

MORE DEADLY THAN ARMED FOE PERILS WHICH MENACE NATION

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To conserve our national resources is more than a question of dollars and cents. It concerns business, but it concerns also our national progress and national existence. It appeals to the love of country, of the broad-minded citizen as well as to the cold judgment of the economist.

Neglect of our plain duty will in the coming centuries leave the United States without those essential resources upon which alone continued national prosperity can be established. Before we rise the warning examples of such regions as Palestine and northern Africa—the examples of countries once rich and prosperous, but now without national greatness or economic wealth, because of that same disregard for natural resources which has been habitual in the United States.



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This present call to patriotic foresight and action lacks the appeal to the imagination which inspired our fathers in the days of conspicuous danger to our nation. There is missing such overshadowing evidence of an impending catastrophe as stirs the spirit of heroic self-sacrifice when the country is threatened by an armed foe. That the danger is as yet hidden makes it most formidable. It is one of the paradoxes of human nature that men who would gladly sacrifice their lives for their country will pass over as unworthy of notice smaller sacrifices of thought and action which will in the end have more far-reaching results.

Our attitude towards our country's future has been not unlike that of the parents of children who would gladly sacrifice their lives to save the children from some imminent and startling danger; but the greatest danger they cannot see at all. They do not realize that day by day the body is being weakened and the mind starved. The result is that the future is mortgaged and the man is dwarfed.

As compared with the centuries of history of the old world the United States is still a child. Its natural resources are its vital force. Only through their careful development and use can we hope for na-

tionally vigor and progress in the centuries to come.

And yet, through our easy-going policy we are well nigh stripping this child nation of the basis of its future prosperity. For the progress of our civilization five materials are absolutely essential—wood, water, coal, iron and agricultural products.

The timber has been improvidently cut until now we have a supply for less than 30 years. It is said that anthracite coal is likely to last us for but 50 years and bituminous coal for but 100. The supply of iron ore is being rapidly depleted, and many fields have already been exhausted. Once the coal and iron are gone, they are gone forever.

Agriculture has been seriously crippled by soil erosion. A billion tons of the farmers' richest soil are

annually carried into the rivers and the sea. The amount of the soil borne by the Mississippi alone is nearly twice as great every year as all the earth which will be excavated in digging the Panama canal, and the money loss to the farmer is probably close to a billion dollars. Largely through this soil wash the streams have been filled until they are less navigable now than they were 50 years ago—and this in spite of the million which the government spends upon them every year.

This meager statement of unescapable and melancholy facts shows that we are approaching a national crisis. We have inexcusably wasted our resources to the point of threatened poverty and we must delay action no longer. It is the part of patriotism to shake off the careless optimism which had led us to look forward into the future for less than a generation. It is time to give thought to the foundations of our country's future greatness and to the happiness and prosperity of our children. It is high time that careless profligality should give way to a high new type of patriotic endeavor.

This is the purpose of the late conference on natural resources at the White House. And it is altogether probable that it will open a campaign for foresight and prudence in the conservation of our natural resources, the benefits of which will become increasingly plain as the decades go by.

For the crisis of the revolution patriots arose in numbers and strength to crush an outside enemy. Once and for all it was demonstrated to the world that with reasonable preparedness on our part the destiny of this country cannot be interrupted from without. In the Civil war the danger came from within. In those years of conflict it was shown that internal dissension cannot check our progress.

Another attempt of that sort has become impossible forever. In those days of strife our citizens found their duty and did it. Today we are confronted with a less evident but no less vital duty, to assure the happiness and prosperity of our descendants by the conservation of the resources on which their well-being will depend.

GRAZED FARMER STABS PRIEST

SALISBURY, Mo., May 25.—For no other known reason other than that of sudden insanity, Joseph Schuette, a wealthy farmer, made a murderous attack with a knife on Rev. Joseph E. Lubeley immediately after mass yesterday in St. Joseph's church. The priest was stabbed twice, in the temple and in the neck, grazing the jugular vein. A man and a woman who seized the assassin were also stabbed, but not seriously. There were several hundred people in the church when the attack was made as the priest was leaving the building. Schuette was taken to jail today.

AUSTRALIA OFFERS FLEET FREE COAL

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In appreciation of the fleet's visit to Australia the government offered to furnish a free coal supply for the time the battleships are at the ports of that country. The offer was courteously declined.

The estimated amount of the fuel bill for the cruise around the world is \$5,000,000.

Famous Pianist is Dying in Chicago

Special Correspondence to The Press.
CHICAGO, May 25.—Jessie Shay, the beautiful and talented pianist who toured the United States as



MISS JESSIE SHAY

solo pianist with Jan Kubelik, the violinist, is dying at the Presbyterian hospital.

