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### "Production a Moral Issue"

The following article by Roger W. Babson, a noted statistician and economist, on the real causes and cure for the high cost of living drives right to the heart of the great blight that has befallen all of us. Some of these days the great masses of Americans, who are really sound at heart and want to do the right thing because it is right, are going to awaken to the truth of the economic situation as Mr. Babson explains it. When that day comes it will be a sorry one for the agitators and false prophets who have been mis-interpreting the signs and misleading the people. The day is nearly here now when the people will clearly see which of their leaders are unselfishly working to guide them aright and which are self-seekers and seeking to lead them to destruction and suffering. The Law of Compensation is immutable. It will always smash the evil doer, the false of heart.

Mr. Babson says:

"It is very wrong to attempt to blame the merchants and storekeepers for the increased cost of living. It is doubly wrong:—first, because it is unfair to these people, and second, because the publicity connected therewith directs the people's attention away from the real cause and the real cure.

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is what we are up against now. Hence, I say, the cost of living can be reduced only by a nationwide revival which will change men's hearts!

"The cost of living is more of a religious question than an economic one. Its solution awaits a religious revival rather than the passage of more legislation or the adoption of a new industrial order such as the Socialists, the Bolsheviks, or the I. W. W.'s demand. Until the hearts of men are changed, we should be no better off under Socialism than at present; with the hearts of men right, we can get on well under any system. Hence I again say, we should quit fooling with the thermometer either by changing the scale or by putting our thumb on the bulb. We should go down cellar and put more fuel in the furnace. This means go out into the forests and cut more wood, mine more coal and produce more of everything.

"How can we increase production? First, let me say there can be no such thing as too much production, or over-production, provided all is properly distributed and labor is properly proportioned among the different industries. There could be an over-production of pepper, or even of sugar; but it will be many, many years before there could be an over-production of food-stuffs in general; while I cannot imagine a time when there could be an over-production of good homes and comforts. We need not fear over-production. What we must fear is that too many people will loaf on their own jobs, and consequently will not be able to buy their share of good things. In other words, the problem is to get everybody to producing something useful! We can't do this by merely stating economic facts. We must make it a moral issue!

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### POINTED PARAGRAPHS

#### THEY'LL BE BOUGHT NEVERTHELESS

New York World.

Ostrich feathers at \$100 a pound at the second great warehouse sale in a New York aspiring to a world mart will not figure largely as a new factor in the cost of living.

#### CAMOUFLAGE'S WORST

Brooklyn Eagle.

Germany's war guilt tribunal, with no power to punish anybody from the Kaiser down, is hypocrisy's last resort. It will belong permanently to the humors of history.

#### HANDS UP!

Chicago News.

Milk profiteers do not care how the babies find 15 cents a quart for milk, knowing that the babies must find it or starve.

#### "PESSIMISTS"

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"History is a series of lies agreed upon," said Wendell Phillips, many years ago. "History is bunk," says Henry Ford. Must we give up having history?

#### SEEING AINT BELIEVING

Indianapolis News.

One of the main differences between a lot of soft drink establishments and the average "blind tiger" seems to be a few bottles of something soft on display.

#### A BID FOR "BRASS TACKS"

Dallas News.

Really, though, if the new Democrats of Texas wish to make a serious bid for public support we suggest that they offer every recruit 40 acres of oil land and an automobile.

#### THE CHANCE OF A SNOWBALL

Charleston News and Courier.

Bela Kun is out, but he says he will get in again. Not if his fellow Hungarians remember how hungry they were while he was in the first time.

#### HUH! THEY'VE HAD THAT MUCH FUN

New York Post.

The jury at Mt. Clemens, Mich., ought to get \$1,000,000 damages from somebody.

#### LAUGHED WHEN HE SAID IT

Detroit News.

Carranza says Americans in Mexico will be protected.

### A Warning to Mexico

From the Dayton News.

THE United States government has informed Mexico, probably for the last time, that one of two policies will have to be changed. Either the administration there will have to prove itself capable and willing to protect the lives of American citizens, or the American government proposes to see to it that a definite step is taken to improve the situation.

There is a solemn warning to Carranza, and those associated with him in the conduct of governmental affairs in Mexico, in the recent ultimatum dispatched to the nation's capital. It is a much more serious suggestion than any heretofore sent.

Three avenues of action are open to the American authorities in the event speedy and satisfactory service is not rendered by this troublesome neighbor to the southwest.

First—intervention. An American army may march into Mexico and, modernly equipped, soon establish a form of government that would brook no nonsense from the bandit gangs which have terrorized the frontiers for many years. This course is not desirable, since diplomatically we are on friendly terms with the nation.

