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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.
I believe in the United States of America as a govern-
ment of the people, by the people, for the people, whose
powers are derived from the consent of the governed;
democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many
diverse States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable,
established upon these principles of freedom, equality, jus-
tice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed
their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty
to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to
obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against
all enemies.

AN ACE AMONG HEROES.
BEFORE all the heroes of the war, decorated or un-
decorated heroes, we first bow before Corporal Har-
old W. Roberts, late of San Francisco. Roberts, in
charge of the Germans, was driving a tank which slid
into a water-filled shell hole. But one of the two-man
crew could escape. Roberts pushed his companion out to
safety, saying, "Well, only one of us can get out, and out
you go!" Roberts remained to die.
This man was not a war hero only. It is even possible
that he did not feel that he was sacrificing for his country
or its cause. It would make no difference to the cause of
ally or Hun which of the two drowned in that tank like
a rat. To Roberts it meant simply a choice between his
life and that of his poor companion, and he said to the
latter, in effect:
"Go back into the beautiful world, to mother, friends,
wife or sweetheart, to honor and life as a soldier of the
great cause, to all the joys and opportunities of the future.
I will choose death for your sake."
"Greater love hath no man." How could mortal hands
be so generous to a grand soul? But what we love best is
this hero actually did say in choosing to die for his friend.
"Only one of us can get out, and out you go!"
It is a great heart scoffing at death's terrors. It is man-
liness and nobility, unadorned, expressing themselves. It is
the plain declaration of a great personality. It is a spiritual
being giving the lie to nature's vaunted first law, self-preser-
vation. It is a fruition of the seed placed in the heart of the
super-great by the life and words of Jesus Christ.
Upon General Pershing's recommendation, Congress is
giving dead Corporal Roberts the highest military decora-
tion. How weakly and indifferently must cross or ribbon
tell the story of this man's heroism and self-sacrifice! Our
historians never fail to honor that Ethan Allen who re-
gretted that he had but one life to give to his country.
They will not mention this California hero who had but
one life and gave that to a mere companion in arms.
"Only one of us can live. I die! How many of the
great ones exploited by history would have the will and
the soul to decide as did Corporal Harold Roberts?"

NOT PATERNALISM.
SINCE the United States was forced into the war with
Germany there have been many and marked changes
in the exercise of governmental functions. Some of
these changes, needed in the cause of efficiency, such as
supervision over food, fixing the price and arranging for
the distribution of fuel; the "work or fight" order; the
taking over of the railroads; these and many others showed
strong leanings towards what is known as paternalism in
government.
In its peace work of trying to free the entire nation from
the menace of the diseases of vice which, under the stimulus
of President Wilson and the members of his Cabinet, the
United States Public Health Service has undertaken, there
is no trace of paternalism.
The establishment of free clinics for the treatment of

venereal disease; the work of caring for the future of girls
who are forced by rigid administration of laws to give up
careers of shame; the requiring of physicians that they re-
port the communicable venereal diseases to the health au-
thorities, just as smallpox and other communicable diseases
are reported; in these and other endeavors the government
is moved by no sentimental ideas of paternalism.
Nor is the Federal government usurping the task of the
reformer. In the suppression of prostitution, now sci-
entifically recognized as the great fountain-source from which
venereal diseases spring, there is work for the social re-
former, the preacher, the press. By intensive and intelli-
gent work along reform lines these agencies may greatly
aid the campaign which the United States Public Health
Service is carrying on. But it must be understood that the
government's campaign against vice is as coldly scientific
as the war that was made on the rats that carried the
bubonic plague in San Francisco or the extermination of the
mosquitoes in Cuba and Panama that were discovered to
be the carriers of yellow fever and malaria.
There is a larger economic than there is moral force be-
hind the money that the Federal government is expending
to cure men and women infected with venereal disease.
What these diseases have cost in the past, in the way of
bitter suffering, in reduction of energy, in inefficiency, there
is no method of knowing. Whatever it was, it was sheer
waste, and that the nation may be truly free and strong to
face the tasks the future brings, this waste must be stopped.
Not so much is known about the gravity of the venereal
disease menace as will be known in the days to come, for
public opinion is becoming aroused; the press is realizing
that in aiding in the campaign it is serving the public good,
and once the light of American intelligence is brought to
bear on this dark spot within the nation, the land shall be
made clean. In West Virginia the Bureau of Venereal
Diseases is handling this question most effectively.

