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The Real Meaning of Business

By Harry E. Earnshaw in American Mutual Magazine

On the surface, the institution bers of people possessing a subcon which we call "business" represents sclous sense of unfitness, and it is multifarious units, the object of and upon the festile oil of despair

make profits for its owners. deeper significance to business than rest and revolution. this, is indeed a superficial thinker.

To live, we must work. The harder | the inability to think deeply. we work, the better we can live.

Work is service, and unless you Taking these facts of common erve you don't deserve.

upon what we give to life.

Business is service, whether it be individual or corporate. Business corporations live and prosper in proportion as they efficiently contribute to the needs of the world. It is im- labor or work by which the necespossible to point out any business saries of life are produced. To comwithout performing a useful func- lize the worker. Following his rearealm of business that does not con- more is for everyone to produce less. tribute directly or indirectly to the | He would substitute for private enneeds of humanity and to the mater- terprize, honorable ambition, and inial, intellectual, or ethical advance- dividual initiative the paralyzed and ment of society.

truth that business is service, and to his credulous audience a state of that if a business ceases to serve it society wherein a people may lie must more or less quickly cease to back amidst the perfume of flowers exist-bearing this truth in mind, and pleasant harmonies from some it is easy to see that all service, of divine, invisible orchestra, and reevery kind and description, is inter- gale themselves with milk and honey related. The whole business struc- seven days a week-while the govture is an indissoluble entity. Noth- ernment does all the work. ing can happen to one kind of business that does not affect in major sickness, sorrow, misfortune, heartor minor degree all business. Failure ache, sadness, poverty, misery, and properly to function by one unit in- danger from life by the simple proevitably throws a greater burden on cess of passing a few laws. By his all the other units.

do well to get away from the old, as the one who works ten .- The man narrow conception of his business. who works six hours should be paid He should endeavor to hold before as much as the man who works eight, his mind's eye the clear conception and so on down the line his logic that it is just a unit in one vast leads us to the conclusion that true integral machine without which so- equality consists of the release of ciety would not only cease to advance every man from any obligation to but cease to exist.

The modern business man must The hypocrisies of the radicalist fully comprehend the fact that any are so many and varied as to prefailure upon his part to serve the clude enumeration. community with wisdom, honesty, and efficiency will not only react crite and Judas though the agitator upon himself, but will weaken the may be and is, if business men hold whole fabric of which he is a part to the old-time conception of busiand by which, indeed, he is support- ness as an institution isolated from

attacks made by radicialis. 1 in all its cance of these movements of the one business, but against business. It should be plain that any attempt to overthrow business is an attempt to destroy that whole system of social order and economies under which the human race has made its greatest progress. It has always been easy to gather a discontented minority. The unscrupulous but cunping agitator can always find num-

reason for each one of which is to the demagogue, under whatever

name he may for the moment dis-But he who has never glimpsed a guise himself, sows his seed of un-

It must be apparent upon the most are not sufficiently numerous in refleeting second thought that the real lation to a whole people to form a interpretation of "business" is the following of such magnitude as to service of man in the interests of gain attention for their chimerical man. Paradoxically, people with a schemes. And so the adroit leaders, it "busy-ness." Commerce is but the their camp great multitudes of norexpression of the needs of the human | mally right-thinking and well-mean-

turn around and hand him a hundred justice, and inequality. There is

knowledge as a starting-point, the Reward should be proportioned insincere agitator leads vast numto the quality and degree of our ser- bers of perfectly good people far lar enlightenment. Get the idea vice. And the law of compensation astray in the fields of fallacy. He across to the people that they are the operates so that reward is in propor- need not draw upon his imagination | real owners of business and you have tion to service. There always ap- for a list of the ills to which the solved the problem. pear to be exceptions, but they are flesh really is heir. The truth is more apparent than real, and in the dramatic enough. It is in his infer- a well-organized, systematic, intellimain, life's return to us is based ences and conclusions that the agita- gent propaganda to create in the tor deceives and misleads. It is in minds of all classes of society the his hair-brained schemes that he real meaning of business. works the mischief.

To reduce the cost of living he proposes to raise the price of the which can or does survive indefinitely pensate the shirker he would penation. Nothing can endure in the soning, the way for everyone to have paralyzing hand of government in Bearing constantly in mind the the work of the world. He pictures

He promises to elminate all the reasoning the man who works eight The American business man will hours is entitled to as great a reward work at all.

The point is, however, that hypothe world of politics and economics, We must recognize that the vicious and remain oblivious to the signifiand political disguises moment, they leave the citadel of sonot directed against any ciety open to enemies that will deall stroy if once they enter, and when

