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America asks nothing for herself, but what she has a right to ask for humanity itself.—Woodrow Wilson.

THE NATION'S PRAYER

(By Josiah Gilbert Holland). God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands. Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office can not buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor, and who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking. Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking!

THE DELAY IN THE PASSAGE OF THE FOOD BILL

On the 22nd of last April the Lever bill, generally known as the Food Bill, was introduced in the House and passed, without unreasonable delay. The bill was prepared by experts, and its primary purpose was to provide for the appointment of a food administrator to help stimulate the production of food products and prevent speculators from exploiting the public. Why has the Senate gabbled and delayed for weeks and weeks over the provisions of this much needed legislation? There is a growing feeling in the country that the few Senators, who are largely responsible for this unseasonable delay, have rendered the food sharks and other enemies of their country a very valuable service.

FELTON APPOINTED DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF RAILWAYS

Secretary of War Baker has appointed President Samuel M. Felton of the Chicago Great Western, Director of Railways. According to the order of appointment, Mr. Felton is charged with the organization and dispatch abroad of all railway forces, and the purchase of all railway materials both for initial action and for continuous supplies for operation. Mr. Felton has been president of the Great Western for about eight years and during that time he has rebuilt the road and made it one of the safest and most efficient lines in the country. The patrons of the Great Western, while rejoicing in the distinction conferred upon Mr. Felton, realize their loss and trust that it may only be for a short time. Trust that he may return laurel laden to the presidency of the road for which he has done so much.

MR. HOOVER AND HIS CRITICS.

It must be admitted that Mr. Hoover becomes a little emphatic sometimes in answering his critics, but he has satisfied the public that he knows more about food control than any other man in the country. The people regard Mr. Hoover as a man who knows what he is talking about. He takes the position that there is no longer a normal world market to fix food prices; that world prices are now being determined in this country; that they should be regulated by law instead of by speculators. So many people are inclined to agree with Mr. Hoover that it will not be altogether safe for congress to do much clipping at his wings.

COLONEL WATTERSON AND HIS COURIER-JOURNAL

Colonel Watterson and his Courier-Journal offered many simulated excuses for their refusal to support Mr. Bryan for the presidency. The real reason, although never stated by the Colonel, was quite well known. Had Mr. Bryan been a user of Kentucky's famous brands of whiskey the Courier-Journal would have eulogized him in prose and poetry. The friends of Mr. Bryan would be better than ordinary mortals if they did not smile at the Colonel's graceful bow to the new prohibition statutes, which require him to exclude liquor advertising from the columns of the Courier-Journal.

COL. CALLAHAN'S NEW WORK.

On another page will be found a clipping setting forth a new work to which Col. P. M. Callahan has been called, namely, the superintending of the army work of the Knights of Columbus. This great organization, which is doing among Catholics much the same work done by the Y. M. C. A. among Protestants and the general public, is collecting a million dollars for religious work among the soldiers in camp. It is a worthy undertaking and no better man could be found to supervise the work than Colonel Callahan.

TOLSTOY'S PROPHECY AND KERENSKY.

Years ago Tolstoy foretold the happening of the present world war with uncanny accuracy, and prophesied the coming of a mysterious young man from the north, who would mould Russia into a force that would largely sway world politics for 100 years. The world war is here as Tolstoy said it would be, but has the young man from the north made his appearance? Some say that he has and that Kerensky is the man.

Kerensky is certainly a marvelous young man. The present government of Russia is at his finger ends. He is now in the crucial period of his career. If he can lead his country away from anarchy, and forge it into a great democracy, he will most assuredly have a commanding influence over the politics of Europe. He is a representative of the peasant class, the loyal class of land-owners who are united under his leadership to drive the invaders from their country. Will they also assist in stamping out anarchy in the manufacturing districts?

NAPOLEON AND THE KAISER.

A little more than 100 years ago Napoleon poured men by the million into the caldron of war never to return again. Women and children turned pale at the roar of his canon. He believed in organization, efficiency, military science, tremendous employment of artillery and rapid, terrifying marches. The Kaiser stands for all those, and in addition thereto for barbarities that Napoleon never sanctioned, possibly never considered, or even dreamed about.

