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There comes to The Times office occasionally a paper published in the interest of newspaper men in which there is a standing "30" headline. To the uninitiated the headline means little, but to the newspaper man the mystic figures tell the story of death having put an end to the existence of some fellow worker. It is a fact, as one may learn from reading this "30" column, that newspaper men as a rule do not live much past middle life. The reason for this is that not only on the city papers, but also on the country press, the men actively engaged in producing the newspapers put in long hours at their work, often in poorly ventilated offices, they have little time or means for recreation, and as a consequence the flame of life for them is extinguished at an earlier age than it is for men in most other professions or vocations. Also it is the lot common to most newspaper men to have the responsibility of providing for families on incomes unequal to the needs of themselves and those dependent upon them. Not one newspaper man in a hundred is able to care for his family as he should be, nor is he able to lay aside anything for the rainy day. It is a singular thing that so few newspaper men are given the public consideration they are entitled to. If their efforts in behalf of enlightenment, progress, religion and morality are properly appreciated few people ever take the trouble to tell them about it. On the contrary, it is a statement of fact, applicable more to the weekly than to the daily, that many people look upon their home paper as legitimate prey, in that they wish to get all they can get out of it and give no more in return therefor than they find absolutely necessary. If this were not true, the weekly newspapers of the country would be adequately supported—not so many business men would withhold from them the patronage they should be given and fewer people would find first one excuse and then another for failing to pay what they owe the newspaper man for reading his paper. Under the "30" headline to which we have referred there recently was printed an item telling of the death of an editor who had conducted in his home town a weekly paper for a third of a century. The item also stated that he had the confidence and esteem of his community to a large degree as was attested at his funeral, but that he left only a small estate. These fine words came too late to help the old man. What he needed was more consideration before "30" was hung on the hook for him.

The fellow who sees in heroism nothing but human beings neglects the fact that history is the story of human achievement. It contains the life stories of men who have built civilization. In reading the records one will find generally that those who ought to have succeeded did so, while scoundrels, sometimes successful, usually lived to regret their rashness or met with just punishment. In the biographies of men are to be found examples for every young person to follow. Many men have accomplished the same sort of thing each of us is trying to do. Read their life stories. Read, especially, the lives of Leonardo di Vinci and Michelangelo and of King Alfred of England. Find the man who appears "here" to you, and you will at the same time find a valuable incentive to high endeavor. The chapter of history dealing with the life of Christ is the most inspiring, but one should read all

history. Read the history of the rise of Greece and the men who brought it about. Read how Rome came to control the world. Read how England, coming under the influence of the Romans, became civilized and rose to world domination. More especially study the history of this country. Everywhere will be found a record of work, accomplishment, unremitting labor on the part of the men who created and preserved civilization.

A Washington dispatch tells us that a number of Democratic senators who had intended to go to Missouri and help Senator Reed in his campaign for reelection are embarrassed and do not know what to do since Mr. Wilson has expressed a wish to have Senator Reed beaten. They fear that any assistance they might now give Senator Reed would put

them "in the position of flying in the face of Wilson's wishes." If there are such spineless men on the Democratic side in the United States senate a good thing for the country would be the defeat of these senators when they come up for reelection. We don't need weaklings in the Congress of the United States—men who find it necessary to consult a boss regarding their official conduct.

Many a small boy envies the girls who can hide their ears with their hair.

It is said there will be no aristocrats in heaven. This may explain why some folk are not trying to get here.

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