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MARCH AND APRIL

In important respects, March was the most memorable month in the lifetime of living men and women, where in epoch-making events are concerned. Most notable of all the achievements of the month was the overthrow of the Romanoff dynasty.

In the annals of our own country April will be more significant than March. This month, in all probability, we shall decide the momentous question of our participation in the world's war and, if we enter it, the manner in which we shall relate ourselves to the belligerents in the entente group.

One way or the other, we expect to commit ourselves to a policy which will for all time to come define our relation to the rest of the world powers. If we go to war we shall probably do it in a manner that means a permanent departure from the doctrines and the policy by which hitherto we have always been guided.

It happens that at former crisis periods April has been an especially significant month in the affairs of the United States, as far as war is concerned. In 1861 the thing happened in April which precipitated the civil war's open hostilities.

IN GERMANY

At no time prior to the war, since the founding of the German empire, would a scene like that of last Saturday in the Reichstag have been possible. Several of the members indulged in talk which started the cry of treason and, by all the parliamentary standards at Berlin, that cry was warranted.

These speeches went far in calling the emperor and the chancellor to account for matters relating to Russia, insisting that the parliament must have a voice in the naming of a chancellor, in the making of treaties, in declarations of war and the like.

The speeches included these words: "If the German emperor urged Emperor Nicholas, in 1905, no longer to oppose the justified demands of the people, why did not the chancellor venture to give the same advice to Emperor William? We regard a republic as a coming inevitable development in Germany." And this: "The imperial chancellor must be dismissed when the Reichstag demands it."

Nothing of the sort was in the dreams of the man of blood and iron who founded the empire of Germany.

Imagine what Bismarck would say of do, were he in power today. What was said, Saturday, in the Reichstag would not have been said. At least, it would not be said more than once, and the member of the Reichstag saying it would be summarily dealt with.

For all that, we Americans will reach hasty conclusions if in these parliamentary outbreaks we discern the start of a movement that will rush Germany into immediate revolution, after the manner of what has just occurred in Russia, with the Hohenzollern dynasty involved in the wreckage. At the same time, radical revisions in German government will undoubtedly be one of the products of the war, whichever way its tide turns or whatever the peace terms prove to be.

The present-day Reichstag is made up, politically, in a manner that is rather confusing to most Americans. Its membership of about 380 includes many groups representing divergent views. Among the 80 social democrats are men who do not answer to the term "socialism" as we define it but who, in the United States, would be average democrats or republicans.

Of course, outright revolution, involving the overthrow of the existing order, may be precipitated at any moment in Germany. However, we Americans will not wisely calculate on an outbreak of that kind in connection with the war with that realm upon which we assume that we are about to enter. It will be much wiser, at the outset, to reckon that in war we shall find united Deutschland opposed to us.

WITH HER PARTY

In referring to Miss Rankin's probable attitude on political issues, the Post the other day said that it would surprise her constituency in this state if she failed to take her place in the republican caucus and have a share in its work. It was assumed that she was no less a republican because she was a woman.

The lady from Montana did not take part in the republican caucus—she only arrived yesterday at the national capital. But forthwith she let it be known that she would abide by the action of the republican caucus as to the speaker. When she voted for Mr. Mann today she set at rest all gossip as to her republicanism.

Nothing that Miss Rankin herself ever said gave rise to any doubt about her loyalty to her party. In other quarters, however, it was intimated that she might act with the independents in the house. Miss Rankin is a suffragist, all right, but she is no less of a republican because of that. The republican platform in this state contained a plank for national woman's suffrage, and in that respect did not differ from the declaration of the democratic state platform.

TWO OPINIONS

In New York, a few days ago, David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford university, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Emergency Peace Federation. That organization insists "that the question of reparation for the sinking of the American ships by German submarines shall be left to a joint high commission."

Chancellor Jordan is recognized as one of the leading pacifists of the country. He has preached his doctrine of peace at almost any price from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast. He is in thorough accord with the principles of the Emergency Peace Federation and like organizations. Last night he was the speaker at a meeting in Baltimore, a report of which found its way into first pages of morning newspapers in all parts of the country.

At the time the New York journals contained references to Chancellor Jordan's peace talk, the Pacific coast newspapers were printing quotations from an article by President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford university. This article, entitled "Inescapable Responsibility," was contributed to the current issue of the Stanford Illustrated Review. In the course of his statement President Wilbur said: "Our duty is as plain as is the fact that we have neglected it. We are committed in the great struggle. We have lined up firmly for the right and our rights. Now is the time, or rather now is the only time left us, to move every force into position, so that there can be no failure to make good as a nation. Our ideals are high, even

sentimental at times. We have felt way down in our bones for many months that the governing forces in Germany and Turkey and their allies could hardly be exponents of those principles for which our revolutionary forbears fought.

