

Great Heroes of Peace Are Not Sufficiently Honored.

By Ex-Congressman WILLIAM H. KING of Utah.

WAR is not the eternal legacy of the world. Mars is not the god who rules on earth. The day will come when war, with all of its horrible consequences, will be execrated, and those ages which have countenanced and participated in it will be regarded with pity and the deepest commiseration.

The names of Sennacherib and Tamerlane, Alexander and Hannibal, Caesar and Napoleon will be forgotten, and the names of THE GREAT EVANGELS OF PEACE, the teachers of truth and righteousness, THE IMMORTAL POETS AND PAINTERS, and those who have carried the torch of truth and liberty, will increase in splendor and glory.

This is not a mere dream of the prophets and the sages, but it is the land toward which we are advancing and the condition which sooner or later the world will reach.

THE GREAT TEACHERS OF THE WORLD AND THE DIVINE VOICES THAT HAVE BEEN LIFTED DURING THE CENTURIES HAVE BEEN FOR PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD. EVERY STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF ADVANCEMENT HAS BEEN MARKED BY A RECESSION OF WAR'S DEVASTATING WAVE. THE GUIDELINES WHICH INDICATE HUMAN PROGRESS POINT IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE. THE WORLD IS GROWING BETTER, AND OUT OF THE DARKNESS OF THE PAST MAN IS ADVANCING.

There was a time when only the men of war and bloodshed were honored. Even now there is TOO MUCH OF A DISPOSITION TO CROWN WITH LAURELS THOSE WHO HAVE WON RENOWN UPON THE SANGUINARY BATTLEFIELD. The great heroes of peace, the martyrs for truth, those who in travail have grasped the great forces that have made for man's advancement and have been the great standard bearers of truth and liberty, are NOT SUFFICIENTLY KNOWN OR HONORED. We do not yet have the true perspective in judging the figures and the forces that have lifted the world from darkness into the golden sunlight. We yet still exalt the pygmies and ignore the giants. We bow before the weak and turn our backs upon the strong. The spirit of idolatry is yet rampant, and the apotheosis of force and war has not been extirpated from the hearts of the people. Military forces, naval display, the sound of drum and fife, the roar of the cannon, the sound of martial tread, the reports of victories won, of enemies vanquished, of blood stained battlefields, of death and horror and destruction, all these things and all these horrible, blighting pages still bring pride to the hearts of many.

EVEN IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, WHEN A GREAT MAN SUCH AS SENATOR HOAR PASSED AWAY, THERE WERE BUT FEW TO SPEAK HIS PRAISE AND GLORIFY HIS SPLENDID LIFE, THOUGH HE HAD DONE MUCH FOR PEACE AND MORE FOR HUMANITY THAN HUNDREDS OF MILITARY HEROES TO WHOM STATUES HAVE BEEN ERECTED.

United States Through Naval Weakness Is About to Encounter Grave Dangers.

By RICHMOND P. HOBSON, Naval Expert and Alabama Congressman.

THE United States has risen from the last on the list in naval strength in 1882 up to second place in 1908, BUT OUR SLOWNESS IN BUILDING THE NEW TYPE OF VESSEL WILL CAUSE US SOON TO DROP BACKWARD AGAIN. This retrogression comes at a most unfortunate period, when, following the Spanish war, our interests and duties have spread to distant islands across the Pacific ocean and when Japan has risen with great power, so that our naval demands have suddenly more than doubled, the necessities in the Pacific being even greater than in the Atlantic.

DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF THE ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE AMERICA WILL PASS THROUGH A PERIOD OF WEAKNESS AND OF GRAVE DANGER. OUR POLICY MUST BE ONE OF HUMILITY WHILE WE BUILD SHIPS AND BUILD THEM FAST.

