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Armanent, Victory and Peace

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The agitation for greater preparedness for war as a means for insuring peace to the United States still goes on. No increase of armament makes for peace. It may make for victory in a struggle come. But it also makes for war, for victory comes only after war, and the men that bring on war, dare-devils all, in any nation never shrink from the odds against them. The relation is very simple. The larger the armament the larger the number of men engaged in making it. Their trade once established, they are not going to give it up without a conflict. The larger the armament, the more men there are who have no interest other than war. They want to try out their new guns, or to test their new maneuvers. They are weary of the endless round of the camp or the ship and hail "the day that dawns for action and for glory."

The people of Europe are "hungry for peace" (a "vide de la paix"), as a leading journal asserted before the war began. There was not a nation in Europe, not even in the distressed and mangled Balkans, where the people wanted war.

But this feeling for peace was nowhere organized, nowhere represented adequately in the governing minority. Moreover, the feeling for peace was everywhere paralyzed and vitiated by the idea that in spite of its horrors, its sorrows and its devastation, war is somehow noble, healthful, strengthening, a patriotic duty to the nation, a pious duty to God, the birth pang or spring to higher stages of culture, prosperity and power. Probably not more than one man in a thousand in Europe really hoped for the present war, yet uncounted millions thought it inevitable and as many more looked to some national advantage at the end. Even finance, commerce and industry, with everything to lose and nothing to gain, could put up no common front against it. The majority, but half-hearted or less than half, could never make common cause against the great world enemy.

It is easy to talk about war, or for subsidized journals or journalists to write about war, as "inevitable," "the sooner it is over the better," until the people on both sides are led to believe figures that it will be just as easy to get out into the open sea again as it was to run the gauntlet of enemy ships scattered along the route the Pacific to Hampton Roads.

With Villa doing as he pleases, Carranza paying as much attention to the United States as a bad boy does to his neighbor's good advice and Zapata killing American citizens who are not in sympathy with him, it is hard to see just which of the various Mexican factions, President Wilson is expecting to bring law and order in war-torn Mexico.

Private interests have decided to build a \$250,000 plant for manufacturing products made possible by a recent chemical discovery of Dr. W. G. Rittman of the federal bureau of mines. His discovery provides new ways for manufacturing gasoline, dyes, stuffs and explosives.

Why worry about trivial matters like world wars, starving nations and depressed business when such problems as determining why the ring of the planet Saturn is wider on the east than on the west, confronts us? Astronomers are greatly puzzled by the phenomenon.

The New York public library reports increasing interest in American history and in arts, music, economics and science. To this fact is attributed an increase of 1,196,338 volumes over the number given out to patrons of the library in 1913. The total given out last year was 9,316,482 volumes.

Drug stores of the state will be deprived of the privilege of selling liquor in any form if a bill filed in the senate is passed by the legislature. The measure provides for the repeal of the present permit law.

The milk drivers of Chicago want Sundays off. Now if they can induce the cows to give a two-day supply of milk for delivery on Saturday, everything will be all right.

Some men think they are all right because others do not throw bricks at them.

President Wilson says he is too busy to attend the exposition at San Francisco this month. Maybe he knows that there will be much more to see several months hence.

The congressmen and senators who are going to take a trip to Hawaii seem to have decided that it is safer now to "See America First."

MINE SINKS STEAMER.
 London, March 13.—The Swedish steamer Anna struck a mine off Scarborough, on the east coast of England, this morning and foundered.

Two members of her crew were killed by the explosion. Eighteen were rescued by a passing steamer.

SLAYER IS ACQUITTED.
 Bloomington, Ill., March 13.—Pearl Lowe, on trial for murder in the killing of Ben Grimpf in a local rooming house, was acquitted by the jury. The killing was not disputed, self defense being the plea.

Then war actually becomes inevitable unless statesmanship intervenes, and statesmanship is a rare quality in the venal chancelleries of Europe.

The determination of war and peace may be compared to a gigantic game of cards, in which the side with the best hand must take not merely a majority, but all the tricks, and at all times. The friends of peace must win at every crisis in every nation. When all nations go armed, if the war party wins once, it wins all. If it takes a single trick in any nation, it brings on war, and we have seen, war all along the line.

