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President Roosevelt Is A Great Peace Advocate

While we have in the past, and may in the future, disagree with certain of President Roosevelt's domestic and economic policies, we have nothing but profound respect and admiration for the courageous part he is playing in maintaining peace between the United States and other nations on both the North and South American continent. We believe that he is playing a tremendously important role in the fashioning of devices to maintain international peace.

In his Buenos Aires speech he declared that "I am profoundly convinced that the plain people everywhere in the civilized world today wish to live in peace with one another." That is the gospel truth, for if the question of war were put to a vote in any civilized country, with all the issues debated, we are sure that it would be voted down almost unanimously.

May the President continue his wonderful work in the direction of peace, is the heartfelt hope and prayer of every civilized person.

A Remarkable Woman

A woman who has worked with many relief agencies, been a state senator, who can speak four languages well enough to be an interpreter, and who has been one of the representatives of the United States to the Pan-American Peace Conference at Buenos Aires. She is Mrs. Elsie Maves of Salt Lake City. While she is today a naturalization and spirit and accomplishments a real American, she received her education in her native Switzerland and also in Germany, France and Mexico. Colombia contributed to her training. The women of America and America the land of opportunity for women should be proud of this delegate.

Your Cellar Doorknob, Sir!

Swift Lathers, editor of the little Mirrors News, published on the burned-over lands in the Western part of Michigan, near Hart, has written the timely editorial, captioned "Cellar Doorknobs' Religion." "If I were a minister and were to deliver a sermon this coming Sabbath, I would take as my text the doorknob of your cellar door. If you have saved \$19 of your summer wages or your autumn salary, go not forth to buy yourself a second-hand shotgun and a box of duPont shells, but rather buy yourself 20 bushels of No. 2 potatoes, a couple of dozen cabbage, a bushel of onions, a barrel of apples. Fill up the bins and boxes and shelves in your cellar and get ready for winter. Full many a man wants to live on the welfare, make no provision for the winter, but spends his money for entertainment and bubbles. But such people are a burden on society and far from being the salt of the earth.

"If you lived in Alaska or Labrador or far up in Canada in the region of the big snows where you did not reach a trading post until spring, you would have to get ready for winter or you would perish. How much more ought you, living in a country of free gardens and fields, to get your cellar ready for the season of the big snows. Forty dollars invested now will buy two barrels of flour, a hundred pounds of sugar, 20 bushels of No. 2 potatoes, 10 cabbages, a bushel of onions, 10 pounds of coffee, 10 pounds of cocoa, 20 packages of gelatin, a bottle of vanilla, some evaporated milk and a bushel of rutabagas. You can get ready for winter if you want to do so and you will not have to be a community burden. Pauperism is largely a sin of mismanagement. Make the fullness of your cellar a part of your religion. Let these things come first.

"If there is nothing left for amusement you can still read free books from the library and take walks in the autumn woods and along the frozen shores. Simplify your mad desire for fast cars and the fast things and you can live in self-reliance and independence and save 75 cents to buy a little under-shirt for the baby.

"The calamity bowlers, the indigents with outstretched hands that howl to the welfare office could get along and be the salt of the earth if they would practice in the autumn grace the religion of the cellar doorknob."

HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS of dollars are spent in this country by local, state, and federal governments in an effort to save human life from fatalities and injuries that take place in everyday living. Then, when WAR is declared, much more money is spent trying to kill people. What every nation needs is a DEPARTMENT OF PEACE, whose sole mission and responsibility is that of eliminating, intelligently and scientifically, most of the causes that lead up to WAR.

THE VERY WRINKLED old lady and gentleman who were once young and light-hearted, get their ears often ringing the enduring calls of youth as adolescence opened up to them a new world. They, too, may have happy memories of a lively and lovely youth, and may be extremely happy in their memory-land today.

Rotary International—A World Service Organization

Running through the pattern of every normal life there is a note of cheer in the head and the heart, a natural impulse to play the part of the Good Samaritan. Ever since that unrecorded date in history when one or more men glimpsed the possibility of building their Utopia, man has made a slow, but sure, ascent up the steep sides of the mountain of selfishness and misunderstanding, from time to time he has stood successfully higher mountain peaks and has thrilled at the more beautiful life spread before him. Once man stood, in the cold and raw enclosure of the cave, and cinged before the predatory animals of his generation; he struggled mightily for sustenance of his own life; he hungered for a world of greater comfort and security; he was frightened of the elements about him, the heat and the cold, the wind and the wave, the thunder and the lightning.

Slowly, by the sheer processes of an inner mental and spiritual evolution, he made progress against the darkness of ignorance that had enveloped him. Down through the centuries—unrecorded thousands of them—he subjected his worldly and his practical mind to a search for Truth about the physical and the celestial worlds in which he seemed to exist.

