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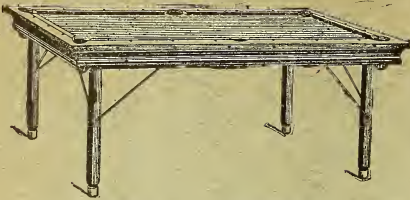
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**“That the Nation Shall, Under God, Have a New Birth of Freedom, and that Government of the People, by the People, for the People, Shall not Perish from the Earth.”—LINCOLN, at Gettysburg.**

“For us there is but one choice,” there is no turning back. We—all of us—every man, every boy, every woman, every child; and every farm and factory, mine and mill, railroad and ship is consecrated to the sacred cause of the liberty of the world—unto the utmost of sacrifice, strain, suffering even to death.

Our flag has stood for freedom. Under its stars and stripes, men of all lands have been blended into a nation, and that nation, now that the issue of the liberty of the world is the defined issue of the war, throws itself into the conflict that the world may fully taste the joys of freedom. The fight has become clearly drawn between democracy and autoocracy. The flag stands for more than America, it stands in the eyes of all peoples for the cause of liberty for the world.

The nation and the world is travailing in the birth of a new freedom “dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal”; that government shall be by the consent of the governed, that every man and all people shall be assured justice, that peace shall be eternally assured, and the world shall no more be an armed camp.

The Pilgrim fathers who came to these shores seeking liberty were but the forerunners of a great band numbered by millions—of all races, who, though differing in characteristics, sought liberty. The principle embodied in the constitution written in the cabin of the Mayflower was the backbone of the constitution of the United States and is becoming the fundamental principle of worldly constitutions. It was fundamental in Lincoln’s thinking; it is revealed as the basic contention of this great war.

With new meaning the flag is raised to-day over every loyal home. Office and workshop, school and church, farm and munition plant, consecrate themselves and their output to the world’s fight for liberty. The staff of bread will be cut, hours of work increased, crops and output demanded and sons and service conscripted, as the price of liberty. We shall call nothing our own. In a new birth of brotherhood, a new bond of fellowship will bind all classes, masses, peoples and nations together that each may be free.

“Foreigner” should be a foreign word. We are all foreigners. An immigrant becomes a full fledged Amer-

ican when his feet turn from his native threshold; in whose soul is the light and life of the liberty. Such men have already made out their declarations of citizenship and they require no naturalization papers. They are re-born in full fledged Americanism. It is a spirit native under every sky toward which the whole world is hastening through a welter of blood. We shall not forget such names as Pulaski, Kosciusko, Lafayette, Garibaldi, Ericson, Van Buren or Hamilton. They are "no more foreigners but fellow citizens."

In the struggle for the liberty of the world, when young men are wrested from their homes and massed under new and strange conditions in which hardships and temptations are incident and the safeguards of morals and society are shattered, the Association is called to its largest task to preserve the fabric of faith, fealty to family and fiber of character. Amid the smoke and steam of munition plants, in the camp or the trenches, on farm or in factory, we are called to serve.

While young men offer their lives, we must preserve their life.

For us there is but one choice. We have made it. Woe be to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution, when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nations. We are ready to plead at the bar of history, and our flag shall wear a new lustre. Once more we shall make good with our lives and fortunes the great faith to which we were born, and a new glory shall shine in the face of our people.—WOODROW WILSON, June 14, 1917.

### Topics in Brief.

A liberty loan that is oversubscribed in America will be understood in Germany.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

If the recent King Constantine had not abdicated in the home he might still reign in the palace.—*New York Sun*.

Although the dispatches do not mention it, the supposition is that the Queen of Greece abdicated, too.—*Kansas City Times*.

Now the Italian War Commission is coming to Chicago. How things do conspire to embarrass our mayor!—*Chicago Daily News*.

Bethmann-Hollweg refuses to say how much territory Germany desires to annex in a purely defensive war.—*New York Evening Sun*.

Among other things, the American Commission to Russia will undertake to make democracy safe for the world.—*New York Morning Telegraph*.

The registration revealed the presence in New York of an alarming number of rents.—*New York World*.

