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DUTIES OF CITIZEN

Colonel Roosevelt Lectures on This Subject in Paris.

BIG AUDIENCE IN SORBONNE

Savants, Professors and Students Hear the Ex-President's Views on the Responsibilities of the Individual—Hits at Race Suicide in France.

Paris, April 23.—Savants, professors and students of the University of Paris crowded the assembly hall of the Sorbonne this afternoon to hear Col. Theodore Roosevelt lecture on "Citizenship in a Republic." It was an appreciative audience and the lecturer was frequently applauded. Mr. Roosevelt said:

Foundations of Our Republic.
This was the most famous university of medieval Europe at a time when no one dreamed that there was a new world to discover. Its services to the cause of human knowledge already stretched far back into the remote past at the time when my forefathers, three centuries ago, when among the sparse bands of traders, plowmen, wood choppers and fisher-folk, who, in a hard struggle with the iron unfriendliness of the Indian-haunted land, were laying the foundations of what has now become the giant republic of the west. To conquer a continent, to tame the shaggy roughness of wild nature means grim warfare; and the generations engaged in it cannot keep, still less add to, the stores of garnered wisdom which were therein, and which are still in the hands of their brethren who dwell in the old land. To conquer the wilderness means to wrest victory from the same hostile forces with which mankind struggled in the immortal infancy of our race. The primal conditions must be met by primitive qualities which are incompatible with the retention of much that has been painfully acquired by humanity as through the ages it has striven upward toward civilization. In conditions so primitive there can be but a primitive culture.

Building the Higher Life.
As the country grows, its people, who have won success in so many lines, turn back to try to recover the possessions of the mind and the spirit, which perforce their fathers threw aside in order better to wage the first rough battles for the continent their children inherit. The leaders of thought and of action grope their way forward to a new life, realizing, sometimes dimly, sometimes clear-sightedly, that the life of material gain, whether for a nation or an individual, is of value only as a foundation, only as there is added to it the uplift that comes from devotion to loftier ideals. The new life thus sought can in part be developed afresh from what is round about in the new world; but it can be developed in full only by freely drawing upon the treasure houses of the old world, upon the treasures stored in the ancient abodes of wisdom and learning, such as this where I speak today.

It is a mistake for any nation merely to copy another; but it is an even greater mistake, it is a proof of weakness in any nation, not to be anxious to learn from another, and willing and able to adapt that learning to the new national conditions and make it fruitful and productive therein. It is for us of the new world to sit at the feet of the Gamall of the old; then if we have the right stuff in us, we can show that Paul, in his turn, can become a teacher as well as a scholar.

Today, I shall speak to you on the subject of individual citizenship, the one subject of vital importance to you, my hearers, and to me and my countrymen, because you and we are citizens of great democratic republics. A democratic republic such as each of ours—an effort to realize in its full sense government by, of, and for the people—represents the most gigantic of all possible social experiments, the one fraught with greatest possibilities alike for good and for evil.

Great Lesson of France.
France has taught many lessons to other nations; surely one of the most important is the lesson her whole history teaches, that a high artistic and literary development is compatible with notable leadership in arms and statescraft. The brilliant gallantry of the French soldier has for many centuries been proverbial, and during these same centuries at every court in Europe the "free masons of fashion" have treated the French tongue as their common speech; while every artist and man of letters, and every man of science able to appreciate that marvelous instrument of precision, French prose, has turned towards France for aid and inspiration. How long the leadership in arms and letters has lasted is curiously illustrated by the fact that the earliest masterpiece in modern tongue is the splendid French epic which tells of Roland's doom and the

vengeance of Charlemagne when the lords of the Frankish host were stricken at Roncesvalles.

Need of Individual Character.
Let those who have, keep, let those who have not, strive to attain a high standard of cultivation and scholarship. Yet let us remember that these stand second to certain other things. There is need of a sound body, and even more need of a sound mind. But above mind and above body stands character, the sum of those qualities which we mean when we speak of a man's force and courage, of his good faith and sense of honor. I believe in exercise of the body, always provided that we keep in mind that physical development is a means and not an end. I believe, of course, in giving to all the people a good education. But the education must contain much besides book-learning in order to be really good. We must ever remember that no keenness, and subtleness of intellect, no polish, no cleverness in any way make up for the lack of great solid qualities—self-restraint, self-mastery, common sense, the power of accepting individual responsibility and yet, of acting in conjunction with others. Courage and resolution; these are the qualities which mark a masterful people. Without them no people can control itself or save itself from being controlled from the outside. I speak to a brilliant assemblage; I speak in a great university which represents the flower of the highest intellectual development; I pay all homage to intellect, and to elaborate and specialized training of the intellect; and yet I know I shall have the assent of all you present when I add that more important still are the commonplace, every-day qualities and virtues.

