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ROOSEVELT'S WAR FEVER

THEODORE ROOSEVELT is pre-eminently a man of action. This may account for the shabby appearance he makes as a man of pessimism and fault-finding.

His comments upon President Wilson's message are more potent than virile, more envious than generous, more harmful than helpful.

The tenor of Mr. Roosevelt's criticism is in one direction. He sums his own views in the sentence in which he complains that the president "Met blood and iron with milk and water."

The United States is not making war in Mexico. The United States is not making war in Europe. Therefore the president is not executing the will of the American people.

Mr. Roosevelt will find that the people in this country do not want a war with Mexico. They do not desire a war with Europe. They will embark in either with greatest reluctance.

The truth is that Mr. Roosevelt is like many men of action; who attempt to act according to a school of thought. With many scholars and statesmen he makes the mistake of applying the terms of European political economy to American conditions.

He speaks truly when he suggests, as he has in time past, that a European nation would take arms to Mexico, were the conditions as they are between Mexico and the United States.

But he does not consider the different situation of European states, as compared with American states.

The clue to the political action of a European state, in such a situation as that in Mexico is in the dense population of the land of Europe. The land will not support the people, they must emigrate. The land does not afford opportunity to capital, and capital must emigrate.

Thus European capital in foreign lands and European immigrants in foreign lands serve their country.

But American states have more land than they know what to do with. They do not desire American capital, nor American citizens to rush to the development of other countries.

The capital in Mexico, and the Americans in Mexico, are thought to be rather injuring their country, than aiding it. The people see no reason why they should defend with arms those who have taken their persons and their fortunes out of this sparsely populated country, to enrich other countries.

A state will shed its blood for its interest; but it will not shed its blood against its interest. Nor does such a program bar a war of mercy. The war with Cuba was doubtless a war of mercy, in that the Cubans desired American intervention.

But there is no party in Mexico that asks or desires American intervention. Under the usages of precedents of our government the people of Mexico have a right to work out their own destiny.

If they desire to wade in blood they have the same right to do it that any European state has.

The president in keeping at peace with Mexico represents his country better than Mr. Roosevelt does, who would go to war there.

Mr. Roosevelt's concepts of duty are based on European political maxims, which do not apply to American states. The precepts of the president are a natural result of his understanding of American conditions.

As for Mr. Roosevelt's notion that America ought to arm for the protection of Belgium, it is a notion too fantastic for serious consideration. It is out of touch with the policy of the nation, since Washington gave his warning against foreign entanglements.

And if we are unprepared, as Mr. Roosevelt says we are, as he left us when he left office, why does he suggest that we fight for Belgium? Should a nation go to war before it is ready to fight?

THE PUNISHMENT OF MR. KING

THE SENTENCE of Representative Clitus H. King to not less than six nor more than eight years in the state prison is in a way a tribute to justice. King had been an influential lawyer. He was affiliated in an important way with the political machine which has for so long ruled Connecticut.

He threw himself upon the mercy of the court, and was in a situation in which it might have been expected he would receive clemency not usually extended to the ordinary criminal.

But Judge William H. Williams, in imposing sentence, received all the factors upon which King might have hoped for consideration as an aggravation of his offense, and imposed a punishment of unusual severity.

Because Mr. King was intelligent and because he held a position of great responsibility, and because he had special duties to the community Judge Williams held that his offense was the more intolerable, and that his punishment should be the more severe.

Most people will take the view of Judge Williams.

Yet the course of justice is unequal. King's offenses, serious as they were, and destructive as they were of public confidence, did not approach in dangerous quality those frauds by which New England industries, and especially New England railroads have been shattered, FRAUDS THAT NOT ONLY GO UNPUNISHED but which are supported by such influence that the very suggestion they should be punished brings a storm of reproach upon the person who makes the suggestion.

It is unfortunate for Connecticut that a judge of the stern quality of Judge Williams cannot have opportunity to mete justice in the higher spheres of crime.

The Anchor line steamer Cameronia arrived at New York from Glasgow, bringing 233 passengers.

The French pavilion at the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds was sold to a wrecking company for \$2,000. It cost \$109,000 to erect.

Under-Lieut. George Victor Hugo, grandson of the famous French novelist, was awarded the French Cross of War for bravery in battle.

The traffic squad of the New York Police Department has been increased from 594 men to 622.

Transmission of opium in any form through the mails destined for the United States, was prohibited by the Mexican post office department.

Gov. McCreeley, who retired as governor of Kentucky, during his term issued 511 pardons, ranging from pistol carrying to manslaughter.

Prince Kropotkin, Russian Rebel, Has Brilliant Daughter

Prince Peter Alexievitch Kropotkin, long the most famous of the Russian revolutionists, will be seventy-three years old to-morrow. The distinguished and scholarly defender of philosophic anarchism has royal blood in his veins, and it is said that the Kropotkin family has almost as good a claim to the Russian throne as that of the Romanoffs.

ALBERT THOMAS

Albert Thomas, the "Lloyd-George of France," who holds the position of Under Secretary of State for Artillery and Munitions in the French government, is one of the busiest men in the world to-day. While his department is officially a part of the war ministry, it is really independent and Mr. Thomas is the supervisor of all the artillery and munition factories of France.

INDIAN BLOOD

In the early days of the republic, an infusion of Indian blood would have been considered an asset. No one ever spoke well for the half-breed. But as the generations go on, many of our older families are showing pride in having in their lineage some infusion of Indian blood.

Most of the aboriginal strains are thick-witted, earth-born creatures, slow of thought and dull of apprehension. The Indian was quick, alert, nervous, lithe of motion, passionate. He was capable of affectionate loyalty and fiendish revenge. He had his own beauty of imagery and was not lacking in fine ideals. He was the poet of the stone age, a dreamer and mystic.

