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**THE DOLLAR MARK.**

The universal wall of the age is "the high cost of living." From every country and from every social stratum it rises like a dirge, spoiling the sunshine of content, souring the ambrosia of life.

And not only are the prices high, but there is more to buy; things that were luxuries are becoming necessities, luxuries that were unknown a decade ago are the commonplace exactions of today.

All of these things cost; and to meet the increased demand upon the purse there is a madder rush in the markets, a fiercer competition in the offices, a more uncompromising battle in the professions. The money-madness is in every brain, the get-rich fever is throbbing in every pulse.

Under this stinging lash men are beginning to have a hunted look—the dollar-mark face is a verily upon our streets and even in our homes.

In every crowd you will see it, the sharp, sinister, selfish stamp that money-grubbing leaves on the human countenance. It is undisguisable, unmistakable.

Men, still young in years are prematurely gray and stooped; women, who should still be soft-eyed and smooth of brow are seamed with wrinkles and hard of glance. It gets them all, this stamp of the money devil, and when it gets them it marks them indelibly.

In modern life there is no rest, no placidity. The dominant note is to outdo your neighbor, to have a finer house, costlier clothes, a bigger touring car. The dollar mark is becoming the sign of prominence and of things "hat are first class"; poverty is scarcely considered respectable. The poor in purse, not the poor in worth, are held to be the social outcasts. A man may lie and steal and betray, but if his dollar mark is big enough to cover the sin the world does not pause to investigate. When a poor man sins, he is left naked to

condemnation; he cannot make the mystic dollar sign and hide behind it. The high cost of modern living is not only the prices we pay for material things; it is the price we pay in lowered standards of ethics and ideals—it is the eating of the dollar-mark into our better natures.

**WANTS C., M. & G. RY.**

The Illinois Central Railroad Company wants control of the Chicago, Memphis & Gulf railroad, a line extending from Dyersburg to Tiptonville, Tenn., and Hickman, Ky.

Suit to compel the owners of the latter road to sell the property to the I. C. has been filed in the United States district court at Memphis. The I. C. company claims it furnished part of the supplies for the extension of the new line from Tiptonville to Hickman, also rails when the road was built from Tiger Tail, Tenn. to Tiptonville.

Two years ago this road, then known as the Dyersburg Northern, was sold to John Watkins, of Memphis and New York, S. G. Latta and others, for \$350,000. Latta was elected president and announced that the road would be extended to a point on the Ohio river opposite Metropolis, Ill., and from Dyersburg to Memphis then to Jackson, Miss., where a connection would be made with the New Orleans & Great Northern, giving them an entrance to the gulf.

Later it became known that the Burlington system wanted the road to make a connection into Jackson, Tenn., and those close to the situation believe the Illinois Central's suit is a move to block the Burlington in its effort to come south of the Ohio river.

Ollie M. James has wired the Fulton County Levee Board that he will be here Sunday when the Mississippi River Commission stops here.

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**WORKS at BATTLE FRONT.**  
Rev. H. J. Geiger Plays a Heroic Part in Hickman Flood.

All of the heroic men and women who wrought and suffered and still suffer in the regions devastated by the great Mississippi flood never will become known to the world at large, even by name. It is the rule in such cases that only here and there one is named above his fellows, but when this shall have taken place in the present instance it is not likely that any one name will be more brightly emblazoned than that of the Rev. H. J. Geiger, Episcopal clergyman of Hickman, Ky.

Louisville newspaper men who were sent to Hickman to report conditions there at their worst are earnest and enthusiastic in their commendation of the inspirational devotion with which the Rev. Mr. Geiger bore a yeoman's part in the days of agonizing fear and peril. Doffing clerical habiliments for flannel and corduroy he labored with shovel and sandbag on the levee's shoulder to shoulder with ne-



THE REV. H. J. GEIGER

who did yeoman service in behalf of flood sufferers at Hickman.

groes or men of birth and breeding and money. When, despite all their efforts, the great government levee broke and the Father of Waters surged angrily through the breach, the Rev. Mr. Geiger was among the first to turn rescuer of the weaker and unfortunate.

Blessed with splendid physical manhood he waded and swam and skiffed for hours wherever women and children were to be succored and adding to his noble example cheery words of unflinching courage and hope. It is now reported that, as soon as the conditions approach more nearly to the normal, an effort is to be made to obtain a Carnegie medal for "a man named Charlton," who assisted in saving a woman with a baby but a few hours old when the levee broke.

According to the story, Charlton was taking the last of his personal possessions from his inundated home and was making his way to the hills for safety. Hearing of the woman's extreme distress and peril he abandoned his belongings and hurried to the rescue. The report goes on to say that the assistance of "the Rev. Mr. Geiger," who had summoned him, he succeeded in getting the woman and child to safety. The house from which she was taken was directly in front of the break in the levee, and the bed on which she lay had to be held above the two men's heads, as they were in water up to their shoulders. At the imminent risk of their lives they succeeded in reaching land shelter with their human burden.

No one could desire to derogate anything from the honor and credit belonging "to the man named Charlton." He is deserving only of the best. But the report serves to show the force of the statement with which this relation began. Except for the incidental reference in the dispatches about "the man named Charlton" no mention has been made of the Rev. Mr. Geiger whose service has been continuous and not confined to a single instance.

It is not to be hinted that a medal would mean anything to the Rev. Mr. Geiger more than a mark of appreciation from his fellow men. His service has been rendered without thought of reward, simply and as a brave man does the duty at hand. No office or insignia could make him

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As house leader of the Democratic majority and chairman of the ways and means committee, Mr. Underwood has directed the tariff policy of his party, not always to the entire satisfaction of some of its other leaders, but in a way that has gained him the enthusiastic support of a considerable number in his candidacy for the presidential nomination. He is a little slow in starting his campaign for delegates, but has been making up for lost time since definitely announcing himself.

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Capt. A. Butt, aide to Pres. Taft, who was here with the president on his visit to Hickman three years ago, was drowned with the sinking of the Titanic.

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**ADJ. Gen. DICKMAN HERE.**

Adj. Gen. Dickman, of the central division of the U. S. Army, arrived in Hickman yesterday to look over the relief work being done at this point. Gen. Dickman is one of the most distinguished army officers, with the exception of Pres. Taft, that ever visited this city.

**RIVER:** River fell about 5 inches at Hickman during the past 24 hours. The last reading of the Cairo gauge was 50.8, a fall of .8. Rising at Pittsburgh, Nashville, Kansas City and Chattanooga. Falling at Cairo, St. Louis and Louisville.

The new game law does not touch upon the open and closed season for hunting, the old law still holding good. The new law we consider a good one in many of its provisions and we hope that it will be enforced. For \$2 you can obtain a State license, which entitles you to hunt in any part of the State. A county license costs \$1. In order to obtain a license you must be a bona fide citizen of the State for one year preceding the issuing of the license.

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