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A man may be plenty foolish to ask a girl to kiss him, but he's just plain ignorant when he takes "no" as final.

It is Carey Williams' notion that "the husband whose wife runs the roost doesn't ever run around with the chickens."

Suggestion to Bob Reynolds: Hire a surveyor to establish definitely which end of the State Frank Hancock calls home.

An ingrate is a fellow who asks for constructive criticism and then gets snorting mad when it is offered.

Since Colonel Frank Knox has admitted that President Roosevelt's Chicago speech was "magnificent," we are prepared to believe that there may be something to this prophecy that the world is about to come to an end.

The Equivalent of One War

President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University has figured the cost of the world war in terms that can better be understood when talking entirely of dollars. The cost not counting the millions of lives lost and the suffering that has come because of it, according to Dr. Butler would be enough to build a \$2,500 house, furnish it with \$1,000 worth of furniture, put it on five acres of land worth \$500, and give such a home to each and every family in the United States, Canada, Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany, Russia and Australia.

In addition, in each of these countries named each city of 20,000 population and over could have been given a five million dollar library and a ten million dollar college. Out of what was left, a sum could have been put aside, which at 5 per cent interest, would have provided each year a \$1,000 salary for each of 125,000 school teachers and the same yearly salary for 125,000 nurses.

And yet all these things went up in smoke—and are gone. And now we are getting ready to go at it again—do it all over again.

All those families in all those nations, all those teachers and nurses, and those cities without libraries and colleges, that have been deprived of those things Dr. Butler is talking about, collectively could make it never happen again if concertedly they would assert themselves.

What is more, the workers in those eleven countries, could themselves put a stop to that sort of needless and useless spending. By refusing to build these things that kill and destroy, these engines of death that actually may be turned on the makers themselves, they could salvage the waste and have their homes, and their libraries and colleges and pay their teachers and nurses to boot.

Yet we will continue to be without these things, continue to pay, and pay, and pay, simply because there are ambitious bragbarts hoisted to power and place, who lead us into war, deliberately and determinedly—and often for no better reason than to save their own contemptible hides.

Taxes and Pressure Groups

Congressman Doughton, through whose committee national revenues are provided, professes to see prospects of a start toward a balanced national budget, and without any material change in the tax structure. And there will be plenty of us who will be hoping that he is right.

But there are wrinkles in the tax laws that will require ironing out, either at the coming special session or at the regular session which meets in January. The clamor has been particularly loud and persistent against the present provisions of the surplus profits taxes and it will be necessary to amend this legislation for the protection of those in the smaller business brackets, or leave them seriously crippled.

But when the Congress turns its attention to taxes, that will be the signal for tax reformers to swoop down upon the luckless solons with every form of proposal under the sun. There is a general ourcry against taxes and there will be many who will use it as a shelter from which they will shell Washington with plausible theories and distorted facts for one purpose only—to get special treatment for themselves.

Everybody pawing up the earth for tax relief, serves to pulverize the soil into a fertile seedbed for strong pressure groups who will seek to have perfectly sound taxes

wiped out in what they hope will be a sort of general house-cleaning.

Because taxes are burdensome or because the system as a whole is badly organized, doesn't necessarily mean that all existing forms of taxes are not justified. So if there is to be a revision of the tax structure, it should be made in the interest of the public at large and not in the interest of special groups, powerful enough to impress their will upon Congress. Yet it is largely true that that is exactly what happens.

The present legislation covering capital gains taxes and the undistributed profits taxes of corporations, doubtless has faults that should be corrected, but their principles should not be abandoned until they have demonstrated their worth or lack of it.

By the manner in which our representatives deal with these pressure groups, their statesmanship will be measured.

The Senatorial Race

Congressman Frank Hancock has served the people of his district in the national Congress satisfactorily and with distinction. Now that he has announced that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Reynolds, it is predicted that the voters in his district will support him enthusiastically.