HARBOR NOTES

The schooner Mary Ann McCann, whose home port is New London, is lying up at West's dock, on the foot of Pembroke street for the winter. The schooner carries lumber between Maine and this port during the open months.

Morning Matinee is Successful In Spite of Adverse Weather

Successive sidewalks and generally unfavorable weather didn't deter several hundreds of patrons from witnessing the experimental morning matinee of photoplays at Polk's theatre today.

In order to give the morning show experiment a fair test under favorable weather conditions, Manager Polk will present another program from 10 to 1 o'clock, Friday.

Rivers and Harbors Congress. Convenes

Washington, Dec. 8.—The national rivers and harbors congress opened its 12th annual convention here today, Secretary of Commerce William C. Rogers made the opening address.

WILLMORE'S CLASS TO DISCUSS SELF-CONTROL

"Stoicism—Self Control," will be the theme of T. F. Willmore's class at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening at 8:45. The Philosophic club, as it is called, comprised of two dozen young men studying the great philosophies of life, and the group is one of eight meeting every Thursday evening during the winter.

The Misses Williams will contribute to the supper program, tomorrow evening at 6:15, by solos and special piano selections. The other classes are taught by Rev. Kenneth Mackenzie, W. S. Lacy, G. H. Wilson, S. S. Keeney, J. G. Matthews and Raymond G. Kennedy.

CREMATION

The first cremation of a human body in America took place in 1792, when the remains of Colonel Henry Laurens, a revolutionary soldier, were consigned to the flames in accordance with the instructions in his will, in which he enjoined his son to "cause my body to be wrapped in twelve yards of tow cloth, and burned until it be entirely consumed."

MILLO LOSES LICENSE

Frank Milo of this city has suffered an indefinite suspension of his license to drive an automobile, as a result of his recent arraignment before Secretary of State Charles D. Burnes on the charge that he drove while intoxicated.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned to Dec 1 was 9,711,413 running bales, including round bales and 77,161 bales of sea island, the census bureau today announced.

POSTMASTER FINED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Hartford, Dec. 8.—Daniel H. Davis, former postmaster at West Woodstock, appeared before Judge Edwin S. Thomas at the December term of the United States court, yesterday, and pleaded guilty to embezzling from the mails.

CHILDREN'S RAIN COATS

A good variety in Rubber Surface and Cloth Coats. Boys' Rubber Coats... \$2.75 up. Girls' Cloth Coats... \$3.50 up. Girls' Capes... \$2.75 up.

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A large number to select from. Black Surface Coats... \$5.00. Leather Color Coats... \$5.50. Cloth Surface... \$4.50. Many Models to \$14.00.

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Slippers for the Boudoir

Extreme daintiness marks the Holiday exhibit of Boudoir Slippers.

Quilted Satin Slippers with silk pompons and low heels are in a variety of colors.

Plain Satin Slippers have satin covered heels and silk pompons.

Fancy hand-made Boudoir Slippers are of puffed Dresden Silk, or plain satin, some of them hand-embroidered, all exceedingly novel and attractive.

"Comfy Slippers" in tailored styles and run with ribbons. Mules of plain or quilted satin, and brocaded silver or gold cloth.

High Carriage Boots of black velvet, pink or blue satin, fur trimmed, with quilted linings.

Silk Stockings

A very gay assortment in colors with fancy clockings in striking effects which seem especially planned for fancy dancing slippers.

In navy blue, bronze, red, pale blue and pale pink, smoke, gray and beige. \$1.00 and \$1.50

Black Silk For Christmas at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Slippers for Men

Complete lines of Men's Slippers in black, tan and chocolate kid.

Cavaliers, Operas and Everetts Tan Alligators \$2.00 and \$3.50

"Comfy" Slippers of warm felt. \$1.50

Second Floor.

Silk Petticoats

For evening wear. Delicate pink and blue and white taffeta with lace trimmed flounce, pinked ruffles, corde dand prettily finished for bouffant skirts.

Crepe de Chines in lavender, pink and blue with lace flounces. \$5.95 to \$13.50

Taffeta Skirts, plain colors or changeable for street wear.

Jersey Tops with silk flounces, \$1.95 to \$7.50

Men's Half Hose

Interwoven 4 prs. in a box, \$1.00

Holeproof six months guarantee 6 prs. in a box \$2.00

Men's Silk Hose, several grades in all desirable colors. Main Floor.

Hats at Reductions.

Changed prices are the order of the day in the Millinery Section. If you want a hat for street or dress wear for the motor car, or for any use whatever, and you find one that is becoming the price will be made right. It is not possible to describe nor go into detail with price. The variety is too extensive. Come and see.

Millinery Shop, second floor.

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ARMS FOREMEN PERFECT ORGANIZATION; WELLS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Foreman's Club of the Remington-Arms, which had its initial meeting at the Hotel Stratfield last October, was formally organized last night.

Previous to the meeting the men, who numbered 75 heads of divisions and foremen, dined at the works restaurant as the guests of the company, E. W. Ellingham, in behalf of the committee on organization, explained the purpose of the meeting.

The following were appointed chairmen of committees: Topic, E. F. Dungan; membership, R. C. Salsman; and entertainment, E. M. Maxam.

THE COURTLAND SCHOOL 421 WASHINGTON AVE. MISS MARY J. MINER, Principal. Twenty-fifth year begins Thursday, Sept. 30. Booklets at the stationery shop. Office hours: 10 a. m. to 12 m., Mondays and Saturdays extended. Others hours by appointment. L 24 12