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of the league idea. Time might yield a carefully thought out conception and a skilfully worked out execution that would meet the overwhelming approval of all Europe, all America—of the whole world.

But the treaty of peace is imperatively needed now. It ought to be ready for signing to-day. It could not be put off for weeks without intensifying the agony of hundreds of millions of the starving and suffering peoples of Europe. It could not be put off for months without plunging the Old World into a chaos second in its horrors of to-day and in its penalties of to-morrow only to the hideous war itself, which blasted the face of Europe and took bitter toll of nearly all mankind.

Mr. Root's Searching Criticism. Mr. Root's point of view regarding the Wilson plan of a League of Nations differs somewhat from that of Senator Knox, from that of Judge Hughes, from that of Senator Lodge, from that of ex-President Taft and from that of President Lowell of Harvard. All these eminent friends of peace, however, concur in the belief that the particular scheme which President Wilson has adopted as his own, and on his sole and unwarranted authority has presented to Europe and has been endeavoring to fasten on America, is essentially defective and dangerous and requires extensive amendment before it can be accepted by the treaty making power of the United States in connection with any treaty of peace.

Heredit and the Hook. This is the week in which the man of the Northern States makes his most elaborate and costly sacrifice upon the altar of that which might in a loose sense be called activism. With the sacrificial implements of forty centuries ago he goes back to a function perhaps forty times older than that.

NOT PEACE, BUT WAR. Results Up to Date of Mr. Wilson's Pursuit of His Ideals. To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: It is a curious result we witness in the endeavor of our President to be considered the great peace maker: every effort he has made for peace has resulted in more war. He won his election by the cry of "He kept us out of the war after long and ample sufficient provocation cost tens of thousands of lives and mints of treasure."

Who Can It Be! To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: If any human being ever read the Copland record, who isn't officially obliged to do so he rarely comes across anything that is delightfully amusing. Judge of our surprise at stumbling on the following introduction, all in one sentence, to a toast proposed on November 15, 1916, by a toastmaster who was not long ago a member of Congress, but not long ago a member of the Federal bench. Considerable latitude is to be allowed a toastmaster. We will allow between 32 and 33 degrees north and locate him at Fort Worth, Texas:

ASK FOR A HOSPITAL. Washington Heights Residents Say Accommodations Are Lacking. To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: The recent influenza epidemic served to emphasize the urgent need of a city hospital on Washington Heights. That part of the city is growing by leaps and bounds but still remains without proper hospital accommodations. It is a fact that the hospitals now serving the Heights were so crowded that many patients had to be turned away while the epidemic was at its worst.

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COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

ROOSEVELT ROAD.

THE SUN CALIFORNIA FOR POLISH REPUBLIC.

Official Denial of Reported Negotiations for the Leasing of the Caribbean Islands—Columbia's Desire for Cordial Relations With This Nation.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: His Excellency Dr. C. A. Urueña, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Colombia to the United States at Washington, D. C., has asked me to call your attention most respectfully to the news communicated by cable from Panama and published in your daily a few days ago with unfavorable comments regarding to Colombia, regarding the negotiations supposed to be started by Colombia for the purpose of leasing to the United States the islands of St. Andrew and Providence, located in the Caribbean Sea and under the sovereignty of Colombia.

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