General Aguinaldo has subscribed to the liberty loan, thus proving that reconstruction in the Philippines has been complete and successful.—*New York Sun*.

The ovation given General Pershing at Paris was a tremendous one, but nothing like that which he will receive at the same place on his way back.—*Savannah News*.



Secretary Baker says we can win the war up in the air, and Congress seems to think so.—*Wall Street Journal*.

The Socialists refuse to help carry on the war, but they insist on dictating the peace-terms.—*St. Louis Globe Democrat*.

It is a pity that the Kaiser can not know the number of German names on the Liberty Loan roll of honor.—*Boston Herald*.

The World Peace Foundation has just issued its annual report. It seems to be one of this *regret-to-report* kind.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

The Russian crisis has been settled again. It should be remembered, however, that this is written as of 6 p. m. Thursday.—*Savannah News*.

Socialist opposition to the draft seems likely to have the effect of stimulating volunteer withdrawals from the party.—*New York World*.

Perhaps Senator Works, of California, would not be so crazy for peace if Germany were located on the other side of the Pacific.—*Chicago Tribune*.

Did anybody ever hear of a conscientious objector objecting conscientiously or otherwise to anything that the Kaiser is doing?—*New York World*.

Great Britain will be finished in two months, according to a German admiral. This is a generous extension. The time was up June 1.—*Chicago Tribune*.

A porter in an Atchison barber-shop predicts confidently that the war will not last longer than two weeks. He says his brother has enlisted, and he never held a job longer than two weeks in his whole life.—*Kansas City Star*.

## Song of the American Railroad Man.

We are the wings of the eagle, spread to the  
scarlet sky,  
Sturdy and strong, we speed along, heeding our  
master's cry.

The eagle's beak is the army, the navy its curv-  
ing claws;  
And both may fight through day and night,  
and the wings will never pause.

We are the wings of the eagle, and our steel-  
lined tips are spread  
From shore to shore, where the oceans roar;  
from north to the Gulf Stream's bed.

Let the soldier look to his rifle, and the sailor  
look to the sea;  
And what they need, with an eagle's speed, be  
sure they will get from me.

We are the wings of the eagle, flecked with our  
labors' foam,

With freight and mail we blazed the trail for  
a mighty nation's home.

As in peace we have been your servant, so in  
war we will be your slave,  
And our wings will hum, and our pulses drum  
till the flags of freedom wave.

We are the wings of the eagle, eager to prove  
our worth,

Fitted by skill to do your will with the best  
trained men on earth.

Then load us up with the burden, and fire the  
opening gun,

For remember, Sam, the railroad man is ever  
your loyal son.

From the *Southern Pacific Bulletin*.

## Brilliants.

“Castles in the air are all right until  
we try to move into them.”—*Swift*.

“Character is a diamond that scratches  
every other stone.”—*Bartol*.

### Shop Happenings.

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“The man with the hoe” is much in evidence at the shops these days. Noon and night he wends his way to the old ball park and digs in to one of the finest crops of witch-grass ever grown in Concord. The well cared for plots promise a rich reward later and we are glad to note that each man is doing his bit.

George Tewksbury, for nineteen years an employee at the machine shop, passed away at his home at East Concord and we shall miss the cheery greeting he always had for us.

Morris Burney, of freight shop No. 1, has accepted a position at Woodsville.

Arthur Hayward has recovered from a severe illness and is back on the job again.

J. Craig, car inspector in shop No. 2, has severed his connection with the B. & M.

Joe Latouche, who broke his arm several weeks ago, has returned to his work.

Henry Burney and family spent the week end at North Woodstock.

The Mt. Washington paint gang is back at the shops again and reports indicate that the peak looks well in its fresh coat.

Joshua Gamble and Fred Douglass enjoyed a fishing trip to Portsmouth last week and report they caught some so long —————?

C. D. Vinton, of the upholstery department, has a full program just now as Perry, of the yard gang, is making him jump some to keep the pocket billiard championship, and it is reported

that a certain conductor on the road is giving C. D. the run of his life at checkers.