When we are inclined to despair, inclined to fear that the war will never end, it is consoling to recall the fate of Napoleon. Verily those who live by the sword shall die by it. Ere long the Kaiser will follow Napoleon into the shades of the hereafter.

A GREAT CHANGE IN A FEW YEARS.

About 37 years ago the writer made campaign speeches in favor of the adoption of a prohibition amendment to the constitution of Iowa. At that time one of the arguments relied upon by the liquor advocates was the admitted value of alcohol as a medicine.

The large employers of labor are entitled to great credit for the changes that have been brought about in the use of liquor as a beverage. They would not employ a man who drank.

Now the doctors are knocking off king alcohol's last leg. Dr. Charles Mayo made the following statement at the last meeting of the National Medical Association:

"We must aid in all that will elevate the general standard of, and conserve, the American citizen. Prohibition is a war measure, the value of which is beyond discussion. Medicine has reached a period when alcohol is rarely employed as a drug, being displaced by better remedies. Alcohol's only place now is in the arts and science. National prohibition would be welcomed by the medical profession."

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN FOUR MONTHS

It will be four months next Monday since President Wilson issued his proclamation declaring that a state of war existed between this country and Germany. The speed with which this country has prepared for war can be best understood by naming some of the things that have already been done. Here is a partial list:

The safe transport of a considerable portion of our regular army to France for active participation in the war.

Increasing the regular army to 300,000 men, the national guard to 440,000, the navy to 150,000 and the marine corps to 30,000.

The registration of approximately 10,000,000 men for military service by the selective draft method and their actual call to service by the army lottery.

The co-operation of the naval forces of the country with those of its European allies in patrolling the seas against the ruthless German submarine warfare.

The flotation of \$2,000,000,000 in Treasury certificates and \$2,000,000,000 Liberty bonds for war purposes.

The lending of approximately \$1,375,000,000 to Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Russia, secured by their national pledges.

Adoption of plans for the expansion of the aviation service, for which \$640,000,000 has already been provided.

Mobilization of the agricultural and industrial resources of the country under the supervision of the National Council of Defense and its Advisory Council.

The creation of a voluntary food conservation agency (pending Congressional authority) under the administration of Herbert C. Hoover, the organizer of Belgian relief, or of a board of three men.

The tentative fixing of prices for war material and other products furnished this government and its allies pending permanent rates to be decided by the Federal Trade Commission.

The seizure by the government of the ships owned by the German government held in ports of the United States and its insular possessions, and the interment of hundreds of German spies and sailors.

Organization of the Emergency Fleet Corporation to create an adequate merchant marine service to cope with the submarine menace.

The imposition of embargoes on shipments to every country in the world and the promulgation by the President of penalties for trading with the enemy as authorized by Congress.

ROOSEVELT IGNORES MAYOR THOMPSON OF CHICAGO

Roosevelt and Mayor Thompson of Chicago, attended a Moose convention in Pittsburgh last week. Thompson wanted to eat breakfast with Roosevelt at the hotel, but Roosevelt said no. He said more. He gave notice to the convention managers that if Thompson was allowed to speak at the big open-air meeting they would have to get along without him. The Colonel spoke. Thompson didn't. Roosevelt is a red blooded American. Thompson isn't. Roosevelt's Americanism ranks among the best. Thompson's is badly adulterated. Whether at home or abroad Thompson misrepresents and disgraces the second greatest city in America.

CAMPS TO BE SURROUNDED BY SAFETY ZONES

Saloons and immoral houses of every description will be banished from a zone five miles wide around every soldiers' camp, unless there is a city or town within the five-mile limit. In that event the restriction will extend to the edge of the town and one-half mile into the city or town.

The penalties for a violation of this safety zone law are so drastic that it is quite safe to say that it will be enforced. And, it is not improbable, that some mothers may consent to their sons joining the army to get them out of the ways of temptation.

BASIS OF PAN-GERMANISM.

(From Des Moines Sunday Register). If we shall put two estimates of Germany of two of the shrewdest observers of their day together we shall have a pretty fair basis for judgment of the controlling forces in the pan-German movement.

