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OUR SAFEGUARDS OF PEACE.

While many will disagree with President Wilson's policy of preparedness all can agree with some of his utterances. For example take his declaration that "rulers, not public opinion, brought about the present war. I thank God there is no man in the United States who has the authority to bring on war without the consent of the nation."

Meanwhile Minister Woodford was handling notes of demand to Spain and Spain was dodging, remonstrating and gradually conceding those demands. Several European powers criticized the truculent attitude of the United States congress and denounced the furious jingoism of the American press.

Mr. McKinley said in his message to Congress: "This fact with every other pertinent consideration will I am sure, have your just and careful attention in the solemn deliberations upon which you are about to enter."

fails, it will only be another justification for our contemplated action." Mr. McKinley assumed that the dispute was practically at an end since Spain seemed willing to concede practically every demand, but two days later Congress directed him to intervene in Cuba and war was on.

Public sentiment in this country is the final court of appeal, nor does it wait for an appeal if the mood is ripe. And there is in the United States no trace of real war sentiment such as precipitated hostilities in 1898.

PUBLIC HEALTH HELD CHEAP

That public health work in this country is still in its infancy is the conclusion drawn from a study just made public of municipal health department activities in each of the 227 cities of the United States having a population of 25,000 or more.

Franz Schneider, Jr., sanitarian for the department of surveys and exhibits, Russell safe foundation, conducted the investigation, which covered the cities having a population of 25,000 or over in 1910.

It was found in these cities that the average expenditure per capita for health service was 22 cents. The largest was that of Seattle, 98 cents, and the smallest that of Clinton, Ia., where only three-fourths of one cent was spent per capita.

Others of the large expenditures were: Memphis, Tenn., 93 cents; Pittsburgh, 61 cents; Augusta, Ga., 61 cents; and New York City, 58 cents. Among the smaller were Easton, Pa., 1 cent; Aurora, Ill., and South Bend, Ind., three cents; Woonsocket, R. I., four cents, and Lewiston, Me., six cents.

The provision for medical inspection of school children was found to be most complete in the New England and middle Atlantic states, with the Pacific and south central states following.

Perhaps the most surprising finding is that the southern and Pacific cities have better developed municipal health departments than the northern cities from the Rockies to the Atlantic. The central northern cities stand at the foot of the list.

AMERICA'S "IDLE RICH."

A Brooklyn clergyman predicts that this country will become involved in war and says that when the time comes the blame must be placed on the "idle rich."

It happens that the United States is one of the few countries where there is, properly speaking, no such thing as an idle rich class. England has a top heavy landed aristocracy in

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which it is possible for a man to exist with honor and without effort, but the wealthy American who idled as a life long habit would be lonesome.

There may be some whose efforts produce little—the offspring of a money-winning generation—and there are startling exceptions to this generality; but the majority of those who could loaf if they would find that custom, if not their own inclination, impels them to some sort of accomplishment outside the polite recreations of high society.

The real idle class consists of the unemployed workers, and they are a far greater menace to the complacent security of the nation than the few loafers at the top.

The tradition of industry has died out in America, nor does it show any signs of perishing.

The people who growl so bitterly about the increase of local, state and federal taxes, are often the same ones who complain so earnestly about the parsimony of public officials in making needed improvements.

Judging by some eloquent advertisements in the magazines, the true test of culture is not knowledge of literature or history, but the habit of smoking certain brands of cigarettes.

While the army and navy may lack shells and other ammunition, it is

believed that the farmers would rush to the defense of the government with their pitchforks.

Why says the United States is not ready for war when two of our statesmen gathered for the preparedness convention engage in fisticuffs on the street?

All you have to do to run a successful juvenile publication is to print a lot of stories showing how much smarter boys are than men.

Grand Duchess Marie doesn't know the man she is to marry. The average woman doesn't either.

Sixteen eclipses of the sun are scheduled for this year. There will also be unnumberable eclipses of favorite sons.

After a speech of only 252,000 words Sir Edward Garson was overcome in a London court. Another argument for women's suffrage and women lawyers.

Bread is twenty-six cents a pound in Austria. And if it's as heavy as some we've eaten, it's a small loaf you get for your twenty-six cents.

Some folks bathe regularly, and others believe in dry cleaning.

Freezing of Water Tank Fatal. Spokane, Wash., Feb. 7.—One woman has been killed in Spokane and three others injured as a result of four separate stove explosions resulting from the cold weather. In each case freezing of the hot water tank on the back of a stove, or of the pipes leading to it, resulted in an explosion, as soon as a hot fire was started.

THE FIRST SKYSCRAPER.

It Was Designed by a Savoy Architect Three Centuries Ago.

Credit for the first skyscraper built in this country is generally conceded to Chicago. It was built in the "loop district" of that city in 1886, from plans by Holabird & Roche. The first example of lofty building in New York city was the structure at 50 Broadway, designed by Bradford Lee Gilbert in 1888.

Jacques Perret, an architect of Chambery, Savoy, is the accredited author of plans for an eleven story building, 301 feet in height, which must have had twice the space between floors, for today eleven stories are crowded within a height of 150 feet.

While never executed, the project of Perret in many ways was a remarkable prophetic vision. Evidently it was intended for dwelling purposes, for in describing the project he wrote, "This great and excellent edifice can accommodate comfortably 500 people."

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Gagadig Gigadab.

There was a quaint old man in Manchester, England, who for many years went by the unique name of Gagadig Gigadab. His original name was John Smith, and for many years he brooded over the possibilities of mistaken identity involved in it.

SCENE SHOWING EMMITT CARRIGAN, IN "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN," A METRO MASTERPIECE AT SHERRY'S TOMORROW.

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