

SMASH THE ARMY CASTE

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Note by the editor: What sort of an Army should we have? With all the prominent citizens from Mr. Taft down...

The historic assaults upon American militarism have taken the triple shibboleth: "Abolish West Point," "Abolish the Professional Officer," "Smash the Regular Army."

First - the professional military school, the professional officer and the professional army, though ill-adapted to the genius of the American people...

Second - The anti-militarists, during over 100 hundred years of controversy, have lacked statesmanship. They have never proposed a military policy ample, efficient and purged of militarism.

Therefore, grudgingly, complainingly, the American people balloted for the militarists. There was no choice.

Farmer, labor and liberal opponents of militarists and militarism should develop and support a carefully drawn democratic military program.

Such a program should possess destructive and constructive features. It should abolish the professional military school, the professional officer, and the professional army. It should provide for:

A. All promotions to be from the ranks, based on courage, conduct, field and battle knowledge and educational qualifications obtainable in the graded public schools.

B. Every officer, after one to three years' service, to be withdrawn to civil life.

C. A new model volunteer army - to be the national training school for military officers - reduced to the historic minimum not in excess of 75,000 men; every citizen soldier in the rank and file undergoing a two-year intensive course in the practice and theory of company and battalion officer; graduating yearly into civil life about 87,000 highly efficient and democratically humane company and battalion commanders; also graduating, following one to three years' additional study and practice, the requisite field and general officers.

A military program based on the above general lines makes practicable a maximum reserve of trained officers at a minimum expenditure of public funds. The whole body of the manhood of the plain workaday people, not a caste-ridden, class-conscious coterie, becomes the repository of the military knowledge and ability of America. Thus "preparedness" is made safe for democracy.

TRUE TO IDEALS OF HOME

Woman Conductor Would Have No Mud Tracked Into Elevator That She Was Running.

She was a fat, comfortable looking Irish woman. You could see her putting out a good washing, or rocking a baby, but it was hard to believe your eyes when you saw her running an elevator at night in an office building.

There's a toast to home ideals in public housekeeping. May they blot out worse laws than the mere tracking of physical dirt - New York Times.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN HELPED AT STATE CLINICS

An Hour at a Clinic Shows Need For More - Cases Cited of Help Done.

Poliomyelitis (infantile Paralysis) has been increasing throughout the country for several years until in many sections it has approached the epidemic stage. It has left a trail a large number of children who, if neglected, will become cripples for life.

The established clinic list at present includes the following cities: Springfield, Waukegan, Blue Island, Chicago Heights, Oak Park, Aurora, DeKalb, Freeport, Quincy, Kankakee, Danville, Monticello and Alton, with the apparent necessity of establishing others at Rockford, Bloomington, Jacksonville and East St. Louis.

There is a touch of human nature common to all mankind which commands sympathy for a cripple, and especially for a crippled child. As a result there is a constantly growing interest on the part of the general public in the work that is being done, and in the results that are being accomplished at these clinics.

Case No. 1. A little girl of four years had suffered an attack of infantile paralysis at the age of three with the result that her lower limbs were partially paralyzed. At the clinic she was measured and proper braces supplied for the purposes of preventing deformities, and exercises prescribed to promote muscle development.

Case No. 2. A boy of five was afflicted with infantile paralysis in June of the present year, which left him with paralysis of the anterior thigh muscles. It is a problem of the good muscles over pulling the weaker muscles to the detriment of the latter, and which, if not given proper attention, would result in crooked legs and stiffened joints.

Case No. 3. This was a case of a year's standing, and was pronounced to be not so much paralysis as a general weakened condition. A child of two years has had no use of its legs since the age of three months. Braces were applied to both limbs, and the child will walk. As in the previous case, it is a matter of training, a little each day as the strength of the child will warrant.

Case No. 4. A boy of fourteen suffering from the results of infantile paralysis, a case of six year's standing. Results a crooked spine, and right leg stiff at knee from neglected paralyzed anterior thigh muscle. This is a hospital case, and the treatment will be slow, but the patient will be greatly benefited, and in time will walk without the aid of crutches.