The first estimate is that of Li Hung Chang, probably the biggest world figure of China. On his tour of the world, after visiting Bismarck in Germany, Li Hung Chang recorded:

"I am convinced from all that I have seen in Germany that Bismarck and the Kaiser meant what they said when they averred that the German empire was destined to become a dominant factor in Europe."

Of this nobody can complain. Germany was destined to become a dominant factor not only in Europe but in the world. Bismarck and the Kaiser merely read the inevitable signs of the times.

But what was the German estimate of the forces behind this forward movement of Germany? That is the question that right now is of supreme importance.

The answer to that question is to be found in the statement of John Hay, recorded in the Thayer Life of Hay, made after his return from China, following the Boxer rebellion.

"On October 16, 1910, Mr. Hay wrote to an intimate friend as follows: "Everything appeared to be going well until this promenade of Walderssee's to Tao Ping, which I fear will have very unfavorable results upon the rest of China. The success we had in stopping that first preposterous German movement, when the whole world seemed likely to join in it, when the entire press of the continent and a great many on this side were in favor of it, will always be a source of gratification. The moment we acted, the rest of the world passed and finally came over to our ground; and THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS GENERALLY BRUTAL BUT SELDOM SILLY, recovered its senses."

Again Hay observed: "What a business this has been in China! So far we have got on by being honest and naive—I do not clearly see where we are to come the delayed cropper? But it will come. At least we are spared the infamy of an alliance with Germany. I would rather, I think, be the dupe of China than the chum of the Kaiser. Have you noticed how the world will take anything nowadays from a German? Below said yesterday in substance: "We have demanded of China everything we can think of. If we think of anything else, we will demand that and be d— to you," and not a man in the world kicks."

This was written seventeen years ago, by one of the strongest men who ever held the state portfolio, who had no reason for greater friendliness towards any of the powers represented in China than toward Germany. Hay saw then what the whole world sees now, that the German theory of becoming a "dominant factor" was the brutal heel.

It is strange that everybody did not see then what Hay saw, that the Kaiser's admonition to his soldiers to recall Attila and to so conduct themselves that no Chinaman for a thousand years would dare look a German in the face, was notice to the world. But there was so much of social reform in Germany in so many ways that it was hard to believe that the "will to power" had been taken so literally. It has been only since this war that we have understood how literally the Kaiser was taking his words.

It is plain from the way in which Hay set down his own opinion that he expected nobody to be influenced by it. The world has adjusted itself to German roughness and evidently thought nothing of it. Nobody was alarmed by the German method of becoming a "dominant factor," and Hay could not alarm anybody.

But Hay himself was not deceived, and Hay was not a man in such matters to form a hasty opinion, nor an ill-founded one. He knew perfectly well what the German invasion of China meant, and he knew that the time would come when not even the combined powers of the world could keep Germany from pitting its theory of might against the growing world theory of right.

Nobody need go further than the observations of the great Chinaman

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Why Not Swat Him?
Another form of the double-distilled essence of pest whose framework above his shoulders is composed of re-enforced concrete, is the omnipresent nuisance who insists upon breasting the current of pedestrian traffic of a crowded street on the wrong side of the pavement.
Logical.
A Roumanian scientist says that old age is due solely to a decrease in the amount of water in the human system. That sounds reasonable. Were you ever acquainted with a fish who died of old age?
Unassailable Conclusion.
"I am coming to the conclusion," observed the restaurant philosopher at luncheon today, "that the fewer sons-in-law and brothers-in-law a man in high political life has, the better off he is."—Marion Star.

Marvelous Banyan Tree.
The giant banyan under which Alexander is said to have camped with 7,000 men, now measures nearly 1,000 feet across the head, contains about 3,000 trunks and forms a dense canopy through which the sunshine never penetrates. Several other species also propagate in like manner.
Trollite.
Trollite, which is a very common constituent of meteorites, is generally considered to be the simple sulphide of iron, though the exact chemical composition is in doubt. This is usually in the form of nodules, plates, or rods, and decomposing readily during flight, leaves the remaining mass with unique markings.

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