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A COURAGEOUS CRITICISM

In a most convincing article in the Atlantic Monthly for July, Henry Justin Smith, editor of the Chicago Daily News, discourses upon the essential ugliness of Chicago. He does not mince words. He does not say, "a certain city," nor does he touch upon the homeliness of streets and shops, factories, river, and railroad in a manner calculated to disguise the particular city to which he refers. No, he apparently deems Chicago so indubitably ugly that any apology for his attitude would be wholly unwarranted. He therefore makes his attack direct and in the open. He calls his article "The Ugly City," and names it flatly—Chicago.

"Behold the 'loop,'" he says. "The loop happened to us more than twenty years ago when the masters of transportation built coils of track around the central district. These tracks disfigure and overwhelm the heart of Chicago. Squared in the center of four major streets stand the soot-stained uprights, a forest of legs with feet sunken in the pavements. Overhead run the tracks and timbers, turning the space below into a level like a mine gallery.... This foul and grim structure, all sweating iron, and gloomy platforms, and dirty cars, monopolizes the four streets...."

"The four streets are discouraged. One of them, nearest the lake and parallel with it, tries to be gay with piano-stores and furniture stores and book-stores. But even this thoroughfare has the anxious, slightly damaged aspect of a middle-aged person anticipating decay. As for the three others, they have given up attempting to be cheerful or progressive. For whole blocks they exhibit little besides the driftwood of city life. They are prolific of stool-and-counter restaurants, fly-blown fruiteries, saloons with tattered-mat customers in plain view, battered stairways ascending to sweatshops, lodging houses and detective agencies, or the rudely carved relics of what were once fine business buildings."

Then there are the tenement buildings, which "stand shamefacedly in the company of decent and thriving structures. Nobody will repair them. They become signboards for the landlords who will not repair them, and for the politicians who fatten on the landlords. No building restrictions—none at least that can not be evaded by the powerful. That is one reason why it is the Ugly City. And hardly anybody cares."

Mr. Smith draws a graphic picture of the endless immoral cluttered lane called West Madison Street, of the boiling torrent of tattered humanity which is Halsted Street, of Milwaukee Avenue which is but another Halsted Street, only "longer, and crookeder, and uglier." Various other streets join the dismal procession of Chicago's ugliness until we, instinctively, begin to seek for another side to this pageant of gloom. We turn to Jackson Park, Michigan Avenue, the boulevards, the suburbs, for a ray of light, and color and hope. But the writer has not forgotten these. "They are scattered and incidental and contend unsuccessfully against the awful whole." Moreover they are "provided with an offsetting ugliness near at hand,—such as that celebrated offset to Michigan Avenue, the Illinois Central Railroad,—they no more redeem the city than a few bright buttons sewed haphazard upon a homely gown, beautify the gown. The areas of gloom are too enormous."

Few of Chicago's vast population were born here. Chicago has grown up over night. Its people are transients. They are boarders who have moved here to make money. When men hunt gold intensively, they do not care. And so "hardly anybody cares." The writer excepts the Chicago Plan Commission in this statement.

But the writer of these impressions and dismal facts is not a transient. He has lived in Chicago for forty years, and is therefore well qualified to speak his convictions. And the remarkable thing is that he is not a pessimist. He sees a glowing future for "the ugly city." "Sooner or later," he says, "it will be revealed to our people that they live in an ugly city, and that there is no need of it. They will make a clean sweep."

It is this prospect which makes life in Chicago not only interesting but captivating. And Mr. Smith would rather live in Chicago than anywhere else on earth because of just this profoundly-moving and forward-looking something which is about to happen in her history.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. Ralph K. Schwab of Evanston spent Friday with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Schwab.

Mrs. Robert D. Forgan and family have gone to Hyannisport, Mass., for the summer.

Mrs. Augusta Pearson of Highwood has returned from the Augustana hospital, Chicago, where she underwent an operation on May 3. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sandwick and two sons left Tuesday to motor to New York. They will stop for a short time at Freeville, N. Y.

Mr. F. L. Dognelley of N. Second street is spending this week in Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. Guy Lehman who has been overseas with the 7th Division, has returned home, having been honorably discharged from the service.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sisson are at the Homestead hotel, Hot Springs, Va.

Miss Margaret Wilhelm will spend the latter part of this week in Port Washington, Wis., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Arnswald had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and two daughters of Chicago.

Mrs. Edward Warren, Jr., and small daughter have returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, where they spent the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Heipel are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, born Sunday, June 22.

Miss Marion De Lacy of Waukegan was the guest of Miss Mary Mills, last Friday.

Mr. Ben Botker, who has been in the Ground Aviation at Louisiana for the past year, returned home Sunday, having been honorably discharged.

Mrs. G. P. Schwab of Clay Center, Ia., is spending this week with her son, Rev. J. G. Schwab.

Miss Esther Stehle of Libertyville was the week end guest of Miss Ethel Larson.