The Evils of Sterility.
In the next place the good man should be both a strong and a brave man; that is, he should be able to fight, he should be able to serve his country as a soldier if the need arises. There are well-meaning philosophers who declaim against the unrighteousness of war. They are right, only they lay all their emphasis upon the unrighteousness. War is a dreadful thing, and unjust; war is a crime against humanity. But it is such a crime because it is unjust, not because it is war. The choice must ever be in favor of righteousness, and this whether the alternative be peace or whether the alternative be war. The question must not be merely, is there to be peace or war? The question must be, is the right to prevail? Are the great laws of righteousness once more to be fulfilled? And the answer from a strong and virile people must be, "Yes," whatever the cost. Every honorable effort should always be made by the individual in private life to keep out of a brawl, to keep out of trouble; but no self-respecting individual, no self-respecting nation, can or ought to submit to wrong.

Finally, even more important than ability to work, even more important than ability to fight at need, is it to remember that the chief of blessings for any nation is that it shall leave its seed to inherit the land. It was the crown of blessings in Biblical times, and it is the crown of blessings now. The greatest of all curses is the curse of sterility, and the severest of all condemnations should be that visited upon wilful sterility. The first essential in any civilization is that the man and the woman shall be father and mother of healthy children, so that the race shall increase and not decrease. If this is not so, if through no fault of society there is failure to increase, it is a great misfortune. If the failure is due to deliberate and wilful fault, then it is not merely a misfortune, it is one of those crimes of ease and self-indulgence, of shrinking from pain and effort and risk, which in the long run nature punishes more heavily than any other.

Idle Achievements.
If we of the great republics, if we, the free people who claim to have emancipated ourselves from the thralldom of wrong and error, bring down on our heads the curse that comes upon the wilfully barren, then it will be an idle waste of breath to prattle of our achievements, to boast of all that we have done. No refinement of life, no delicacy of taste, no material progress, no sordid heaping up of riches, no sensuous development of art and literature, can in any way compensate for the loss of the great fundamental virtues; and of the great fundamental virtues, the greatest is the race's power to perpetuate the race.

But if a man's efficiency is not guided and regulated by a moral sense, then the more efficient he is the worse he is, the more dangerous to the body politic. Courage, intellect, all the masterful qualities, serve but to make a man more evil if they are used merely for that man's own advancement, with brutal indifference to the rights of others. It speaks ill for the community if the community worships these qualities and treats their possessors as heroes regardless of whether the qualities are used rightly or wrongly. It makes no difference as to the precise way in which this sinister efficiency is shown. It makes no difference whether such a man's force

and ability betray themselves in the career of money maker or politician, soldier or orator, journalist or popular leader. If the man works for evil, then the more successful he is, the more he should be despised and condemned by all upright and far-seeing men. To judge a man merely by success is an abhorrent wrong; and if the people at large habitually so judge men, if they grow to condone wickedness because the wicked man triumphs, they show their inability to understand that in the last analysis free institutions rest upon the character of citizenship and that by such admiration of evil they prove themselves unfit for liberty.

The Idea of True Liberty.
The good citizen will demand liberty for himself, and as a matter of pride he will see to it that others receive the liberty which he thus claims as his own. Probably the best test of true love of liberty in any country is the way in which minorities are treated in that country. Not only should there be complete liberty in matters of religion and opinion, but complete liberty for each man to lead his life as he desires, provided only that in so doing he does not wrong his neighbor. Persecution is bad because it is persecution, and without reference to which side happens at the moment to be the persecutor and which the persecuted. Class hatred is bad in just the same way, and without any regard to the individual who, at a given time, substitutes loyalty to a class for loyalty to the nation, or substitutes hatred of men because they happen to come in a certain social category, for judgment awarded them according to their conduct. Remember always that the same measure of condemnation should be extended to the arrogance which would look down upon or crush any man because he is poor, and to the envy and hatred which would destroy a man because he is wealthy. The overbearing brutality of the man of wealth or power, and the envious and hateful malice directed against wealth or power, are really at root merely different manifestations of the same quality, merely the two sides of the same shield.

The man who, if born to wealth and power, exploits and ruins his less fortunate brethren is at heart the same as the greedy and violent demagogue who excites those who have not property to plunder those who have. Of one man in especial, beyond anyone else, the citizens of a republic should beware, and that is of the man who appeals to them to support him on the ground that he is hostile to other citizens of the republic, that he will secure for those who elect him, in one shape or another, profit at the expense of other citizens of the republic. It makes no difference whether he appeals to class hatred or class interest, the man who makes such an appeal should always be presumed to make it for the sake of furthering his own interest. The very thing that an intelligent and self-respecting member of a democratic community should not do is to reward any public man because that public man says he will get the private citizen something to which this private citizen is not entitled, or will gratify some emotion or animosity which this private citizen ought not to possess.

If a public man tries to get your vote by saying that he will do something wrong in your interest, you can be absolutely certain that if ever it becomes worth his while he will do something wrong against your interest.

France and the United States.