Second—withdrawing of recognition. Our government might find it necessary to recall its ambassador to Mexico City. In which event, of course, the Mexican embassy at Washington would be closed and strained relations would thereafter ensue. This, too, is hardly acceptable since both countries during such a period would be in a state of near-war, and the opportunities for dispute and resort to arms would be omnipresent.

Third—economic pressure. The United States has at all times proven a fertile field in which Mexico can purchase much-needed supplies to enable her people to continue their agricultural and industrial growth. It would be a staggering blow if America should cut off business relationships and enforce economic pressure.

Unless the recent warning bears fruit a "radical change in the policy with regard to Mexico" is forthcoming. These are serious words coming from a nation that has but recently demonstrated its potentiality in both peace and war, at home and in Europe. The filtering process of leniency no longer exists. Ruthless murder of our citizens will bring stern and unrelenting justice to this crazy quilt republic of Carranza's.

### Condensed Classics of Famous Authors

#### PARKER

Gilbert Parker, British novelist, was born at Camden East, Addington, Ontario, on the 23rd of November, 1862. He was educated at Trinity University, Toronto. At one time he edited the *Argonaut*, and there was editor of the *Sydney Herald*. In the early nineties he began to make a reputation as a writer of romantic fiction.

He took for the subject of some of the most important of his stories the history and life of the French Canadians. His reputation rests largely on the fine descriptive and dramatic quality of these Canadian stories.

"Pique," an "I. W. W." followed by "The Trail of the Sword," "When Valmont Came to Pontiac," "An Adventure of the North," and "The Mighty" (dramatized in 1897).

The scene of "The Battle of the Strong" is laid in the Channel Islands. Parker's other later books are "The Right of Way," published in 1901, "Donovan Pasha," "The Ladder of Swords" and others. "The Right of Way" is the story of a man who tried to "come back" after making a return of the world.

Parker's Canadian connections and his experiences in Australia and elsewhere made him a strong Imperialist in politics. He was elected to Parliament in 1900 (re-elected 1906-1910). Conservative member from Gravesend.

In 1902 Parker was knighted, and he strengthened his position in the party by his energetic work on behalf of the tariff reform. He came to rank, by 1910, as one of the foremost men of the Unionist party.

#### THE RIGHT OF WAY

BY SIR GILBERT PARKER

Condensation by Helen B. Dole

"Not guilty, your Honor!" Such was the unexpected verdict in Jo Portugais's murder trial at Montreal. The result was due to the remarkable pleading of Charley Steele, a brilliant, handsome young lawyer, addicted to strong drink. His success in this case also won for him the hand of the beautiful Kathleen Wantage, whom he admired, although he did not love any more than she loved him.

After the trial Jo tried to thank Charley: "Get out of my sight," he replied, "you are guilty as Hell." Five years later found him still more brilliant and still more slave to the bottle. He had corrupted Kathleen's brother Billy, and demoralized the popular preacher, the Rev. John Brown. Billy had forged Charley's name and squandered \$25,000 of trust money, but Charley resolved to save him from ruin. He went that night to the "Cote Dorion" tavern where he drank heavily, quarreled recklessly with some rough river-drivers and was kicked senseless and flung into the river.

Just at that moment Jo Portugais, on a raft opposite the tavern, heard the scuffle and the splash, jumped into the water and rescued the insensible man whom he recognized as his former deliverer. Taking him to his hut on Vaudreuil Mountain, near Chaudiere Parish, he nursed him seven months till he was restored to health, but with his memory completely gone. After the cure's brother, M. Loisel, a skilled surgeon, operated on him his memory returned. He did not know Jo, but his eye chanced to fall on a newspaper which told of his own death, of the marriage of his wife to a former admirer, and accused him of having embezzled the trust money.

What was he to do? He could not go back even to clear himself. He decided to remain unknown, as Charles Mallard, in Chaudiere. The village postmistress, Rosalie Eaventure, a charming girl of fine family and convenient education, made his acquaintance by bringing up to him a parcel post package from the surgeon. Charley became apprentice to the elderly, crochety tailor, Louis Trudel, and went to live with him. Louis was suspicious of him because he was an infidel, and determined to show him a sign from heaven to convert him. He stole from the church door the little iron cross blessed by the Pope, and late one night after Charley had gone to bed, heated it red hot and rushing upstairs, dropped it on Charley's bare chest. Rosalie from the postoffice opposite noticed a light under the tailor's door at that unusual hour and suspecting something was wrong, saw through the shutters what the man was doing. She hastened through the kitchen and upstairs but too late to stay the tailor's hand. He turned and fell headlong and died soon after, calling Charley a "black infidel from Hell."

Rosalie took the cross to the post-office and afterward restored it to the church door. Charley believed the tailor's death was due to the infidel and was ready to nob him, but the cure took his part and urged the people to pray that he might be brought into the fold.

