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Unless the signs of the times greatly deceive the student of passing events, especially in this country, the aftermath of the late world war will develop the question of: Is the United States of North America fully capable of self government? In the North the capitalist and the mechanic are in a rule or ruin fight for supremacy and in the South the whites and the blacks are all but ready to fly into a fight to a finish. If therefore, all of the above elements become active in trying to enforce their respective forms of government, it will then be quite apparent that none of them can prevail and governmental chaos is bound to follow fast and furious, which would mean the gradual falling to pieces of this once magnificent government and perhaps the same become a vassal or tributary to Japan and Mexico.

President Elect Harding is now in the throes of making up his official family for the ensuing four years, which very thing has caused all presidents elect of this country much mental worry, if not actual agony, for it often happens that the president on taking charge of affairs is forced to keep a closer watch upon the ambitious and refractory members of his official family than he does of the opposite partisans, and so, Mr. Harding is making haste slowly in selecting his cabinet. Cliques and clans are already laying wires to defeat Mr. Harding's renomination, and in lieu thereof, nominate some one of their number for the presidency.

Much is expected of the new year, the first month of which is now fast fading away, and that too almost from every angle of the civic affairs of this country. After the fourth of March the Republican politicians expect the Democratic politicians to be turned out of offices, which they have so religiously held for the past eight years, and many, if not all of their number, be given the places thus vacated by the unfortunate Democrats. The working men expect the New Administration to put the idle wheels of industry once again in motion and thereby give employment to the idle. The colored citizens expect this to be the year of Jubilee for them in the passing from power one hostile to their uplift and the coming of one who will know no man by the color of his skin.

Any legislation either local or national in its nature having for its object the prevention of aliens, and that too without qualifications from owning lands in this country is a splendid move in the right direction. Foreigners, who acquire lands in this country, do so purely for speculation and by no means to help build up the country, and the citizens hereof, are not in the business, using the vulgar vernacular of the street, of fattening frogs for snakes. Our citizens are not only working for themselves in the developing of the country, but for their progeny and they are not willing to add value to the holdings of aliens, on which they can profiteer at the citizens expense.

For more than a century the question of whiskey or no whiskey in the United States has been the burning issue and while no whiskey has been written upon the statute book, yet the question of the hour at this time is, shall the law be enforced? Breaking the prohibition law weighs lightly upon the minds of many of the alleged law abiding citizens and, like the moonshiner, justifies their actions, in having been robbed of their personal prerogatives. It is bad enough for alleged law abiding citizens to drink liquors in the dark, but it is little short of a heinous crime to serve liquors at a public banquet and doubly so when served in places where such should not be seen even in wide open saloon days.

Paris, France, seems to have had more automobile accidents last year, in the shape of passing autos hitting pedestrians, than any other city in the world, the sum of 40,000 persons having been struck, many of whom died from their injuries. If other large cities maintain the same ratio of mishaps and accidents then it would seem that the automobile invention was, and is, a menace to the present civilization and far from being the much heralded elixir of life everlasting. Automobiles are still more or less a luxury, confined for the most part to either the idle rich or the half strainer, and the question arises, if so many accidents under present circumstances, what would happen if the auto was an ordinary utility?

Despite the fact Uncle Sam has developed into the world's banker, yet he himself seems to suffer the periodical outbreaks of financial distress, probably due to either over-speculation or reckless extravagance at times when conservatism should prevail. The pendulum of the financial clock always recedes just as far backwards as it does forwards and that too despite the fact that men of affairs in this land of opportunities have the reputation of being the shrewdest business manipulators of the civilized world. There seems to be no reasonable excuse for the fat and lean years so common to this country and in the future they should be eliminated and the get rich quick man should go way back and sit down.

January to the colored citizens of this country not only brings its new year, but it likewise brings to them the pleasing memory of the Emancipation Proclamation of the immortal Abraham Lincoln, which unshackled four million of their ancestors and bade them to be as free as the white citizens who formerly held them as chattels. Even when practically every vain and vestige of the once prolific African descendants in this country will have been lost and a great mongrel race will appear on the scene substituting both the white and colored citizens January will then have its soothing memories.