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TAKING THE "KICK" OUT OF WAR.

Everyone knows that we covet no territory, we entertain no imperialistic designs; we harbor no enmity toward any other people," said President Coolidge in his Memorial Day address at Arlington.

The statement is correct, except, unfortunately, the first phrase, "everyone knows." Everyone ought to know, but everyone doesn't, and that is what causes wars.

The differences in racial customs, languages, commercial practices, religions and social conduct cannot always be reconciled with harmonious relationships.

War is becoming less probable all the time, because the people of the world are getting together and understanding one another as never before.

The late war against the Riffs by France and Spain was frowned upon even to the point where the Riffians got some undeserved sympathy along with some that was deserved.

THE RAILROAD'S DOLLAR.

When you spend a dollar with a railway company, here is what becomes of it:

- One cent goes to pay the officers.
Forty-one cents pays all other employes.
Eight cents for locomotive fuel.
Eighteen cents for materials and supplies.
Two cents for loss and damage, injuries to persons and insurance.
Three cents for depreciation and retirements.
Seven cents for taxes.
Two cents for equipment and jointly used property.
Twelve cents for interest and other fixed charges.
Six cents is the balance of operating dollar for stockholders and property improvement.

These figures are given out by the Western Railways' Committee on Public Regulations of Chicago. The last item, of six cents, does not mean that the stockholders get a 6 per cent return.

The figures are more than interesting. Assuming their correctness, they are even convincing that all of the money received by our transportation companies does not go to the owners or to Wall street.

THE INCREASING POWER OF RESCUE.

A crew of men and passengers are saved from a sinking Hudson River steamer, miners are rescued from crumbling shafts, drowning persons are pulled to shore and resuscitated, and children and grownups are snatched from burning buildings.

There are more accidents in this age because there are more people, more hazards taken, more lives risked in industry, in sport, in exploration and in the ordinary duties of life.

First aid, pulmotors, electric drills, life saving apparatus, and the human element of protection all enter into the general scheme of safety and deliverance from fatality.

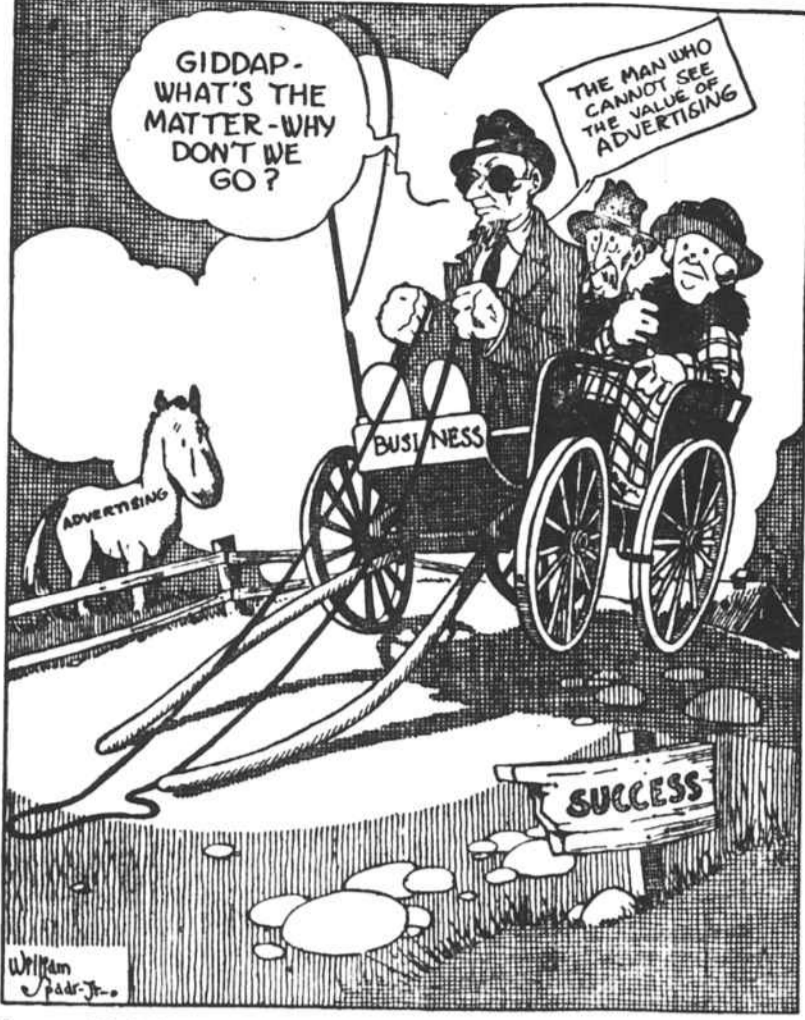
Some men are so wet-minded the roofs of their mouths leak when they talk.

