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A New Epidemic

The government is calling for help to combat the epidemic of "Im-thru-enza," that insidious "war is over" feeling that threatens the program of saving and investment in government securities that is going to be necessary to provide the funds for the carrying on of the business incident to the completion of the war.

It is natural that there should be reaction after the excitement of the war is over, a certain feeling that occasion offers for a little indulgence in the pleasures that have had to be given up in order to meet the financial demands of the campaigns for subscriptions to the loans of the government. But we must rally from this feeling, must remember that much still remains to be done before the men may be brought back and returned to their homes and life resumed under normal peace-time conditions.

The government must have money. It will be secured in one of two ways, loans made by the people to the government under absolutely safe conditions and a most reasonable rate of interest, or by a program of taxation under which the people of this generation will pay the bills of the war which is to benefit the generations to come more than that of today.

Patriotic people of today ought to require no argument to enlist upon a program of saving and investment which will fully reach the financial needs of the government. We have had just enough experience in that line to realize the possibilities of saving even small amounts regularly and ought to be ready to apply that experience to our programs for the future without the urge of the government. We have just begun to regain a little of the talent for thrift that resided in our forebears. We ought to hold fast to the good that we have reaped from its practice during the two years of the war and continue it into the year to come, and the year after, until the habit becomes again ingrained as a national trait.

Blessings Not Unalloyed

"Blessed is the Peacemaker." That we have upon scriptural authority and must not doubt.

President Wilson has gained the reputation of being a peacemaker of the highest quality, but he is finding apparently, that the blessing that he has every reason to expect to descend upon his head will not be un-mixed with tribulations.

The Test We Face

In his reply to the toast of King George, President Wilson touched the meat of the matter of the peace conference when he said that the result of the discussion at the peace table would be the test of whether we and the nations of Europe really understand the meaning of the high terms that we and they have used so freely, "justice" and "right."

We have grown accustomed to the phrases in which has been voiced more the indignation of the allies against Germany and condemnation of German practices than the ideals of themselves. It is easier always to criticize than to live above criticism, and that is the task that we shall

have to perform in the future. We have loudly protested against wars of aggression and it will be for us now to prove in our actions that we do not approve of the transference of people from one government to another for other reasons than that they so wish to live.

It will not be easy to prove to a world disposed to eye us distrustfully that we have no ulterior purpose to serve in the negotiations at the peace conference, to show that we have a very definite idea of the meaning of "right" and "justice." But that is the necessary part for the United States to play, and for those other democracies which have professed a faith in the right of people to determine for themselves the government under which they will live.

A Tribute To Governor Lowden

A recent issue of the Fort Collins (Colorado) Courier pays a fine tribute to the governor of Illinois in a two column editorial in which is reviewed the record that Frank O. Lowden has made since he was established in the gubernatorial chair in Illinois. The successful reorganization of the government commissions and the resultant administration of the business of the state upon a standard of efficiency instead of upon a system designed to provide the maximum of jobs for political supporters receives particular attention and comment.

The editor of the Courier once lived in Illinois, the publisher of a newspaper in Mount Vernon. Perhaps he looks back a little longingly to the state of his youth. Perhaps he sees opportunities for the same sort of business administration in his own state. Certainly he recognizes the general need of the country for business principles to be applied to public business, for the editorial, "The Governor Who Is Doing Things," concludes the summary of the extraordinary qualifications of Governor Lowden with these words:

"It has made such a reputation for Governor Lowden that even out here in far away Colorado his application of honest business methods is receiving serious consideration. It has brought his name forward as a suitable man to undertake the application of the same principles to the United States government at a time when such methods are absolutely necessary in order for the nation to wipe out indebtedness in carrying on the war.

"The Republican party could go farther and fare much worse than accepting Frank O. Lowden as a candidate for the presidency in 1920. He would make an equally good president."

They Can't Resist It

Great Britain is to reward the service which has been rendered the nation by Sir Douglas Haig by making him a duke. He will be the third great British soldier to be elevated from the rank of commoner to the highest rank in the peerage, sharing honors with John Churchill, who became the first Duke of Marlborough, and Arthur Wellesley, who was made the first Duke of Wellington.

To the American there is a bit of irony in the bestowal of ducal rank upon the man who has successfully led the British armies through the great war for Democracy. Rank and the attributes of royalty have their appeal even for the strongest advocates of freedom, equality and brotherhood.

The Popularity of Profanity

One of the side issues of the war has been an amazing increase in the use of profanity. Never in our history has the word "damn" been so widely recognized as an essential to the expression of the national and individual sentiment. We have seen nothing to criticize, apparently, in flaming posters that recommend "To Hell with the Kaiser." We set before our children cartoons whose point lies in the "Damn the Kaiser!" at the end of the series. Even the "funnies," that incomprehensible joy of the child and the adult, has not escaped

**REV. STEPHEN A. LLOYD
IN FIRST SERMON SUNDAY**



Rev. Stephen A. Lloyd

Reverend Stephen A. Lloyd, who recently accepted the pastorate of the Wilmette Congregational church, resumed his new duties in Wilmette this week. He will preach his first sermon Sunday morning.

Reverend Lloyd has been pastor of the First Congregational church of Poughkeepsie, New York, where he achieved great success and popularity. He comes to Wilmette heralded as a distinct power for good in church, school and municipal fields.

Reverend Lloyd commenced his career as a worker in the coal mines of the east. He is characterized as a "self-made" man. He received his advanced training at Syracuse University, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary and Auburn Seminary.

**LIEUTENANT C. SMITH
REPORTED RECOVERED**

Lieutenant Cedric Smith, reported injured in a fall from his plane on the evening of November 10, while attempting to make a landing near the front lines in France under the guidance of search lights, is reported as recovered from the effects of the accident.