WHETHER WE SUCCEED IN CROSSING THIS PERIOD OF DANGER WITHOUT HUMILIATION AND DEFEAT OR WHETHER OUR NEGLECT IS TO PLUNGE US AND THE WORLD INTO GREAT WARS, I CAN CLEARLY SEE AS CAUSE FOLLOWS EFFECT THAT IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AMERICA WILL CONTROL THE OCEAN IN THE ATLANTIC AS AGAINST ANY NATION OF EUROPE AND IN THE PACIFIC AS AGAINST ANY NATION IN ASIA AND THAT OUR NAVAL SUPREMACY WILL SECURE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY TO US AT HOME, SECURITY TO OUR CITIZENS AND COMMERCE ABROAD.

IT WILL BE THE BASIS FOR THAT INFLUENCE WHICH AMERICA NEEDS FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF LAW, based on justice, which will ultimately lead to permanent peace among nations and the final abandonment of armies and of navies.

The World Needs Men With Ideals.

By GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor of New York.

LEARNING by itself is of little use to the world. It is only when it has become humanized that it is a blessing to humanity, AND IT BECOMES WISDOM WHEN IT IS APPLIED TO THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND.

The study of the humanities includes more than the study of Latin and Greek. It includes the study of the literature, and therefore of the knowledge, of every people and of every age. The purpose of the study of the humanities is more than mere intellectual enjoyment. Its function is far broader and higher and nobler.

ITS PURPOSE IS TO TEACH US THE WISDOM OF THE MEN WHO HAVE LONG SINCE PASSED AWAY AND BY GIVING TO US ALL THAT THE PAST CONTAINED THAT WAS NOBLE AND BEAUTIFUL AND TRUE TO PERMIT US TO CREATE FOR OURSELVES IDEALS FOR OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE GUIDANCE.

The Philistine may complain that four years is a long time to work with no result at the end but an ideal. But "the ideal is none the worse for being merely an ideal." THERE NEVER WAS A PERIOD IN MODERN TIMES WHEN THE WORLD NEEDED MEN WITH IDEALS MORE THAN IT DOES TODAY.

MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Montana During the Past Few Days.

DEER LODGE, Aug. 13.—Judge John Y. Batterton died yesterday at his home in West Deer Lodge, aged 82. Judge Batterton came here from Missouri in 1877. Prior to moving west he had been probate and county judge in his native state. He served ten years as a county commissioner of Deer Lodge county.

BILLINGS, Aug. 13.—As a result of the rains which have fallen in this county during the past 24 hours, farmers are busily engaged in sowing winter wheat. In the Broadview district five seeders have started on the ranch of Dr. Sudduth and will sow 400 acres. As soon as this is finished attention will be turned to 500 additional acres which will be seeded to Turkey red wheat.

HELENA, Aug. 13.—Six companies of the Second regiment, Montana national guard, are encamped near the state armory and will remain here until tomorrow afternoon, when they entrain for American lake, to spend two weeks there. Tomorrow morning a review by Governor Norris is scheduled to take place, but it is raining hard this evening which may cause a postponement.

GREAT FALLS, Aug. 13.—The commissioners of Cascade county have granted a 40-year franchise to C. G. Bower and Dr. A. F. Longeway of this city, giving them the right to construct electric lines upon the highways of the county. It is the intention of the grantees to construct an electric road up Sun river from this city, furnishing an outlet for the rich irrigated farms in that valley. A stock company will be formed.

BILLINGS, Aug. 14.—Engineer Taft, of the Billings & Northern is in the city, having just completed a tour of inspection of the line which is now nearly completed. Mr. Taft is authority for the statement that the road will be finished and trains be running between Billings and Great Falls by the first of October.

BUTTE, Aug. 14.—Edmond Coleman, a well known resident of Deer Lodge, has returned from Alaska with information of the absolute abandonment of Copper Center, once the flourishing camp of the Klondike. Of the thousand buildings there, not one was occupied, nor was there a single person in the town. Following failure of gold deposits to last there was a general exodus of the inhabitants of Copper Center.