John Kelton, of No. 3 shop, made his annual pilgrimage to the scenes of his childhood last week.

An open subject for discussion: “How does your garden grow?” Ask Bill Shute, he has a special brand of fertilizer that promises big results.

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### List of Speakers, Sunday Afternoon Meetings, Rollins and White Parks.

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A joint meeting of the Religious Work Committees of the City and Railroad departments was held in the parlor Wednesday evening and the following services arranged:

#### ROLLINS PARK.

- July 1—Rev. W. S. Emery.  
 8—Rev. Haines.  
 15—Rev. W. C. Myers.  
 22—Rev. Colpitts.  
 29—Salvation Army.  
 Aug. 5—Dr. G. H. Reed.  
 12—Rev. R. H. Huse.  
 19—Old Home Sunday.  
 26—Rev. J. W. Setzer.

#### WHITE PARK.

- July 1—Rev. R. F. Etz.  
 8—Rev. A. Black.  
 15—Rev. E. A. Tuck.  
 22—Rev. W. C. Myers.  
 29—Rev. Colpitts.  
 Aug. 5—Rev. R. H. Huse.  
 12—Rev. J. W. Setzer.  
 19—Old Home Sunday.  
 26—Laymen's League.  
 Sept. 2—Labor Sunday.



**Break, Break, Break.**

Break, break, break,  
 On thy cold, gray stones, O sea!  
 And I would that my tongue could utter  
 The thoughts that arise in me.  
 O well for the fisherman's boy,  
 That he shouts with his sister at play!  
 O well for the sailor lad,  
 That he sings in his boat on the bay!  
 And the stately ships go on,  
 To the haven under the hill!  
 But oh! for the touch of a vanished hand,  
 And the sound of a voice that is still!  
 Break, break, break,  
 At the foot of thy crags, O sea!  
 But the tender grace of a day that is dead  
 Will never come back to me.

—*Tennyson.*

**Just Thoughtless.**

We have arranged one of the finest reading and correspondence rooms one could wish to see anywhere. It is equipped with easy chairs, the best possible light, and a first-class line of reading-matter. It is the desire of the department to have things quiet and orderly, and this desire is realized in the main, although at times some men are thoughtless and break out in loud and prolonged conversation, not aware, seemingly, that there may be others in the room who want to read or write. It is not a position that is becoming to rooms of this kind for a man to pile his feet up on the reading table. This is sometimes done, too, but it, no doubt, is done thoughtlessly. By way of kindly suggestion, say we keep this room just as it ought to be kept; you know how that is, without being told.

**Never Alone.**

What's the use of a man's saying, "It's nobody's business what I do so long as I don't interfere with anyone else?" We very frequently hear such a remark, and when we do we come to the conclusion that the one who made it has never made a very careful study of his relation to men. The fact of the matter is, we are never alone in our acts, be they good or bad; our lives are so inseparably linked to other lives that when a man does an act of any kind, no matter where he is, that savors not of purity of character in every sense, the influence of that act is bound to touch another's life. We hear a heap about a man's "personal liberty"; that is a very pet phrase with a certain class of men, liberty to do as one pleases. Such men assume to use the cloak of "personal liberty" to give free rein to their vicious and infernal proclivities. Away with such abominable tommyrot; a man who thus reasons has never learned the A B C's of true liberty, moreover of plain decency.

On the other hand, no matter how obscure the act or how feeble the word if behind it all there is the motive of brotherly kindness, an ambition to help upward not downward, to cheer, to edify, to purify; it abides never alone, but goes out and accomplishes its purpose in other lives. Each man is a pulse throb, the beating of which must be felt throughout the great body of human society, and he should hang his head in shame who cares not whether his pulse beats indicate moral disease or health to his fellowmen.

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**A Fine Suggestion.**

Every bridge and tunnel is now guarded by soldiers, and some of these fellows are at points far removed from cities or towns. They surely must be lonesome in the periods off duty. Trainmen are now dropping off newspapers for them and no doubt will continue to do so.