For two weeks previous to an operation she was practically in a state of coma. The operation was made necessary by internal injuries sustained in a storm at sea while Miss Shay was returning from Mexico.

The pianist was thrown violently upon the deck. After clinging to a slamming door until she became exhausted, Miss Shay was hurled against the side of the cabin and fell insensible.

TEACHES SOCIALISM IN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 25.—"Socialism is inevitable; its coming, in some definite form which will revolutionize society, giving greater justice and more opportunity for culture to the wage earner, is simply a matter of time. It is an ethical movement, and all attempts to stop it will be as futile as a gust of wind against a locomotive."

With these words philosophy is teaching socialism at the University of Michigan. Prof. Robt. Mark Wenley, Sc. D., LL. D., D. Phil., revered by teachers of philosophy in this country, is inculcating the above doctrines into his students.

It is doubtful if there is another educational institution of such high rank in the world where socialism is being so radically taught by so eminent a man as it is at Michigan by Prof. Wenley. Hundreds of young men who would ordinarily leave college to become pros and buttresses of the existing order of things, are being filled and stirred with belief in the certainty of socialism.

Prof. Wenley is giving a five months course on "The Ethics of Socialism." To strengthen his teaching he has gone clear back to the middle ages, pointed out the passing of feudalism, the coming of individualism and the subsequent decline and fall of the latter, to show the inevitableness of socialism.

"The feudal system was but the extreme embodiment of institutionalism. It could not last forever. When the reaction against it came, it had to give way. Its place was usurped by the extreme individualism of the last two centuries. This, too, was an extreme and could not last. It taught that all men were free and equal, and should be allowed to enjoy liberty without infringement. Individualism found its high water mark in the French revolution, in the declaration of independence, and in the English reform bill.

"But individualism is now passing away. Its place is being taken by socialism. Instead of being born with certain inalienable rights man is coming to be thought of as being born with certain imperative duties to his fellowmen. Alone, man the individual can do nothing. He is important only as he constitutes a part of society. He therefore owes definite obligations to that society which gives him his power and his meaning.

"The present period is the period of the working class, of the wage earners. Socialism is simply a name for their struggle for better things, for greater material comforts, but chiefly for more leisure, for better opportunities for self-cultivation. The competitive system which we have today never can bring these things about. If they could be brought about without a change in society there would today be no place for socialism. But they cannot. A change in society, a peaceful revolution of the existing order—socialism—is necessary.

"The socialist looks at society and sees men divided into classes. He sees that some men have property with all the enjoyments which it brings, and that others have no property, with all the miseries which poverty brings. He sees that

he is born into poverty, that there is nothing in the nature of the case way one man should be rich and another poor. And most of all he sees that if he can abolish the laws of the present order he can change the results of that order. Hence he espouses socialism and his espousal will bear fruit as surely as the leaf follows the bud and the ripe fruit follows the blossom."

Prof. Wenley is head of the department of philosophy at Michigan university. He is Scotch by birth, having graduated from the University of Glasgow.

GETS SHOTGUN JAG ON RICE WHISKEY

About 1 o'clock this morning the police department was thrown into pandemonium by the sound of two shots close to headquarters. Running to Front av. they discovered Wong Gee with a smoking shotgun in his hands. He was disarmed without trouble and when asked what the trouble was replied: "Me heap clazy."

He was drunk with rice whiskey.

TWO MEN RUN DOWN BY HOTEL BUS

A Pacific hotel bus about 11 o'clock last night, while turning the corner of Front and Wall on a fast gallop, ran down E. J. Manning of 6207 Monroe st., and Adam Engle of 01216 Washington st. Both men were taken to the emergency hospital, where it was found Manning had sustained a broken ankle and Engle was severely shaken up.

BINGER HERMANN TRIAL IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—It is reported here today on good authority that the Binger Hermann land fraud trial will begin in August at Portland.

HURT IN AUTO SMASHUP

PORTLAND, May 25.—Dr. George E. Watts, Gus Ludwig and an unknown man and woman were injured last night in an automobile accident. Watt's machine ran into a buggy near Twelve Mile house. Ludwig, in another automobile, crashed into the wreck.

BAPTISTS PICK PORTLAND

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 25.—The northern Baptists voted to hold their national session in Portland next year.

"CARRIE NATION" HAS A BABY

There was a big stir at Los Angeles about daybreak recently around the monster canvas that shelters the Sells-Floto menagerie and circus. Supt. Zeltz, who looks after the wild animals, and all his assistants, with the circus physicians, were up all night. The big hippopotamus, "Carrie Nation," was ill. The showmen gave her every attention, for she is valuable, costing H. H. Tammen, general manager of the Sells-Floto forces, \$5,000. Just as old Sol came in sight a baby hippo was born. The little nippo is the second to be born in captivity, and the first ever born in America. The other baby hippo came to light in the Hagenback zoo at Hamburg, Germany.

