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America asks nothing for herself, but what she has a right to ask for humanity. WOODROW WILSON.

THE BATTLE OF VERDUN.

More than a month ago the Germans commenced their great drive at the French lines in the vicinity of Verdun. Three weeks ago the Democrat predicted that this most destructive battle of any age would probably be the turning point of the war, and at this writing it is generally so considered.

The French lines have been bent but not broken. Twenty-five or thirty thousand French soldiers have been captured, but not enough at any one time to enable the attacking army to make a decisive gain.

The end of this great battle is not yet in sight. No one can say what may happen before it is ended, but if the French have, as they claim, 750 000 men in the forts and trenches of Verdun, and all the guns and ammunition they can use it does not seem probable that they will be dislodged or driven out.

If this greatest of all offensives results in a draw ,as now seems most probable will it not satisfy all of the belligerents that an army protected by many lines of ingeniously constructed trenches is practically invincible? When that conclusion is reached will not peace be ardently desired by all of the warring nations?

To contend that no armed nation will attack us while we remain unarmed, but that we will attack some country if we arm, is indulging in the wabbly reasoning.

People seldom know what is best for them in this world. A few months ago we democrats were rejoicing because our party had elected a majority of the members of the National House of Representatives. Now we are rejoicing because so many good republicans were elected. republicans who are big enough to put partisanship aside and support the president of their country.

The National Liberal group in the German Reichstag is protesting because the Kaiser sank Admiral von Tirpitz without warning. The Kaiser acted promptly to relieve the strain on the friendly relations between his country and this country and is entitled to great credit for his action in the premises.

THE PASSING OF TIRPITZ.

(From the New York World.)

The resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz is a decisive political victory for the German Imperial Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary. It is likewise a new assurance of peace between Germany and the United States.

Tirpitz has been the leader of the anti-American party in German politics. This party has been aggressively in favor of war with the United States rather than restrict the use of submarines to the limitations of international law.

Twice the Tirpitz party brought Germany and the United States to the verge of war; but the Kaiser's support of Bethmann-Hollweg and Herr von Jagow made it possible to maintain peace.

In a way, Tirpitz has been the Theodore Roosevelt of the German political situation. Through writers like Count von Reventlow he kept up a steady fire of criticism of the government and persistently attacked it for its "weakness" and its "cowardice." A large part of the German General Staff was in sympathy with his campaign, believing that war between Germany and the United States would benefit Germany by giving the Imperial Government a free hand in submarine warfare and in cutting off the shipment of ammunition to the allies. The propaganda on the whole has had infinite possibilities of mischief so far as this country is concerned.

The resignation of Tirpitz shows plainly enough where the Kaiser stands on the issue. He is with the Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary in preferring friendly relations with the United States. It may be extravagant to think that the crisis has passed with the passing of the Grand Admiral, but it is safe to say that there is probably less danger now of a break with Germany than at any other time since the sinking of the Lusitania.

IOWA DEMOCRATS NEED HIM.

(From the Dubuque Telegraph Herald.)

The democrats of the Third district should not allow themselves to believe for a single moment that they are the only ones who are boosting for W. W. Marsh of Waterloo for national committeeman from Iowa. The democrats of the entire state are behind him in his candidacy, because he is a big man in every way he is viewed.

That the ability of Mr. Marsh, his ability to do good for the party and a great good, was not discovered years ago seems strange. Stranger still is the fact that it remained for the governor of Iowa, a republican, the Hon. George W. Clark, to discover him, for it was Governor Clarke, recognizing his ability, who appointed him chairman of the Iowa commission to the San Francisco exposition.

If there were need of proof to more fully establish Mr. Marsh's ability and popularity throughout the state, one need go no further than to read a letter from Alex R. Miller, editor of the Washington Democrat, to another editor friend in the state.

Mr. Miller's letter is as follows:

"I am writing you this letter, in behalf of my friend, W. W. Marsh, who, as you know, is a candidate for national committeeman, on our ticket, and not at his request, nor at his suggestion, nor because he needs the publicity, nor for any other reason of his own, but because the democrats of Iowa need him in their business.

"If you had read my paper, you would know that I have not been favorable to Wilbur Marsh as a candidate for governor on our ticket and yet, I am as good a friend as he has in the world, whether he knows it or not. I do not want him to run for governor, because we have bigger work for him. I mean just that and nothing less. Whether you know it or not, he is one of the really big man of the nation, and I am saying this, in order to urge you to work for him, in the coming campaign, through your paper and by word of mouth and in any way you can help him.