And now, my host, a word in parting. You and I belong to the only two great republics among the great powers of the world. The ancient friendship between France and the United States has been, on the whole, a sincere and disinterested friendship. A calamity to you would be a sorrow to us. But it would be more than that. In the seething turmoil of the history of humanity certain nations stand out as possessing a peculiar power or charm, some special gift of beauty or wisdom of strength, which puts them among the immortals, which makes them rank forever with the leaders of mankind. France is one of the nations. For her to sink would be a loss to all the world. There are certain lessons of brilliance and of generous gallantry that she can teach better than any of her sister nations. When the French peasantry sang of Malbrook it was to tell how the soul of this warrior-foe took flight upward through the laurels he had won. Nearly seven centuries ago Froissart, writing of a time of dire disaster, said that the realm of France was never so stricken that there were not left men who would valiantly fight for it. You have had a great past. I believe that you will have a great future. Long may you carry yourselves proudly as citizens of a nation which bears a leading part in the teaching and uplifting of mankind.

Seemed So.
"Outdoor life is the best thing in the world for people," she told him. "That's what your father seemed to think the last time I called on you," he answered sadly.—Buffalo Express.

Barely Possible.
"How do you like my biscuit, hubby? I got the recipe out of a paper." "Well, my dear, I found a button in one and a feather in another. Maybe you got the cooking recipe mixed with the fashion hints."

The Usual Proceeding.
"What is a young man to do when his attention has been arrested by a pretty girl?" "Why, carry his case to court, of course."

Mississippi News

A sensation was caused in the Circuit Court at Natchez when Judge Wilkinson, who is presiding, said to Deputy Sheriff Ryan: "Get me some young men for this jury. I want to stretch the neck of this negro." This statement was made by the court in connection with the trial of Thornton Green, a negro charged with murder. It was overheard by a number of witnesses, among whom were included Messrs. Scott Dorsey and E. H. Ratcliff, Jr., counsel for the defendant. The court's remark was followed by a motion on the part of Mr. Ratcliff to reject the five men selected as jurors according to Judge Wilkinson's instructions on the ground that the judge had dictated to the sheriff the character of men to be selected for jury service. The motion was overruled by the court. Judge Wilkinson admits making the statement, but contends that he said it merely as a joke.

The Upper Yazoo levee district has two boards of commissioners, or more properly speaking, two sets of officials, except that the chief engineer and attorney are the same under both presidents. J. W. Cutrer has one set, with himself as president, Guy Clark as his secretary and treasurer. The other set is that elected on March 8, at the regular meeting of the board, with W. H. Caruthers as president, Thomas L. Rice secretary and treasurer and A. C. Tuttle as book-keeper. The matter will probably go to the courts for adjudication, inasmuch as there is involved not only the salaries and patronage of the board, but also the tremendous sums of money handled by it.

Another movement to establish rail communication with the inland town of Carthage in Leake county has started, and may develop, if the capacity and energy of the men behind it amount to anything. The charterers are asking for authority to build, equip and maintain a line from Newton, in Newton county, in a northwesterly direction into Leake, with Carthage as the objective terminus.

The county commissioners who were to pass upon the charges of an illegal election to form Walthall county decided that the Slade box should be thrown out. This defeats the new county. Walthall county is dead until the next meeting of the Legislature.

Prominent among the speakers who have accepted invitations to deliver addresses before the convention of the Mississippi Bankers' Association, which will be held in this city on May 9 and 10, is Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury.

Capt. F. B. Pratt, one of the leading lawyers of Canton and for twelve years postmaster of Canton, died after an illness of several weeks. While he was a Federal soldier, every attention is being paid him by old Confederate veterans and citizens generally.

The Mississippi mills here, which went into the hands of receivers last February, but were later on allowed by the courts to resume and complete the goods in course of construction when the mills stopped, have about completed the job, and just whether the mills will continue to run or close down indefinitely is not known.

Mrs. M. L. Harris of Belmont was tried and convicted for running a blind tiger, both in the mayor's and justice of the peace's court and a fine of \$50 and 30 days' imprisonment was inflicted by each court. A son of Mrs. Harris was convicted of the same crime and fined \$100 and 90 days in jail.

The board of trustees of Grenada College elected Rev. John R. Countiss president, to succeed Rev. W. F. Clifton, who resigned several weeks ago. Mr. Countiss is a graduate of Millsaps College, and is regarded as one of the brightest men in the North Mississippi conference.

A very important industry, the Cotton Seed & Fiber Company, capitalized at \$100,000, has been organized at Grenada. The concern is going to be put in operation a new patent, which may revolutionize the cotton and seed manufacture in the South.

Mrs. Lillie Upchurch, who was charged with the murder of her husband, which occurred during last year in the northern part of Sunflower county, was convicted and given life sentence.

Revenue officers raided a wildcat still one mile north of Eastman, Itawamba county, and destroyed 600 gallons of beer, and a 40-gallon still.

Burglars broke into the store of Dr. W. H. Henderson at Priarie. The safe door was blown off and about \$250 in money and checks were stolen.

The Benton county record was broken at this term of Chancery Court, there being 23 applications for divorces, all white except one. Fifteen were granted, one dismissed and seven continued to the November Chancery Court. There had never been more than three at any court previously.

The cotton season in and near Greenwood has almost closed. Greenwood will again lead all other Mississippi cotton markets in receipts, and expects to hold her own as the fifth largest inland cotton market in the South.

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