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WAR NOW EXISTS

There is little question but what another declaration of war would have been made if congress had been in session, since the sinking of the three ships of the country by German submarines. It is the prevailing opinion that a state of war now exists between this country and Germany; that the overt act necessary to precipitate war has been committed and that a declaration of war has not been made by this country because the body authorized to make it is not in session. If this country means what it says, and we have no doubt but what it does, then the acts of Germany cannot be construed in anything but a challenge to the United States to make good the declaration of war against Germany. The probabilities are that as soon as congress reconvenes a declaration of war will be made and that means that the resources of the United States will be employed to vindicate the honor of the country and to drive from the seas the instruments of destruction employed by Germany against the commerce of the United States.

It is said that Germany is counting on a revolt on the part of German-Americans in the United States. If this is true we have no doubt but what Germany will be disappointed because American citizens of every nationality will be found rallying to the support of the stars and stripes and will ally their sympathies and efforts with the country in which they live and in which their possessions are found, rather than with a country seeking to deny our people their legal rights.

Let the wife's efforts at spring housecleaning remind you that this is a good time of year to clean up and paint up the premises generally. You have to do that only once a season, while the chances are that she will clean house at least a dozen times, so you have the better of the bargain at that.—Carroll Times.

STRIKE AVERTED.

The strike, which was to have taken place at 6 o'clock Saturday night, failed to materialize. The president appointed a committee, made up of prominent politicians, to confer with the railroad managers and the brotherhood with a view of settling the question and calling the strike off. It was first arranged that a postponement for forty-eight hours should be made, but that if a settlement was not had by Monday night at 7 o'clock the strike would take place. After this adjournment was had the committee conferred with the brotherhood and with the railroad magnates in an endeavor to have the strike called off. The brotherhood made no concessions, but seemed determined to carry out their purpose unless a complete surrender was made, but the railroad managers took a more patriotic view of the situation and said that in view of the fact of the international disturbance, that they would yield to the demands of the brotherhood rather than have the strike occur. This agreement had been arrived at prior to the time the supreme court passed on the constitutionality of the Adamson law and proved the patriotism of the railroad managers as against those of the brotherhood. The decision of the supreme court on Monday, sustaining the constitutionality of the Adamson law, settled the question by sustaining the eight hour a day law. We wonder how soon people would come to the understanding of how helpless the government is in case of a threatened strike by labor organizations. The representatives of the government have political reasons, have no courage or fairness to treat the demands of labor in the independent manner they should be treated. President Wilson from the beginning has shown a disposition to throw his influence with the labor organizations and there is no question but what in this late manner the committee appointed to adjust the difference between the two contending factions leaned toward the labor organizations. The effect of the victory for labor will mean an additional expense to the railroads of perhaps fifty or sixty millions of dollars annually and it is theirs to determine on whom the burden of raising this money must fall. It means an increase in railroad rates and everybody knows who pays the freight.

There is a growing belief that the national guard has not been given the famous "square deal," concerning which so much was heard a few years ago. The boys have a grievance, and perhaps before we go much further there ought to be some way of getting these men into the right humor. It can no doubt be done, and it will be easier to build up some new system of national defense if there are not a large number of men in the country who feel aggrieved, after they have for years been demonstrating their willingness to serve their country.—Burlington Hawk-Eye.

The twelve senators who killed the armed neutrality bill by a filibuster in the senate did not do a popular thing, and the citizen is inclined to think they did not do the right thing, though we credit them with the highest motives and the belief that it was right. That is an important consideration in judging them.—Iowa City Citizen.

Cummins has become a traitor to the very things for which we always had supposed he stood. And in his footsteps followed his junior senator, W. S. Kenyon, of Iowa. These two men were with the leaders in the movement that defeated President Wilson's effort to uphold the honor and dignity of the United States on the seas, to which we are as much entitled as any nation on earth.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

New York and Paris.

While I am well rooted in my French and Latin soil, I have traveled far through the world, and one may believe me when I say that I have found no city that more resembles Paris in its ways and the characteristics of its inhabitants than New York. Even London, admirable as it is, is more apart. This is not to say that New York is not profoundly original, but that between it and Paris there are parallel originalities. The gayety of the streets; already certain aspects of picturesque antiquity; the atmosphere of welcome; the vivacious spirit, cordial hospitality and disinterested enthusiasm for talent, merit or novelty; a certain quickness to adopt and to discard ideas, art movements and people; a restlessness at times too feverish; a love of pleasure, elegance and luxury; a tendency to respond instantly and as one man to any great and international event—all this is what makes of Paris and New York, each in its own particular way, with its little faults and grand qualities, the two most sympathetic, the most "electric" cities of the civilized world.—Jules Bois in Century.

Immigrants and the Birth Rate.

The figures given out by the census bureau showing what is described as an astonishingly higher birth rate among foreign born Americans than among native Americans are perhaps not so astonishing after all.

It is common knowledge that the families of foreign born parents are larger than purely American families. It is safe to say that they have been for many years, though the figures now published are the first ever made by the national government, but persons who are distinctly American in their feeling, habits, prejudices, customs and thinking continue to govern America and lead the American people.

That the more rapid increase of the elements brought into the population by recent immigration will have a tendency to un-Americanize America is an assumption that lacks support in national experience. Our experience is that America makes Americans of Europeans.—St. Louis Republic.

PATRIOTISM.

