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THE SOLDIERS' BONUS

Juggling with the proposition of the soldiers' bonus has broken out once more in the federal congress, a harbinger of the approaching election season with the need for campaign talking material and the desire for a supply of attractive looking bait with which to secure votes when the balloting is done in the late summer.

Times are hard and there is much unemployment, a state of affairs which the service men are being called upon to endure quite without consideration of any service that they may have rendered their country, or may have rendered. It is like the rain, falling upon the just and the unjust alike, sparing none, favoring none, determined by the natural fitness of the individual rather than by any external condition. It is as logical result of the war, the reaping of the whirlwind that we should have known would follow the sowing of the wind.

Self pity is one of the commonest of weaknesses. It is as natural for the human being to feel unappreciated, to think that others are being treated more kindly or more generously, as it is to breathe. It is the rare individual who can keep his perspective when his own personal affairs are concerned. It is not at all remarkable that the body of the service men should have responded so readily to the appeal made to their self pity, their disappointment that the millennium has not followed the war, their distress in the cases of those who have not been able to find employment. Indeed it would have been most remarkable had there been any other result. It is natural enough, too, that politicians should take advantage of the opportunity to gain votes for themselves by an appearance of concern for the financial well being of the service men, but that doesn't make it excusable, nor flattering to the men who cheerfully accepted their call to duty, undertook the danger and the hardships of war. It cheapens their service, suggests that they would have been in the slacker class had they been able to find excuse, deprives them of the right to expect to be looked upon as the material from which heroes are made under stress.

The greatest undeveloped portion of the globe today is Africa—great in soil, minerals, water power and varied climate. As a result of the war, Great Britain came into control of a sufficient area of Africa to give her practically absolute control of the future industrial and commercial development of that vast continent. While there are some portions of the continent not under British control, these portions are so small and disconnected as to be dependent upon the British areas for their prosperity. All the important railroad transportation and practically all the ocean transportation in and out of Africa will pay tribute to Great Britain. This may be a good thing for Africa, as well as for Great Britain. We are not complaining of the action of the Versailles treaty makers and the League of Nations in giving Great Britain control of Africa, but we do insist that when otherwise good Americans argue that we

should cancel Great Britain's war debt to us, they should make some mention of the vast and yet unmeasured benefits accruing to Great Britain from the war.

Pneumatic mail tube service in New York City is about to be resumed after an interruption of several years. It will be remembered that Mr. Burlison took the remarkable view that it was cheaper and more efficient to transport first class mail in New York's crowded streets by truck than it was to shoot it through mail tubes beneath the surface. He even went so far in his campaign against the tubes as to prevail upon former President Wilson to veto a post office appropriation bill because it contained an item for their operation. The joint post office committee of the Senate and House has made a thorough investigation of the situation in New York and has authorized Postmaster General Hays to enter into a ten-year contract for the operation of the tubes. It is thought similar action will be taken in the near future with regard to the tubes in Boston, Chicago, and St. Louis.

To Be Picked With Care.
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About Pictures.

Nearly all houses have too many pictures. And yet, paradoxical as it may seem, the introduction of a new picture now and then is an excellent plan. What is needed is a drastic pruning in most homes, in which pictures that have no real merit are sent to the limbo of the attic, while new and worth while studies in color or black and white are hung on the walls to give a new interest and a new beauty.

Sundials Really of Little Use.

The sundial is nothing like so efficient as a watch. It never was very much of an aid to man as a time indicator. It never professed to do more than tell the time of day, because it could not tell the time of night, and on old sundials, as well as on many new ones, is this sentence, often in Latin: "I mark none but sunny hours." So that on foggy days, or on days of gloom and cloudy skies, the "gnomon," which is that triangular piece whose shadow points out the time on the dial, casts no shadow.

Not in Real Life.

Jud Tunkins says you can't expect a regular sleuth to stay awake all night following clues the same as a man does when he is reading a detective story.

