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And These Are The Days For Courage!

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This is more than a mere phrase upon men's lips just now. Circumstances make it exceedingly meaningful. It is a very real and poignant experience at present. We are all feeling very keenly the stress of the times.

At such a time as this, any real American man or woman would be ashamed to be a dispenser of gloom and discouragement among fellow citizens who need a word of cheer. This publication would like to be of some little service to our community and our wide circle of readers in addition to the ordinary service of carrying the advertising and publishing the news.

We would like, if possible, to bring you all a word of good cheer. We would do what we can to instill the fighting spirit in men, the spirit that always conquers the most stubborn difficulties in the end. Now is no time to show a "yellow streak" and run for cover. The man who in these times thinks only of himself and not at all how he might, even at some real personal sacrifice if need be, help a more embarrassed fellow man to "make the rifle", will likely be remembered in after days when he will very much wish that his fellow men would forget.

Stand by! Lend a hand! Give a little cheer to the fellow who is faint with the strife and knows not which way to turn!

Experiences such as these should knit the hearts of men together in a splendid unity of real friendship and high purpose. We are all enlisted in this war against depression which we must fight through, not single-handed, but together, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, and hand to hand. There is no other sensible thing to do. So fighting and so helping one another we shall win.

And if we fight it through in this spirit of smiling, courageous comradeship, when there seems not much to smile about, with a friendly hand upon each other's shoulders, a lift for the man who is down or struggling hard to keep his feet and a heartening word for him in moments when he grows a little faint, we shall come out of the struggle poorer in material things, perhaps, but rich in the satisfaction of having served our fellow men when service was the supreme need. And we shall have helped to deepen community friendship and strengthen community ties and lay a well-cemented foundation for building a greater future prosperity for all.

Now is no time to be running to cover. Now is the time to stand up and fight like men and to cheer each other mightily.

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Let Us Stand And Fight Together!

Let Us All Take Courage!!