Charley lived on in the tailor's house, and continued his business, giving most of his earnings to the poor and the sick, and fighting the demon drink which frequently assailed him. It was St. Jean Baptiste's Day. Chaudiere was filled with festivity. As the militia came noisy down the street, Charley rescued a man and his frightened horse from death. The man proved to be John Brown, now become a quack doctor, and advertising his nostrums by singing comic songs. Charley, hiding behind some trees, heard him telling the story of his old friend "Champagne Charley." All day he had been fighting a fierce battle with a raging thirst and questioning himself about Rosalie. Could he marry her while his wife was still living? Should he tell her all and let the law separate him from Kathleen? But Rosalie was a Catholic and the Church opposed divorce.

Just then a bottle of whisky fell from the pocket of a drunken "babrant" at his very feet. With an uncontrollable impulse he seized it and drained it. Jo Portugais followed him as he staggered home and Charley in his delirium recognized him as the murderer he had pleaded for. He took Jo by the throat, then fell to the floor. For five days Jo struggled to save his life and then carried him back to Vaudreuil Mountain. Rosalie came to warn him that he was suspected of stealing the gold vessels from the cathedral in Quebec and trying to blow up Government House. She had hardly finished speaking when the curé, the seigneur and the Abbé Rouseign entered with two constables. The abbe charged Charley with the theft, which he stoutly denied. Jo called the abbe aside and confessed his crime in order to save his friend, promising to give himself up at the end of the year. Meantime Charley took a vial of laudanum from his pocket, but as he was about to uncork

#### CHENOWETH 'PLANE HERE; FLIES SUNDAY

Wednesday, August 20—Webb Lodge

24, F. & A. M. Stated meeting.

Clarence W. Foreman, W. M.

Friday, August 22—King Solomon's

Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Called meeting.

Worship in Master degree. Light refreshments.

### SEEKS TAX RELIEF TO HELP CITIZENS IN BUILDING HOMES

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—It is expected that several million Germans will attempt, as soon as passes are available, to leave Germany and secure more lucrative employment abroad.

The newly organized Imperial Migration bureau denies that a German commission in Argentina is attempting to arrange for the acceptance of 5,000,000 Germans, which is vastly more than the South American country could suddenly assimilate, but says that delegates of the new bureau will shortly go to the Argentine to protect such Germans as do arrive there of being robbed and deceived.

The bureau says the Argentine is friendly to Germans and offers good chances for skilled labor, such as carpenters, watchmakers, mechanics and printers.

Senator Calder.

Senator Calder of New York has asked the Senate to support the federal loan banking system plan and relieve taxation on mortgage income, thus assisting the people to obtain money on reasonable terms to build homes. Senator Calder also hopes to reduce the cost of construction by making the financial part easier in this way.

### Dinner Stories

While sea fishing with a friend a doctor lost his sinker, rather than cut the day's fishing short he hit upon a happy idea of utilizing his flask. The bottle was filled with water, carefully corked and sent down on its mission. A few minutes later the doctor was lucky enough to pull up a pair of whiting, one on each hook.

"Ha, doctor," exclaimed the companion, "twins this time?"

"Yes," replied the doctor with a smile, "and brought up on the bottle."

Dr. Rathbone Gough, at a "bone-dry" banquet in Boston, said:

"What a change we shall see when all America goes bone dry! Why, friends, America will seem like heaven on earth."

"I don't know about that," the soldier heckler shouted.

"Yes, a soldier, talk so!" exclaimed the noted temperance lecturer. "Least of all men should a soldier express such pernicious doubts. Why, don't you know, my young friend, that whisky has killed more people than bullets have ever done?"

"May be so. But, all the same, I'd rather be full of whisky than bullets."

### Good Evening BY ROY K. MOULTON

"May I not find your train of thought long enough to inquire whether this country is going Plumb crazy?" asks Nik-Nub.

#### THE LATEST VERSION

Little Shimmy.  
Don't you cry.  
You'll be respectable.  
By-and-by.

—J. M.

Fashion journals say women will wear fewer clothes next summer than they did this summer. Some things are impossible and this is one of them.

#### TO THE FISHERMAN

O promise me that some day you will send  
The bass that you have promised  
years on end.

I've longed to hear them sizzle in the pan.

I've kept my faith in you, O fisherman.

But something seems to tell me I may wait in vain.

Your oft repeated promises give me a pain.

I hope that some day you'll make good, by gosh!

O promise me,

O promise me.

Anybody can save up enough cigar coupons to start housekeeping, but starting housekeeping is the easiest part of the whole game. It takes a strong guy to finish what he starts.

Mrs. Lucy Must