

Both Patriotism and Prudence Call for the Practice of Thrift Now

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As time advances and demands, in ever-increasing amount, are made on the resources of the country in order to supply the needs of the military situation, we shall see greater and still greater need for thrift.

Let us hope that conditions here will never duplicate those abroad. No matter what the situation may become with us, we will find the practices of thrift of particular value. The following appeal for thrift in England can be taken as the theme for some solemn thinking in this country:

"Ten shillings saved, say on feasting, equals eight cartridges. Bottle of champagne equals 400 cartridges. Lady's new hat equals four steel helmets. New dress equals four service rifles. Diamond tiara equals one fieldgun. Motorcar equals airplane. Piano equals 100 shells. Lapdog equals 20 shells."

The department of agriculture has been quick to recognize the necessity of thrift in the present emergency and has not only sent out many suggestions, but is helping in concrete ways to increase the nation's food supply.

If we should send 5,000,000 soldiers and nurses to the front, there would still be more than 95,000,000 citizens left in civil life. Let them be organized into a mighty army of thrift, 95,000,000 strong! Can you imagine the tremendous strength of this republic if every man, woman and child set about the task of eliminating waste? Bear in mind always that it is only through thrift that the nation will be able to get the last ounce of strength at its command. Let us remember, also, that voluntary thrift will possibly make unnecessary compulsory thrift. It is easier to begin giving up unnecessary things now and get used to it, than to be compelled to give up actual comforts later on. Both patriotism and prudence should actuate us to practice thrift immediately.

In view of the added need of thrift, it is pleasing to note that the 250,000 schoolchildren of Philadelphia are being taught thrift in a very practical way. They are taking advantage of the shortage of paper, and are gathering up all the old papers and magazines that have hitherto been wasted, and are bringing them to school. On a given day each week these papers are sold. This is not a new idea, and it has been written about a number of times, but there is no better way of giving the children a concrete example of conservation and thrift. All the studying the children could do would not produce the results that really doing the thing themselves would. Waste paper from the classrooms alone of the Philadelphia public schools has brought in about \$20,000 a year.

Effort to Purchase Friendship of Other Nations Is Futile Policy

By PORTER EMERSON BROWNE

Among the mistakes natural to a government that has been at peace as long as has that of the United States, none is more fatal toward world respect than the effort to purchase the friendship of other nations by cash, or equivalent, consideration.

Governments, like individuals, are respected not because of what they have, but because of what they are. Governments that are strong, honest, intelligent and honorable are respected automatically, just as are citizens possessing the same qualities.

Friendship and respect are not purchasable commodities. If they were, they'd be on sale, like eggs or buttonhooks or small pea beans, and a man could drop into the nearest department store and say, "Send me up sixteen friends, mostly blondes, and a couple of yards of respect that won't ravel or crock."

We of the United States must learn that we can't buy the friendship and respect of other nations. We must earn it. And we can't earn it vicariously. We must earn it by the strength of our characters, the loftiness of our aims, the cleanness of our souls, and the fineness of our national honor.

To do otherwise is to emulate the sap-headed son of wealth who thinks, by buying wine for everybody, he is accumulating friends. People may drink the wine. But they do so while saying to themselves, "The poor sucker! I wonder what asinine trick he'll try next."

Men and women are liked and respected because they are honest, honorable, fearless and clean. Nations are liked for the same qualities.

Whereby, if the United States wants the friendship and respect of other nations, let it appeal to those other nations on the basis, and the only basis, that makes friendship and respect possible.

Giving of Adequate Physical Training to Children, Duty of Nation

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This country needs a citizens' army and navy of a thoroughly democratic sort, trained under conditions which would interfere as little as possible with the industries of the country. But it is of the utmost consequence that up to the twentieth year whatever training may be given to the boys and girls, which would be available later for the young soldiers and sailors, should also be equally available in the industries and homes of the country. The giving of adequate physical training to all children is a national interest, both in peace and in war; and it is therefore justifiable that the national government should spend part of the income it raises by taxation in contributing to and making sure of that physical training. This is precisely what the Swiss Federation does. It makes small contributions to the training which the cantons and municipalities supply in all Swiss schools; and then it maintains a body of inspectors to make sure that the work is really done. I submit that that would be a valuable new function for the department of the interior through its bureau of education.