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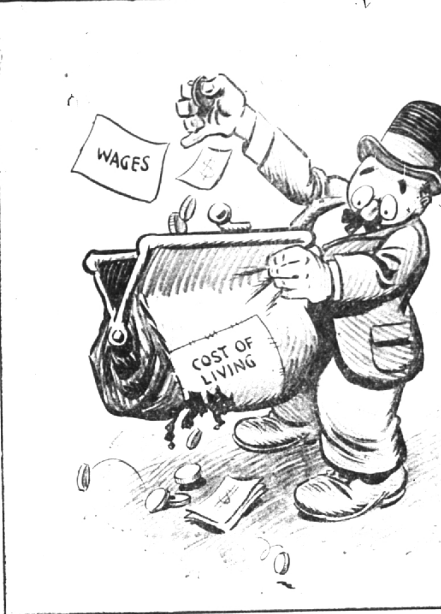
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GONE WITH THE WIND



WASHINGTON LETTER

Battle Over House Leadership Due as New Congress Lines Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Before O'CONNOR came to Congress in 1925 to take the Tammany seat formerly held by W. Bourke Keogh, he led the Fight Back Kappa men at Brown University, a graduate of Harvard Law School and an able parliamentarian.

The White House is intensely interested in the outcome. The man chosen will carry a large part of the speaker's work, and may very soon succeed Speaker Will Henshaw, who is in poor health.

The most favored candidates are Sam Rayburn of Texas, chairman of the House Interstate Commerce committee, and John A. O'Connor of New York, chairman of the House Rules committee. Other mentioned as candidates, but not expected to win, are Rankin of Mississippi, McCormack of Massachusetts, Boland of Pennsylvania, Miller of New York and Warren of North Carolina.

RAYBURN handled the stock market and securities act, the communications act, the public utilities holding company act, and other New Deal favorites, to the liking of the White House, which believes he is the kind of man who can direct the unwieldy Democratic House majority.

The Texas is 54 years old, bald, short, and stocky. He has the reputation of thinking fast on his feet, and of knowing all the ins and outs of parliamentary procedure. From his law practice in Texas, Rayburn went to the Texas legislature and became speaker of its house when he was only 29 years old. In 1915 he took his seat in Congress. He is a bachelor, lives quietly in an apartment in Washington, New York, Tex., when Congress adjourns.

The Other Chap Says ---

NEVER BE DISCOURAGED BY PIOUS GRANDMAS' LOOKS AND ADVISE ON THEIR SPECIALS. AND SAY: "What in the world are you young folks comin' to?" Parents' sniffs and nagging moans. This was true fifty years ago—it is true today. And the funny thing about it all is that the very youngsters who are the ones who make the best marks in life.

The day recently a man who has spent his life working with young people wrote this letter on a postage stamp. The boy, at forty years ago there was some older man in your neighborhood who really wanted what you would ever live in this world. No diamond ever sparkled until someone did a fine job of polishing.

If we will be truthful with ourselves, that pretty closely fits our own individual cases. The important phase of it all is that so, sooner than we realize, these young people are men and women—doers of things that we used to do many times during their very

'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

An Empire for a Woman Who says that the age of chivalry with its knightly love story of King Edward I and the Empress Matilda is a thing of all time. The woman or the man who is able to handle the English in this age of chivalry and chivalry itself is a thing of all time. The woman or the man who is able to handle the English in this age of chivalry and chivalry itself is a thing of all time.

Sarkis is the English Christ. How often an attempt to do anything in America is to do it in the name of the English Christ. The English Christ is a thing of all time. The woman or the man who is able to handle the English in this age of chivalry and chivalry itself is a thing of all time.

The LoneLiness Sometimes I like to think I am not alone. The world is such a vast expanse of loneliness. And unknown bumping through time and space. Sometimes I feel I need not know the day when I have traveled here, but I do not know the day when I have traveled here.

Random Remarks William Lemke, former candidate for the presidency: "I am still proud of the American people, but I am surprised at their poor judgment." Stuart M. Drucker: "This is a man damn the Government and damn the Government if it gets out of the Government."

Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator: "Can the welfare worker with a job get behind when he comes to collect the rent. You're patriotic and don't exist yet." John C. Winant, on Social Security Board: "The Social Security Act is not a perfect arrangement."

Hiding Severen, newspaper correspondent: "There was a time when Governor Landon, by a little slip, might have won the election." James Alto Ward, physician: "The modern desire, particularly of the female of the species, is for slimes."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States: "Obviously, industry has not increased its employment sufficiently to prevent the Government to withdraw its aid to the unemployed." Rudolf G. Tagg-Hill, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture: "American industry cannot go on indefinitely half-loam and half-brick."

Winston Churchill, British statesman: "We must not ask too much of the United States. We must try to do the work ourselves. But we may find the United States with us at the end of the road." Hiroshi Saito, Japanese Ambassador: "It is an honor with renewed vigor to extend her hands to China and to assist the latter's hands in friendly cooperation."

Frank A. Vanderlip, Treasurer of the Carnegie Foundation: "The college president told of a \$100,000,000 on a football game. The time when when these games will be through." R. L. Beaton, statesman: "When you like the New Deal or hate it, you better play ball or get out of business."

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