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THERE IS NO FOOL'S PARADISE

It is a noticeable fact that ease of living and prosperity often bring discontentment, while adversity strengthens the character and offers an incentive to accomplish seemingly impossible results. This phenomenon is witnessed in both family and national life. The wealthy individual with all the material things that should help bring contentment, is often not satisfied, when his poorer neighbor who has little of this world's goods and has to work hard for a living, finds peace and happiness. In this connection there is much sense in the following comment by the Manufacturer and Industrial News Bureau:

And so it is with nations and states. The United States which is probably the most prosperous country on the globe, and which has had the most free and democratic form of government for 150 years, is constantly attacked by political theorists who would exchange our governmental structure for a dangerous mess of potage.

When we were struggling for freedom, necessity forced us to devise and adopt a constitution which would protect the individual from oppressive officialism. In our day of prosperity and power we listen to schemes that would undermine our constitution and detract from the liberty of the individual.

We have seen North Dakota swing toward a Socialistic form of government where the state competes with its own citizens in business, thus destroying personal opportunity and initiative. We have seen Iowa encouraging paternalistic experiments which run contrary to the law of sound economics, and promise to create a fool's paradise by legislative edict. We have seen the states of California, Oregon, Washington, New York, Wisconsin and others, as well as our national government itself flirting with proposals which would put the government into business competition with private citizens and taxpayers. So far, the common sense of the people has generally repudiated any program which seemed to undermine constitutional rights and liberties. But the agitation continues, and wealth and prosperity have a tendency to breed envy, jealousy and hatred.

Life insurance records show that the majority of people who receive the proceeds from an insurance policy, have lost that money within a very few years. Lack of training and experience, and failure to consider the future is responsible for that sorry state of affairs. As a nation we are today like the beneficiary of a large insurance policy—we have the cash benefits which have resulted from certain economic conditions. In other words, the country is prosperous. It is prosperous because we have a sound government, because our money is worth its face value, because property rights are protected, because our workmen have good wages and because our nation has great consumptive power to offset its ability to produce.

As a nation, we should recognize these facts and realize that any program, political policy or agitation which tends to interrupt or discourage sound government and safe business conditions will destroy our prosperity and our savings just as surely as unsound investments or profligate living will use up the insurance bequest.

On every one of us rests the responsibility for maintaining the happy conditions that exist in our country today. We cannot pass the buck to someone else. We cannot indulge in visionary political experiments, any more than we can indulge in wildcat stock speculations without paying the fiddler. We have thousands of years of experience to profit by, and if we fail to heed the lessons which are written on the pages of history, we will have no one but ourselves to blame for seeking a fool's paradise which exists only in the rosy brain of some visionary dreamer.

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