The war party in Russia failed to bring on war when Bosnia was annexed to Austria. The war party in Germany failed in the Boer war, in the Spanish-American war, in the affair of Casa Blanca, and in the affair at Agadir. The war party in England and in France having little control of the government, have failed at every trial in the last six years. The murder at Sarajevo gave the war party its first great opportunity. The new weapon, the ultimatum, hurled ostensibly from another state, sufficed to gain their purpose. One success is enough, and all Europe, being charged with dynamite, is in flames.

If we want peace, we must prepare for it, guarding it at every angle, and reducing so far as we can all war incentives. When nations are armed, a very few men, a very small accident, may turn the scale. To lose at one point is to lose at all. It is the armament itself which is the true cause of war. Trade jealousies, race antipathies, land hungers, all these are mere excuses, which would not of themselves lead any nation to fight. It takes a vigorous agitation, war scares and war appeals to get these taken seriously.

The safeguard for peace is the minimum, not the maximum, of armament. As to this, George Washington, who warned us so sagaciously against entangling alliances, had also this word of caution: "Overgrown military establishments are, under any form of government, inauspicious to liberty, and are to be regarded as peculiarly hostile to republican liberty."

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The good clergyman was ministering to the needs of the inmates of a private lunatic asylum and he was especially warned against an exceedingly cross-grained, recently arrived patient.

Nothing daunted, however, the reverend gentleman entered the little room where the man was confined and began conversation with him.

"Is it true," inquired the crazy man, "that Queen Elizabeth has recently married the sultan of Turkey?"

"Quite true," replied the visitor, bent on humoring the patient.

"And it is also true I suppose," went on the demented one, "that Theodore Roosevelt has been elected president of the United States for the thirty-second time?"

"Quite, quite true," said the clergyman fervently.

"Ah," said the madman, rubbing his hands with glee, "and pray what may you be?"

"Oh, I am a minister of the gospel."

"Well," said the man reflectively, "you look like a minister of the church and you may be one, but you are about the biggest blankety-blank liar I ever met."

A quack doctor was holding forth about his "medicines" to a rural audience.

"Yes, gentlemen," he said, "I have sold these pills for over twenty-five years and never heard a word of complaint. Now what does that prove?"

SUPERINTENDENT HAS BEEN NAMED

CHICAGO WOMAN WILL TAKE CHARGE OF OTTUMWA HOSPITAL MARCH 20.

The Ottumwa Hospital association has engaged a superintendent to succeed to the post made vacant by the death on January 1 of Miss Elizabeth Trotter, for twenty years the superintendent, Miss Pearl Q. Mothershead of Chicago has been selected by the association and will come here about March 20 to assume charge of the institution.

Miss Mothershead is a graduate of St. Luke's hospital in Chicago and for some time was assistant superintendent of St. Luke's hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas. Miss Mothershead comes to Ottumwa highly recommended by hospital authorities and will probably bring a surgical nurse with her as it is deemed practical that the superintendent and surgical nurse be trained in the same school of surgery.

Miss Rheta Heller has been acting superintendent of the Ottumwa hospital since the death of Miss Trotter. Miss Madge Baldwin, who has been surgical nurse, has given up the place because of her health and Miss Alice Slaughter is serving in that capacity at present.

The new superintendent is said to have had considerable experience in the work of nurse training and as this is quite a feature in the Ottumwa hospital, the local training school is looking forward to continuing the high order of proficiency that it has maintained in the past. Miss Mothershead was in Ottumwa Thursday to look over the field before engaging in the work here and returned later to Chicago.

There would be no harm in a slight departure from the regulations.

Having found a retired corner, they had commenced to play, when one of them noticed that a waiter who was near was observing them. Wishing to avoid further disclosure, he called the waiter and said:

"William, I know you will not consider it your duty to inform against us. I presume that ere now you have seen the rules broken."

"Sir," said the waiter, gravely, "I have been in the service of this club for some years, but have never yet given any such information, although I have seen all the rules broken but one."

"And what is that one rule?"

"That of feeling the waiters, sir?" He got his tip.

VETERAN OFFICIAL DIES

Col. Crook, Intimate White House Attache For Many Years Succumbs After Brief Illness.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Col. W. H. Crook, disbursing officer of the white house, who was President Lincoln's bodyguard and who has been intimately acquainted with every president since 1860, died today at his home here. He has been sick with pneumonia more than a week.

BRITONS LYING IN WAIT

Warships Are Observed Off Hampton Roads Watching For German Auxiliary Cruiser.