HOBBLING THE HOBBLER.
MANY a cry was cried and many a sigh sighed in
those days of old when a civilized community was
told about the awful ways Chinese had of binding the
feet of ladies and girls, the good and the bad. Ah,
then we were sad as we contemplated this fact of the
"heathen Chinee" and we worked and we prayed and some
of us paid of our dollars and dimes in those missionary
times to set the Oriental tootsies free. Freedom for feet
forever became the pedal slogan of Chinese matron and
maid and they weren't afraid to order shoes in number
sixes and sevens. They did. Also in nines and eights.
Thus were the hobbles removed from fair China. But they
weren't hobbles very long.
A letter from Papeete, Island of Tahiti, brings the in-
formation bright and cheery that the Chinese ladies, once
so leary of western styles, now are falling for the skirt tight
and long, and are going to high heels fast and strong.
Read for yourself:

"Chinese women of Papeete have with one
accord discarded their national dress of oil-
cloth pantaloons and tunic and adopted the
American dress of the Tahitian belles of the
town, including high heeled shoes. The result
has been the infliction of much torture, which
the women are enduring with the greatest for-
titude."

And now they're hobbling again.

Washington dispatches note that there was little for-
mal comment in that city last night regarding the
League of Nations. Naturally, Washington talked its
head off while this matter was in the rumor stage, but
now it has something tangible to base comment upon
and the usual caution of politicians when they are con-
fronted by a new condition has asserted itself. There
will not be a great deal of help from Washington in the
process of forming national opinion on this grave mat-
ter, but Washington will again become vocal as soon
as it begins to get the drift from the country at large.

The big if in the League of Nations plan is that na-
tions are apt not to keep the faith. But that is not a
valid objection. Something must be taken on faith in
every transaction, great or small. It may be taken for
granted that if peoples cannot be depended upon to
keep their covenants through a sense of honor, no plan
for compelling them by force to do so can be devised.
What the world is trying to do is to get away from the
costly balance of power system which brought about the
most destructive war in history. The plan announced
at Paris may not be the best that could be devised, but
doubtless it represents all that it is practicable to at-
tempt at this time. It must either be accepted or we
will fall back upon the old system. There are just these
two horns to the dilemma and no more. That fact is
going to have a pronounced effect upon the way in
which practical people view the project. Our federal
constitution was the result of the same spirit of com-
promise which made possible the League of Nations
plan, and there were many men whose opinions were
highly regarded in their day who felt sure the scheme
would fail. Yet as governments go it is, and promises
to continue to be, the greatest success in human experi-
ence.

By a point of order the House yesterday wiped out
a provision continuing the present \$30 per month pay
for the army and this automatically reduces the rate
to \$15 after July 1 this year. That is a characteristic
congressional performance, and if some steps are not
taken to correct the situation it practically will wipe
out the United States army.

The next stage in the Fairmont charter matter is the
vote upon it by the people of this city at a special elec-
tion. And in making up their minds about it the people
will do well to bear one thing steadily in mind: they
will have to take the charter of 1915 as it was amend-
ed by the present legislature or stand for the existing
government for two years more.

RUFF STUFF
They're still raiding around the
edges.
And they seem to be drawing a color
line.
Has Mr. Charlie lost his pull at City
hall?
Sure, Old Ed's a great deputy.
And he's a strict footstaller in the
bargain.
What's all this row about the smoke
the Lynn producer is producing?
It's a big relief after all these
months to find that this outfit can pro-
duce even smoke.
Antoniuk believes the future of the
state is tied up with producer and

Editorial Comment
on Current Subjects
WORLD EVANGELISM.
[From Life]—The apparatus now
making in Paris for the better man-
agement of the politics of the world,
rests mainly on the behavior of the
nations. And that means the behavior
of the people who compose the na-
tions. For doubtless, Mr. Wilson was
right in saying Jan 26th) at the Peace
Conference that the fortunes of man-
kind are now in the hands of the plain
people of the world. Satisfy them, he
said, and you have established peace.
Fall to satisfy them, and no arrange-
ment that you can make will either
set up or steady the peace of the
world.
Anyone who agrees with these opin-
ions, as the bulk of our voters prob-
ably will, has a strong motive to do
what he can to improve the plain
people, so that they will have some
understanding the rest of the human

family with liberality, justice and, if
possible, with some humor and due re-
spect for the spirit of "after you."
If the plain people are now to be the
arbiters of life, including manners,
diet, acquisition and the other inci-
dents, they need more than ever to be
taken in hand by competent leaders,
who can work on a large scale. They
need to be taught religion and politics,
both of first-class quality and inci-
dentally the other branches which
qualify them to work usefully in the
world they are to govern, and to have
a good time. It is so obvious that the
League of Nations' peace world cannot
get along unless deportment improves,
that forward-looking people who be-
lieved in the League have their eye
out for the great ratification of de-
portment. They haven't known how it
was coming, but seeing that it was
necessary, they have believed it would
come. The New Republic, which is
not very knowing or practical about
religion, suggested in a Christmas ar-
ticle that the second coming of Christ
would now be remarkable timely. But
that's not a good bet, and no world in
distress could afford to wait for it. Nor
is it at all necessary to wait. Nor yet
is it much of a surprise to learn that
that active set the Methodists, so
strong among the plain people both
here and in Great Britain, are orga-
nizing already on a suitable scale for
an enormous effort to unite all the
Protestant sects to evangelize the
world and fill it with more improve-
ments.

