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## Thanksgiving Day

The founders of this country believed that God is managing human destiny, and that if faithfully obeyed he would guard and preserve those of his children who ventured across the stormy seas into this unknown wilderness. And even before they had gained a real foothold, and while their future looked most ominous, they appointed a day of thanksgiving to God.

Now there is the same danger that our people will forget the God who led the fathers, as that some men who pray with all their hearts while in some dogily peril, will forget God when they recover and life seems smiling. But if this republic is to endure and be worth preserving, it must not lose that reliance upon the divine force that heartened our forefathers in their hard struggle. Many nations that forgot God and his laws in the past have gone down into the dust, and nothing is left of their greatness but decaying ruins.

The American people in their thoughtless way appoint a holiday of thanksgiving to God, and then use it for football games and sporting life. They mean no harm and they need the relaxation. But it would not hurt them a bit to spend some part of the day in Thanksgiving devotions.

Most people, no matter how difficult their lot, can see some brighter side of their life for which in common decency they ought to give thanks. And as for the nation, it has abundant reason for thankfulness, that it

passed through a world shaking catastrophe with less suffering than other peoples.

And the real thanksgiving day is no mere thing of personal feeling but it seeks out the poor and needy and makes them share in the general well being. A thanksgiving observance that does nothing for those who are in doubt whether they have reason for thankfulness, observes the letter rather than the spirit of the occasion.

### Blowing It Elsewhere

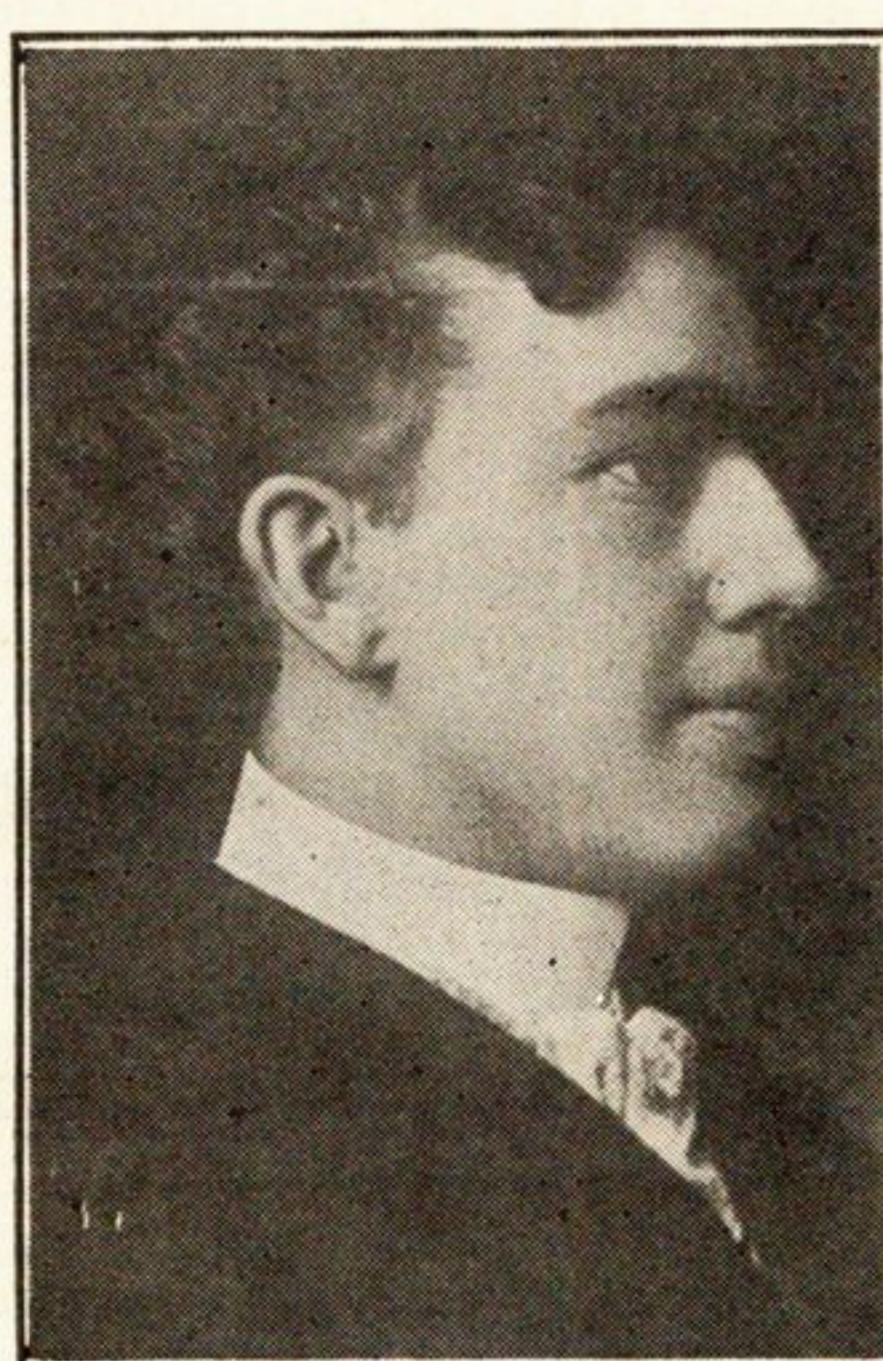
If the government plan for limitation of armament goes through, the treasury watch dogs will have to look out that the money saved by a naval holiday is not wasted by extravagant expenditures in other directions.