Those in the know have contended all the time that if Reynolds would be opposed it would fall to the lot of Hancock to do the opposing. Congressman Doughton flirted with the task for a long time, and there were many who held that Farmer Bob was the only man who could beat Reynolds. But Doughton never could quite make up his mind to face the expense and discomfort of shooting the works. Cam Morrison listened to the siren voice but apparently was too peacefully placed with his Jerseys and chickens.

The list of availables from A to izzard, was carefully canvassed and finally those who insisted that Reynolds should not retain his seat unchallenged, came back to Hancock who is young, aggressive and eager for the fray.

The public has never been given to understand just why Reynolds must be defeated. The records show that in the main he has supported the Roosevelt program, and it must be admitted that the President has not lost caste in North Carolina. Opposition to Reynolds is not wholly earmarked and tagged as coming from administration unfriends. Some of the President's heartiest supporters are just as clamorous for Reynolds' unseating as the reactionary conservatives.

In the campaign ahead it is not improbable that the real reason for this antagonistic attitude will be revealed. Already the grapevine telegraph has been saying that objection to Reynolds runs deeper than that he is a gad-about playboy, but these reasons remain in the whispering stage, which manifestly is unfair to the Senator, if he wants to defend himself.

But when the primary fight is over next year, either or both of the contestants will know they have been in a scrap. Both are young and vigorous and both are capable of putting on the rousemments which will make next year's voting anything else but dull and uninteresting occasion which it looked for a time that it would be.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Right now there are two schools of thought in this nation regarding Uncle Sam's international relationship, particularly as it relates to the conflict in China. Those who believe in studied isolation who think we should say nothing, hear nothing and see nothing as against those who contend that we cannot live in a world afire and not get burnt.

President Roosevelt who ought to be in a position to understand, could easily have been classed as an isolationist a few months back, but that was before unbelievable atrocities were the vogue: before Italy, Germany and Japan demonstrated their oneness of purpose to rule or ruin and at any sacrifice.

In his Chicago speech the President said that there should be a collective quarantining against this disease of war, and many interpreted this to mean that the people of the United States may as well get set for fighting. But in his fireside chat the President reminded his hearers that he had had some experience in foreign affairs in 1913 to 1921 and made this significant statement: "I learned much of what to do, and I also learned much of what not to do." And that alone is reassuring, in that it indicates that we will use a sane approach to the vexing problem that most certainly is ahead.

Most of us are hoping that this nation will stay out of war, but unless some active steps are taken now for the preservation of peace, war will be our lot and we can't sidestep it. If, by drastic means if necessary, Italy had been stopped from the rape of Ethiopia, or Japan's strangle hold on Manchuria loosened, there would not now be the spectacle of another slicing of China and the extension of Mussolini-Hitler ambitions in Spain. But the trouble then, as now, was that the democratic powers of the world were not prepared to demand peace, and these offending nations knew it. Drunk with their own successes they continue to hatch up pretenses, while the hatching is good.

There is universal sympathy in this nation for China, but there is also concern for the health and security of our own young manhood, and whatever the result of the approaching conference to discuss these problems, there will also be the universal hope that these may be spared the horrors of another world conflict to take its toll.

FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY

(By C. M. Dickson)

Though payday seems a long way off every person gets about what he asks for himself.

Liberty may lead to prison.

A "road hog" does not walk upon four legs. Some of them drive trucks.

When one looms above the horizon he is looking skyward.

A "has been" is better than a "gine-a-be."



A crutch is made for a cripple.

There is a wide chasm between the "get-by" age and the millennium.

Man is the only animal that has actually disappointed his Creator.

I believe in "fundamentalism" but I do not believe in undermining the foundation.

It's possible for one to stoop too low to be right humble.

Some people are dispensers of both gas and wind.

The light of Diogenes and the sword of Alexander are still crossing bats.

The Devil is the father of doubt.

To budget the mind is as essential as to budget the incomes and expenditures in business establishments.

If the rising of the tides were governed by the actions of some men they would be slow in rising.

If free public schools were prohibited by law, we would have crowded school rooms, Paul Reveres, and "shots would be heard around the world."

However much we deplore it, we sometimes have to cut the garment to suit the cloth.

A peacock lives that he may show his tail.

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