The World put out a striking story
of this movement on the last Sunday
in January, the day on which the papers
recorded that the League of Nations
plan had been adopted. The move-
ment seems to have been coming along
for several months. It is described as
having something of the spirit of the
old American "revival," and something
of the fervor of the crusades. It
might very well have totted, for in
their present state of expectation and
detachment from precedent, the people
of Christendom are capable of any-
thing. All they need is inspiring and
intelligent leadership. Given that,
nothing can stop them from any goal
that seems worth getting to.
And this Methodist leadership seems
intelligent. It is described in the World
in a long interview with E. Earl Taylor,
Methodist layman and manager of
missions said to be an intimate associ-
ate and friend of John R. Mott of
the Y. M. C. A. and leader of this new
undertaking. The American church,
Dr. Taylor says, has heretofore had a
remedy for drunkenness, but only this
year has it abolished the organized
liquor traffic. Note that he does not
say it has abolished rum, but "the or-
ganized liquor traffic." That is intelli-
gent. He says the eminently respect-
able and eminently futile church of the
past is waking up and begins to realize
its mission; that the modern Metho-
dist Church has a labor program that
asserts the right of labor to the high-
est wages industry can pay; that the
Bolshevist government in Petrograd
ordered all the churches closed, but
the head Methodist missionary took
the Methodist labor program to Lenin
and Trotsky, and after they had read
it they let the Methodist Church stay
open. This last is appalling, but labor
is one of the biggest problems ahead
of us, and one that is not likely to
dye except to strong remedies.

Just as a starter for their movement
these Methodists are raising 120 mil-
lion dollars. They have planned a
huge campaign of advertising. They
intend to conduct their movement in
the fashion found effective last year
for bond issues and great funds. Their
plans produce chills in the pocket and
apprehensions in the hearts of all
those who line to be on polite terms
with the Adversary. The chills and
the apprehensions are warranted, for
these are the fellows who put through
the Prohibition amendment. When
they sound their trumpets and break
their pitchers walls are liable to fall
and hosts to run. But they don't mean
to do it all themselves. They plan to
include all the Protestant sects in a
work of enormous scope and very in-
teresting details, like the transmuta-
tion of country churches from feeble

secular stations into strong centres
of social and religious life.
This ambitious project of these able
and well-trained people looks impor-
tant. It may be the beginning of the
religious renaissance which so many
people have anticipated as a conse-
quence of the war. If it does go strong
and spread over the world, its adjust-
ment to the Roman Catholic Church
will be something to notice. This
country is preponderantly Protestant,
and the Roman Catholic Church
thrives apace here. So it might thrive
in a Protestant world.
Or, these two great branches of the
Christian church might get together.
It may seem a large order, but what
is a large order any more? Would
it be more remarkable for the alga-
matized Protestants and the Roman
Catholics to find again a basis for fel-
lowship than it was so lately for the
great nations of the earth to agree on
a league of Peace? Is anything out-
side of expectation and calculation in
a country that passed a dry amend-
ment last month, and in a world that
has adopted a League of Nations?
No, anything can happen, and it is
not really so big a job for the churches
of Christendom to find together as for
the nations to do it. The Methodists
are as good as anybody to do the
pioneer work in such an undertaking.
They are driving people and good with
machinery. The Catholics, with their

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TODAY IN STATE HISTORY
By E. E. Merriam
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town people fuss about their churches,
their schools and their courts when
it is taken into consideration the
stock that they came from. The early
settlers of that section with not only
ignorant but they were not accus-
tomed to cleanliness and there is a sus-
picion that some of the beds were
"buggy" to read from the journal of
Bishop Ashbury, who was a minister
in that section as early as 1778. He
wrote:
"O how glad I should be of a plain,
clean, plank to lie upon as preferable
to most of the beds. This country
will require much work to make it
tolerable. The great landholders who
are industrious will soon show the ef-
fects of the aristocracy of wealth by
lording it over their poorer neighbors
and by securing for themselves all the
offices of profit and honor. On the
one hand savage warfare teaches them
to be cruel; and on the other the
preaching of Antinomians poisons
them with error in doctrine; good mor-
alists they are not; good Christians
they cannot be, unless they are better
taught."

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