There is always a tendency, when the economists in either national or local governments succeed in saving money, for the spenders to devise new ways of using it up. So it might be in this case.

If the people are relieved from a

part of the tremendous load now carried, by the Hughes plan of armament limitation, they want the money used in reducing the taxes. They do not want it blown in for

costly projects. Useful as many of these ideas might be, the first and most essential proposition now is to get the taxes down to the point where business will not be hampered by them.



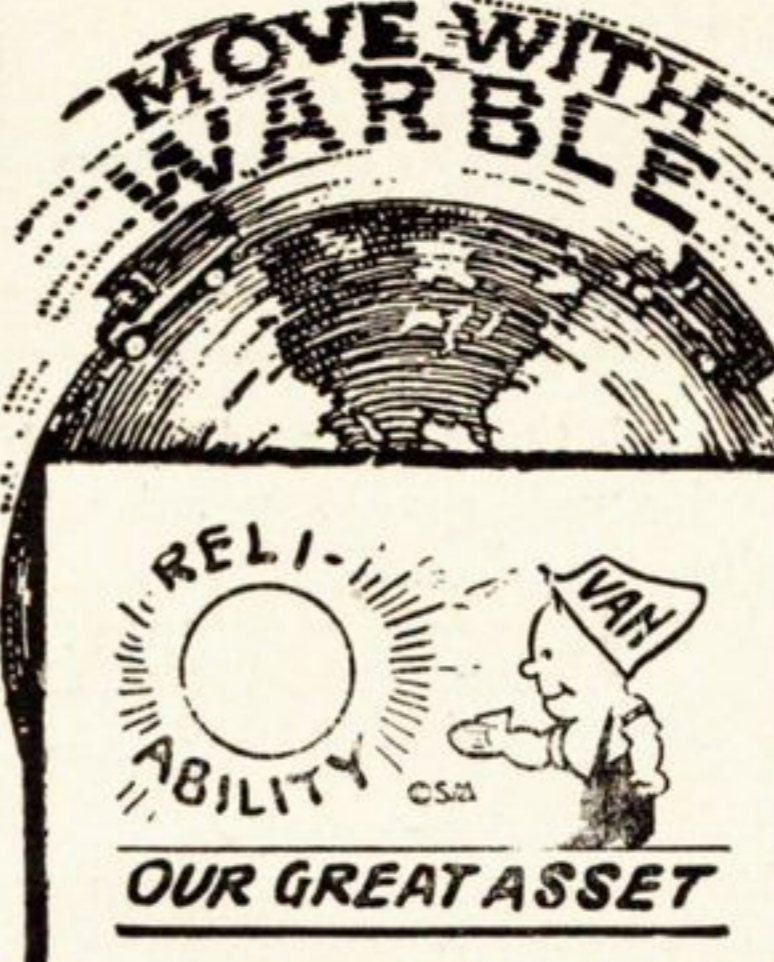
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