With this function there will be associated another of national importance—aid to practical training in agriculture, personal hygiene, public health, diet, and the household arts—in all American schools of every grade, with national inspection of the work done. All this instruction is in the interest of the entire nation, without distinction of section, race or religion; and it ought not to be left to the discretion of the states and municipalities without government supervision. It is a strong case of "each for all and all for each."

RECRUITING STATION ON NOTED CORNER



The Twenty-third street corner of the famous Flatiron building in New York converted into a recruiting station for the navy. The roof is modeled after the deck of a battleship, and two guns swing from a turret.

WOMEN'S BIG AID IS TO ECONOMIZE

Secretary of Agriculture Points Out How Each May Help in Crisis.

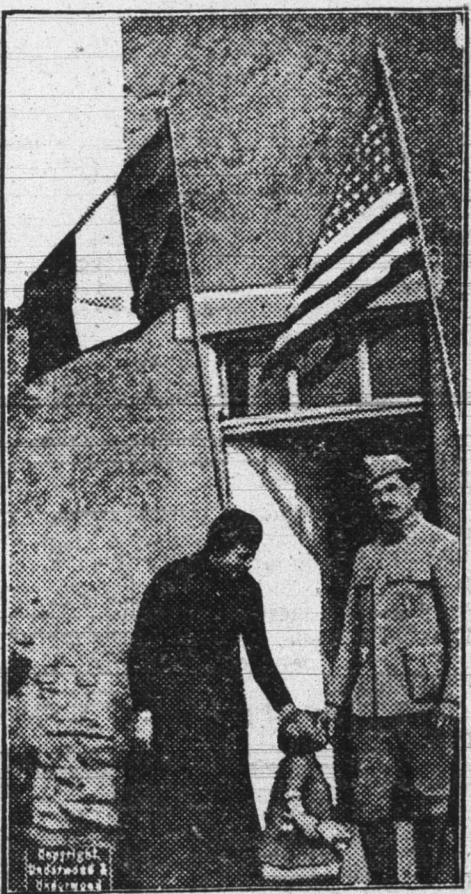
ONE OZ. IS 1,300,000 LBS.

The Apron May Be Made the Real Uniform of Merit in Work for the Nation—Make Economy Fashionable.

Washington.—In an appeal to the women of the United States Secretary Houston asserts they can do their bit most effectively in the national emergency by practicing effective thrift. The appeal was prompted by many requests for a statement as to the service women can give the nation in producing and conserving agricultural products.

"Every woman can render important service to the nation in its present emergency," says the appeal. "She

REBUILDS RUINED TOWN



Vitrimont, a village of Lorraine, lying between Nancy and Lunville, France, is being rebuilt at the expense of Mrs. William Henry Crocker, wife of William Henry Crocker, the prominent banker of San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Crocker has already donated \$30,000 to begin the work of reconstruction. The village is being rebuilt on a new plan which will produce a model village.

Miss Polk is in charge of the entire reconstruction work, having been chosen by the American benefactress. She is in Vitrimont supervising the work. The inhabitants, scattered by the German invasion, have returned and have entered into the spirit of the work and are doing much to help the Americans in building the new village.

Vitrimont has been the scene of hot artillery duels and engagements, hardly a roof remaining on a house. The village until, a very short time ago was a mass of ruin and debris.

The picture shows one cottage in the ruined town which has already been repaired and made habitable. In the doorway stands a French soldier, home on short leave, with his wife and child. Over the entrance the American flag hangs in company with the French emblem, an evidence of the gratefulness.

and encourage thrift among your neighbors.

"Make saving rather than spending your social standard."

"Make economy fashionable lest it become obligatory."

"Every ounce of food the housewife saves from being wasted—all food which she or her children produce in the garden and can or preserve—every garment which care and skillful repair make it unnecessary to replace—all lessen that household's draft on the already insufficient world supplies."

"To save food the housewife must learn to plan economical and properly balanced meals which, while nourishing, do not encourage overeating or offer excessive and wasteful variety. It is her duty to use all effective methods to protect food from spoilage by heat, dirt, mice or insects. She must acquire the culinary ability to utilize every bit of edible food."

Once Means 1,300,000 Pounds.

"Waste in any individual household may seem to be insignificant, but if only a single ounce of edible food, on the average, is allowed to spoil or be thrown away in each of our 20,000,000 homes over 1,300,000 pounds of material would be wasted each day. It takes the fruit of many acres and the work of many people to raise, prepare and distribute 404,000,000 pounds of food a year. Every ounce of food thrown away, therefore, tends also to waste the labor of an army of busy citizens."