"I owe Wilbur Marsh nothing as far as I know, except the loyalty of one democrat to another. I mean that I do not owe him anything for my appointment, so this is not written to pay a debt, except that it is written to pay a debt of friendship, but far more it is written to pay a debt I owe as a democratic editor and that it seems to me you owe. I do not wish to seem arbitrary or "bossy," but it honestly seems to me, we cannot be thankful enough that a big man like Marsh, and a busy man and an able man like him will do our work. For that is what he has to do, he has to do our work. He is our "errand boy" and I say this measuring my language for when you consider what a national committeeman has to do, you will agree that he is every democrat's errand boy, and more than this, I can pay no higher tribute to Wilbur Marsh for he is the kind of a man who will do any errand that he thinks will aid his party. If there is a position? And you know what credit "message to be carried to Garcia," he is the man who will carry it. His life is made up of service. And if we do not recognize it, we are derelict in our duty towards our party. Nothing we can do will add to or detract from him, but we are injuring ourselves. And the party in the nation knows it, and the opposite party, the republicans know it for did not Gov. Clarke make him the chairman of the Iowa commission to the San Francisco exposition and reflected on grand old Iowa, the state we love so well.

"And the national democracy knows it, for didn't they make him a member of the finance committee and a member of the sub-committee on arrangements, and he is likely to be national treasurer. And the democratnational committee is not run on sentiment, but on hard-headed, solid "honest truth" facts. No bigger business man lives in Iowa. His mind all runs to figures, and organization, and on fundamental principles. No other man ever traveled over Iowa as he did, organizing the democracy of Iowa. He was in every district and you know what a favorable impression he made. He can take a string of figures and statistics and make them read like one of Walt Mason's prose poems. He will organize our Iowa democracy in a way that will put Iowa on the map. I am writing this as a pure labor of love, for I have known him intimately for 12 years and I know his merits. And believe me I have no ax to grind. Wilbur Marsh has nothing to bestow on me, so I am not currying favor, and I have no way of knowing that he will approve of what I am doing, but my comrades, get into the game, and boost for him and let Iowa democrats, good and true, rally around him and send him into office with a solid democracy behind him and you will see that I did not guess wrong."

Such a letter should be, is conclusive proof of how Mr. Marsh is regarded outside of the district. Iowa democrats, if they are wise, will have no hesitancy in voting for Mr. Marsh for committeeman. A man who accomplished such great things for Iowa as he accomplished at the San Francisco exposition, can accomplish just as great things for the democrats of the state and the nation.

GIVE THE BEST YOU HAVE.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth and your gift will be paid in kind,
And honor will honor meet;
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.

For life is hte mirror of king and slave;
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

—M. S. Bridges.

HOYT FOR TREASURER.

(From the Waterloo Courier and Reporter.)

E. H. Hoyt of Manchester has announced his candidacy for the office of state treasurer. The readers of the Courier and Reporter will feel an especial interest in Mr. Hoyt's race since he is known to the great majority of them, either personally or by reputation. Mr. Hoyt has a great host of staunch friends in Black Hawk and adjoining counties who will give him loyal and enthusiastic support. Mr. Hoyt served two terms in the state senate representing the counties of Buchanan and Delaware, where he made a splendid record. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Manchester and an officer in the M. & O. Railway company. He is a graduate of Grinnel college and Upper Iowa University. Mr. Hoyt was born in Manchester and belongs to one of the best known families in Delaware county. He is forty-four years old, just in the prime of life. Before his connection with the Manchester bank, he was for several years in the banking business at Lamont. He is eminently qualified for the position he seeks and would make a thoroughly trustworthy and efficient official. His home community is unanimously and enthusiastically for him.

MARSH THE FAVORITE.

Telegraph-Herald.—W. W. Marsh is the man who made it possible for the whole world to see at the San Francisco exposition something of the agricultural resources of the state of Iowa. It is this same man Marsh who will make an equally big mark for the democracy of the state and nation if he is chosen national committeeman for Iowa.

Denison Bulletin: The democrats of Iowa are particularly fortunate in having a man like W. W. Marsh of Waterloo for national committeeman. Mr. Marsh is a man with a punch.

Colfax Clipper: While Mr. Dunn is quite a briliant young man and a very estimable gentleman, he is making a serious mistake in attempting to unhorse Wilbur Marsh.

