

World as Now Constituted Unsafe Place for Undisciplined Democracy

By DR. THOMAS NIXON CARVER Professor of Rural Economics, Harvard University



Is democracy worth saving? A democracy may be just as bad as an autocracy, depending on the kind it is.

The world as it is now constituted is an unsafe place for undisciplined democracy. The world has always been ruled by disciplined people, and of these there is more than one kind.

In a football team each player does not play for himself but for the whole team, and so it must be with a nation. The disciplined man subordinates the lesser needs of the individual to the larger needs of the group.

Much has been said recently about spending money freely in order to keep it in circulation and thus make for prosperity. In this the people should be careful as to whether the money kept in circulation is spent on frivolities and nonessentials or in ways in which it can help the government.

Exchange is a good thing only if it permits specialization of production, and under these conditions work will be done better. Exchange simply for the sake of trading is valueless from an economic standpoint, because nothing is produced.

Characteristic Shortcomings of Our Schools Brought Out by the Great War

By DR. WILLIAM T. FOSTER, President of Reed College, Portland, Ore.

The war has brought out in sharp relief the characteristic shortcomings of the schools of the United States. Our people, as a whole, are prone to contentment with mediocrity and avoidance of the discipline of prompt, thorough and exact achievement.

Thousands of boys in our training camps are experiencing for the first time the necessity of performing assigned tasks promptly and exactly day in and day out. Thus they are having the benefits, for the first time, of a discipline from which there is no escape.

All Loyal Americans Admonished to "Keep Your Mouth Shut" in Public

By PAULINE WORTH HAMLIN of the Vigilantes

Twice lately I have overheard people talking of things that would delight the ear of a German spy, and yet I could tell from the rest of their conversation that they were loyal Americans.

Once on a suburban train I was sitting in front of two women who were knitting for the soldiers. They talked of their Red Cross, canteen and war relief work. They were without doubt true patriots, yet one of them said to the other, in a lowered voice, but perfectly audible, "My nephew, who is a captain at ———, told his mother ———"

Another time on the train I overheard two men talking. They told some news that an ambulance driver had brought home from France. This information, which seemed to them not to be important, struck me as highly enlightening—too much so for German ears.

New Lesson of Great War Pointed Out by Prominent Canadian Worker

By MRS. NELLIE MCCLURG, Edmonton, Alberta

We are not citizens of Canada, of the United States or of Britain only; we are all citizens of the world, and no part of the world can live unto itself alone. We are bound together either by the cords of love or by the chains of death.

This makes living a very serious business. When a woman sees her boy go out to kill or to be killed, she loses from her life some of the spirit of youth; she can no longer be deceived into believing that all is well with the world.

Trim Blouses for the Business Girl



There are many kinds of trim blouses for the business girl (and nearly all the girls of today are filling their time with some sort of business) to wear with her trim tailored suit.

Making one garment do the work of two is an idea that has found favor this spring, and we have with us the waistcoat blouse. It is the natural outcome for blouses in a season whose coats are nearly all fashioned open at the front where they reveal the blouse.

Speaking of roll collars, they distinguish the reason and prove universally becoming. They appear in all the materials used for blouses and in pique. They are high at the back and usually long in the front.



There is an advantage in the choice of knitting as a work for the soldiers, because women can carry this work with them wherever they go. And nearly all people who knit say the work is fascinating and restful, rather than tiresome.

Business women, who cannot find time to accomplish much with knitting, find the making of scrap books for convalescent soldiers in the hospitals, quick and easy work, and immensely interesting.

In making these scrap books for the soldiers we are cautioned against putting in anything that will produce homesickness. Pictures and stories that suggest family reunions on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas are to be kept out.

To return to our knitting, those who can turn out socks have a right to be proud of this accomplishment, and a right to the attitude of the less efficient but willing people who can only knit less difficult articles.

cross tucks, narrow frills and platings, sometimes in contrasting colors, and the introduction of fine ginghams in collars and cuffs are characteristic decorations for them. The blouse pictured is of georgette with very fine tucks in rows at each side of the front.

Black Satin Stock. One of the new collars consists of a stock of black satin, unrelieved by any white, to which is attached a big jabot of fine meshed cream-colored net, edged with lace.

Red-White-and-Blue Bags. The shops are showing some interesting handbags in the red, white and blue colors that can be duplicated at home by the girl who can crochet.

Cretonne as Trimming. One of the advance notes of spring is that cretonne will be considerably used as a trimming for sports suits. These cretonnes are striped and flowered in such a way that they can be cut away and used in any application desired.

They are made of silk or mercerized cotton in tight, simple crochet stitch and show stripes of white with the two patriotic colors.

mended. They are plain bands worn for warmth about the abdomen by men who must stand in the trenches, or are otherwise exposed to the cold, and they require a knowledge of the plain garter stitch and of purling.

Beauty Hint. Housework, such as sweeping and bedmaking, is extremely good exercise, and a good brisk walk, with head held high and nose sniffing the fresh air,

It is a mistake to confine your thoughts to the limits of your own town, a bigger mistake to limit them to your own household, and biggest of all is the fault of being interested in people only, not in the current events of the day.

Knowing What You Want. The girl who always knew what she wanted would be too wise for her years. Often when she is surest if she were left to follow her own path it would mean bitter disappointment.

HOME TOWN HELPS

TO DISTRIBUTE GARDEN CROPS

Disposition of Vacant Lot Produce in Cities Will Be Systematized This Coming Season.

In every city where the vacant lot gardening movement received attention the past summer—and the number is represented most accurately by an atlas of the United States—there has been in full sway a movement having in view the preservation and conservation and wise distribution of the abundant crops produced.

