May 13th, a reprint from The Brattleboro Phoenix:

Increase Your Fire Insurance

The fire which destroyed the hotel, town hall and a fine residence in Townshend Saturday morning calls attention again to two ways in which fire losses may be figured. All of the buildings now in ashes were in excellent condition and were built at a time when materials and labor cost far less than at present. At first thought a person in figuring out the loss would say that the buildings cost certain sums, naming the exact amounts expended in constructing them. But there is more or to the loss than this and you get it by asking "How much will it cost to replace the buildings?" The expense in putting back buildings duplicating those burned at Townshend would be more than 50 per cent. above their actual cost of construction. Here is where the trouble comes in, particularly with the hotel, which was of so great a value to the community. The Phoenix is not trying to boom the fire insurance business, but in view of the fact that many buildings now in regular use could not be replaced for anything like their estimated value their owners to be properly protected ought to carry larger insurance policies than at present. — Brattleboro Phoenix.

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NO LOAFERS WANTED

The Banner has long urged that all surplus labor be commanded and gently but firmly led to the woodpile or some other healthy and essential job. The St. Albans Messenger comes forward with a well written argument on the same subject.

New York comes into line with an anti-loafing law and it is the intention of the Empire state to force into useful activity those who in ordinary times either do not have to work, or refuse to do so even though their circumstances may require it.

Many may think that it is a strange commentary on the state of affairs when no man is asked to go to work at a time when labor is one of the most important of all post-war factors.

But the right to work or not to work has been looked upon as an impo-

rtant right of free men to be determined by their own free will, and more especially has this been considered the proper reward of previous successful activity.

There has always been a question whether the son of a successful father had a moral right to lead his way through the world, contributing nothing to it as a compensation for his existence, but even this has been a question for individual consideration and decision, and while the leading son of a rich father has been an object of contempt in the eyes of honest toilers, still it never has been seriously argued that such a one should be made to take his place in labor's ranks.

But war brings many innovations and necessarily implies many changes of mind. It is no longer a question of rich or poor, or youth or age, or even of sex. Now it is a question of mobilizing the greatest bulk of man power (and this includes woman power) working toward the common goal of victory.

In the present absence of things there is no justification of the other of the man or woman who will not work. It is in the credit of the wealthy that these anti-loafing laws are not aimed at them. In this country, as in Europe, no class has seen its duty clearer or with a greater determination than that which includes the more fortunate as far as money matters are concerned.

True sons of the rich have gone into the army and the navy in great numbers. The rich fathers have thrown themselves into war-work without reserve. The rich mothers are doing war-work in a hundred forms. So that the rich, as a class, are meeting their common obligation in a satisfactory way, the number of loafers being relatively small.

But it is different with those at the other extreme, those whose incomes are moderate and who seem irresponsible in the call of the times. It is the outer house, the man, who refuses all kinds of work, who asks where a job may be found only that he may have information which will enable him to avoid running into it, who needs attention.

This class is found all over the continent, in the small towns and in the great city. His presence is a most disturbing element, for comparisons are drawn between the taking of an ambitious young man always on the job, for the draft, with the town boy, or is left to disgrace the street corner or to elevate his foot to the brass rail which surrounds the new spires.

There is no reason why these loafers should be left in their idleness. The opportunity should be given them to secure jobs where they will be producers instead of consumers, and in their failing to grasp the opportunity, they should be clapped into a place of detention where they will be made to labor and to labor hard.

There is no place in the economic scheme of things for the lounge lizard, or the street corner loafer. We are desperately in need of the production of hundreds of thousands, and we must have labor. Even if a man cannot be made to participate in a stupor of production, still he can be made to contribute enough to support and maintain himself. If there is no way of getting this much out of an individual in these days, then starvation is his deserved lot, although, of course, we couldn't go on as far as this country. But we can at least lock them up and make them produce as much as they will.

The anti-loafing laws find their justification in the present day emergency. There is no need of being too fussy about individual rights and freedom of choice. The justification of a right is the performance of a duty. What rights being in those who refuse to perform their duty when the fate of the nation is at stake? Loafing is well-nigh a capital offense these days, with each leader his own executioner.

Gov. Horace P. Graham has issued the following Red Cross week proclamation:

The second year of our participation in the Great War finds us, like our soldiers, in our place for service. Our desire is that we may be given an opportunity to do our best in this war. We send our boys on their way to the front and turn to those individuals which will support and comfort them in the work they have so bravely taken up. The Red Cross appeals to us for a second war fund. The Nation is asked to raise one hundred million dollars. Vermont's share is two hundred thousand dollars.

In conformity with the proclamation of the President,

J. Horace P. Graham, Governor, designate May 20 to 27, Inclusive Red Cross Week.

Let special observances be held in the churches and schools and let all organizations in the State converge to help in this campaign. Assure the soldier that the citizens at home are all engaged in campaigns. In every war endeavor, whether a loan to the Government or a voluntary contribution of men or money to the cause, Vermont has in each instance cheerfully contributed more than her quota. This is rather our privilege than our boast. I know that all citizens of the State will join in coming forward with our effort in this campaign.

Look to the Government provide the arms of war; Red Cross funds provide the care and healing of war's wounds and the alleviation of war's distresses. Every contribution to the Red Cross is both a loan and a gift. It is an investment in our own security and happiness. It is a gift and may be the last touch of comfort for him who gives his life for you and me.

The New England division, the 20th, has now been in service in France for six months and while its service has not been the most severe its record may be fair criterion. The casualties suffered by the 20th since its arrival in France now total nearly 1,000. While these figures seem large the Springfield Union points out that the division numbers about 26,000 men, and its units have been in active service at the front for several months, participating in a large num-

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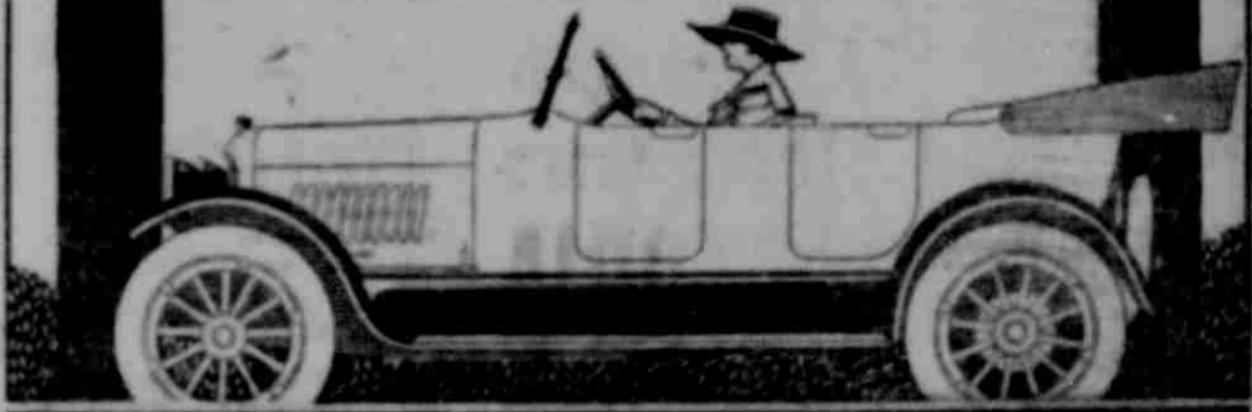
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