These are only a few cases. Not only children, but grown ups come to the clinics for advice as to treatment and as to proper braces. They are merely examples of the activities of the State Department of Health in a field where labor is performed for the benefit of suffering humanity that there may be a sturdier race for the future.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and flowers at the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Fred Zarn.

William Zarn and family.

Onions for Insomnia.

If troubled with insomnia try eating raw onions at the last meal in the day. Give this a thorough trial, not once only, but for a week or two.

First Great Lithuanian Poet.

Christian Donelaitis was the first major poet among the Lithuanians. "Seasons of the Year," written in hexameter, is the most highly prized of all his works. In 1865 the Russian Imperial academy published his complete works at its own expense.

LAYING A FOUNDATION

By J. Alfred Nansen Pastor, First Evangelical Church.

The building of character is the most important business of any life. Nothing we can do for humanity is so important as that which we are building within ourselves with the passing years, and what we are to be at the end of life is a great deal truer test of real living than what we may possess or what we may have done.

The springtime of life is the time to lay the foundation for the structure of future years. Nature's spring time with its fragrant flowers and singing birds return again and again, but when youth has departed it returns no more. Without this it can never rise into strength and grandeur to become a monument of time and a landmark of history.

But with a foundation laid it takes time to build character. No great cathedral is a miracle. Stone by stone it rose above its surroundings as each block was laid into its place with toil and effort. We often overlook the formative state in the production of the bigger things in life. We praise the hero, whether statesman or warrior or Christian martyr. We enjoy ripened and delicious fruit, never thinking of the humble flower and the forces of nature which produced it and of the slow process of its development.

It takes time to build character because it takes time to construct new channels through which we may hear and see and feel and act. Every voluntary act or spoken word, whether good or evil is accompanied by that which beats down the paths a little more smoothly for another of like nature and renders it harder for one of opposite nature to gain the right-of-way.

Character, then, is in a large measure the result of culture and is developed by a process of building. True culture brings about the unfolding of personality and develops it in the highest tendencies of life.

Back of all outward manifestations is the thoughtlife of the individual, and no man is better than that inner self. The outward structure is built in accordance with the eternal law of cause and effect. The wisdom of Solomon when he said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," has been many times proven by the research and observation of the world's greatest psychologists.

Character building and thought mastery go hand in hand. "Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report... think of these things."

First Clocks Simple Affairs.

The first clocks were simple affairs which showed the hour alone; then followed the addition of the minute hand, and later came clocks which recorded the day of the month, the phases of the moon, and many other pieces of information, generally of a more or less astronomical character.

CORPORATION FEE REDUCED, BRINGS IN MORE MONEY

It appears that the only price which has been greatly reduced is that charged by the State of Illinois for the organization of corporations. Under the new Corporation Act of this State, which became effective July 1, 1919, the fee for the organization of companies has been greatly reduced, and this reduction, strange to say, is proving a great source of revenue for the State.

Although the new Act decreased fees of the Corporation Department in the office of the Secretary of State more than doubled during the month of August, 1919 over the same month of 1918.

Prior to July 1, 1919, to incorporate a company with a capitalization of \$5,000.00 required a fee of \$50.00; whereas you may now incorporate a company with a capitalization of \$40,000.00 or less for only \$20.00. Notwithstanding this fact, however, during the month of August 1919, the Corporation Department received from corporations \$43,137.41; whereas during the same month in 1918, it received only \$16,347.50.

The increased fees which the Secretary of State, Mr. Emmerson, is receiving is due to the fact that many people heretofore conducting their business as a co-partnership rather than pay the exorbitant fee required for the incorporation of a company, are incorporating under the provision of the new Act.

Some of the large corporations which have heretofore been organized under the laws of other states are also availing themselves of the provisions of the new Act, and re-incorporating under the laws of this state.

Well Named.

"The convicts who escaped went through this window, where the bars are filed." "Then if the jail had only been the post office, that would have been the general delivery window."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that I will sell on and after October, 6th, 1919, the remaining parts of International truck, License No. 361508, that was partially destroyed by fire and abandoned by the owner and left as an obstruction on the Public Highway, if the auto is not claimed and expense for the care of same is not paid before the above date.

