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**A CHALLENGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE**

The trying economic condition under which the world has labored for the past several months constitutes a challenge to the American people.

It challenges the resourcefulness of a nation that is capable of resourcefulness. It challenges the courage of a nation that is inherently courageous.

It challenges the best minds of a nation that leads the modern world in ability to produce great minds.

It challenges the wealth of a nation that has material things in abundance.

The American people have turned to the task of relieving human want and suffering with a keen realization of their duty to those who are out of work. No nation has shown greater devotion to the problem of bringing order out of chaos in the economic world. That spirit must be kept alive.

"Of whining and complaining and lamenting there is enough," declares the Charlotte Observer in an editorial captioned, "The Call For Courage." That is our settled conviction. Adversities, as the Observer points out, should be met with a determined, resolute grim, relentless iron of will not to be whipped by them.

Press dispatches from Seattle, Washington, last Wednesday told of how 2,000 unemployed men organized for an indefinite stay in the city hall, saying they would not leave until their relief demands were granted. What were those demands?

They asked for three days work a week at a wage scale of \$1.50 per day, for the county to give \$13.50 per week per family in groceries, free light and water from the city plant and for free gasoline on which to make a pilgrimage to the state capitol to present their claims to the state legislature which is in session. Press dispatches also recorded the efforts of some members of the group to sing "Internationale," "Solidarity," and other communist songs.

That is not patriotism. That is not displaying the true American spirit. That is not a way out of the unfavorable economic conditions which have prevailed.

Relief forces of the nation, confronted with a task such as they have never been called upon to face before, have striven mightily to prevent every citizen from suffering of cold and hunger. If the relief work is to be carried on successfully, they must have the co-operation of those for whom relief is given.

Many municipalities have taken a wise step in demanding of "relief cases" that an effort be made to help themselves. No honest man should hesitate to respond to that appeal. "Relief cases" can help themselves and help bring the country back to prosperity if they will cultivate a garden, accept the wages and work which is at hand and keep faith with the pioneering spirit of our forefathers who founded this nation.

The confession of the would-be assassin of President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt is evidence that an un-American doctrine exists. "I hate all officials and anybody who is rich" is the only excuse he could give for a dastardly effort to end the life of the man who is to be the next President of the United States.

We do not believe that such a doctrine has any large number of believers. We do not believe that the majority of the people have lost confidence in the government or the administrators of national affairs. Yet such lack of courage as displayed by the group at Seattle and the doctrine illustrated by Guiseppe Zingari are capable of retarding progress in the direction of recovery.

It must be stated that the majority of Americans have accepted their lot with a patience and a fortitude which when the history of these times is written will be the bright page in it all. The quiet and orderly way with which most demands have been made makes it all the more important that we find a solution. The way out is clear. There must be no

surrender to false doctrines, no nourishment of false hopes. Courage must be shown in facing the problems with which we are confronted—the type of courage which has always characterized the American people.

Soldiers less courageous than those led by George Washington would have disappeared, given up hope at Valley Forge. They would have returned to their homes, resentful of the circumstances which caused them to live under the tyrannical rule of the British government, with the alibi that the British soldiers were paid—soldiers who were well fed and amply clothed, while their own lot was such that it were better to surrender than to see the thirteen colonies through.

But they, with their courageous, fearless and indomitable leader, George Washington, neither whined nor complained. Placing their faith in a Supreme Being in whom they believed, they fought on and won a glorious victory.

Similar courage is the need of the hour. It is foolish to surrender when battles may be won. That was the spirit of Washington's men.

America is fortunate today in having two men as leaders of the two great political parties who are courageous, who are throwing their entire influence toward the coveted goal—work and a reasonable return for that work for every man who honestly wants to work.

President Hoover, as titular head of the Republican party, who will become a private citizen on March 4, last week sounded the rallying call to Republicans of the nation to support the new administration in all its constructive measures. We have confidence in Mr. Hoover and believe that he and the Republican party are sincere in their declaration of support. Franklin D. Roosevelt comes into office with the promise of giving relief, with the promise of a "new deal." That he will fulfill that promise if it is within his power to do so is unquestioned. To be successful he must be backed by a people who are demonstrating a "determined, resolute grim, and a relentless iron of will not to be whipped" by adversities.

