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Is not mystery the first and greatest joy in life? ... I should perish through sheer inanition or die desperately by suicide if no mystery remained in the world.

TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

THE WORLD'S AGE.

Who will say the world is dying? Who will say our prime is past? Sparks from heaven, within us lying, Flash, and will flash till the last, Poets, who fancy Christ mistaken; Man a fool to buy and sell; Earth a failure, God-forsaken, Anteroom of Hell.

Still the race of Hero-spirits Pass the lamp from hand to hand; Age from age the Worlds inherit— "Wife and child and fatherland." Still the youthful hunter gathers Fiery joy from wild and wood; He will dare as dared his fathers Give him cause as good.

While a slave bewails his fetters; While an orphan pleads in vain; While an infant lifts his letters, Hear of all the age's gain; While a lip grows ripe for kissing; While a man from man is wrung; Know, by every want and blessing, That the world is young.

—C. Kingsley.

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.—Addison.

FROM BATHTUB TO PRESIDENCY.

It has seemed rather too ridiculous to merit comment, but little things continually outcrop which appear to indicate that Secretary Baker really regards himself as a presidential possibility. Naturally he gives no public intimation of his hopes, nor is it known that he has confided his dream to anybody.

FOREIGN TRADE PLANS.

Steps are being taken here and there to put our foreign trade on a working basis. In New Orleans a cotton financing organization has been formed to support the cotton export association. Several similar financial organizations have been formed in New York City and Philadelphia.

It may be necessary to grant one, two and even five-year credit to European purchasers. The exporters cannot themselves grant this credit and co-operative agencies are needed.

With Turkey moved into Asia and most of Austria given over to small nations, it looks as if the pan-German would be forced to become a panhandler.

After July first the federal bureau of navigation should see that all bars are removed from our harbors.

Sudden and unexpected changes in temperature are wonderful encouragers of empty conversation.

worth while. Thereafter it did all the things on which the secretary's reputation rests. But General March is now to be replaced for the stated reason that to permit him to retain the position "would exaggerate the value of the work he has done."

AS THE MATTER STANDS.

The finest legal mind at the service of America, that of Senator Root, advises the senate to accept the league of nations with the elimination of article ten and a definite reservation that America does not surrender her rights or traditional attitude towards purely American questions.

David Lawrence, a Washington newspaper correspondent who has been successful heretofore in sounding administration sentiment, believes that the president will accept the reservation as unobjectionable; and Mr. Simonds, one of the acutest of America's observers of foreign affairs, says in substance that the contentions attach no importance whatever to the league but very great importance to an understanding or entente cordiale amounting practically to an alliance between America, Great Britain and France.

Mr. Wilson wanted a league of nations. The great men looked askance, but Lloyd George said: "If he wants a plaything, let him have it. I'll fix it so it will do no harm to anyone but the United States." So the master statesmen fell in with the idea of a league of nations, but fixed the "plaything" so there was no danger to other peoples.

So the peace treaty, that was "full of errors" was sent forth and our alleged friend, Lloyd George, hastened to assure the British that the league part of the treaty was all right, dangerous to no one but the Yanks.

If the conclusions of Lawrence and Simonds be correct, the allies will not object to any reservations protecting American interests which the senate may make. As for the president, there is no reason why he should not accept them cheerfully, since he must be presumed to desire what is best for the republic and would have to accept them if the senate declined to ratify the treaty unless he did.

In sum, the allies regard the league as negligible, a pious aspiration rather than a practical plan, but accept it as a concession to the United States, or, rather, Mr. Wilson. We on our part will accept it hopefully for what it may be worth when our vital interests have been safeguarded by reservations. This is the way the matter seems to stand today.

IMMIGRATION SHOULD BE RESTRICTED

Manufacturers Record: Writing from Monroe, La., Mrs. G. S. Singnor sends the Manufacturers Record a clipping containing a despatch from Coblenz to the effect that many Germans are eager to make a rush for America. This despatch states that many men, women and girls, having heard that German laborers were needed in America, applied to the officials of the American army to learn as to the correctness of these statements.

That is in keeping with the work of that accursed element which sought to do the work of Germany in America and of the same element which today is seeking to wreck the American government. We need not shut our eyes to the fact that there is today real, aggressive bolshevistic work under way in America, and that this issue must be met with an absolute determination that those who advocate the overturning of this government shall not be permitted to live in America.

Even though the shutting off of immigration from these enemy countries may lessen the supply of much-needed labor in America, we believe that there should be a rigid restriction of immigration, even if in bringing this about we delay to some extent the carrying out of the fullest development of our vast resources.

Iowa Press Comment: Vinton Eagle: Well, anyhow, in the future the democratic party may make the proud boast that it made the government ownership of railroads. It may even go farther than that, and declare that at unprecedented expense it made the government ownership idea infamous.