It occurs to me that our road could be organized to provide suitable and sufficient reading material, correspondence paper and small games, so that when off duty these lonesome fellows will have something to relieve the monotony. This, if carried out, should not mean any expense to the Association other than that of the secretary's time in helping to form the organizations.

**A Home.**

The Railroad Young Men's Christian Association is a real home to many railroad men, at least for a portion of their time, and it is strange how horribly some of them misuse that home.

These institutions have been opened up specifically for the good of railroad men, and are made as homelike and comfortable as possible. That the men are highly pleased with the privileges afforded them in these homes is demonstrated by the daily attendance, which aggregates more than thirty thousand, and it hardly seems possible that any one who has the least spark of manhood or self-respect left in him would gladly accept the benefits of the Association, which cost him comparatively nothing, and then turn around and in the most vile manner insult the institution and the employed staff thereof, by actions and conversation that are far beneath the dignity of anyone who desires to pass as a man, and in the main these things are done in a corner, and when the secretary's back is turned, or when he is absent from the building.

This condition of things ought not to exist, it is decidedly wrong, and when it is brought to the attention of some men they seem to think that a crime has been committed and they have been most illy treated. Every conscientious secretary's heart is filled with nothing but good for these men, with whom he is working, and like other men he makes mistakes; and no wonder when he is called upon to deal with some of the flagrant wrongs that are hurled upon him.

Men! let there be a cooperation on the

part of all to maintain the sanctity of this home, to make it morally and materially what all may be proud of.

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### How We Live.

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Pierced by the pin trust.  
 Chilled by the ice trust.  
 Roasted by the coal trust.  
 Soaked by the soap trust.  
 Doped by the drug trust.  
 Wrapped by the paper trust.  
 Bullied by the beef trust.  
 Lighted by the oil trust.  
 Squeezed by the corset trust.  
 Soured by the pickle trust.  
 Laced by the belting trust.  
 "Beet" by the sugar trust.  
 Saved "from starving" by the Grange.

—*Birmingham Herald.*

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### Current Events.

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#### THE GREAT WAR.

##### AMERICAN OPERATIONS.

June 14.—Howard E. Coffin, of the Council of National Defense, before a sub-committee on military affairs outlines plans for an air-fleet large enough to cover the entire Western battle-front from the North Sea to the Alps.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, denounces the food-control measure as giving to the President greater powers than were invested in Czar or Kaiser.

June 15.—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman are arrested charged with conspiracy in endeavoring to induce young men to break the Con-

scription Law by refusing to register.

Washington reports that plans have been formulated by the Aircraft Production Board of the Defense Council to make the United States a great elementary training-base for all the Allied nations.

President Wilson signs the War-Budget and the Espionage Bill, thus making immediately available \$3,340,000,000 for war-machinery and giving the Executive power to place an embargo on all exports.

June 16.—The Senate passes the Priority Shipment Bill, giving to the President control of interstate commerce; the Lever Food-Control Bill is returned to the Senate by its Committee on Agriculture without recommendation, and President Wilson authorizes Herbert C. Hoover to proceed with the organization of the new food administration through coöperation of volunteer forces.

Chairman Denman, of the United States Shipping Board, refuses to sign contracts for ten steel ships to be built by the Downey Ship-building Company of New York, and sends the contracts back to General Goethals for revision of the steel prices.

June 18.—A new engine for airplanes developed in part by Howard Coffin, of the Defense Council, will be the basis of the \$600,000,000 aerial fleet to be constructed by the Government, Washington reports.

June 19.—Vice-Admiral Sims is appointed to take general charge of the Allied naval forces in Irish waters during the absence from his



post of the British naval commander, a dispatch from London states.

Declaring that the successful termination of the war depends upon a sufficient food-supply, Lord Rhondda, the new Food-Controller of Great Britain, says that the solution of that problem lies mainly with America, which he is sure "will not let us down."

An announcement made public in Washington states that ten steel steamships, contracted for, or in process of construction by the Baltimore Ship-building Company, have been commandeered by the Government.

Spain is threatened with an army revolt, and no news has been received for three days, London reports.

England will free all Irish prisoners taken in the rebellion of Easter week, 1916, Andrew Bonar Law announces in the House of Commons.