Lieutenant Smith formerly lived in Wilmette. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith, now reside at 811 Lakeside place, Chicago. He was a companion of Louis Bruch, recently reported missing in action.

Word of Lieutenant Smith's mishap reached his mother indirectly through a girl friend of a companion of the young pilot who received the information in a letter from France. Through the efforts of Paul Lobanoff, employed in government service at Washington, Mrs. Smith early this week was advised of the recovery of her son.

Spends Holidays Here

Lieutenant E. P. Gowing of the 22th Engineers, spent the holidays at his home here.

contamination with what has grown to be a general habit of speech.

The New Year is at hand and the war is over, a combination of circumstances which might be utilized to furnish the basis of a campaign for the elimination, or at least the limitation, of the profanity with which the ears that have remained sensitive are now so constantly afflicted.

Good Health A Public Duty

The influenza conditions are improving daily now, but the citizen is not on that account relieved in any way from responsibility to exercise every care of his health, both on his own account and because of his duty to help to keep the health conditions of Wilmette as nearly perfect as possible.

It is not altogether a personal matter when one contracts an infectious disease. It concerns all those who have been in contact with him, all those who must minister to him during his illness, and, in the case of an epidemic, those who must suffer financial loss because of the imposition of a quarantine which stops certain sorts of business altogether and lessens that of other types. It becomes everybody's duty to protect himself from infection and to protect others from danger on his account. In other words, and to be brief, don't get your feet wet, don't expose yourself to chill, don't forget the ordinary rules of health.

War Emergency Union Activities

Sunday evening, December 29, there was held at Community House, one of the most interesting of all the meetings conducted during the past year under the auspices of the War Emergency Union. The object of this meeting was to arouse the especial interest in the organization known as the American Fund for French Wounded. Madame Delebecque having been working for over a year with this association and having just returned to Winnetka, told what she and Dr. Brown had been doing for the old people, the women and little children in the war devastated regions of France.

The meeting was opened with some musical numbers given by Miss Pratt, pianist; Mrs. Brewer, violinist, and Mrs. George Ogam, soloist. Then to the stirring strains of the Marseillaise, those in charge of the evening, came upon the platform, Madame Delebecque and Lieutenant J. Allen Haines, both in their overseas uniforms. After the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, Mr. Davies offered a prayer. Mr. Horace K. Tenney, president of the War Emergency Union, in a very appropriate address, then turned our thoughts from the blessings which Mr. Davies had spoken of as ours to the sufferings of our Allies in France, introducing Madame Delebecque as one who could picture to us as her own eyes had seen it.

In speaking of her address, we wish that limitation of space did not prevent our telling more of the many experiences which she related, having that human kindly touch "which makes the whole kin" and which leads us to see that the feeling of sympathy and brotherhood is one of the good things which has come out of this terrible war.

This special work of the organization as described at the meeting lay in or near the province of Lorraine, Nancy being the center. First the work was at Toul where there were 450 children in the dispensary (our Winnetka dispensary) later at Frouard, then at Pompey, Pontamousson etc., extending through a circle of a half dozen towns. The work began with the care of 300 patients but 17,775 were finally handled monthly. One of the duties was to get tubercular people to Querqueville, 2,000 of whom were treated successfully, all of them being under fed. Madame Delebecque and one nurse at one time took 50 old people who had to evacuate their homes up to Paris, among the group there being a wildly insane man who was most difficult to manage.

The trials of the poor old people were most pathetic as told by Mme. Delebecque. At one time they had to leave their home near Nancy because of the incoming American troops who were to take the place of the war worn French lads. The aged men and women felt that never again would they see any of their little old beloved possessions. Madame Delebecque said to one woman, "oh, our American boys will not touch anything, but will leave everything as they found it," and this feeling led to the printing and posting of a large notice, asking the soldiers to refrain from disturbing these treasured Lars and Penates which were often nothing more than a kitchen box or an old bed. When the inhabitants could return, Madame Delebecque said to the same old woman, who had been so discouraged on leaving, "A bien gran' mere." how was it with your

house? "Oh Madame," she exclaimed, "They hurt nothing, your noble boys, and they even scrubbed my kitchen floor."

The proclamation to the American soldiers was then put into the hands of Lieut. Haines to be auctioned. Taking as his slogan, "Is that worth while," he spoke most strongly of what we ought to do for these suffering people. Finally he aroused the audience which Madame Delebecque had worked into a very sympathetic mood to such a response to the call for help, that when Mr. Davies read the list of contributions they totalled \$1,470. Since then the pledge cards returned from the meeting bring the amount up to \$2,212 to be used during the next six months in the work. The meeting was closed with "America", everyone singing joyously, glad indeed that it was America that could help the world.

WAR EMERGENCY UNION NOTES

A Patriotic meeting of unusual interest will be held in Community House, Sunday evening, January 5, 1919, which will give a very splendid idea of operations across the seas and help make clear the part of America's contribution to the war.

Second Lieutenant Guy W. Bolte is with the Army of Occupation near Coblenz.

First Lieutenant Frank Kultchar is an instructor of Gunnery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Set in Their Ways

Will Meddle, the efficiency sharp, is trying to teach the hens to lay square eggs so they can be packed to better advantage, but is not meeting much encouragement from the old-fashioned hens.

Few Motives Entirely Unselfish

The gold of our best motives is so mixed with the dross of selfishness and unworthiness that we can neither take too much credit to ourselves for any of our good deeds, nor afford to throw discredit upon any performed by our neighbor.

It is good to be proficient in the "Art of Not Saying the Things We Would Rather Not Have Said."

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