Be cautious of the fellow who says his latch-string is always out. There's a string to it.

If it was jazz the cat was playing on his fiddle, no wonder the cow jumped over the moon.

Too many of us are putting one foot down on speeding and the other foot on the accelerator.

OVERLOOKING THE HORSE



One could feel nothing but pity for the blind man in the picture who wonders why his carriage does not move when he says "Giddap." He knows he is sitting in the wagon with reins in hand, and that he is going through all the usual performances of a driver.

This man has a reasonable excuse, for he cannot see. But there are many men with the power of physical sight who are in the hopeless predicament of the blind driver because they fail to see important things but look for the results that come from them.

COLLECTIVE THINKING.

Much as we may prize our right of individual opinion and our cherished form of private enterprise, there must of necessity be a certain amount of collective working out of community problems.

There should be a clearing house of ideas which will mean the realization of ideals. To accomplish this the citizens of our community should work together as never before.

CALLING A CRIMINAL A SPADE.

A dispatch from Boston tells of the sentencing of Charles Ponzi, financial "wizard," from seven to nine years as a "common crook and notorious thief."

White collar crooks have been pampered too much with high-sounding names. They have been made too heroic by pleasant words and phrases.

If our forefathers had been foresighted, they would have written it "life, liberty and the pursuit of our right of way."

Now that Germany has filed her application for membership in the League, we suppose the matter will be referred to the committee on helmets and poison gas.

THE PARAGRAPHER.

By Albert L. Berry.

National. Vice President Dawes seemed to have forgotten his determination to reform the rules of the United States Senate. Experience must have taught him that he was up against a stone wall.

Bishop Manning.

The ability to create faith in men is what has made Bishop Manning the outstanding and leading churchman of America. To him belongs the faith, the courage and the steadfast ability to carry through the noblest and grandest cathedral ever built in America.

The International Eucharistic Congress being held at present in Chicago seems to be the greater event of the year, and is attracting more attention and larger crowds than the sesqui-centennial at Philadelphia.

Golf.

If Bobby Jones keep up his wonderful exhibit of golf this week in England, that he showed last week when he played 36 hole in 134, the British will give him a title, call him Sir Robert, and confer knighthood or some other honor on him.

Home Town Topics.

I have had my fling at the Mayor; in fact, I have had several flings at him, and I know that others have had. So I secured a copy of the charter of the town of Tryon and read it carefully.

The first thing I found on studying the charter is that Tryon has the best form of village or town government that the best minds on this side of the Atlantic have been able to devise.

From Our Exchanges.

To Talk Economy. (Spartanburg Herald.)

Tonight in Memorial Continental hall in Washington about 1,500 important officers of the government departments will meet for the purpose of hearing the president preach economy.

For the meeting will be in charge of the budget commission, that business organization of the government which has been functioning for five years, and which will tonight engage in its eleventh formal meeting.

There are two views of the operation of the budget commission since it was organized in 1921. To one group of citizens it has meant only another expensive bureau of the government in Washington, pretending to operate toward a reduction of expenses but without notable success.

Discussion of the doomed Haugen farm bill goes on in congress, and is expected to continue till the end of this week. Even its friends admit that it cannot be passed, but they continue to argue for it.

Not Sure They Want It.

(New York Times.)

One of the commonest arguments used in congress for the Haugen bill is that the farmers want it. It may be that the farmers want it. It may not be in all respects what those who advocate it would like to have it, but they say that the great Middle West, the militant corn belt, the vast agricultural interests of the country are united in demanding the legislation.

There is always danger of making sad blunders when any one undertakes to "give the public what it wants." That prescription, as applied to newspapers and magazines, was made the subject of a caustic and informative little essay by Miss Rose Macaulay. She found on investigation that editors and publishers most insisted upon giving the public what it wanted were lamentably ignorant of what the public really wanted.

A Bumper "Carry-Over."

(Charlotte Observer.)

According to the "Cotton Service Bureau" of the Merchants' National Bank of Boston, a big "carry-over" situation faces the cotton industry. The estimate is that world consumption of American cotton during the current season ending July 31, will be about 13,700,000 bales, linters are not being counted.

And the fact is: The carry-over of 6,200,000 bales will be by far the largest since the abnormal end-season stock in the summer of 1921 following the deflation and business stagnation of the previous twelve months.

Democratic Deficit. The deficit in the campaign funds of the Democratic party brought over from the 1924 election—the deficit, that is, not the funds, was brought over—had been cleared off. But it seems that only a portion was disposed of and that there is still due a matter of \$150,000, which is being carried by the national committee in the form of notes in bank.

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