Hopkinton Leader: Insurgent Iowa democrats will not get far in their effort to unhorse W. W. Marsh of Waterloo as national committeeman. Marsh is a business man—a man of affairs and broad views, and he inspires confidence in the rank and file of his party. If the democratic party had more men of the Marsh stripe to lead and counsel it, the organization would be a far more formidable opponent.

SEATTLE "DRY" AND LIKES IT.

The country is watching Seattle to see how prohibition works out in a large city. Seattle is the largest city that has ever had prohibition, and the whole state of Washington went dry on January 1st, 1916, the same time when the repeal of the mulct law went into effect in Iowa. Temperance forces all over the United States kept close watch of the battle waged between the wet and dry forces of Seattle, and one of the strongest single forces for the wets was the Times, the largest newspaper in that city. When the dry forces carried the day, Editor C. B. Blethen, of the Times, at once set about to watch the working of the new order of things. In an interview, published in a leading paper of Kansas City, Mr. Blethen, says:

"My paper fought against prohibition. We fought it on economic grounds alone. We believed that in a great seaport city with a population of upwards of 300,000 prohibition would be destructive; it would bring on economic disaster. We believed that under our system of licensing saloons we had the liquor traffic about as well controlled as it could be and we wanted to let it alone, and so we fought as hard as we could fight. But, in spite of all we could do against it, prohibition carried and it went into effect in Washington January 1. We have had a month of it now."

"And how has it worked out?"

Business Expanded Quickly.

"We already know that it is a great benefit, morally and from an economic standpoint. Its moral benefit has been tremendous. Seattle had 260 saloons and had an average of 2,600 arrests a month for crimes and misdemeanors growing ou of liquor drinking. In January we had only 400 arrests, and sixty of those were made January 1 and were the results of hang-overs from the old year. That in itself is enough to convince any man with a conscience that prohibition is necessary. There can be no true economy in anything that is immoral.

"And on top of that great moral result, we have these economic facts: In the first three weeks of January the savings deposits in the banks of Seattle increased 15 per cent. There was not a grocery store in Seattle that did not show an increase of business in January greater than ever known in any month before in all the history of the city, except in holiday time. In all the large grocery stores the increase was immense. In addition to this, every dry goods store in Seattle except one, and that one I have no figures from, had a wonderful increase in business. Each store reported the largest business ever done in one month, except in holiday time.

The Women and Children Profit.

"I wished to know in what class of goods the sales increased so greatly, and so I sent to all the grocery and dry goods stores to find that out. And to me it is a pitiful thing, and it makes me sorry that we did not have prohibition long ago—that the increase in sales in all the dry goods stores was in wearing apparel for women and children, and in the grocery stores the increase was made up chiefly of fruits and fancy groceries. This proves that it is the women and children who suffer most from the liquor business, and it is the women and children who benefit greatest from prohibition. Money that went formerly over the bar for whisky is now being spent for clothing for the women and children, and in better food for the household.

"It is just like this: When you close the saloons the money that formerly was spent there remains in the family of the wage-earner, and his wife and children buy shoes and clothing and better food with it. Yes, sir, we have found in Seattle that it is better to buy shoes than booze. The families of wage-earners in Seattle are going to have more food and clothes and everything else than they had before."

It Actually Prohibits.

"And is the prohibition law enforced?"

"Absolutely. Prohibition does prohibit."

"And how about the empty saloons and the landlords who own them?"

"Many of them already have been made over and are occupied by other businesses. I will venture the prophecy that in one year from today you won't be able to find a place in Seattle where there was a saloon. They will all be occupied by other businesses. And prohibition has not lowered rents. I know of one big dry goods store that has already had its rent raised since prohibition went into effect.

Coast States All Will Be Dry.

"Oregon also went dry January 1. California is the only wet state left on the Pacific coast, and it will go dry January 1, 1918. And those three states will remain dry to the end of time. None of them would ever have saloons again. Those who were honestly opposed, as I was, to prohibition in Washington and Oregon, have been converted to it, as I have been, by the actual evidence that prohibition is a fine thing from a business standpoint. No city and no community, too, can afford to have saloons. They are too expensive morally and economically. In a very few years there will not be a licensed saloon in the whole nation, and that will be a fine thing."

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ARMOR PLANT BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Approves Appropriation for $11,000,000 Plant.