The spirit of Washington who led his soldiers through the hardships at Valley Forge, the spirit of Lincoln who saved a nation torn with internal strife and the spirit of Wilson who envisioned a world made "safe for democracy" come back from the grave and call upon us to have courage and hold firm in the principles of sound government and peaceful society.

With such a faith and with such a courage, by the help of the Almighty God we shall soon find our way out and once again, be on the way to the banishment of bread-lines and poor houses.

**Back To People**

The question of repealing the Eighteenth Amendment goes back to the people as a result of the passage of the Blaine resolution by the House of Representatives Monday. The Congress of the United States said this in effect:

"There has been so much pressure from repealists and from the bone dries that we are shifting the responsibility from us to the people. Now it is up to the wets to show their strength and get the required number of states to ratify repeal and up to the dries to keep this from happening."

The Journal-Patriot has always been dry in sentiment, from the first doubting the wisdom of repeal unless a better method of controlling the liquor traffic were proposed. However, it is American democracy to let the majority rule. When the repeal legislation goes before the people in each state, the opportunity will come for each side to show its strength and fight for victory.

Incidentally, The Journal-Patriot was first to publish the news that the House had passed the repeal measure in this section, not even the afternoon dailies carrying the information on Monday.

When a man bites a dog, that's news. When a man ousts a lady as society editor, that is also news. Here's wishing Mr. Armfield and the Elkin Tribune much success.

Everything has good points. Taking a deep breath for a long kiss develops a girl's lungs.

The great China question, as seen in most of our homes, is, "Who will wash the dishes?"

He who keeps too many irons in the fire gets burned.

Trouble is a lot of fun and fun is a lot of trouble.

Lots of us are looking for the path of least persistence.

**BY THE WAYSIDE**

By S. B. F.

How can I better my condition? This is the question which stands up and looks us squarely in the eye every morning, is it not? Yes! And it is going to look us squarely in the eye until we solve it if we expect to get anywhere. The great business of life is thinking. Control our thoughts and we control circumstances. The first law of gain is desire. The formula of success is belief. Believe that we have it. . . see it as an existent fact . . . and anything we rightly wish for is ours, if we work hard enough for it. Believe if "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

There are people in the world, (we all know some of them) seemingly no more capable than the average person, doing the seemingly impossible. . . while the rest of us plod along day after day, getting no where. Belief is the power that gives new life to our dying ambitions, and gives us a new start on the road to success, and faith in ourselves and our ability to do, and to win success, from seemingly certain defeat. We all need more faith in ourselves and our ability to accomplish things.

The knowledge that we can do anything that we think we can should make incurable optimists of us. It is the open door to welfare, and we should keep it open by expecting to gain everything that is right. We should clear out our channels of thought, open up our minds. Gain a mental attitude in which you are constantly looking for good. A great many people in this world never see anything that is good in life. The great trouble with many of us is that we are mentally lazy. The great man of the world have been men who believed that there is no limit to what they could accomplish, and who struck to that belief until their goal was won, in spite of all the sneers of the "It-Can't-Be-Done's." Moreover the great men did not sit down when they had achieved one success.

If we concentrate upon the thing we are most interested in ideas in abundance will come to us opening up numerous ways of winning whatever goal we are striving for. But we must not let success satisfy us . . . we must keep striving for greater success. We cannot stand still . . . we must either go forward . . . or be passed by.

Complacency . . . self-satisfaction, is the greatest enemy to getting what we want. We must keep striving. The only failure of mind comes from worry and fear . . . or from disuse. "The more the mind does, the more it can do." For ideas release energy. We should always keep in mind that success or failure is merely a state of one's mind. If we believe that we "can't" do a thing then we will not do it. The one and only thing we have to win success with is mind. For one's mind to work at the highest capacity we need to have a good supply of good cheer and optimism.

