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EVANS SAYS IMPROVEMENT OF BUSINESS NOT FICTION

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The change in the attitude of business toward the individual and of the individual towards business that is now going on is a real thing as one may readily see if he will return to the situation of the first half of last year and even in the later months of 1921. A few minutes' thought on that point would be profitable to the student of affairs or the merchant who may indeed see a change for the better, but has not set up in his mind the contrast which always illumines any subject. There is no fiction in the moderate improvement of business which we are now having. A year or nine months ago there was plenty of fiction largely from persons who thought they could talk business into going to the present situation enables discerning people to look up instead of looking down as they were obliged to do a large portion of the past two years. The explanation is that we may escape the long period of depression which at times has appeared to be forecast by the decline in the retail trade. If we do, the record of the past three years will be the first in the history of financial crisis not followed by months or years of idleness of capital. In view of the depressing effects of our taxation system we are not likely to have an outbreak of large enterprises in the near future, but we are nearly sure of an expansion of every business. The maintenance of wheat at comparatively high prices is one of the most satisfactory features of the times. True the American farmer gets comparatively little advantage from it because he has marketed the bulk of the product but persons in close touch with the western farm country call attention to the indirect benefit of this advanced price in the form of helping the farmer's credit and raising the value of his land at least theoretically. It is noted that whenever a farmer gets some new money through one of the government loan agencies a change in the spirit of the community in which he lives occurs immediately. The cheer they get is:

Weddings

Robinson-Graham. Montreal, Feb. 21.—At six o'clock tomorrow evening, at the Church of the Assumption, Montreal, the marriage will take place of Miss Anna Elizabeth Graham, daughter of Mrs. Graham and of the late Mr. William Graham, 2613 Park Avenue, Montreal, to Mr. William Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of Sussex, N. B. The church will be effectively decorated for the occasion, and the ceremony will be performed by Rev. Canon Flanagan, assisted by Rev. W. H. Moorhead. The bride, who will be given away by her brother, Mr. W. L. Graham, will be attended by Mrs. Wm. Wood as matron of honor, Miss Kathleen Somerville as maid of honor, and by her two sisters, the Misses Gordon and Rev. Mrs. Gordon as bridesmaids. Little Miss Isabel Wood, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Wood, will be flower-girl, and Master Frederick Graham, cousin of the bride, and son of Rev. H. F. Graham, Farrell, Pa., will be ring-bearer. The groom will be attended by his brother, Mr. J. Eldon Robinson of Sussex, N. B., and the ushers will be Mr. Hugh Morrison of Sussex, N. B., Mr. Wm. Wood and Mr. Edward Graham, brother of the bride, of Montreal. The bride will wear a most charming little gown of ivory Canton crepe, embroidered with seed pearls, with short sleeves of silk lace, and with a velvet, draped, shawl collar with ivory dutch satin, falling in points below the hem of the skirt, the points being richly embroidered with seed pearls. Her veil of silk net will be arranged in cap effect, with wreath of orange blossoms, and she will carry a shower bouquet of opelia roses and sweet peas. The matron of honor will wear a handsome gown of mauve charmeuse, and a large black net picture hat, with crown of sequins, and orange bouquet of opelia roses and mauve and pink sweet peas. The bridesmaids will wear sunset yellow charmeuse, with large black picture hat, and corsage of American beauties and sweet peas. The bridesmaid will wear most dainty little gowns, made alike in the new long bodice and hoop effect, one of pale blue, the other of pink charmeuse, with silk net veil to match each of their gowns, tied on with big bows of satin ribbon of the same color, the ends hanging in streamers over the shoulder, and they will wear corsage bouquets of opelia roses and pink and mauve sweet peas. The flower-girl will wear a dainty little frock of white Brussels net over satin, with a little white tulle hat made in Dutch cap effect, and will carry a basket of sweetheart roses and sweet peas, which she will graciously strew along the bridal path to the altar. The ring-bearer will wear a little "Lord Saunterer" suit of black velvet, and will carry the sacred tokens to the altar on velvet, made of ivory baronet satin, trimmed with gold braid and large gold tassels. Mrs. Graham, mother of the bride, will be attended in navy blue charmeuse, with trimmings of grey Canton crepe, and