HELENA, Aug. 14.—E. H. Stogg, an 18-year-old elevator boy at the Monticello apartment house was crushed to death tonight in the elevator. There were no witnesses to the accident, but it is presumed the boy tried to jump in the cage when it was moving and was caught between the sill and the floor. His abdomen was crushed. He has no relatives so far as is known.

GREAT FALLS, Aug. 14.—With the election of J. M. Burlingame of this city as president and J. M. Minor of Anaconda as secretary, the Elks' annual convention came to an end today. Missoula not only withdrew in favor of Miles City for next year's convention, but was magnanimous enough to place the eastern city in nomination. While the rain marred the parade, the meeting was a huge success in other respects.

BUTTE, Aug. 14.—Over \$125,000 in rewards have been offered to the Butte police department in a little more than the last year. The exact figures are \$125,625, and the rewards mount from \$10 to \$18,000 in the case of the recent Great Northern train robbery at Rondo, Mont. Many of the plums have been gathered by local policemen, but a far greater proportion have been passed by unnoticed when they might easily have been plucked.

BILLINGS, Aug. 15.—Burglarized twice within 30 days is the record of the Billings Hardware company's store at Laurel. The first burglary was committed a little more than three weeks ago, and the second early this morning, when the place was entered by a rear window and \$150 worth of revolvers, razors and knives were secured.

MISSOULA, Aug. 15.—Engineer J. F. McMullan of the Northern Pacific was killed at Arlee at 8 o'clock tonight by being run over by an engine. McMullan just stepped down off his engine to the passing track when another engine, running light, which he had not seen, ran him down.

ANACONDA, Aug. 15.—An entire crew of "hay diggers" on the Welcome & Peckover ranch left the fields yesterday afternoon and demanded that they be paid \$2 a day and board, though they had hired for the season at \$1.75 a day. They had heard that other ranchers were paying the higher wages, and insisted they should receive the same for the season, regardless of the contracts.

HELENA, Aug. 15.—Frank Conley, warden of the state penitentiary, was present today at a meeting of the board of prison commissioners and gave an account of the workings of the institution under direct state control. Details of the management were gone into, and as a result of the meeting the warden was directed to advertise for all supplies before making purchases.

MISSOULA, Aug. 15.—This afternoon County Attorney Marlowe instructed Sheriff Campbell and Chief of Police Miller to close all buildings in the levee district and the order was carried out at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The people of the district have been given until Monday to vacate. This step marks the culmination of a moral reform that started about two months ago.

MISSOULA, Aug. 15.—C. C. Lowney, a rancher residing a few miles west of the city, filed a suit for \$23,900 damages today against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. The damage is alleged to have been caused to Lowney's ranch and crops by changes made in the natural flow of the Missoula river and the drainage of the valley lands. The damage to productive capacity of the land is placed at \$20,000 and the balance to the crops.

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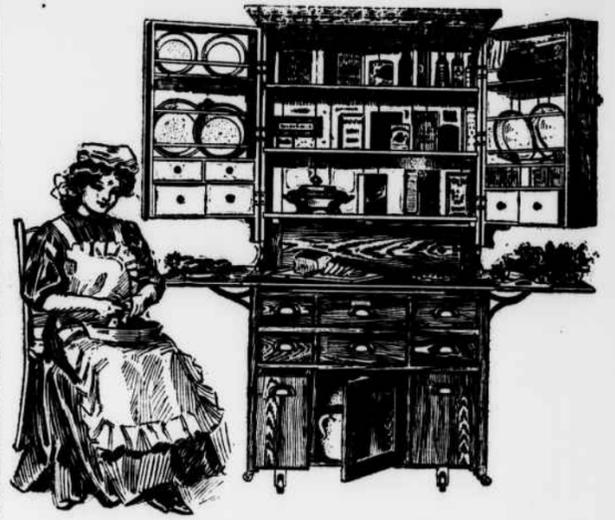
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