We make the pattern of our life. The richness of life is within us and no one has failed so long as he can begin again. A happy disposition is the result of happy, cheery thinking. Health and prosperity are the results primarily of optimistic thoughts. Mental attitude is more than half the battle of life.

Triple Murder Is Up To New York Police

New York, Feb. 20.—Police were confronted today with a triple murder mystery, following the discovery of the bodies of two men and a woman, shot to death in a mid-town speakeasy.

John Sweeney, a middle-aged newspaper peddler, stumbled onto the bodies before dawn when he made his register call at the bar room to give a paper to the bartender.

Michael Griffin, the bartender, who was known as "Patsy," lay flat on his back behind the bar. John Egan, an ex-convict who escaped from Sing Sing in 1931, was sprawled across the floor. An attractive young woman, Dorothy Miller, who had a police record of petty crime, lay in a corner.

Egan's left hand was frozen to the butt of a fully loaded pistol which he had been trying to pull from his overcoat pocket when he was shot.

Each of the victims had been shot in the right side of the head. A fourth shot hit Egan in the jaw.

Police attributed the killing to a racketeer war.

Form "League of Rights" Okmulgee, Okla., Feb. 18.—About 500 farmers and laborers of Okmulgee county today organized a "League of Rights" with the object of preventing sale of mortgaged property for the next two years. A "vigilante committee," composed of one representative from each of the county's 50 precincts, was named at the mass meeting.

**Gems Of Thought**

SENTIMENTS

Some of the greatest of the sentiments are: the aesthetic sentiment, which is appreciation of beauty in its multitudinous forms; the moral sentiment, which is appreciation of lofty and heroic action or sacrifice; the intellectual sentiment, which is appreciation of truth and loyalty to it; and the religious sentiment, which is appreciation of the Divine as it breaks through and reveals itself.

These sentiments are all springs of joy. Joy is the thrill of satisfaction that comes when we attain some desired goal in the sphere of any one of these sentiments. Keats tells us that a thing of beauty, a thing of real loveliness, is "a joy forever," but only those can enjoy beauty for a moment, or forever, who have cultivated, developed and organized their appreciation of beauty. It is not something "shot in" from the outside. It is possible to live and die and never once feel the joy that springs from loveliness. As a child Wordsworth felt his heart "leap up" when he beheld "a rainbow in the sky," and by the culture and organization of his imagination and sentiment of beauty he became able to have his whole being raised to a thrill of rapture over the ruins of Tintern Abbey: "I have felt.

A presence that disturbs me with the joy Of elevated thoughts."

—Rufus M. Jones.

**The Family DOCTOR**

By John Joseph Gains, M. D.

**FUMIGATION**

Too seldom do people fumigate their apartments, in these wintry days, when habitations are closed so many hours of the day and night.

Air in living-rooms may become quickly polluted. A guest may happen in for an hour's chat. He may have a cough, not enough to proclaim him an invalid—yet he may be what we call a "flu carrier." He may inoculate receptive victims in any house he visits, and do it with-

out in the least being conscious of the act.

One or two fumigations a week does no harm—it's well worth the effort.

Not so very long ago, sulphur candles were burned in rooms that had held contagious diseases. My opinion is, that such an agency is wholly ineffectual. I came against it once in a small-pox epidemic, and it proved utterly worthless.

A fumigant must be volatile—capable of being dispersed in the air of the room; it must be effective against germs. Having these two properties, you have the ideal agent. I have tested out a solution of FORMALDEHYDE to my satisfaction. If handled carefully, it is safe in the hands of the family. Its pungent, irri-

tating odor warns against excessive dose. I use a 40 cent solution known as "Formalin."

Sprinkled about the linen closets, particularly in the clothes-hamper containing soiled linen for the laundry; a little here and there about the bedding—enough to "bite" the nose and eyes a little. Keep children away from the keen odor. Its use can be quickly learned. It will leave air pure, and will destroy bacteria. I have "isolated" cases of small-pox and scarlet fever, by having the air constantly formalized about the patient. Try it for fumigation; use it carefully, and depend on its effect.

Setting Junior a good example seldom goes so far as eating spinach.—Chatham (Ont.) News.



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