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THE ERA OF DISORDER.

Is the last state of this world to be worse than the first? Is the query which is being propounded by many acquainted with the annals of the planet. Historians, especially those who have seen great advances in civilization in every political transition which has taken place in this world, have graphically portrayed what they have believed to be steps toward perfection on the part of the human race, and at the advent of the twentieth century it was believed that the millennium was sure to dawn in a short time. The shattering of such dreams has been apparent during the past year.

But turning our eyes from the fearful havoc in Europe from the clash of arms in which millions have been killed and as many more crippled for life, conditions throughout the world are far from encouraging. Fierce men are causing trouble here and there, manufactories are surrounded by stockades and armed men patrolling places where the whir of machinery is heard. Assassinations are becoming common while the mail of prominent persons often bears threatening letters.

Representative governments were ideals of the English-speaking world anterior to the days of James the First, and the spirit of the Britons soon spread over most of the civilized world. Nation after nation has cast off autocracy, until today every country is virtually ruled by the people.

But has this proven to be the panacea for our political troubles? Present conditions give an emphatic answer—No. The Monarch of Disorder is extending his dominion all the time. The cry of the philanthropist is "Peace! Peace!" but there is no peace.

There are many evils connected with absolutism, but that representative governments are cumbered with equally as many must be apparent to all who are inclined to stop and think.

The natives of Hayti many years ago threw off the yoke of France and undertook to govern themselves. The island has been a hot bed of insurrection and murder ever since. The tenure of office of a president is uncertain, and his recall or assassination is likely to occur at any time. The people this week, becoming incensed at the powers that be, killed the chief executive who had taken refuge in the French consulate at Port au Prince.

The passing away of the feudal system was supposed to have been a great advance in the betterment of the world and the work of Oliver Cromwell and the fruits of the French Revolution, it was thought, had removed the last warts from the body politic. But cancerous growths have followed, and they are causing alarm.

BECKER LOSES LAST CHANCE.

From present indications, by this time tomorrow Charles Becker, former lieutenant of police of New York, will have joined the great majority. Justice Ford late last night denied the ex-lieutenant a new trial, and his electrocution is set for an early hour tomorrow morning. Becker still maintains his innocence of the crime for which he was convicted. The murder of Herman Rosenthal in New York several years ago was a sad commentary upon conditions in the police department of that city. There was every reason to believe that the removal of Rosenthal would cause a number of officials to breathe easier, as it was realized that the fate of some of this class was dependent upon the murdered man being able to "keep the door of his lips." Becker was especially interested, and the charge that he was a party before the fact of the killing of the dangerous man was proven to the satisfaction of the court before which he was brought. The law's delays have been in evidence, and the most able counsel that could be procured have worked assiduously in the interests of

the condemned man. His electrocution has been postponed from time to time until Justice Ford was called upon to consider an application for a new trial upon the grounds that important evidence had been discovered. In order to study the matter, Justice Ford respited Becker for two days, fixing his execution on Friday of this week instead of Wednesday, as had been ordered by the court. The decision last night removes the last ray of hope from Becker, and all arrangements for his electrocution have been made.

WHO IS THE WISE MAN AMONG THEM?

The following well-known persons have given opinions concerning the duration of the present war. Charles Edward Russell, economist, four to ten months.

Herman Ridder, editor, four months. J. W. T. Mason, war expert, when England wants peace.

Roger Babson, economist, when soldiers demand it. George S. Viereck, editor, three months.

Hiram Percy Maxim, inventor, next winter. Norman Hapgood, editor, one year.

Frank H. Simonds, military critic, two years. Louis Gathmann, inventor, two years.

Hudson Maxim, inventor, two or three years. Nikla Tesla, inventor, four years.

Roger Babson, the economist, the fourth in the list, may have struck the truth. It is within the power of the men with the musket to bring the carnage to a close any time they get good and ready. That they will sooner or later, grow tired of risking their lives for the glory of their sovereigns may be safely inferred.

Those who passed through the sufferings of last winter are appaled when they read that another inclement season is to be spent in the trenches, and no one can say positively that the snows of other winters will not find them huddled in holes in the earth dodging shells.

It was thought at the first by those who had carefully studied the situation that it would be a test of endurance. This seems to be the safest prophecy.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Ten large arsenals, to be owned and operated by the British government, wherein women as men will make war ammunitions, are to be established immediately.

