



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

MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESSES.

Grand and inspiring addresses have done much to make Memorial Day sacred to the nation. The graves of our soldiers have been altars upon which every orator has laid his choicest offerings.

The following is an extract from Ingersoll's address: "The past rises before us. We see instead of slaves men, women and children. The wand of progress touches the auction block and we see homes and firesides and school-houses and books and where all was want and crime we see the face of the free."

"These heroes who fought are dead. They died for liberty. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, and the embracing vines. They sleep in the windowless Palace of Peace."

"Earth may run red with other wars—they are at peace. In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict they found the serenity of death. "A vision of the future arises. I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth—a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward; where work and worth go hand in hand; where the poor girl trying to win bread with the needle, that has been called "the asp for the breast of the poor" is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death, of suicide or shame."

SENATOR TILLMAN COGENTLY STATES THE NATION'S PERIL.

Senator Tillman expresses views on the negro question that few, if any, Iowa people would care to endorse, but he sees the dangers of the present and states them better than most men either in or out of the United States Senate.

Here are two tersely stated paragraphs from one of his recent speeches:

"I am not panic-stricken, but when I consider the millions of trained veterans and bankrupt treasuries throughout Europe, and defenseless America, I tremble at the thought of what could happen. Armies are not created in a day. It takes six months or a year to drill men so that they know how to fight. Otherwise they can be slaughtered like so many sheep. And a navy is of even slower growth."

"It is the wealthy and unarmed traveler that must fear the highwayman. It is the armed and impoverished nation that goes out upon the international highway to prey. Strong hands and empty stomachs are a combination whose neighborhood must be feared and guarded against by nations as by individuals."

Harding is classed as a "wet" and an antisuffragist. Meredith, the democratic nominee, says that he is one of the driest of the dry and he is strong for woman suffrage.—Grundy Democrat.

The dry forces have already won, and it begins to look as though equal suffrage was a sure winner, why should not Meredith be also a winner?

Harding is a wet candidate and has the support of the wets. If he is nominated by Iowa republicans as their gubernatorial candidate and Meredith by the Democrats as their candidate for that office, conditions on the liquor question will be reversed so far as the two leading political parties of this state are concerned.

IOWA OR PARTY FIRST, WHICH?

The healthiest and most hopeful symptom growing out of the candidacy of E. T. Meredith for governor, applied to the future growth and development of the State of Iowa, is discovered in the almost universal acclaim from both the people and the press of the state, which greeted the announcement of his candidacy.

Almost with one voice the people of the State proclaimed their delight that a man of his probity and stature had been found who would consent to enter the service of the state in the capacity of Governor.

So genuine and spontaneous was this greeting that the meaning of it cannot be mistaken; it must be accepted that the people and the press of this state are now and will in the future make the welfare, growth and development of the State paramount to any party or partisan consideration whatsoever.

The following item from the Clinton "Mirror," republican, hardly expresses a commendable spirit:

"Meredith at the head of the Iowa Democratic delegation to the National Convention at Saint Louis fore-shadows his nomination for Governor. The whole party could not put up a more presentable man, and Republicans would gladly vote for him—if he was on our ticket."

In writing and publishing this editorial, the Mirror has not correctly sensed the temper of the people of the state; it has been so blinded by partisan bias that it has failed or refused to discern the great state-wide movement and sentiment to make the welfare of the state the determining factor in matters relating to state government, and the subordination of political parties and partisanship to state welfare.

The great body of the men and women of the state are patriots; they have ceased to be mere partisan pawns, offering themselves and the best interests of the state as a willing sacrifice upon the altar of a political party; they are asking themselves, "What man among all the candidates on all the tickets is best equipped to give the State the quality of service it deserves?" and they are finding the answer just as the Mirror has done in E. T. Meredith.

In times past the cry "he is not on our ticket" has been potentially when the test of efficiency is being so relentlessly applied, it will not appeal. The people are going to, as they should, vote for the man who can best serve the State. Our problems in Iowa are nonpartisan and the people are going to vote for men instead of for parties.

PROSPERITY AND THE WAR.

It is the habit of some politicians to say that but for the war this country and its industries would be prosperous. It is undeniably true that war has given a tremendous stimulus to certain lines of production, notably the manufacture of war munitions. But this is an endeavor which engages only a relatively few men. The industries of Iowa are going full blast, yet there is only a single munitions contract being filled in the state and only two or three other contracts having relation to war. The war does not explain the capacity output of Iowa's factories any more than it explains the beehive industry of the east.