City officials and civic organizations have actively concerned themselves with plans for next year. Fall plowing was provided for. Needed enrichment of the soil and the securing and proper distribution of fertilizers are being considered.

The men and women of American cities, joining hands with the men and women of American farms, are quietly and consistently setting about to prove that it is not yet possible to starve the civilized world, much less America, while soil and rain and sunshine last.

LET SHEEP GRAZE IN PARKS

Good Idea Both From Financial Standpoint and in Improved Appearance of the Grass.

For many years European cities have turned out flocks of sheep, municipally owned to graze in their parks. The sheep is one of the best of lawn mowers. It crops closely, yet not too closely, insuring that smooth-shaven effect which delights the eye.

The city of Denver, keenly aware of the necessity for the utilization of all available land in the production of foodstuffs, has decided to purchase no fewer than 3,000 sheep to mow its park lawns next year.

There are 150 cities in the United States with populations in excess of 50,000, and practically every one of these cities has hundreds of acres of park land.

Public Health Too Much Neglected.

Public health work in this country is still in its infancy. All tests applied showed the health departments in the smaller cities to be weaker than those in the larger cities. Perhaps the most surprising finding is that the Southern and Pacific cities have better developed municipal health departments than the Northern cities from the Rockies to the Atlantic.

Stranger Understood.

The stranger in Cleveland accosted a man whom he judged to be an old inhabitant. "Have you lived in Cleveland long?" asked the stranger. "About twenty years," acknowledged the Clevelander.

Knowing What You Want.

The girl who always knew what she wanted would be too wise for her years. Often when she is surest if she were left to follow her own path it would mean bitter disappointment.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Motor truck service between Hazleton, Berwick, Mahanoy City, Mauch Chunk, Wilkes-Barre and other adjacent towns is to be established as a war measure.

The Chiman Knitting Mills, operating hosiery factories in Easton, West Easton and Bethlehem, announced an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of 900 employees.

A campaign has been started to increase to 1000 the membership of the Mauch Chunk Moose lodge, which now has 600 members.

Machinery is being installed in Easton's experimental sewage disposal plant and it is expected that the system will be tested out within a month.

George, five-year-old son of Frank Eitner, of Morgan's Hill, was burned to death in a haystack while playing with matches. His little companion, Charles Arthur, escaped with burns on the head.

Wormleysburg closed its high school when S. H. Hetrick quit to take a place in Steelton.

John Zuber, nineteen years old, was crushed to death between mine cars at the Shenandoah City colliery.

The Lemoine school board elected Miss Edith Mumma, of Mechanicsburg, principal of the borough schools.

Charles Grensavicz died at the Miners' hospital at Fountain Springs from injuries received under a fall of coal.

More than 2000 persons witnessed the raising of a sixty-one star service flag at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Danville.

From injuries suffered in a fall six weeks ago, Mrs. Hannah J. Stapleton, seventy years old, died at Shamokin Dam.

Scranton's newest financial institution, the American Bank of Commerce, opened for business with local depositors on the first day.

Rev. Max Wiant, pastor of the North Main Avenue Baptist church, Scranton, accepted a call to the First Baptist church, of Reading.

One hundred and thirty Cumberland county women will form a main committee to aid in various ways in pushing the third Liberty loan.

The Hazleton Y. M. C. A. began the enrollment of boys for war service in accordance with the proclamation of President Wilson and Governor Brumbaugh.

The supervisors of Lehigh township Carbon county, have applied to the county commissioners for financial aid in placing their roads in better condition.

When Allen Kuhns, of Zionsville, went away and did not have his pigs and poultry fed for four days, he was fined \$10 and costs.

After being idle nearly four months, the plant of the National Rubber company, Pottstown, resumed with a force of sixty men.

A \$1500 tabernacle will be erected at Mauch Chunk for the Johnson evangelistic campaign which will open there on April 5.

The Easton public library has sent 1200 books to soldiers in camp and through public school children is collecting 3000 more.

Twelve hundred dog licenses have been issued in Lancaster county. Lancaster county cows have an average milk producing value of \$25 to \$30 a month.

Blair County Food Administrator Reighard has received flour reports from more than 25,000 families, and ninety students of the Altoona high school are tabulating them.

War on the fly has already been started by the Perkashie board of trade offering prizes for swatters the coming season.

Neither late nor absent from Bible class for 1300 consecutive Sundays, covering twenty-five years, is the record of George R. Curtis, of Joyport. Harrisburg health officers in one night rounded up and vaccinated 200 persons in a district where a new case of smallpox was reported.

Climbing over the tank of a locomotive in motion, at Summit, Jesse E. Wertz, nineteen years old, fell under the wheels, and with both legs cut off he is reported dying.

The youngest American soldier preparing to fight against the Kaiser is believed to be William Brenner, of Marietta, who is barely sixteen, and has been in service a year.

Seven months was required for a post card from a Russian war prison camp to reach Phoenixville, coming from John Schabovik, who left there in 1914 and joined the Austrian army.

Edward McElroy, Marietta, and William Swan, now in the Virginia Soldiers Home, are the last survivors of a prisoners of war organization, formed in Marietta just after the civil war by a score or more men who had been confined in Libby, Danville or Salisbury prisons.

Chief of Police Stoltz, of Freehold, will ask council to revive the long-defunct curfew ordinance.

Eleven hundred pounds of meat weekly are saved by one meatless day at Danville insane hospital, which has 2200 inmates.

The unprecedented heavy frosts have left the majority of roads in Lancaster county in a deplorable condition.

Caught between ash dumpers, Anthony Vincine, of Mount Carmel, conductor on a mine locomotive, died within four hours.

A telegram received by relatives announced the drowning of James Boyd, of Ashland, in Los Angeles, but no details were given.