"Clothing is largely an agricultural product and represents the results of labor on the sheep ranges, in cotton fields and in mills and factories. Whenever a useful garment is needlessly discarded material needed to keep some one warm or dry may be consumed merely to gratify a passing fancy. Women would do well to look upon clothing more particularly from the utilitarian point of view."

"Leather, too, is scarce, and the proper shoeing of armies calls for great supplies. There are only so many pairs of shoes in each hide, and there is a shortage of animals for leather as well as for meat. Anything that can be done to encourage adults or children to take care of their shoes and make them last longer means that so much more leather is made available for other purposes."

"Employed women, especially those engaged in the manufacture of food or clothing, also directly serve their country and should put into their tasks the enthusiasm and energy the importance of their product warrants."

CASE OF "SHINJU" STIRS JAPS

Double Suicide Attempt Affecting Family of Count Yoshikawa Recalls Old Practice.

Tokyo.—Japanese society is stirred by a case of "shinju," or double suicide, affecting the family of Count Akimasa Yoshikawa, vice president of the privy council. His daughter, Mrs. Kwanji Yoshikawa and Rikisuke Kuramochi, her chauffeur, are alleged to have sought death in the path of a railroad train.

The chauffeur threw the woman on the tracks, but evidently lacked time to carry out his intention of following her. Instead he drew a short sword, slashed her throat and died a few moments later. Mrs. Yoshikawa was tossed from the rails by the engine. Her condition was pronounced critical.

The husband of Mrs. Yoshikawa had been adopted by the Yoshikawa family, becoming the heir to the count.

A case of "shinju" is not unusual in Japan and since the olden days many fanciful love stories have been woven around this Japanese practice. It is extraordinary, however, for a woman of as high birth as Count Yoshikawa's daughter to choose to end her life in such a fashion. The fact that the woman was married and that she sought death with her chauffeur heightens the interest of the affair in Japanese minds.

GIVES 100 CAMELS AS GIFT

Viceroy of India Receives "Temperate Drinking" Herd of Animals From Indian Ruler.

Calcutta, India.—The gift of a hundred camels from the khal of Khalat, Baluchistan, to the viceroy of India, is a valuable war donation. The Khalat camels are considered in many respects the finest in the world, but purchase of good animals of this type has been almost impossible owing to the high value which their owners set upon them. The Khalat camels are said to be exceptionally swift, and so temperate in their drinking as to be almost total abstainers.

SANDALS FOR FARMERS, PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT

Sunbury, Pa.—The footwear of the ancient Greeks may become the fashion in Northumberland county during the summer. Farmers have been discussing the price of leather and have asked dealers to ascertain the cost of sandals. With some modern improvements, the promoters figure that sandals will be not only cheaper but more comfortable and healthful in warm weather. An additional saving will be effected by the absence of hostility. By no means is this idea being taken up only by the sterner sex.

BOY GARDEN ARMY OF 3,000 IN SUPERIOR, WIS.

Superior, Wis.—The schools of Superior will furnish a junior agricultural army. Fully 3,000 boys are to be marshalled to attack the high cost of living.

An elaborate plan has been formulated whereby hundreds of acres within the corporate limits will be under cultivation. Arrangements are also being made to "enlist" girls.

The young gardeners will be divided into shifts on the same plan as the assignment of soldiers to guard duty, each shift taking turns in working the tract. Land, seed and farming implements have all been donated.

MOTHER'S LOVE STAYS DEATH

Woman With Incurable Malady Refuses to Die Until She Sees Son.

Saratoga, N. Y.—One of the most remarkable cases of mother love known to this section is attracting attention at the Saratoga hospital. Physicians and nurses, inured to pitiful scenes, are touched by the case of a woman who, they declare, "refuses to die" until she has seen her son once more.

Mrs. Z. Shanks arrived at the hospital a short time ago suffering from an incurable malady. Premonition of her condition came early to Mrs. Shanks and with it a desire to see her son, "Willie," who left home five years ago. Prayers and cries for her missing child's return arouse the hospital staff day and night.

The boy traces his ancestry to the British, and there is a belief that he may have enlisted in the allied forces. Medical authorities are astounded that Mrs. Shanks has not succumbed to the fatal malady. They can explain it only by saying that her mother love has made her will triumph temporarily over her illness.

CHAIR IS TREASURE CHEST

Piece of Furniture Found to Be Stuffed With \$5,000 in Bonds and Cash.