Des Moines Register: When the president begins to reply to the senators opposing the league of nations he may make it interesting enough to help us forget the hot weather.

Cedar Rapids Republican: To let fifty or more big ships go to the bottom was something of a German achievement, and something almost new German treachery. Everyone who participated in that act ought to be hanged, or drowned, but of course, they will not be treated in that way.

Des Moines Capital: Possibly it is well that Germany has given evidence of her own eagerness by sinking ships which were prisoners of war. Some people were beginning to think that Germany was reforming. But the ship-sinking performance announced to the world that the Prussians were doing business at the old stand.

Dubuque Telegraph-Herald: Speaking of lovely hot-weather jobs, how'd you like to be one of the "big five" at Paris, with the world's affairs to settle and a billion people jumping upon you no matter how you settled them?

Burlington Hawk-Eye: It would be most interesting when reports are made of Iowa land sales and especially of sales nearing the \$500 mark, if the latest tax receipts for such land were attached. It would appear that everybody knows about the wonderful advance of Iowa land prices—everybody but the assessors.

Waterloo Times-Tribune: Just the same our old and distinguished citizen, Carl Kuehne, as usual, is going to enjoy just being a candidate.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: Staid old farmers who know their business and have made money on their farms shake their heads at the prices. They wonder how it is all coming out; but not one of them predicts that land in Iowa will "come down." When he has got through the head shaking and the figuring of overhead and the like he invariably ends that way: "But I don't think land will come down in Iowa."

HARRY HULL AND THE SUN. Des Moines Tribune: Congressman Hull of the second Iowa district made this astonishing statement in explanation of the vote to repeal the time saving law: "When we try to improve on nature we usually end in trouble, and there is no better demonstration of this fact than the present law."

Whatever the demerits of the plan to begin the day an hour earlier in the summer, manifestly Congressman Hull's objection will not bear inquiry. For the very purpose of the law is to secure sunlight for the people, instead of arbitrarily to ignore the sun.

THE VOICE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST AGAIN HEARD

Repent Ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand

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The personal ministry of Jesus Christ in the flesh was directly heralded by the preaching of John the Baptist, whose voice was that of one crying in the wilderness: "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

In these modern days that same John, now a resurrected personage, has again officiated on earth. In him was vested of old the authority of the Priesthood of Aaron. On the 15th of March, 1828, a heavenly messenger, who declared himself to be John, known as the Baptist, appeared in light and glory, and, laying his hands upon the heads of the modern prophet Joseph Smith and a companion in the ministry, conferred upon them the Aaronic Priesthood, saying:

"Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins." (Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 13).

Repentance, which stands eternally established as an indispensable condition of salvation, is today proclaimed anew under the authority of the restored Priesthood, and the call is to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. The second advent of the Christ is near, and but little time remains to prepare to meet a God who will appear in power and glory, to accompany the resurrection of the righteous dead, the glorification of the worthy who are still in the flesh, and the destruction of the willfully and hopelessly wicked.

Repentance, as the ordained requirement whereby the remission of sins may be attained, consists essentially in a genuine sorrow for sin and comprises: (1) a personal conviction of guilt; (2) an earnest desire to secure forgiveness; and (3) a resolute determination to forsake sin and follow the path of righteous living. The first step in the course of effective repentance consists in the acknowledgment or confession of sin before God; the second in the sinner forgiving those who have sinned against him; and the third in his acceptance of Christ's atoning sacrifice as shown by a willingness to obey the further requirements embodied in the Gospel of salvation.

Without sincere confession of sin repentance is impossible. The Apostle John declared the solemn truth: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8, 9).

In this modern age the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ has been heard to the same effect: "Verily I say unto you, I, the Lord, forgive sins unto those who confess their sins before me and ask forgiveness, who have not sinned unto death."

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As for ice cream, you can go to a restaurant and order a sandwich. After you have eaten this the waiter is authorized to bring you a plate of ice cream without taxing you. You can go to a church festival and eat all the ice cream you want to pay for without being taxed a cent. The bureau of internal revenue has issued a bulletin giving you the privilege.

But if you eat ice cream at an agricultural fair you will be taxed the bulletin says.

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Quirks in Luxury Tax. New York World: Are you tired of soft drinks and ice cream? It is taxable. However, you may take it hot and have it stirred with a spoon instead of with the palm of your hand. If you use an electric striking machine, it is upon becomes a hot chocolate and not taxable.

Or you may call for bottled good foot beer, ginger ale or mineral water. On these the tax has been paid by the manufacturer and the retailer can dispense them at the former price.

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On the other hand there are those who fail to compare the idea of the movement, but advocate simply extension of subjects, such as science and engineering, principles of econo-

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