Charles Roe, Highway Commissioner.

INTERNATIONAL

Two Tommies went into a restaurant on the eastern front and said to the waiter: "We want Turkey with Greece." "Sorry," the waiter replied, "but we can't Serbia." "Well, then, get the Bosphorus." The boss came in and heard their order. Then he said, "I don't want to Russia, but you can't Rumania." So the Tommies went away Hungry.

CONGREGATIONALISTS

The new program of Sunday activities adopted by the Congregational Church and Bible School goes into effect

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 TH.

THE ANNUAL RALLY SUNDAY.

The "Whole Family Service" starts at 10 A. M., all the adults gathering in the old church and the rest of the family in the new building.

Until 10:45 o'clock the time will be devoted to class study of the Bible. Intelligently chosen courses in the hands of able teachers will make this hour very profitable.

At 10:45 o'clock all classes come together in the new building and join in the public service of worship. Orchestra, choir, pipe organ and piano will be combined to give music special prominence in this service.

THE PROMOTION EXERCISES

of the various grades in the Bible school will occupy the time of the usual sermon on this occasion.

At 6:30 P. M. the young people gather for a social hour with light refreshments followed by a program of sacred music, devotions and study of a topic of special interest to young folks. There will be no other evening service. This is the young folks own special hour.

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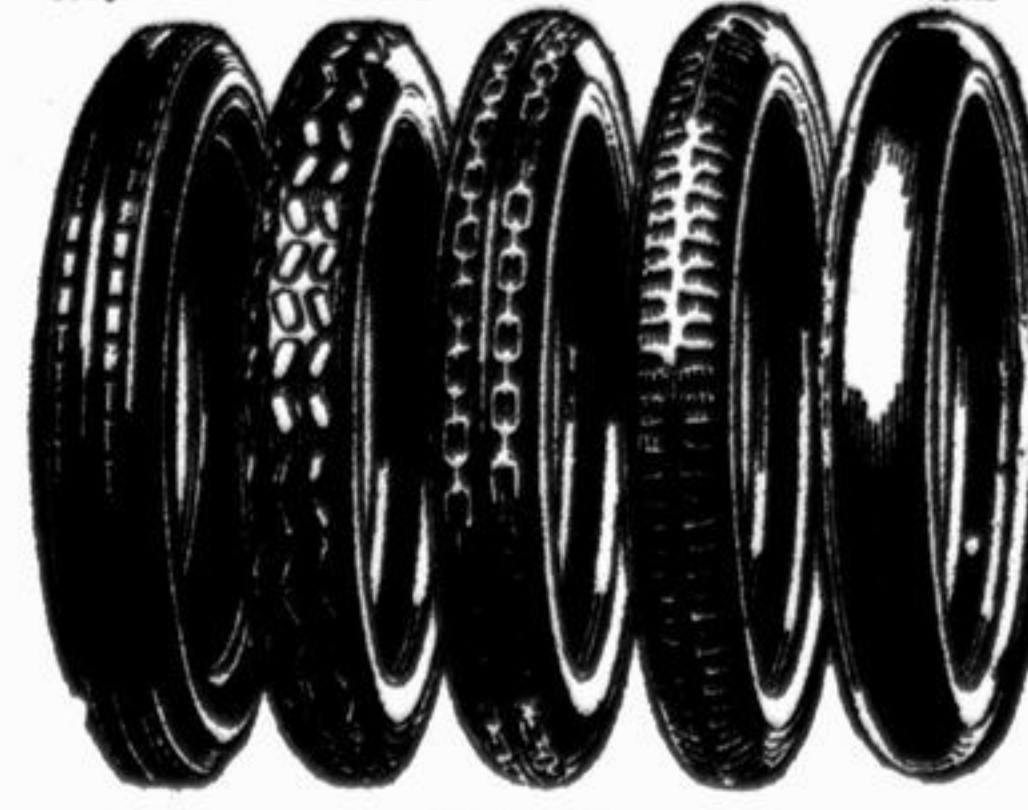
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