German submarines, swarming British waters in a renewal of the campaign to sweep ships bearing food and supplies to England from the seas, have sunk ten more vessels, making twenty-five within the last two days.

Because she persistently praised Germany, Andre Barbier, a Lyons, France, engineer, slew his German wife with a revolver. A court martial acquitted him after his statement that she daily ridiculed his patriotism and scoffed at the French army.

Eight hundred Seventh Day Adventists camped at Dalworth, between Fort Worth, Texas, and Dallas, expect the "second coming of Christ" and the "marshaling of the heavenly army in the skies" as soon as the Allies capture Constantinople, it is announced.

At the request of Secretary Lansing, Rear Admiral Caperton was instructed yesterday to land marines in Port au Prince, Haiti, "to protect the lives of Americans and foreigners." Later the department was informed that marines had been landed and quiet restored.

A defense of 500,000 officers and enlisted men trained in the regular army and to be available for field duty by 1921 is the goal at which the General Staff of the army is planning a reorganization of military forces. This figure does not include militia. It does include upwards of 40,000 trained officers.

Consul Dennison, at Dundee, Scotland, reported to the State Department yesterday that the captain of the American ship Leelanaw stated under oath he had "endeavored to escape," and only brought his ship to a stop after two warning shots were fired at him at a distance of two miles. He had no complaint to make of his treatment by the submarine commander.

One man was killed and three others injured, one seriously, early yesterday morning, when an automobile driven by Lake Thomas crushed into a telegraph pole between Fed-

eralsburg and Williamsburg, Md. George E. Lee, Jr., suffered a fractured skull and died within a few minutes. William Bestpitch, Jr., was critically injured. Mr. Thomas' arm was broken and Luke Ruark's face and head were cut by being forced through the windshield. Laird Wallace, the fifth occupant, escaped without a scratch.

The strike at the Bayonne (N. J.) plants of the Standard Oil and Tidewater Oil companies ended yesterday, when virtually every man who walked out ten days ago returned to work. The plants of the Vacuum Oil and General companies, which were closed during the rioting, in which three strikers were killed, also resumed operations yesterday. The strike at the Eagle Oil Company's Point, Jersey City, by which 2,000 men were affected, ended yesterday. The Eagle company is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company.

VIRGINIA NEWS

O. P. Atkins, a Richmond bookkeeper, shot himself in the presence of his wife yesterday. He may recover. He alleges trouble caused him to attempt to kill himself.

An automobile line has been established between Norfolk and Richmond. The trip will consume from 3 1/2 to 4 hours each way and will be made by way of Newport News.

The board which is revising the Virginia Code met yesterday morning in Roanoke for its regular monthly conference. It probably will continue in session several days.

Ten year old Michael Turner picked up some dynamite caps in Harrisonburg, where men were blowing up some stumps, and touched a match to them to see what would happen. The child's hand was shattered.

John Griffin and William Dement, wanted by Washington police on indictments of assault and robbery, were arrested yesterday in Norfolk. It is charged the men assaulted A. A. Wild in Southeast Washington June 22, last, and robbed him of \$40.

William Minor, colored, died yesterday at Virginia Hospital in Richmond as a result of attempting to rob the confectionery store of Gost Larpas, a Greek, near Bowe and Marshall Streets, early yesterday. Larpas shot the negro in the head.

With the visit of Governor Henry C. Stuart and his party, who remained on the grounds for perhaps two hours, the National Negro Exposition, which, under the auspices of the Negro Historical and Industrial Society, had been in progress in Richmond for the past three weeks, came to a close yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Though the attendance has not been great the affair is considered a success.

With 1,142 horses at present on the Atlantic bound from Norfolk to La Pallice, France, to be used by the French government in the European war, and two other large steamers due to leave Norfolk during the next few days with similar cargoes, the present week promises to be the banner one in the exportation of horses from Norfolk, if not the banner week for the exportation of horses from Hampton Roads.

It is learned that the Southern Railway has either let or will let within the next two weeks contracts by which all of the remaining single track between Charlotte, N. C., and Orange, Va., will be double tracked, excepting Arrowhead and Elma, a distance of fourteen miles in Albemarle county. There are seven contracts already let or to be let immediately and it is understood that the contractors are all ready to begin work immediately.