A British armed merchantman and five Norwegian vessels are reported in London dispatches as having been sunk by German submarines.

The High Commission, representing France, Great Britain, and Russia, announces the raising of the Greek blockade and the purpose of the Entente Powers to safeguard the country's freedom.

In response to Commissioner Root's statement of the position of the United States toward Russia, Minister of Foreign Affairs Terestchenko declares that Russia and the United States will fight together for the "liberty, freedom, and happiness of all the world."

### Items of Interest.

Engineman W. L. Buckman, for many years a helpful member of this department, passed away at his home in Stoneham, Mass., May 29, 1917.

Andrew Cate, one of our popular young firemen, has taken unto himself a wife. Bon-voyage, Andy.

Trainman F. L. Weeden blowed in the other morning with a big smile and the odor of "Orange Blossoms" much in evidence. Congratulations, Fred.

At the regular meeting of the Committee of Management, Kenneth Carmichael was appointed chairman of the Religious Work Committee. The other members of the committee are W. E. Emery, Charles Archer, Fred Burnham, F. S. Heath, Everett Hoitt, A. C. Robinson and C. C. Titcomb.

Mr. H. O. Williams, R. R. Secretary of the International Committee, was entertained at a noon luncheon by the Committee of Management, Wednesday, June 20.

Department Secretary U. S. Duncan has been called to the Army and Navy service and is now at New London, Conn., as General Secretary of the New London District Army and Navy Department.

Mr. Willard H. Nute has been engaged as a member of the employed force for the summer.

Mr. B. T. Stone, former Secretary of this department, was a recent visitor at the building. Many of the older members have very pleasant recollections of Brother Stone as a friend and Secretary.

Two vacant rooms bring the reality of the war a little closer home to the men at the building as J. A. Larouche and R. C. Stevenson left Friday for Rockingham Park with some thirty other B. & M. men from this city, most of whom are members of this Association. The 4th Regt. Reserve Engineers will be followed with close interest by every man on the B. & M. system.

Mr. O. T. Spaulding has been appointed Acting Secretary of the department until a permanent Secretary is called.

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### Your Friend Week.

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A wide-awake City Association on the Pacific Coast recently appointed a week as "Your Friend Week," urging members to show their friends to the building and acquaint them with its privileges during seven days. Why not adopt this suggestion in the Railroad Department and set apart "Your Friend Week," bringing a new friend each day to see what our work really is and to get in touch with the things for which we stand?

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### He Knew.

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"Father," said the minister's son, "my teacher says that 'collect' and 'congregate' mean the same thing. Do they?"

"Perhaps they do, my son," said the clergyman; "but you may tell your teacher that there is a vast difference between a congregation and a collection."

*Sat., 19. Read Prov. 1:7-19. Grip Verse 10. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*

BOMB PROOF. There is one word in our grip verse that is fairly slimy. Pronounce it and see, "entice." You can't give that word a decent meaning in any connection. Now read some of the arguments. "We shall fill our houses with spoil," "We will all have one purse." Go back to verse seven, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Here is a starter. Let me deliberately choose the principles by which I am to live and for which, if need be, I'd die. Let me grip them to my heart. Now I am ready for all comers. The enticement to join a bunch of bandits or burglars in the old way here described will not come to many of my readers. Times have changed. Not blackjacks and sandbags, but smooth business methods is the modern way. Look out. When you are invited in on the ground floor and a proposition is outlined that "clears the law" all right, but is just too smart for anything, have your principles with you, look your enticer squarely in the eye, and say a quiet 'no with an emphasis that will make him think you've got a forty horse-power megaphone under your vest. *A man ought to hate the sound of easy money* as he'd hate sodomy or incest. Oh, for a generation of American Christians that would rather lose a hand than handle a dirty dollar. For luring power, the clumsy burglar of other days was n't in it with the smooth ways of the modern financier. *Don't be afraid to be a man of moderate means.* It's a badge of honor for an able man.

*Pray that strong and qualified secretaries may be found for army work.*

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## Renewals and New Members for Month of June.

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### A Good Thing.

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