The hippopotamus is a very large, bulky animal and the new born is not so small, being about as large as medium-sized Newfoundland dog.

The Sells-Floto circus will be at Spokane Thursday and Friday, June 4 and 5. They are not in the circus trust, and give a street parade. Four performances will be given in Spokane.

Looking out at the rain this morning Doc Waddell, the Sells-Floto "word athlete," said: "We will have good weather. You see, my name is a weather barometer. Call me 'Waddell' the rain comes out. June 4 and 5 everybody will call me 'Waddell.'"

Big Railroad Man Hates Photographers



C. F. DALY

W. H. NEWMAN

NEW YORK, May 23.—About the rarest things in art circles are photographs of Pres. W. H. Newman of the New York Central railroad. It is said that he has not posed for a photograph for 26 years. The

accompanying snapshot was taken by a photographer who waylaid him and C. F. Daly, vice president of the Central. Forty years ago Newman was a station agent and he is now head of one of the greatest railway systems in the country.

THREE PLUNGE TO DEATH OVER FALLS

NELSON, B. C., May 25.—Helpless in the current of the Kootenai river, John Miles, John Sharpless and a young man named Richmond went to death over the falls a dozen miles from here yesterday. The fragments of their boat were found. Miles was a pioneer and Sharpless a veteran of the Boer war.

LIGHTNING KILLS WEALTHY GOLFER

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 25.—Seeking shelter from the rain, W. P. Howard, member of the Glen Echo Golf club, while playing yesterday took refuge under a tree. Lightning struck the tree and killed Howard. He was a wealthy merchant of this city.

FLEETS TO GREET FLEET

SYDNEY, Australia, May 25.—When the U. S. fleet arrives in Australian waters it will be greeted by squadrons from the British, Australian and Chinese navies.

MAY DIE OF INJURIES

PULLMAN, May 25.—Injuries from falling out of a hay mow may be fatal for Oscar Hicks, employed on Nat Bryant's farm. He is in the hospital here in critical condition.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET

The first annual banquet of the Minnesota club will be held at Davenport's Wednesday night.

ANOTHER GOOD SAMARITAN

T. E. Anderson took a stranger to bed with him in the Chicago hotel. Sunday morning stranger and \$75 and a gold watch turned up missing. Anderson hastened with his story to the police.

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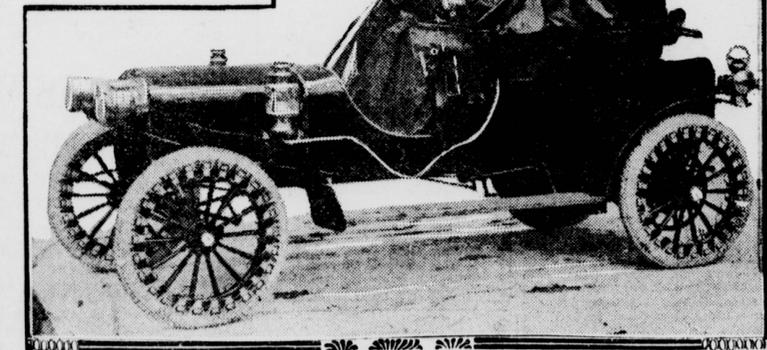
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MRS. TEAPE AND HER DAUGHTER LEAVING PORTLAND, ME., ON THEIR REMARKABLE TRIP TO THE PACIFIC COAST

Special Correspondence to The Press
PORTLAND, Me., May 25.—Mrs. E. Teape and her daughter, Mrs. Vera McKelvie, of Sandpoint, Idaho, have begun what probably will be the most remarkable automobile run of the year in the United States. Their objective point is Portland, Ore., and with favorable weather conditions they expect to complete the trip in eight weeks. More than 4,000 miles of road, good, bad and worse yet, separate

the two Portlands, but the women are undismayed. They are expert drivers of much experience and are accustomed to the hardships and annoyances that beset the cross-country tourist. They will make the trip without chauffeur or male assistant, and unhampered by baggage except the most necessary.

Last year Mrs. Teape and her daughter drove from Chicago to Denver in two weeks, using a four-horsepower buckboard. This trip

will be made in a high power Waltham-Orient touring car. Eight weeks is considerably over the transcontinental record, but no woman has ever before attempted the feat at all without masculine aid.

Mrs. Teape is not alarmed at the prospect. "We have always lived in the West," she says, "and have learned to take care of ourselves. We feel confident we can overcome every obstacle."