Precautions are being taken to prevent any sort of "accident" at the plant of the American Locomotive Company in Richmond. The plant is now engaged in making shrapnel. It is reported that 75 per cent. of the output is being taken over by the U. S. government and added to our war stock. Several months ago a fence some eight feet high was placed around the section of the plant engaged in the production of war material, this being surmounted by barbed wire.

Pauline Grubb, 7 years old, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Grubb of Cherrydale, was killed Monday night about 7 o'clock, when the buggy in which she was driving was overturned by the horse making a sudden turn on the edge of a ditch. Miss Bertha Bradshaw, eldest daughter of George Bradshaw, of near Ryon, Loudoun county, was in the buggy with the child, and is danger-

ously injured. The accident took place at the foot of a steep hill on which Mr. Bradshaw's residence is situated, and where little Pauline was spending the summer.

Activities of the New York police in co-operation with the Norfolk police and Major Sylvester's private force at the Dupont Powder Works are being directed towards the annihilation of what is believed to be a wholesale scheme to inveigle young women to engage for work at Hope-well under misrepresentation. Advertisements appearing in New York papers and experiences of some of the women who answered them are said to have led the police to believe that an organized gang of "white slavers" has selected Hopewell as a fertile field for their nefarious operations.

RICHMOND THEATRE TONIGHT. EDMUND REESE.

In an Enchanted Five Act Play The Shooting of Dan McGrew. A bunch of the boys were whooping it up in the Malamute Saloon. The kid that handles the music-box was hitting a jac time tune. Back of the bar, in a solo game, sat Dangerous Dan McGrew. And watching his trick was his light-o'-love, the lady that's known as Lou. When out of the night, which was fifty below, and into the din and the glare, There stumbled a miter fresh from the creeks, dog-dirty, and loaded for bear. He looked like a man with a foot in the grave and scarcely the strength of a house.

But we drank his health, and the last to drink was Dangerous Dan McGrew. There's men that somehow just grip your eyes, and hold them hard like a spell; And such was he, and he looked to me like a man who had lived in hell; With a face most hair, and the dreary stare of a dog whose day is done. As he watered the green stuff in his glass, and the drops fell one by one. And "Boys," says he, "you don't know me, and none of you care a damn; But I want to state, and my words are straight, and I'll bet my poke they're true. That one of you is a bound of hell . . . and that one is Dan McGrew." Then I ducked my head, and the lights went out, and two guns blazed in the dark. And a woman screamed, and the lights went up, and two men lay stiff and stark. Pinned on his head, and pumped full of lead, was Dangerous Dan McGrew. While the man from the creeks lay clutched to the breast of the lady that's known as Lou. These are the simple facts of the case, and I guess I ought to know. They say that the stranger was crazed with "hooch" and I'm not denying it's so. I'm not so wise as the lawyer guys, but strictly between us two— The woman that kissed him and I, pinched his poke—was the lady that's

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Chauffeur Killed. Rochester, July 29.—George W. Cobb, prominent in the tin can industry in the state and connected with the New York office of the American Can Company, was badly injured in an automobile accident near Springwater yesterday. The automobile struck a rock and turned over. Mr. Cobb was pinned under the car. Warren C. Sloat, of Rochester, the chauffeur, was killed.

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

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FRIDAY

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8:47 A. M.—Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car. 8:37 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points south to which scheduled to stop First class coaches Sleeping cars to Birmingham and New Orleans. Dining car service. Stops at Calverton to let off Warrenton branch passengers.

10:32 A. M. Daily—Mail train, New Orleans Limited. All Pullman ing cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham, York, Atlanta, Anniston Birmingham, Augusta, Savannah and Jacksonville, Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service Tourist to California daily.

4:12 P. M. Limited for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars. 6:12 P. M.—Local for Warrenton.

10:02 P. M.—Daily Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleep-Chattanooga. Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke, Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining Car Service.

3:52 P. M. Daily—local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton 4:27 A. M. Daily— Memphis special Sleeping car and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining Car service. Washington sleeping cars Greensboro and Charlotte.

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Denton, Md., July 29.—That Sheriff Temple's fear of an attack on the jail in case the court had given "Wish" Sheppard a prison sentence was well founded, it is learned. A number of men arrived in a body in Denton Tuesday midnight and, after learning—that the negro had been sentenced to be hanged, left town.

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