Obituary

Mrs. Margaret J. Dunham. The death of Mrs. Margaret J. Dunham, widow of Samuel Dunham, occurred late Sunday night, at her residence, 277 Carmarthen street, after an illness of a few days. She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother, two sons—Samuel and Frank, and two daughters—Mrs. H. M. MacDonald and Mrs. James Ducey, all of this city. Thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

Funerals

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Rowan was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Marble Cove, Indiantown, to Cedar Hill. Rev. H. A. Oddy conducted the service.

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FROM THE BORAH BROADSIDE AGAINST A SOLDIER BONUS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Here are some striking sentences from Senator Borah's speech against a soldier bonus: I venture to say that within the next ten years we will be appropriating \$1,500,000,000 a year for the disabled soldiers and sailors of the late war. No one will complain so long as the appropriations are based upon the necessities and requirements of the disabled soldiers. We have confronting us the task of taking care of the wounded soldiers, which, it is estimated, will cost us some \$75,000,000,000 in the next forty or fifty years. One of the reasons why I am opposed to the bonus is because I do not believe, even with the large sums which we are now appropriating, that we are doing all that we ought to do for the disabled soldiers. When you begin to appropriate from the public treasury for indiscriminate distribution there is no line that I know of on the other side of turning the Treasury over to those who have the most votes. I am utterly unable to comprehend the proposition that a republic should undertake to fix a financial compensation for those who were willing to sacrifice for their country in war in part. That is the doctrine of Hossainism. The source of taxation are becoming dry. From whence are we to draw the increased taxes? Our expenditures in Government affairs are increasing faster than the sources of taxation increase. I suggest that his (the taxpayer's) patience is being exhausted. It is a very dangerous situation when the people of a people with its Government have risen and said, "We will not pay!" The situation which confronts this country at this time is more perilous, and requires more consideration and more sacrifice at the hands of these young men, than the disastrous days in which they were in the camp.

PETITION ASKS RECEIVER FOR RAILWAY BROTHERHOOD

Toledo Company Acts Against Maintenance of Way Employees' and Shop Laborers' Union, Which It Is Suing for Large Amount, Charging Contract Breach.

Toledo, Feb. 18.—Appointment of a receiver for the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Shop Laborers is asked in a petition filed in federal court here yesterday by the Bacon Brothers Company of Toledo. The petition asks that the receiver take possession of all property of the brotherhood within the jurisdiction of this court, including all money on deposit in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Co-operative National Bank of Cleveland, and that a temporary restraining order be issued enjoining E. Frank Grable, individually and as president of the brotherhood, and all other officers, from encumbering any of the funds of the brotherhood on deposit in the Cleveland bank. The restraining order was issued by Judge John M. Killitt, who ordered the defendants to show cause on Feb. 24.

Conservation of Moisture

Plants are "hard drinkers" in hot weather. A scientist of an agricultural college in the West has been working on the problem of water as a factor in crop production. The following is quoted from an article in the Plot and Tractor, by E. F. Kieselbach: "More water is used by crops in an average hour of the day than during the night following a day of severe wintering caused by drought. There is great variation in the amount of water used on successive days. A typical full sized corn plant in Eastern Nebraska has been found to use as high as one pound of water per hour during the hottest portion of a hot day. Such a plant uses from 2 to 10 pounds of water a day, according to climatic conditions. An average acre of Eastern Nebraska Corn uses more than 1,000 tons, or 254,250 gallons of water. An acre of such corn has approximately four acres of leaf surface from which water evaporates." Through cultivation with a good soil which conserves moisture and is by far the best way to manage soil moisture.—Market Growers Journal.

Needed the Dough. First Actor—I never thought you'd condescend to take so small a part as this! Second Actor—Well, I have to live, so I decided that a small role was better than no bread.

