

## WHAT OTHERS ARE THINKING

### Bright Clippings from Wide-a-woke Contemporaries

#### "THE MAN AND HIS MULE"

"Come none of your tricks," said a man to his mule.

"What do I feed you for, eh!  
If not in return for your labor—young colt;  
And yet you've done nothing to-day."

"It is by my labor you live," said the mule;

"And you know very well that is true, So I don't think you feed me at all, my good friend;  
But I think somehow think I feed you."

"Well, you know," said the man, "that your work isn't hard

If your food is a little bit course."  
"The food," said the mule, "isn't fit for a hog  
And the work is too hard for a horse."

"Your father before you wrought hard," said the man,

"On nothing but thistles and grass."  
"Just so," said the mule, "but you must understand,  
My father was only an ass."

J. Lynn Thompson.

#### FICKERT INSISTS HELL HANG MRS. RENA MOONEY

Rena Mooney has been acquitted, but she is still in prison awaiting the pleasure of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The jury has declared that she is innocent. They heard not only the relevant evidence of the case, but also the "conspiracy evidence" relating to strikes and other things not even remotely connected with the crime which was allowed by Judge Seawell and which was designed to hang Mrs. Mooney.

Twelve men whose every prejudice, racial, social, and religious, was appealed to by the snarling beast Fickert, and his "human stiletto," Ferrari (who had the audacity to admit in his closing address to the jury that his star witness, Samuels, had perjured himself), rose above the poisoned atmosphere and did simple justice.

The newspaper extras sold like hot cake. The workers stared at the caption, "RENA MOONEY ACQUITTED," till their eyes bulged. Rena Mooney acquitted! Rena Mooney back in her music studio with her devoted little pupils. Rena Mooney walking the streets of San Francisco despite the perjury gang, the Oxmans, the Kosteres and all their gunmen.

#### FOREIGN OPINION—IMPERIALIST RIVALS

The "Cambridge Magazine" for June 16, as a vacation number, is practically given up to its supplement, "Foreign Opinion." It is full of immensely valuable quotations, though too many of them bear witness to the truth, cynically flaunted by the Idea Nazionale (Rome Imperialist), May 19, in an article by Francisco Coppola. We draw our readers' earnest attention to the following paragraph:

##### Imperialism in Italy.

No other speech, no form of international comity was ever so essentially, universally, impertinently imperialistic as this which daily intoxicates itself in verbal abuse of imperialism. Never has the phenomenon of imperialism so saturated the whole earth, and all the seas. . . . Never before have such events taken place, as for instance, the proclamation by Lloyd George, in the name of Great England, the champion of world liberty, of an annual session of the representatives of 400,000,000 men; or as the tracing by the Republican France of '89 of the vast frontiers of an empire of over

50,000,000 inhabitants conquered during fifty years. To-day for the first time the Italy of the "Risorgimento" (entered too late in the world race), has conquered with freely shed blood the right of seizing and holding her new colonies in Africa and Asia.

##### A French Comment.

That there were deeds following hard on the heels of this plainly worded "Will to Power," let this passage from "Le Temps" (Paris, Republican), June 7, bear witness:

We bow to the perseverance and skill with which Italian diplomacy profits by each phase of the war in her national interest. It is a lesson for those simple-minded orators who consider diplomats as superfluous, and who, by a strange contradiction, claim a sort of plenipotentiary powers for themselves. (The minority Socialists are meant.)

The future map of the Balkans will have to be modelled . . . in accordance with existing engagements and the free will of the nations. But the unity and independence of the whole of Albania under the protection of the Kingdom of Italy—as promised to the Albanians by General Ferrero—can only materialize if the army of General Sarrail is neither diminished in actual strength nor threatened by the plots of King Constantine.

Thus the military necessity of King Constantine's deposition becomes clear.

##### Pan-Germans and the Press.

"Vorwaerts" for May 27 (quoted in the current "Cambridge Magazine") contains the following paragraph:

The Pan-Germans dispose of a perfect forest of newspapers for their propaganda. However small the number of their real adherents may be, the wealth of the big industrial and the big Agrarian circles behind them, allows them not only to support dozens of papers, but also continually to bring new papers under their influence. A Pan-German partnership has only recently bought up two Berlin daily papers and a supposedly independent local paper has fallen wholly under Pan-German control; part of the Liberal press also follows in the Pan-German wake; add to these the newly-founded periodicals, of which a new one appears almost every month. We had best not underestimate the power of such a systematic working at public opinion.

Pan-Germans, Pan-Italians, or Pan-Britons, the Imperialists of all the lands to-day work with the same weapons, and in all in the same ways the workers suffer and die for ambitions in which they have no part.

##### The Eastern Question.

"The Eastern question has become a railway question—the problem of securing safe and cheap railway traffic, available for the traders and travellers of all nations from Constantinople, as the railhead of the European rail systems, to Bagdad as the meeting place of the Asiatic systems."—Graham Wallas, in "War and Peace," April.

—"Labor Leader."

##### PASSED IN WAR TIME, TOO.

Before the great war commenced it was not at all unusual to note many resolutions adopted by various churches proclaiming their adherence to the principles of their professed Leader, the Prince of Peace.