The truth is, as all who deal with fundamentals know, that the country is prosperous because it has an abundance of money, to be procured on easy terms. Whatever else is to be said about democratic theories of money, it is admitted that the quantitative theory of money is sound—the more money in circulation the more the prosperity. With the money supply secure, through the operation of the currency law, against sudden contractions and inflations, and the crisis produced by paralysis of the European system of credit safely passed, there is no reason to doubt that the nation is in for an unbroken era of prosperity.

The opinion that this prosperity is in no wise contingent upon the continuance of war is not furthered by partisan zeal. Indeed, the identical thought is voiced repeatedly in financial quarters. Here, for instance, is a paragraph from a letter on the investment situation from the very respectable firm of Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne:

"The feeling is growing that American prosperity will survive the vicissitudes of war and the uncertainties of the presidential campaign. The country is less radical than it was. The average wage earner is in a better financial position than he ever has been. Business is active and most lines are showing good gains over last year. The important industries are no longer dependent upon 'war orders' as a basis of prosperity. Domestic inquiry is enlarging to such an extent as to offset the losses in foreign orders. Speculation is on the wane. The average American business man is taking a few risks as he can. Some of the savings banks are showing large gains in deposits. The hardships of the war abroad and tension over the controversy between the American and the German governments had a sobering effect upon all classes of people. The consequence is that although the country is doing a highly prosperous business and some industries are showing record earnings, corporations are conducting their business on a high scale of efficiency. The United States Steel corporation has today the largest unfilled order tonnage that it ever had and its earnings are far in excess of those ever shown before."

There is only one thing which can interfere with speedy realization on our opportunities, and that is a campaign designed to promote suspicion and distrust, which we are sure to have as a part of the presidential campaign. It is fortunate for business that the fall election can't be put off a few years. Yet if business is wise it will ignore the croakings of politicians and make hay while the sun shines, accepting the todays as criterions of the tomorrows.—Louis Murphy, in Des Moines Register and Leader.

TRAINS HALT DURING J. J. HILL'S FUNERAL

Simplicity Marks Services Held at St. Paul.

ALL BANKS IN CITY CLOSED

President Wilson Lauds Railroad Builder—Son Refuses to Have Death Mask of His Father Made.

St. Paul, Minn., May 31.—Simplicity marked the funeral today of James J. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist and widely known Northwest pioneer, who died at his home here.

The democratic spirit of the "empire builder" followed him to his last resting place. The great home, overlooking a section of the city that represents the result of Mr. Hill's activities, was opened to the employees of the Great Northern railroad yesterday afternoon. The fact that it was a holiday made it possible for most of the several thousand employees of the company here and in Minneapolis to view the body of the man who for so many years guided the destinies of the Great Northern.

The funeral services were held at the residence at 2 p. m. Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Gibbons, vicar general, had charge of the services. The funeral was public, but only relatives, close friends and persons employed by the Hill interests attended.

Trains on Hill Roads Stop. Traffic on Hill roads and on all boats of the Hill lines stopped for five minutes, from 2 p. m. until 2:05 p. m., in tribute to the dead.

All the banking institutions in the city were closed. The First National bank and the Northwestern Trust company, Hill institutions, closed at noon.

Messages from all sections of the United States have been received by members of the family. They come from railroad presidents, financiers, civic and state organizations and political leaders. All expressed their grief at the loss of one of the nation's most widely known men and offered condolences to the members of the family.

Especially does the Northwest grieve. Expressions have been received from every city and almost every town in that section.

All day long throngs of persons passed the big brownstone house on Summit avenue where a little black rosette proclaimed that a death had occurred. Every flag in the city flew at half mast.

Refuses to Have Death Mask. Louis W. Hill refused to allow a death mask of his father to be made when permission to do so was asked by a local firm of sculptors.

Mrs. Anson McCook Beard of New York, the only one of the nine surviving children of James J. Hill who was not at the bedside when he died, arrived here on a special train over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy in time for the funeral services. Accompanying Mrs. Beard were George B. Harris, chairman of the board of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and Hale Holden, president of the road.

President Lauds Hill. Washington, May 31.—In response to a request, President Wilson sent this telegram to St. Paul editor: "Along with the great majority of my fellow countrymen, I recognize in the death of James J. Hill the loss of a man who has been extraordinarily useful in the economic development of the country. He belonged to a generation of builders to whom the country owes a real debt of gratitude and in that generation stood among the foremost figures."