The Review is publishing this week a patriotic address by Father J. M. Hanson, of Dunlap, at the St. Patrick's entertainment held at the Catholic auditorium on Sunday night. We publish the address because of the patriotic sentiment expressed in it as well as the high literary merit of the address. The address follows: "My Country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing. Patriotism may be defined as love of country and loyalty to its life and weal; love-tender and strong, deep as the affection for son and for mother, strong as the pillars of death, loyalty generous and disinterested, shrinking from no sacrifice, seeking no reward save country's weal. Patriotism is innate, inborn in man but in order that this sublimest of public virtues may grow, blossom and bear its full fruit, the land which we call our home must be a nation worthy of being loved. Without the boons of political and religious liberty the fairest spots on earth are to those born in them, places of more dismal exile than the Siberian mines. With the possession and exercise of these God given rights foreign lands, be they the hospitable shores of the Arctic sea, are more radiant with happiness than tropical climes endowed with the richest wealth within the gift of nature. In quest of these boons the truest patriots have abandoned their native land to find or found a country in foreign parts. The sentiment that aroused the first patriot, that has fired the patriots since, and that will cease to resound when the last patriot expires, is the battle cry for our altars and our firesides, for re-

ligion and country, for God and humanity. But let the woes and sorrows of the people of other climes be what they may this land of ours has been Providentially blessed with an atmosphere which could not fail to produce a nation of patriots.

First of all our country is a land in which it is in itself extremely lovable. In the language of the poet: O, she is a rich and fair land, O, she is a fresh and dear land. This native land of mine. Mighty and vast in territory, she spreads out from ocean to ocean. She is blessed with a climate salubrious and healthful and a soil teeming with a fertility unrivaled in all the world and a mineral wealth enriching all mankind. The beauty of her landscape is so varied and charming that Americans who have travelled in other lands are unanimous in the verdict that no one should go abroad until he has feasted his eyes and his imagination on the glories and the beauties of this fair land of ours.

Shall I speak of her mountains of awe inspiring grandeur, capped by eternal snows, where savage wildness ceases to be so because it is inconceivably lovely, of royal gorge and the tumbling cataract; of mighty and majestic rivers, like arteries leading from the nation's heart, bearing in silence and power their burden of waters to the sea of myriad crystal lakes mirroring in their placid bosoms the beauty of the surrounding landscape of her wide billowy prairies, vales of enchanting loveliness her wonders of forest, hill and plain?

Our country is young but yet how materially great. Only four centuries since the white man planted foot upon the shores of this promised land and today the mighty republic bestrides the continent like a colossus. Our people, numbering less than one fifteenth the inhabitants of the globe, do one third of its mining, one fourth of its manufacturing, one fifth of its agriculture and own one sixth of its wealth.

But it is the moral beauty of our land and beneficent laws under whom our people are governed that fires the soul of the American with patriotic pride. The constitution of the U. S. declared the great statesman, W. E. Gladstone, is the grandest work that was ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man.

Everywhere there must be recognized among men a difference in strength in intelligence, in virtue and in opportunity, but in this country alone the Constitution recognizes all as free and equal before the law. It creates no privileged class, based on blood, progress, but leaves open to all citizens alike every avenue to wealth and position. Here there is no condition or office to which a citizen may not laudably aspire and which he may not hope to attain. Here the child of the pauper may become a millionaire, the child of the unlettered philosopher, and the child of the lowliest citizen the president of the United States. And hence we may say in the words of the poet: Hail to the land where freedom first through all the feudal

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letters burst; and placing men upon their feet cried, Onward, never more retreat.

This country, in all her youth and strength, is ours to have, to enjoy, to transmit. It is our solemn duty to preserve intact during our day, the wise laws and splendid institutions which have led our people to progress and glory, made our nation honored before all the world and the mecca of all aspirants of liberty. Be it then the duty of the American citizen to do all that in him lies in an endeavor that the right men and the right measures may continue to rule the peaceful and God-fearing people of this the grandest republic that has existed since the beginning of time. We should see that this nation, unique among all the commonwealths of the earth, is not drawn into the guttery brawls of Europe. The words of the great Washington's farewell address published September, 1796, have not lost their force nor importance with the lapse of time: "Observe," said he, "good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all—entangling alliances with none. Again at the insidious wiles of foreign influence, the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly

awake, since history and experience prove that foreign monarchies influence is one of the most baneful foes of a Republican government.

The great rule of conduct for us in regard to monarchial nations in extending our trade relations, is to have with them as little political connection as possible. Europe has interests primary to her, which to us have little or no relation. Her causes, her conflicts, her controversies are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties.

"Uplifted above dome and spire in our nation's capital is a noble grey-white shaft that pierces the lowering mists of the city like the finger of God, as pointing the way and the aim of a self-governed people. That shaft is our national symbol. Erected by a grateful generation to their country's Father, it symbolizes in its plain unbroken lines and lofty proportions the straight life and high purpose of the nation's founder; the clean exalted character of the nation's destiny; the untowering untouched light of the nation's promise to mankind. Born with the undying spirit of liberty, encompassed by the inviolate seas, America is lifted above the powers

and principalities of the earth even as that shaft of Washington is uplifted over the noise and clamor of the city. Here is the monument of which that shaft is—but a symbolic nation, standing alone, a nation unhampered and free; a nation self-governed and united; like the stones in Washington's shaft, which were gathered from every known land."

Yea, Columbia, land of our birth and of our love, consecrated by the life blood from the patriot's heart, this is thy glorious destiny. And we thy sons and daughters, hail thee as did the prophet of old on beholding the fair plains of the Promised Land and proclaim this day that there is no land so fair, no nation to be compared with thee, no portion of God's earth so dear, so beautiful as thou art. In conclusion, O sanctuary of liberty and home of the exile, I would address to thee the words of Edmund Burke spoken in his matchless peroration in the impeachment of Warren Hastings, when addressing the English Peers he said, "May you stand long and long stand the terror of tyrants, may you stand the refuge of afflicted nations, may you stand a perpetual temple for the residence of an inviolable justice."

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