Now-a-days, however, when conferences, assemblies and synods are literally tumbling over each other in offering their allegiance and aid to the God of War, the following resolution adopted by the Erie and Ontario division of the United Christian Conference of the Disciples of Christ, in

June, 1917, is more than refreshing. The resolution reads:

"It is the expression of opinion of this meeting of the Conference of Erie and Ontario Church of Christ, U.C.C., that the command of Jesus to Peter: 'Put up thy sword!' and the matchless teaching of the Master in the sermon on the Mount, prohibiting the taking of human life, are in full force and effect at the present time.

"Therefore, we deplore this present world war, and the unChristian-like attitude too frequently adopted by the churches of the various nations in urging their respective members to participate in it, and we earnestly exhort our members everywhere to so order their lives as to finally receive the approbation of the blessed Christ, Who came not to destroy, but to save."

##### OPPORCHUNITY

Opporchunity knocks at every man's dure wanst. On some men's dures it hammers till it breaks down th' dure an' thin it goes in an' wakes him up if he's asleep, an' afterward it wurks f'r him as a night-watchman. On other men's dures it knocks and runs away, an' on th' dures iv some men it knocks an' whin they come out it hits thim over th' head with an ax. But iveryone has an opporchunity.—Mr. Dooley.

—"Melbourne Socialist."

##### WAR TIME INVENTION

According to the Appeal to Reason, the latest and most popular prayer among hungry hobos runs as follows: "O, Lord! help us to get three squares a day, so that we will not be forced to eat yesterday's breakfast for supper to-morrow night."

##### "BRITAIN HARSH WITH SPIES"

##### Women Court-Martialled and Shot.

A feature article, under a sub-head, "British Harsh With Spies." The Toronto Mail and Empire of August 4th has this to say with reference to the subject:

"Since the war began hundreds of spies have been executed, among them scores of women, some young and several mere girls. It is said that in the early days of the war the French were aghast at the British procedure with suspected spies. They were tried by drum-head court-martial, and upon conviction were instantly shot. It may be that in some cases the mere suspicion led to an execution, for the British have always been severe in their dealings with persons of suspected espionage."

Was the censor taking a vacation, or can the inaction be explained on the ground that it was not the statement of a "Socialist" paper? Further comment is superfluous.

##### TO A MOUSE

In a farmer's barn thou dine,  
Without thought of thine or mine.  
With a wheat ear twixt thy paws,  
What to thee are man-made laws?  
Thou art hungry, here is wheat,  
What is there to do, save eat!

Were but men as wise as mice,  
They would alter in a trice  
All this wretched thine and mine,  
And in pleasant barns might dine,  
Where, when hungering for wheat,  
Men, like mice, would take and eat.  
—R.H.L. in "Melbourne Socialist."

It is true that the disciples of law and order in Butte, Montana, dragged a helpless cripple out into the night and murdered him in cold blood, but what of it? The world must be made safe for democracy.

Although oppression has oftentimes changed its guise, yet it has ever remained essentially the same: the conversion of one man's product into another's profit, the appropriation of the

fruits of labor by a parasitic overclass, with soft hands strangers to spinning. This is the whole meaning of slavery, upon this rock singly is tyranny founded. "Man's inhumanity to man" is the result of man's robbery by man.

##### THE JUSTICE OF JESUS.

(Dedicated to all clergymen and ministers who preach war in the name of Christ.)

Ye have bidden them slay and slaughter, ye have bidden them go to die, And here in grim heaps, untended, the sons of my suffering lie.

I came from my throne to save them, I suffered that they might live, And gave you the message of mercy—the message of love—to give!

And ye, from my holy temples, have bidden them forth, and blessed The flags of the gathering cohorts, who on to the battle pressed; Behold them, the maimed and dying, the blinded and crushed and dead! Ye sons of the men who slew me, and pressed with their thorns my head.

Not theirs is the guilt of slaughter; not theirs are the shame and sin, For these are the sons of courage, who suffered their crowns to win; Their souls shall by shining angels, be gathered to love and light— While ye who have falsely led them descend to the blackest night.

Go search through the old record that gives to the world my word, And mark how I loved the children, and cared for each flower and bird; Then learn how I saved the dying, and see where I raised the dead, And watched o'er the souls in anguish and lifted the drooping head.

No message for all earth's children, but one commandment, "Love," The lesson I strove to teach you when I came from my throne above. My children of every nation were bought with my blood out-poured; Depart! ye accursed for ever, ye men who have called me "Lord."

When bore ye the bitter burden, when lay ye on battle-ground, All wounded and maimed and bleeding, while the shrapnel burst around? Ye have made but a huge Golgotha of my fair and flower-blest earth, And stayed in your ease and "culture" and laughed in securest mirth.

Ye cowards and murderous traitors, ye have borne my name in vain; Mine, mine are the dead and dying, the wounded and worn and slain; To my love in the Heavens eternal, all gathered for evermore, But ye who have led them falsely shall be hurled from the Sacred Door!  
GERTRUDE RICHARDSON.

## UNTO THIS LAST THE MOTHER CRY IS SUPREME

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##### THE WOMEN'S CRUSADE.

We, the members of the Women's Crusade, believing that the men and women of all nations are the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the great family of humanity, assert our opposition to all war, conscription, and slavery.

We pledge ourselves to support by our influence and voting power only those who will work for freedom and peace, and the suppression of militarism under all forms.

We desire social and political equality—the world for the workers, to whom life of international Socialism it has it belongs, the true religion, which is the fulfillment of the Golden Rule, the creation of a safe and happy world for the unborn.

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