OPTIMISM, THE KEYNOTE AT THE BEGINNING OF 1922, IN ROME

The road sweepers in Rome were busy gathering up wreckage on New Year's Day, for the playful custom throughout Italy is to cast your glass out of the window. I have never interviewed an automobilist on the custom, but the midnight pedestrian is not, I assume, enthusiastic about it. If wise, he will walk in the middle of the road when the iron tongue of midnight Singsara sweeps from the steeples. Naturally, the best cut Venetian is not employed for the purpose and that which finds its way into the street is of the poorest quality. But the custom is generous, like that of water flowing perpetually in the street, whether in the form of pelleted jets beautifying the piazzas or just running to waste, when it is not caught in pitchers or used to shake the throat of man. It is equally a sign of character. Generosity, too, belongs to the theater. At the Teatro Costanza I have just seen one of the best performances given anywhere of "The Master Singers," a delightful in its freshness. It was a feast of music, marking the perfect union of singers with the orchestra. Lavishness is seen, surely in the length of the performance—1 1/2 hours by the clock—so that one did not leave the theater until 10 minutes to 1 a. m. But to the music lover it was not a moment too long. Home, I imagine, is not usually prostrate at the feet of Wagner. This audience is exceptional—no applause until the last bar of the music is done—subtle recognition of the bond binding the words with their tonic background. Railway Wagon Alleged.

You could find analogies in politics for this large, unassuming hand. The railway is a case in point. Like the water splashing into the fountain, it is prodigal and spendthrift. Some say the deficit is \$60,000,000 lire; I do not know. No figures are published. I know only that salaries have risen and have been multiplied until practical folk cry out "Waste!" Wages, formerly only \$50 a month for engine drivers, even are now four times that amount. Not too much considering prices, and yet embarrassing to railway earnings when that rise includes the gatekeepers, almost, I believe, as well paid as the experts. Better this extravagance, say some, than the stinging methods of the old-time private companies. By natural stages we come to the exchange. Italy, mainly agricultural and lacking minerals, is forced to import her raw materials and at what a price! Hence the manufacturer starts at a disadvantage. Yet, in spite of it, great activity has been shown in revivifying new industries. With a large and generous gesture and robust faith in the future, the Banca di Sconto pledged its credit to renaissance Italy. Disaster has overtaken it, but the gesture was noble. The crisis is borne manfully; there is no panic. On the day when the bank closed its doors there were no heart-rending scenes.

Optimism, the Keynote. Optimism is the essence of 1922. It lives in the clear sky and sharp winter air of Rome. Even those who have fled from the iron hand of Lenin are not dismayed and entertained on an evening at the Russian restaurant run by refugees to whom the regime is unkind. True, blood will run up at the little tables. A functionary of high degree has traveled from Turin to Rome, on foot all the way, lacking

the necessary fare, but this has not discouraged him. Rome is kind to these strangers, taking them to her deep bosom with the instinct of a mother. Such as have the talent give nightly beneath the restaurant, which is the rendezvous of the col only, an entertainment fresh as a summer's morn. Songs, dances, scenes, dialogues—a clever, lively mixture of Russian strains—are obviously inspired by the Chauve Souris; none the less, they have their need of praise. That such as these—banished, without resources—can show themselves light-heartedly into the art of pleasing, is surely tribute to the Roman climate, to the confidence given by the calm atmosphere of the seven hills. I think, too, of Sunday's concert at the Augusteo conducted by a young Italian without a single note of music. Now masters formed the program—not the old familiar classics. Thus, the feat is the more uncommon. But it is the spirit of 1922.

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False Claims.

WE hope there is no Mother who thinks she can treat her sick baby without calling in a Physician, or with remedies that she uses for herself. Most Mothers know that Baby requires remedies especially prepared for babies, yet there are some who think that what is good enough for them is good enough for Baby, and it is to these Mothers we appeal to give nothing to their babies that is not specially prepared for babies or recommended by their Physician. False claims may kill, but false claims can never restore your child. For over thirty years Fletcher's Castoria has been aiding in the reduction of the deaths among infants as Mothers have become more and more acquainted with it. Always keep it in the house.

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