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"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Today is Gettysburg Day, the anniversary of the day upon which Abraham Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg address. It was short and simple, a striking contrast to the elaborate oration delivered at the same time and place by another great speaker. But the latter's words are forgotten, while Lincoln's utterances have become a part of American school books. Above is the short speech made on that great occasion, a speech which is recited today all over America, which thrilled the country and still thrills and which contains a phrase perhaps more used in American politics today than any other ever coined.

All admirers of Lincoln, all Americans, all who admire English at its best, like to read these lines. Lincoln perhaps made one pardonable mistake, when he said "the world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here."

SUFFERING IN NEW YORK.

The New York court which ruled yesterday in the matter of Mrs. Gould's alimony was less generous than a Paris court which in a similar case ordered alimony of \$200,000 a year. Though Mrs. Gould showed beyond question that she couldn't even get her necessities of life for less than \$70,000 a year, the court yesterday granted her only \$25,000. As her testimony shows, this means terrible suffering. It is apparent that she will only be able to have one automobile. Just where else the unfortunate lady will be able to cut down her estimates only the experience growing out of her desperate straits will show. She has only estimated \$1000 a month for rent of apartments, so it is evident that there can be no cut here. Grocer's, butchers, etc., are put down at \$1000 a month. Mrs. Gould admits that this sum would keep two people alive, but quotes the good old matrimony-encouraging proverb, "it costs as much for one as two," and surely the court doesn't want her to starve! Items of about \$500 a month for four coach horses might have seemed reducible but for the fact that she is only to have one automobile under the new regime. There is an item of \$700 a month for linens, curtains, silverware, etc., which may be shaved under the exigencies of poverty, but the court's cruel ruling cuts estimates in half, and how can she scrape along on \$350 a month for these things? Finally there is the matter of wearing apparel and here of course the shoe will pinch, perhaps literally as well as figuratively, worst of all. With surprising moderation, Mrs. Gould only estimates her needs at \$1250 a month for these things, limiting herself to two hats a month and promising to be careful with her gowns. The cable does not give the name of the judicial ogre who cut these figures in half. He must have a heart of stone, and an appeal ought to be taken to Roosevelt, who knows everything and will probably call the court a few things. In the meantime there is a chance for some enterprising New York newspapers to start a public subscription to keep the unlucky Mrs. Gould alive.

THE PEARL HARBOR CELEBRATION.

Pearl Harbor will probably be opened long before 1912. By that time warships in its waters will be an old story. But the completion of naval works at Pearl Harbor is not likely to be arrived at before 1912. The celebration then will be a natural occasion for national recognition, perhaps for international recognition. Experts say that Pearl Harbor is to be the greatest naval station in any ocean and the most important strategic point in the world. As this idea spreads more and more throughout the United States, the importance of the proposed celebration will be more and more generally recognized. By that time the world will be turning attention to the prospective opening of the Panama canal, which will call for an international celebration in which all nations will take part. It is a splendid idea for Hawaii to begin now plans for the Pearl Harbor observances. Such plans will grow in scope and should finally give us a celebration of very great benefit.

CHINA SHOWING AGGRESSIVENESS.

China's sudden seizure of Macao may be a sign that the new administration is going to be more aggressive, more anxious to protect Chinese national integrity, than the old. Macao is not a very large place. It is a peninsula, about four square miles in extent, which was settled

by Portuguese many years ago, but has a very large preponderance of Chinese population. Its status as a Portuguese colony was settled by treaty in 1887, when China acknowledged Portuguese government of Macao, with a provision that it should never be alienated without the consent of China. Now that China has seized it, under a technical claim that Portugal renounced sovereignty, it is difficult to see what the Lisbon government can do to regain it. War between China and Portugal would be much like a duel with "swords at forty paces."

RIVALRY AND WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

An awakening national spirit in China might help to preserve the peace for some time to come. The war between Japan and Russia did not end the rivalry of those two nations for control in Manchuria. The Russian and the Japanese still face one another, and if China should become able to settle the matter, not only between these two, but as concerns all the other nations, by taking proper control herself of her own territory, a good deal of trouble might be saved in the immediate future. Whether the final result would not be an aggression from the Orient that would put all Christendom on the defensive, is a matter for the more distant future. For the present, China's weakness has been a cause of war and is a danger now. If China and Korea had been strong there might have been no war between Japan and Russia.

If New York trades Platt for Root as Senator, it will be something like San Francisco's leap from Mayor Schmidt to Mayor Taylor.



Wearry—Whew! I thought dat X on de gate meant 10 cents, but it was fer 10 dogs.

THE MOTOR CRAZE.

W. K. Vanderbilt has abandoned automobilism. "It seems eccentric in these times," said Mr. Vanderbilt at a dinner in New York, "not to motor. Everybody motors nowadays. Rich and poor alike, we all have our cars. Motor cars have become, like slippers or hats, a necessity."

"In fact," continued Mr. Vanderbilt, "I can almost believe the beggar story I heard yesterday."

"A beggar rang a suburban doorbell. The mistress of the house appeared, frowned at the man, and said:

"Go away, please. I haven't got any cold victuals, or old clothes, or old boots, or old overcoats, or—"

"Excuse me, ma'am," the beggar

humbly interrupted. "I didn't want nothin' to eat or wear. I just called to see, ma'am, if you had an old automobile to give away."

TOUCHING.

Rodiek—Softwood is the easiest chap I ever met. Every day some acquaintance tells him a yarn and borrows a five or so.

Van Albert—Yes, his friends are beginning to call him "Wet Paint."

Rodrick—Because he is so soft?

Van Albert—No; because very few people pass without "touching him."

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