"We have wanted to believe well of them, we have tried to keep our mental state free from bias against them, but in spite of our wishful thinking towards peace, law and justice, the steady march of encroachment following encroachments, of Belgium, Armenia, the Lusitania, the deportation of the Belgians and now the striped ship and the barred zone with its Laconia victims and the Prussian proffer of Texas, has forced on us the grim conviction that upon us falls an inescapable responsibility for the maintenance of rights and law."

Thus it appears that the opinions of these Stanford educators are as widely separated as at present the men are themselves. Which is the American view? Our guess is that congress will answer the question this week in an unmistakable way.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- APRIL 2. 1683—William Penn gave the Pennsylvania colonists a new charter. 1743—Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, born at Shadwell, Albemarle county, Va.; died at Monticello, Va., July 4, 1826. 1801—Nelson destroyed the Danish fleet off Copenhagen. 1823—First paper made its appearance in Syracuse, N. Y. 1830—Survey made for the laying out of Chicago. 1855—Butler university, Indiana, opened. 1865—After a long siege, the confederates retired from Richmond and General Grant entered the city and also Petersburg without opposition on April 2. 1890—Australian ballot introduced in several American states. 1898—The Spanish fleet arrived at the Cape Verde Islands on its way to Cuba. 1905—Simplon tunnel formally opened. 1910—The German wireless at Nauzen sent and received messages overland to the west coast of Africa, 4,000 miles distant. 1912—Floods in the Mississippi valley devastated 200 square miles and rendered 80,000 people homeless, with a property loss of \$50,000,000. 1914—A large part of the water front of St. Augustine, Fla., was destroyed by fire.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

- APRIL 2. 1915—German African stronghold Aus captured by the British. British airmen make successful air raid on German naval bases at Zeebrugge and Hoboken, near Antwerp, destroying two German submarines and lighting great fires in German naval construction works. 1916—French in counter offensive at Verdun regain most of Callette wood, between Forts of Douaumont and Vaux. Second Zeppelin raid on English kills 16 and injures nearly 100 people. Russian offensive in Galicia slows down, and Germans launch a counter offensive upon the Russian front.

A WISE PRECAUTION. Dentist (to patient who is opening his purse)—No, don't bother to pay me in advance. Patient—I'm not. I was only counting my money before you give me gas.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

- EMPAIRE Hippodrome vaudeville—Today and tomorrow, Conway and Fields in "What's Your Alibi?" and five other acts. ANSONIA Vaudeville and moving pictures—Today and tomorrow, William Nigh in "The Blue Streak." AMERICAN Moving pictures—Today and tomorrow, Pauline Frederick in "Sapho." ORPHEUM Moving pictures—Today and tomorrow, Charles Chaplin in "Easy Street." PEOPLES Vaudeville and moving pictures—Today, the Bostonians in "The Isle of Dreams"; tomorrow, "The Act Beautiful." LIBERTY Moving pictures—Today, "A Modern Monte Cristo." BROADWAY Pentage vaudeville—Today and tomorrow, "The Phun Phields" and five other acts.

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LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

Copyright, 1916, Cincinnati Enquirer. One thing a man learns after working for a living for a while is not to select a man who can do the work better than you can when you put on a suit. The Diplodocus and the egg of the Great Auk are mighty scarce, but not any scarcer than the Good Loser and the Good Sport. A man always regards marriage as a joke until he wakes up and finds that the joke is on him. If a man could get back all of the money he has spent foolishly during his life, the chances are that he would find even more foolish ways of spending it. All the world's a stage. But that is

no reason why you should be satisfied to be a "supe" all your days. No married man ever thinks of flirting when he is away from home—until a good-looking girl comes along. Before a woman starts a letter to another woman she first makes up her mind what the Postscript is going to be. We do not know who invented the folding bed. But we'll bet that the Bedbug tribe has adopted him as its patron saint. Any old time a man admits that he is getting his share you can bet that he is setting a little more. After a man has served on a jury a few times he quits believing everything he hears. The demand for some things may exceed the supply. But the supply of Trouble is always adequate. There is only one thing; that can

throw a man down as hard and as often as a banana peel, and that is a woman. Even a pessimist doesn't mind hearing a man boasted when he happens to be the man who is being boasted. Single women haven't any pants pockets into which to put their hands. But it is different with married women. Of course it isn't nice to say so, but the fact of the matter is that a Compliment is only another name for a damil. Another boob we haven't much use for is the smart lad who tells you that you can't reply "Yes" or "No" to a question, and who, when you claim that you can, springs the question: "Have you quit stealing money out of poor boxes?" The average man gets mighty tired of hearing about the goodness of George Washington. And the average

man is onery enough to believe that the goody-good stuff was all bunk and that George was as big a liar as the rest of us. A woman despises a male flirt. Unless he happens to be flirting with her. Names is Names. Hortense Huckelberry lives at Jeffersonville, Ind. Our Daily Special. Some People Waste An Hour Trying To Save A Minute. ASK FOR and GET Horlick's The Original Malted Milk. Substitutes Cost YOU Same Price.