MR. IRISH GROWING OLD.

(From the Register and Leader) Nothing is sadder in this world than the change that comes over so many men as they shift from the buoyant enthusiasms of youth to the view-with-alarm despondency of age.

We do not know of an illustration more to the point than the speeches John P. Irish is now making in Iowa against woman suffrage when contrasted with the speeches he made in the Irish legislature for woman suffrage.

John P. Irish was a forward looking man in the old days when with spontaneous eloquence he pleaded for equal rights. Now he is as solemnly alarmed as any other pessimist. It is really too bad that so many estimable people begin to see everything going wrong at about the time their own blood begins to cool.

Why cannot a man like Mr. Irish recognize that every argument he now utters against woman as a voter has been uttered many times before against man as a voter? Every extension of suffrage has been met with precisely the same objections.

The Register believes in youth. It believes in youthful minds in old bodies. Every extension of liberty has vindicated itself. The more rights the people have the more responsibilities they assume. No nation ever went upon the rocks because of liberty. Equality never undermined a civilization.

Mr. Irish says woman will smother the mating instinct if she is enfranchised. That was said when she was given property. That was said when she was sent to school. That was said when she entered the gainful employments. But the alarm has always been groundless. Every man who ought to have a female companion has one, and a lot of others who ought never to have a woman look at them.

American women are the freest in the world, the most attractive in the world, and the best mothers in the world. It all goes together. Freedom and intelligence were never put at a discount by providence.

It is too bad to see a man like Mr. Irish grow old in mind. He has been on the side ever since the Cleveland administration. He cannot adjust to this new period of "progressive" ideas. The times are out of joint with him.



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WILSON SAYS PUT AMERICA FIRST

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ADDRESS MADE AT ARLINGTON

President Declares Country Will Not Submit to Aggression Either With or Without—Ready to Fight for Our Rights.

Washington, May 31.—President Wilson, speaking at the Memorial day services in Arlington cemetery, "summoned solemnly" all men in the United States to set their purposes in accord with the spirit of America and gave warning that men from other lands who do not think of America first "must be cast out of our tolerance."

The president said that America will not submit to aggression either from within or without. "We are not only ready to co-operate, but we are ready to fight against aggression," declared the president. "We are ready to fight for our rights when our rights are coincident with the rights of mankind."

America, said the president, does not want more territory but she does want all nations to realize and respect what she stands for. One principle of America, he added, is that small and weak states have as many rights as larger states.

U. S. Ready to Join Alliance. The president declared that the United States is ready to become a partner in an alliance with nations to uphold human rights and repel to published criticisms of such a policy. He declared that, like George Washington, he would never consent to an entangling alliance, but that he would consent to a disentangling alliance, one which will free nations. "There," he added, "is liberty."

The president referred to the army reorganization bill recently passed by congress and declared that he had placed before the business men of the country the question of whether they will allow their employees to volunteer in the service of the government. It is time for young men of suitable age to get ready to volunteer, he said.

Appeals to Business Men. "Are business men ready to give young men in their employ freedom to volunteer?" he asked. "All men say we should prepare. Are business men ready to help? I have no doubt as to how these questions will be answered."

Discussing universal military service, the president said that America does not want anything but the compulsion of the spirit of America. He closed with a reference to the darkness in which Europe is now "floundering."

At present, the president declared, America must avoid a spirit of division and reach common ends by common counsel. He was enthusiastically applauded by a large gathering of war veterans.

4 KILLED VIEWING PARADE

Eighteen Others Injured When Awning Collapsed on Sidewalk at Dallas, Tex.

Dallas, Tex., May 31.—Four people were killed and 18 reported injured

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Sweep Ahead Near Dead Man's Hill on Verdun Front—Paris Admits Retirement at One Point.

Chinese Claim Independence. Shanghai, May 31.—The province of Hu-nan declared its independence. Its population is estimated at 22,000,000.

John MacNeill, President of Sinn Fein Volunteers, Given Life Imprisonment.

Dublin (via London), May 31.—Prof. John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, convicted of complicity in the Irish revolt, has been sentenced to life imprisonment and the sentence has been confirmed.

New York, May 31.—A solemn mass of requiem for the Irishmen who fell in the recent revolt in Ireland or were put to death for taking part in it was celebrated in All Saints' church. Priests prayed that the "souls of all Irishmen who lived and died for the faith and for Ireland rest in peace."