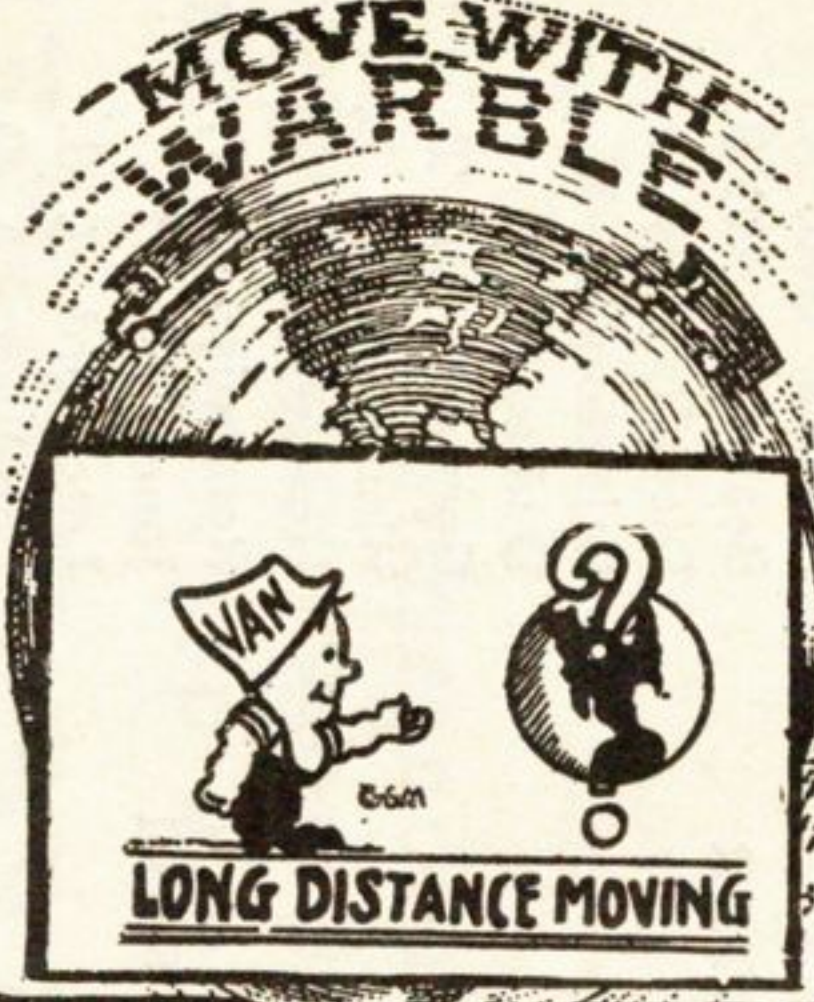
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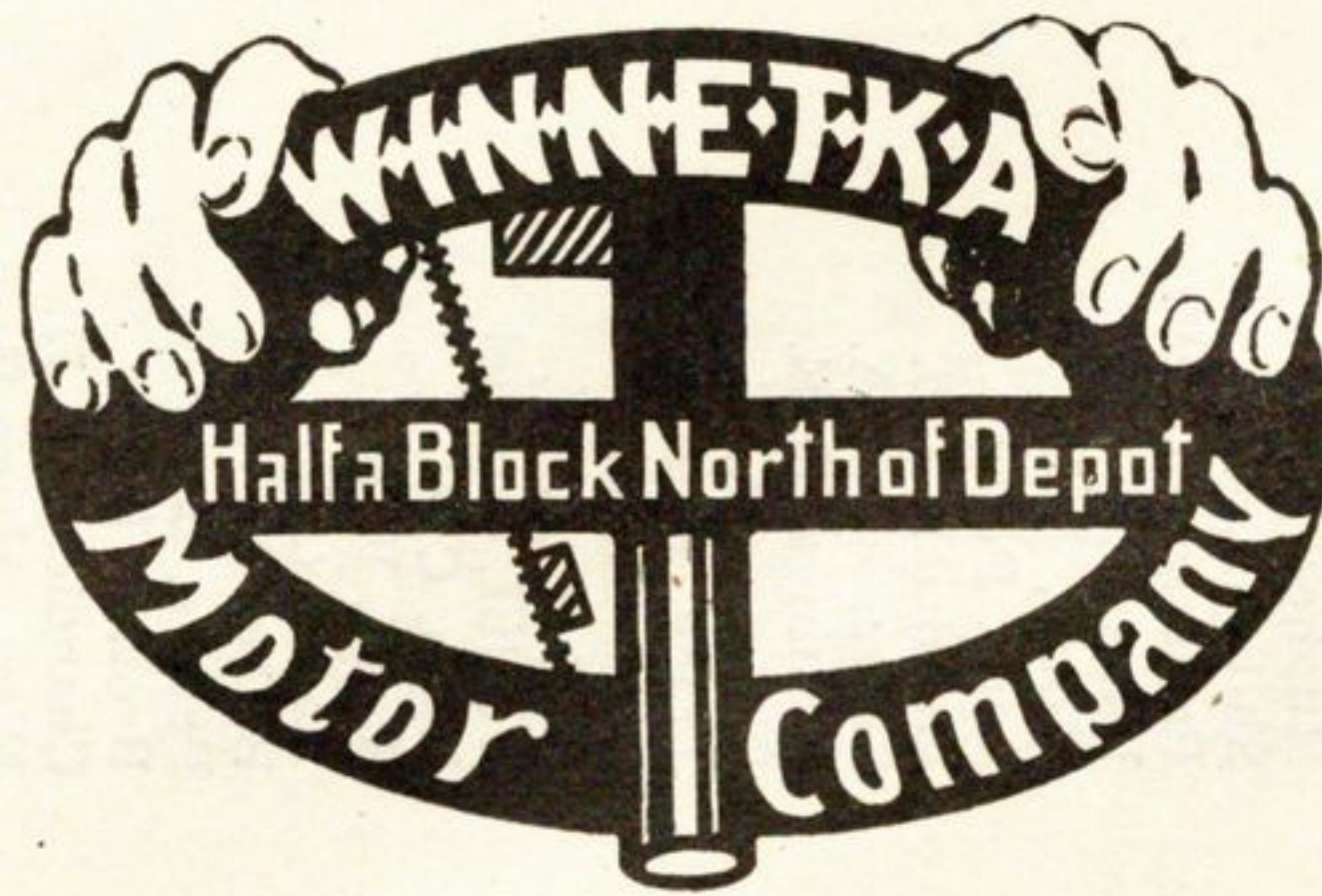
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