San Rafael, Cal.—Concealed in an armchair in San Rafael's "House of Mystery," the former home of the late Mrs. Helene Saunders, searchers found bonds worth \$5,000.

Mrs. Saunders, who was killed in an automobile six months ago, lived in the old house in strict seclusion for 25 years. During the latter part of her life the woman was known for her eccentricities.

Besides the bonds and personal effects, Mrs. Saunders left two pieces of real property here worth \$7,000. No will was found, not have the authorities been able to learn of any relatives.

MADE COMPLETE

The Four Elements of Childhood Needed in the Well-Rounded Christian Manhood.

Childhood is so filled with beautiful elements that it is not strange the Saviour compared those in the kingdom of heaven to a little child. We mention four of these elements:

The element of inquiry. A boy has been defined as an animated interrogation-point, and we think it would not wrong the girl to include her also in this fine definition. How many questions they can ask, and how strange many of them are! Some are frivolous, some are idle, but some are profound and startling. A little child, receiving its first impressions about God, listened in wonder till the mother paused, and then it asked: "Who made God?" Another, its mother a member of one church and the father of another, was toddling along with the father to Bible school one morning, when the bell on mother's church began to ring. The little fellow, puzzled and perplexed, looked up into his father's face and said: "Papa, why did Dad put your church in one place and mamma's in another?" And this should be one of the ruling characteristics of mature life, however old and wise we be. Perhaps no man ever wrestled with a more difficult problem than Job, and none ever asked more questions, and no one ever triumphed more gloriously. We should question our parents, our teachers and our preachers. We should interrogate the Bible, and other good books. And not only these, but the stones, the stars, the birds and the flowers; yea, all nature, for it speaks of God. The reverent question, persistently asked, is the surest key to the temple of truth, and the one great highway to the realm of knowledge and usefulness.

Element of Trust.

The element of trust. The Christian walks not by sight, but by faith. A little girl was busy at play, when she overheard a woman say that her mother had told a certain thing, but that she doubted it. The child was on her feet in a moment, and in the most earnest manner, she said: "If my mother said it was so, then it is so, whether it is so or not!" This is a child's way of expressing perfect trust, such trust as made Abraham "the friend of God" and "the father of the faithful." "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Like children with their hands clasped in the hands of their parents, we should go where the Father leads, trusting his wisdom and love to guide us aright, and to shield us from all danger. We trust our banker, our physician, our railroad engineer, all of whom often fail; why not trust a God who never fails? A life without trust is a garland robbed of its most beautiful flower.

Element of Forgiveness.

The element of forgiveness. Children have their quarrels and spats, and, for the moment, it looks as if they would never be friends again. But in a little while the storm is past and the sky is clear, and there is not a vestige of the trouble left lingering in the heart. And so it should be with the children of God. It should never be said by us, "I can forgive, but I cannot forget." That is not forgiveness. To harbor resentment and to purpose revenge is as unlike the Spirit of the Christ as light is unlike darkness. The small man and the coward never forgive, but the large man and the brave always do. When the river, ice-locked during the winter, melts in the spring, its flow is all the most abundant and majestic. And when fine natures forgive and forget, the life-current of love is increased by the thaw. Paul and Barnabas had a difference so great that it sent them asunder into separate fields of labor, but their love for each other was unimpaired. The highest tribute ever paid to Lincoln was that, though his heart was as big as the world, there was no room in it for the memory of a wrong. And the dying prayer of the Saviour was: "Forgive them [his murderers], for they know not what they do."

Element of Enjoyment.

The element of enjoyment. The average boy, with his "Robinson Crusoe" and "Arabian Nights;" with his ball and bat, drum and trumpet, kite and top, pony and saddle, dog and gun, and the average girl, with her playhouse, dolls and swing, constitute a picture of genuine enjoyment. They know they are being cared for, and that every want is being anticipated. They are facing the sun, so that all shadows fall behind them. The night brings them sweet rest, and the morning, bright and buoyant, bids them enjoy another day. And should not the Christian be happy? He has God for a father, Christ for a brother, angels for guardian spirits, the earth for a school and workshop and heaven for a home. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." "All things work together for good to those who love God." "Rejoice in the Lord always; and against I say rejoice."—Christian Standard.

Feeling God's Presence.

Each should feel God's presence within himself, but each should feel it also in the other. This is the true foundation of human fraternity, and therefore those who love their fellow-men and believe they are cold toward God, are nearer the kingdom than many who imagine they love God, but who do not love their fellowmen.—Antonio Fogazzaro.