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## As the Editor Sees It.

The American people have one They think today and forget to-
morrow. In this respect they probably are unlike any other probably are unlike any other na-
tion of people on the face of the globe. To demonstrate the force of this statement you have but to glance at the pages of any of the great papers of the country. A great papers of the country. A
sensation will be sprung today and it be blazoned in big type over the first pages of the press.
Unless its importance is of tre Unless its importance is of tre-
mendous magnitude tomorro mendous magnitude tomorrow
will find it relegated to an obscure corner of the paper. It is fo gotten. About the only ex-
geeption to this rule is the newsception to this rule is the news-
paper story that is reeking and paper story that is reeking and
slimy with scandal. It holds the slimy with scandal. It holds the
public eye and is played up to public eye
the limit.
Preparedness is just now the great and overshadowing question before the American people. Eversbody is talking about it,
either for or against. A few either for or against. A few
months ago monster peace parades wese held in the large cities, and war and preparedness against war were denounced on every hand. Today you can fird
scarcely a man who can tell you scarcely a man who can tell you
even the month in which one of even the month in which one of
those parades was held. They those parades was held. They
have been forgotten. A few have been forgotten. A few
weeks ago New York City held a weeks ago New York City held
monster preparedness parade, in which 145,000 people participated. Chicago immediately followed suit with one of the grea
est parades in the history of this est pararies in the history of pre-
country, all in the interest of prese paredness. Other cities, large paredness. Other cities, larg
and small, all over the country caught the fever and paraded for preparedness. Governors pro-
claimed June 3 as Preparedness Day, and everybody marched and shouted for preparedness. But thẹse, too, will be forgotten, for it is the way of the American people to do today and forget tomorrow.
And as it is in national affairs, so it is in the smaller confines of the local community. A raing
season comes along, country roads and unpaved town streets become muddy and impassable, and every hody raises his voice in a loud and vociferous wail for better roads and streets. But time soothes him into forgetfulness. The rains cease, the sun dries up the mud and the roads assume more normal conditions. Traffic is less impeded and the citizen promptly turns his attention to
other and more pressing matters other and more pressing matters of personal consideration. The
roads are forgotten until the next roads are forgotten until the next ne rain falls.
The red tongues of flame sweep over a town and deatroy a good section of territory. Thousands and thousands of doliars areswept
away and the people rave and away and the people rave and
storm over the lack of adequate storm over the lack of adequate
protection from loss by fire. The protection from loss
tumult of indignation is at fever heat for a few days, and then begins to subside. Time only is gins to suside. heed to send it, too, into the realm of forgetfuiness, until the next fire comes along and creates
even greater devastation and death. It is easy to forget. Some one arises in a public meeting and proposes a practical
scheme for development of the scheme for development of the
commercial interests of the comcommercial interests of the com-
munity., He is sincere and eager munitg., He is sincere and eager
to do something for the benefit of to do something home town. He believes in
his progressiveness. His scheme $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { progressiveness. His scheme Sikesofice, Baxter } \\ & \text { looks good and sounds better to or call phone } 195 .\end{aligned}\right.$

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other business men and citizens and everybody begins to talk in its favor. The editor backs it up in his columns and for a few weeks it is the general topic of conversation. No forceful leader seems to be at hand, and the rest or us are too engrossed in our ties and responsibilities of leadership. Time does the rest, and practical forward movement is bogged in the mire of forgetfulness.
We might go on forever citing similar instances, for they are legion in number and local in application. But what's the uve? You, too, would read and ponder
and exclaim today-and forget tomorrow. It is our way. Americansare a great people and they ial, inventive and intellectual sorld No obstacle is too great them to surmount, if time will only permit them to forget to forget. But time is inexorible
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