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your letters about the owls. I guess I wrote you about that date and owls have figured in mythology how I thought it ought to be celefarther back than anybody knows brated in some way? about today. Any way the Greeks! There are many special collecknew about owls and connected them with Wisdom, This east corridor stairway is one of the most beautiful in the Congressional Library. Minerva is shown by Elibu Vedder; displaying a scroll upon which is a list of the arts. Sure enough on her right is an owl. The list of things on the scroll reads like a course of study for school and includes geography, botany and astronomy, so I will

leave it out this time. I was surprised at the way they handle the books in the Library. There are almost fifty miles of book shelves in the building, and when a member of Congress wants a book to refer to I guess he wants it right away, so you can see that the li-brarian must have some good system for finding things. Bernard R. Green figured out the book stacks plan and I agree it is a good one. There are almost 250,000 feet of shelving in the building and they can put in about five million different books. Machinery delivers books from the stacks to the reading room and from the reading room a cable that runs all the time goes down to the basement and up to the top to carry the books, A pneumatic tube will take your slip for a book to the right place, where a clerk will find the book and shoot it back through the tube in a very few minutes. But when a congressman calls for a book it is delivered tions in the library, such as Thomas ing for it without going to the can. library at all, It certainly seems

think of what is going on right below you. The library was founded in 1800 copied down this one: "A little and it has had two fires, in 1814 learning is a dangerous thing." and in 1851, but none since it was | Who knows who wrote that?

strange to be on that plaza and

Washington. in the new building, which will be Junior Travelers: Thanks for | 25 years old next year. Remember



Minerva, The Goddess Of Wisdom, By Elihu Vedder in The Congressional Library

to him through a tunnel under the Jefferson's library, and it is one of plaza, where the Presidents are in the places you surely want to visit augurated right to his page wait and visit often, just as often as you

RUSSELL BURKE, The Travelog Boy. P. S.—There are many quotations on the walls of the library and I complete. And though the enemy himself perish in the cataclysm, the common fate will not be less dread-

Instead of less organization in business we should have more. It is time for us to wipe out the fiction that there is something vicious about business in general or a business in particular simply because it is ! big business." If business in the last analysis is service; and if it is true that no business which does not truly serve can long endure, then the But the incapables of themselves bigger the business the greater its zone of service, provided sufficient legitimate competition remains as a reminder of responsibility and a spur to greater achievement.

Business should come out in the good "i" for business prefer to spell with specious reasoning, bring into open and hold up its head. It should not hesitate to smash its enemies wherever or whoever they may be. ing persons whose only misfortune is It needs to make no apology to society of its existence, because society The soap-box orator usually has itself has called it into being. The The obligation to work does not that "little learning which is a dan- enemies of business are the enemies apply to a few, but to all. The man gerous thing." Many of his hypo- of society, and business men individwho puts only fifty per cent. of him- theses are true. There is poverty in wally and as a collective body can self into life cannot expect life to the world, and sickness, crime, in- count with certainty upon the complete support of society in defending themselves against radicalism and revolutionary experiments.

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ACTIVITY

In Regard to the Coming Disarmament Conference in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 20 .- President Harding intends to take advantage of the opportunity afforded in the extension of the formal invitations to the Allied and Associated Powers to an international conference on limitation of armaments in Washington, probably beginning on Armistice Day, November 11th, to write, it is understood, a paper which shall go down to posterity as marking an epoch in international relations and the dawn of a world peace.

The president believes the forthcoming conference will succeed in removing the reasons for war and put an end to costly armaments. The late conflict was so costly in treasure and human sacrifices that he has declared the world's people are resolved today that warfare ought to come to an end. The President's invitation to the world powers, it is believed, will be one fitting to take its place beside the famous rescript of the late Emperor Nicholas II., of Russia in calling the nations together to attend the First Peace Conference at The Hague in 1899 to initiate measures looking toward "the maintenance of the general peace, and the possible reduction of the excessive armaments which were burdening all

nations." Official and diplomatic Washington are displaying great activity in anticipation of the forthcoming international gathering. The resident ambassadors and ministers of the powers which are to participate in the proceedings are busily engaged in frequent conferences among themselves and in individual conversaing when tions with the secretary of state. Mr. fou use Dr. Hughes. These conferences and conversations take in the entire range tions. It relieves at once and gradually heals the skin. Sample box Dr. Chase's Ointment free if you mention this paper and send 2c, stamp for postage. 60c. a box; all dealers or Edmarton, Bates & Co., Imited. Toronto. meetings, the probable length of the conference's duration, the place of holding the meetings, quarters for the delegates and their staffs, and the

> The British ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, is taking a leading part in these activities. As has come to be the general practice in Washington in recent years, or to be more exact, since the outbreak of the world war, it is usually left to Great Britain's diplomatic representative to "blaze the trail" for the other diplomats in approaching the secretary of state with the various propositions. Always he had the full and hearty support of his diplomatic colleagues in these matters. It was clearly evident that while the other diplomats were not much concerned in the fixing of the date for the international conference, though this was of interest to Great Britain because of the desire of the Dominion premiers to attend it without sacrificing important home engagements, the diplomatic representatives of the other powers stood solidly behind Ambassador Geddes in his efforts to shape the arrangements of the programme of the conference, and in other matters of substance.

The fact that these almost daily conferences have been going on among the Entente representatives probably has lent color to the rumors that these powers are still intent upon securing a general conference in Washington or in some Pacific Coast American or Canadian city preliminary to the opening of the international gathering. As a matter of fact it can be stated that this project, originally advanced by the British government in order to afford the Australian and New Zealand premiers an opportunity to dip into the subject to satisfy their provincial pride, has now been completely abandoned. But the purpose of getting some uniformity of action mong the Entente powers in the approaching conference will be and the limitation of armaments pal powers.

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