Norfolk, Va., March 13.—The Cape Henry marine observer reported today that a three stack cruiser, nationality unknown, had lain about twelve miles off shore from yesterday afternoon until 6:30 this morning when she departed.

Residents of Virginia Beach say two cruisers, supposed to be British, were off that resort last night, using their searchlights.

RATES ON PACKING PRODUCTS DISCUSSED

Chicago, March 13.—Proposed increases of freight rates on fresh meats packing house products, live stock and fertilizer materials, from which the forty-one western railroad systems hope to obtain a large part of a desired \$10,000,000 addition to their annual revenue, were considered today at the interstate commerce commission's hearing on the railroads' petition for higher rates. The commodities are among others on which the railroads say the present rates are too low.

PEOPLE FIGHT FOR FOOD

Madrid, March 13.—Serious bread riots occurred at Jenot when a mob of women and children attacked the bakeries. The police were obliged to charge several times before order was restored.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS GETTING BUSY

Iowa City, March 13.—The Iowa City Commercial club did several noteworthy things at its directors' meeting—established a civic employment bureau, arranged to hold a school survey, planned the entertainment of the convention of group 7, Iowa bankers, and accepted 64 sign posts to be imbedded in concrete at 16 leading corners of the city. The club's census taking is advancing and it is believed 2,000 population will be passed or approached.

FEDERAL JUDGE BURIED

Shelbygan, Wis., March 13.—The funeral of the late Judge William Henry Seaman of the United States court of appeals, Chicago, who died in California on Monday last, was held here today.

All Shelbygan was in mourning and business was practically suspended.

JANUARY TERM OF COURT CLOSES

Judge Anderson of Albia Finishes Session of Fifteen Weeks

VERRULES MOTION IN SEEVERS ACTION

Court Sustains Verdict of Jury for Oskaloosa City Official

The January term of the district court was adjourned sine die this afternoon and Judge D. M. Anderson and Frank Nichol, his reporter, returned to their homes in Albia. With the ending of the first term for 1915, Judge Anderson closed a fifteen weeks' stay in Ottumwa, which is longer than any of the other non-resident judges have ever held court here continuously. The death of Judge Eichelberger last fall, just prior to the time of opening the October term, caused a delay in the work, with the final arrangement being that the Albia jurist came here for five weeks during November and December in an exchange with Judge Seneca Cornell.

Warner Wants New Trial. Today's session has been taken up with the arguments for a new trial in the case of Robert Bennett et al., vs. J. L. Warner et al., in which a verdict was recently returned by the jury in favor of the plaintiff. Several widows' pensions and other smaller matters completed the assignments for the last session of the term. In the estate of J. J. Beall, an order for a sale has been signed and the report of a sale has been approved by the court in the matter of the minor heirs of S. W. Ross. Matters in the estate of Emma J. Perry have been set for hearing on April 1, and in the estate of Della M. Shekell an order has been made to relieve from appraisers. Alice Hinkle has been appointed guardian of Mabel Phillips and Newton Roberts has been named as guardian of Alice and Raymond Coughlin.

Seever's Given Judgment. The motion for a new trial in the case of Byron Seever vs. the Cleveland Coal Co., has been overruled by the court and a judgment given the plaintiff on the verdict of the jury in his favor for \$22,245.82. In the Chas. Sax vs. W. V. Silvers case, the costs in the main case have been taxed to the plaintiff and the costs in the counter claim to the defendant. In the action entitled J. H. Hutchison vs. Oscar Williams et al., an order has been signed for the plaintiff to file cost bond and a showing why the same should not be filed by the first day of next term or the case is to stand dismissed. A default has been entered against the defendant for want of pleading in the case of A. O. Williams vs. William J. Baker and a judgment made upon the verified account for \$412.66, with interest, and the costs of the suit.

Bond is Held in Force. In a judgment entry in the case of the Fidelity & Guaranty Co. vs. the Iowa Telephone Co., and city of Ottumwa, defendants on cross petition, the court finds that the bond given by the Iowa Telephone Co., as principal and the guaranty company as surety to the city of Ottumwa under ordinance No. 633, still remains in full force and in effect and that the plaintiff is entitled to recover the premium sued for. The cross petition of the defendants is ordered dismissed at their costs and the plaintiff is given a judgment of \$652.25, with interest from the telephone company.