EXPECTED TO WIN IN HOUSE

Lower Body Adopts Several Amendments to the Hay Army Bill, Two of Which Are in the Chamberlain Draft.

Washington, March 22.—The Tillman bill to provide for the erection or purchase by the government of an armor plate factory at a cost not to exceed $11,000,000 was passed by the senate by a vote of 58 to 23.

Previous to passage the senate adopted without a roll call an amendment by Senator Wadsworth providing that any plant to be erected should be located at a place approved by general board of the navy with special reference to considerations of safety in time of war.

Passage of the measure in the house is regarded as assured. Administration leaders are planning to bring it up soon after passage of the army reorganization and immigration bills. The bill has the approval of the administration and Secretary Daniels.

Democratic senators supported the bill solidly, regarding it as one of the important measures included in the national preparedness program now being hastened to completion.

Nine Progressive Republicans joined with the majority in voting for the bill. They were Senators Borah, Clapp, Cummins, Gronna, Kenyon, Norris, Poindexter, Sterling and Works.

There was a spirited debate on the measure before it received a vote.

Hay Bill Amended.

Although rapid progress was made in the house with the Hay army increase bill, it was found impossible to reach a vote before adjournment.

In the senate Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee now plans to call up his army bill today.

Several important amendments were made to the Hay bill during the day. With one exception they were approved by Chairman Hay of the military committee.

After defeating a proposal by Representative Kahn, ranking minority member of the committee, to permit efficient regular soldiers to be discharged into the reserve in one year on recommendation of their commanders or in two years on their own motion, the house reversed its action and put through a similar amendment by Representative Gardner (Rep.) of Massachusetts, over Representative Hay's opposition. The senate bill contains such a provision.

Adopt Senate Feature.

The most important amendment was the insertion of the reserve officers' training scheme proposed by Representative Gard of Ohio (Dem.), which already has been included in the senate bill.

It provides that military instructors be supplied by the war department to any civil educational institution with an available student body of 100 or more and where a military course satisfactory to the war department is established.

Another amendment accepted, offered by Representative Kahn, would permit the president to order out the regular army reserve without going to congress for authority. The contemplated strength of the reserve is 60,000 and as the bill now stands the president could increase the regular army from its peace strength of 140,000 to a strength of 285,000 by executive order if war seemed imminent.

Provide for Munitions.

The last amendment adopted was offered by Representative Tilson (Rep.) of Connecticut, a member of the committee. It would authorize the war department to have constructed all the tools and fixtures necessary to convert private munition plants for the manufacture of army rifles, cannon and ammunition.

It has been estimated that the fixtures would cost $15,000,000 or more.

G. O. P. COMMITTEE ADJOURNS

Choice of Temporary Chairman Is Postponed Until April—Held Two Days' Meeting.

Chicago, March 22.—The subcommittee of the Republican national committee, which has been seeking to elect a temporary chairman for the Republican national convention, adjourned until April 15, without naming a man to preside at the opening of the meeting of delegates and deliver the keynote speech of the campaign. The committee had been meeting two days.

Daily Thought.

There is a chastity of honor that feels a stain like a wound.—Burke.

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Powder Factory Destroyed.

Blue Ridge, Ga., March 22.—The big explosive factory located at Copper Hill was completely destroyed by an explosion which was followed by fire. It is reported several persons were injured.

Foxes Good Rat Catchers.

Foxes have been trained to catch rats by a man residing in Ambergate, Derbyshire, England. He claims that they are better than dogs for the work.

Rainfall in United States.

The rain which falls on the United States every year equals in amount the water in the Mississippi river.

Try One and See.

It is believed that all lions are "left handed." A famous explorer says that when a lion desires to strike a forcible blow it nearly always uses the left paw.

At the Dinner.

Dashaway (nervously)—"Look here, old fellow, don't you think you'd better tell them not to call on me?" Cleverton—"Don't be worried; they won't! I'm quite sure they have all heard you before."—Judge.

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Oba Lyman

Northern Iowa Seed Corn

Farmers, remember before you know it, the time has come for planting corn. Now is the time to prepare for that time. Remember that there is an unusual scarcity of seed corn this year. Much of the corn grown in the county in 1915 is not fit for seed, and you will have to look elsewhere for your seed.

I have on hand a quantity of Northern Iowa Grown Seed Corn, which is the kind the farmers of Delaware county should use. This seed corn can be obtained at the present time for **$4.75** per bu.

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Robert Harris

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