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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 turn to the situation the first half of last year and even in the latter 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 stimulates 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 good behavior. 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 rates for money. 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 his product but persons in close touch with the western farm country call attention to the indirect benefit of this advanced price in the way 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 Ascension, Montreal, the wedding will take place of Miss Anna Elizabeth Graham, daughter of Mrs. Graham and of the late Mr. William Graham, 2513 Park Avenue, Montreal, and William Norman Robinson of Winnipeg, 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 Sommerville as maid of honor, and by her two sisters, the Misses Grude and Rose Graham 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.

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WE CAN'T REBUILD ON THE OLD FOUNDATIONS.

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 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 when their country was in peril. That is the doctrine of Hossianism.

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 the taxpayer's patience is being exhausted. It is a very dangerous situation when the patience of a people with its Government has reached its limit.

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 depressed 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 late 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 B. 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. Killits, who ordered the defendants to show cause on Feb. 24.

Discovery of a large outbreak of spots near the centre of the sun, covering a territory at least 50,000 miles across, was reported on Sunday by Dr. David Todd, former director of the Amherst Observatory who maintains an observatory at his winter home at Miami, Florida. The appearance of the sun spots, he said, was sudden and unexpected, as the sun's disk was perfectly smooth and quiescent on Saturday. It is very likely, Dr. Todd declared, that brilliant displays of the aurora borealis will be seen in the North and other electrical instruments will be disturbed, as they usually are when the spots first become visible.

How poor Eve ever managed to dress without a mirror Satan only knows.

**Obituary**

Mrs. Margaret J. Dunham.

The death of Mrs. Margaret J. Dunham, widow of Samuel Dunham, occurred late Sunday night at her residence, 277 Carmichael 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.

Mrs. C. H. Stevens, Jr.

Many friends of Mrs. Charles H. Stevens, Jr., will regret to learn of her death, which occurred yesterday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hatfield, 194 Carmichael street. She leaves her parents, her husband, one infant daughter, three brothers, Ralph, Fred and George, and one sister, Miss Stella L. Hatfield, all of this city. The funeral will be held on Tuesday from the residence of her parents at 3.30 o'clock.

**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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## 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 sweeps from the steeples.

Naturally, the best of 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 slake the thirst 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. 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. Rome, 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 that the words with their tonic background.

Railway Wa'te Alleged.

You could find analogies in politics for this large, unassuming hand. The railway is a case in point. Like the water spilling 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 posts have 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 skimping 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. But 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. Blue blood waits upon at the little tables. A functionary, high degree has traveled from Turin to Rome, on foot all the way, lacking nothing.

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