In the case of Reva Orman vs. Thos. J. Orman, the order heretofore made by Judge Hunter in the habeas corpus proceedings, is to be carried out as to the custody of the child during the pendency of this case. The mother is to have the custody of it all of the time except the first few days in each month when the father may have it. In the case of James A. Harman et al. vs. Susan Harman, the defendant's motion to set aside a default and decree is overruled.

MILLIONAIRE'S WILL ATTACKED IN COURT

New York, March 13.—The taking of evidence in a suit brought by relatives of James Campbell of St. Louis and New York, to break the will under which Mr. Campbell bequeathed the bulk of his \$16,000,000 estate to his widow and a "daughter," now Mrs. Lois Campbell Burkman of St. Louis, was completed in this city yesterday and will be resumed in St. Louis on Monday. A sister and seven nephews of Mr. Campbell contend that Mr. Campbell, who was a broker and traction magnate, never had a daughter.

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As soon as the verdict was announced Thaw was given into the custody of Sheriff Griffenhagen of New York county. The four codefendants were discharged.

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Justice Page announced that he would hear arguments on this motion next Monday afternoon, March 15. Thaw was remanded to the Tombs.

AND THE BILLS PILE UP

Davenport, March 13.—Davenport and Scott county have a number of snail-pox cases and the bills are piling up at the rate of \$3,000 per month. The physicians are unanimous in their opinion that the whole expense is unnecessary and could be saved, if people were to take the necessary precaution to safeguard themselves against the dread disease.

SECRETARY M'ADOO RECOVERS NICELY

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Secretary McAdoo, operated on yesterday for appendicitis, was reported today doing well. This bulletin was issued by his physicians.

"Secretary McAdoo had a fairly good night and, with no complications, should make a good recovery. All conditions are satisfactory."

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM BERLIN TELLS OF FIGHTING ON BOTH FRONTS.

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GUMMINS LAW "PIE" FOR ROADS

RIDER ATTACHED TO SENATE BILL INCREASES RATES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

Chicago, March 13.—Senate bill No. 4522, jammed through the lower house of congress on March 3 and signed by President Wilson on March 4, carried with it a rider designed to lower the freight tariffs on fancy live stock shipments.

In reality it has developed into a \$200,000,000 a year windfall for the railroads.

Chicago rate experts were unanimous yesterday in predicting a 10 per cent increase on all class and commodity rates over the entire country as an automatic result of the new law, which will become effective on June 3.

Prohibits Liability Limit. The rider, which was introduced by Senator Cummins in effect restores the old common law rule prohibiting the common carrier from limiting its liability lower than the actual loss in damage to the shipper. The uniform bill of lading, drawn up by the interstate commerce commission in accordance with supreme court findings, allows the railroads to make two charges, for limited and unlimited liability, the latter 10 per cent higher than in the case where the carrier agrees to pay a fixed damage.

It is contended the new law annuls the charge under the limited liability and leaves the higher charge as the only alternative. Estimates made yesterday show more than 95 per cent of the traffic of the country, valued at more than \$2,000,000,000 annually, moves under the limited liability clause.

Rail Managers Called. The railroad managers already have been called into consultation by the interstate commerce commission. The chairman of the three great groups of railroad organizations, including the official, western and southern territories, have been instructed by the commission to hold conferences among themselves and settle upon their plans under the new law.

The rail chiefs were ordered to make a report to the federal body on April 10.

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Obituary

Lizzie Scahill. The funeral of Miss Lizzie Scahill was held this morning at 9 o'clock from the Sacred Heart Catholic church, conducted by Rev. James Foley. Interment was made in the Calvary cemetery.

Daniel Vanator. The funeral of Daniel Vanator was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Chillocothe M. E. church, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Barber of Buxton. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Lorain Eleanor Bivin. Mrs. Lorain Eleanor Bivin of Pleasant Ridge passed away Friday evening at the Ottumwa hospital at the age of 74 years. She was born in Ohio in the year 1840, and came to Iowa where she was married to John H. Bivin, to which union were born six children, three boys and three girls. Her husband and children preceded her in death. For the past sixteen years she has made her home with her niece, Mrs. J. M. Arnold, at Pleasant Ridge. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. B. White of Pleasant Ridge.

TWO BIG FIGHTS ARE DEVELOPING

Decisive Conflicts in Both East and West Expected During Next Week

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