The George M. Bard family left Monday for Blake's hotel, Alexandria, Minn., where they will spend the summer.

The Misses Esther and Louise McDonald and Mr. Donald McDonald left Monday for Indianapolis, Ind., where they will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. Ignatius Patten, who has been overseas with the 7th Regiment for the past year, returned home Saturday, honorably discharged.

Mrs. E. C. Day and family left last Friday for Rex Terrace, Mich., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown and family of Waukegan, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and daughter, Miss Pearl, and Mrs. Doris Hooper of Austin and Mr. Arthur Bishop of Gt. Lakes will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Schinleber of Shermerville were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd de Anguerra left yesterday for Rex Terrace, Mich., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. Edward Wessman of Plano was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

Mrs. Jacob Vetter has returned from the Highland Park hospital where she was taken some weeks ago suffering from an attack of pneumonia. She is getting along nicely now.

Mr. William Gallagher who has been in Milwaukee, Wis., for the past three weeks, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. John Carolan and Miss Florence Carolan of Everett were the Sunday guests of Mrs. J. E. McCaffrey.

Mrs. Franklin B. Hussey received a cablegram from her son, Robert, who has been overseas for the past two years with the First Division, stating that he was sailing in a few days. Mr. Hussey was commissioned in the first officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan and was sent overseas at once.

The Misses Mildred Goelitz, Eunice Knox, Alice Knox and Virginia de Anguerra left Friday for Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Miss Bessie Carolan was the Sunday guest of Mrs. George Seiler of Michigan Boulevard, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand and daughter, Salome, are spending this week in Milwaukee, Wis., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Michael Orth.

Mr. Clifford Moran who spent the past week in Green Bay, Wis., visiting his parents, returned home Saturday evening.

Miss Jane Tapper returned last week from Rosemary Hall, Connecticut, where she was a student.

Mr. Jack Curtis returned home from Yale University last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dixon of Chicago were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Wittig.

Mrs. Paul Gieser was taken to the Highland Park hospital on Monday morning where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. H. O. Larson of Evanston and Miss Lella Hyson of Columbus, O., are the guests at the R. G. Evans home this week.

Mr. Ambrose Haugs of Chicago is spending a week's vacation with his sister, Mrs. John S. Reesman.

Mrs. A. S. Kinzer of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her sister Mrs. Wisdom. Capt. Kinzer will be stationed at Ft. Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Okey are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday, July 1.

Mrs. Stephen Yates of Pomona, Calif., an old resident of this city who was formerly in business and better known as Miss Emily Erskine, is seriously ill with the Spanish influenza and pneumonia. She has been helpless and unconscious for the past four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox and children were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Reesman.

Mrs. Chas. Hoover of Wheaton and nieces, Dorothy and Gladys of New Bedford, Mass., were the guests of Mrs. F. Stevens of the Highland Park hotel on Monday and Tuesday.

The Misses Florence and Henrietta Shreve are spending a few days this week in Kansas City, Mo., visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Adelaide Reesman left Tuesday for Klinger Lake, Mich., where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. William Kopp, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chrintina and friends in Burlington, Wis., for the past week, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hancox are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, June 25th.

Kemper & Moore, proprietors of Tipton's restaurant located at 509 Central avenue, have sold out the restaurant to Mrs. Tipton, former proprietor. It is just a year and a year and a half ago that Mrs. Tipton sold out.

Mr. Irving Brand, who has been overseas in the Ground Aviation for the past nine months, returned home Tuesday, honorably discharged from service.

Miss Mae Siljstrom is confined to her home as the result of an accident which occurred last Sunday afternoon at the beach. While walking on a plank from the shore to the boat house, she fell from the plank and sustained an injured ankle.

CAPT. W. A. MOFFETT VISITS NAVAL STATION

Former Commandant Expects to be Transferred to the Pacific in Near Future

Capt. W. A. Moffett, formerly commandant at Great Lakes and the man who did more for the station and its enlargement than anyone else, visited the station Monday for the first time in several months. Capt. Moffett is skipper of Uncle Sam's largest warship, the Mississippi, and has cruised in Atlantic waters since leaving Great Lakes. He thinks the ship will be ordered to the Pacific soon and expressed keen disappointment that the appropriation of \$80,000 that he succeeded in getting from the Navy Department to rebuild the public roads on each side leading to the Naval station, had been countermanded.

It was thought the government would use the \$80,000 for the purpose for which it was assigned because the great traffic to and from the station by the immense navy trucks pounded the roads to pieces and in all fairness should be rebuilt by Uncle Sam.

"THINK!

"If you think you are beaten, you are;

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you like to win, but you think you can't,

It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost;

For out in the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will.

It's all in the state of mind. If you think you're outclassed, you are;

You've got to think high to rise.

You've got to be sure of yourself before

You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger or faster man;

But soon or late the man who wins Is the man who thinks he can."

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