

The President's Proclamation Of A Day Of Prayer

To the editor of the Observer: You have most commendably promoted energetically, the volunteer, Liberty Loan, Red Cross and Food Conservation campaigns, which have to do with the material preparation, for waging successfully and expeditiously, this present war. Will you not do as much for the spiritual?

This coming Sunday has been set apart by the President, at the request of Congress, as "a day upon which our people should be called upon to offer concerted prayer to Almighty God for His divine aid in the success of our arms."

It is a matter for sincere thankfulness, that amidst the stress of raising and providing the sinews of war, the fact has neither been forgotten, nor overlooked, that there is a spiritual power to be reckoned with and enlisted, without whose aid, the most colossal preparations will prove unavailing.

Our President's two greatest predecessors both recognized and acknowledged this truth, and both agonized in prayer for the support of that Power. But some will cavil and sceptically question the good of such action. The great Christian poet has given us a reason therefor, which commends itself to reverent minds: "More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of; For so the whole round earth is every way,

Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

And St. James tells us that, "the supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working."

Prayer is thus described as a force with powerful effect. A force foreseen and accounted for in the creation of the universe. Like electricity it has its circuit, connecting God and ourselves. And like this elemental

force, knowledge is required to use it aright and bring out its effectiveness. Electricity while existing from creation, was not of much avail to man, until Franklin caught it, and Morse, Bell, Edison and Marconi harnessed and broke it in to service.

So with prayer, we must learn how to use it, and make it effective, and it is due to our ignorance that its usefulness and power are not more markedly manifested. But still there are instances and evidences enough, to show that it has power with God and does prevail. Jewish history and other history as well, afford numerous examples of the effect of prayer in national affairs. So the proclamation of the President calls for our serious consideration; both as a religious and patriotic duty.

It is well to recall, that both Sir John Jellicoe, first naval lord of the admiralty, and Sir David Beatty, admiral in chief of the British navy, are both praying men, and not ashamed to make the fact known. Almost the last public statement of the late Lord Roberts, was to the effect that the war would not be successfully brought to a conclusion until "England was on its knees." And our own gallant General Pershing, sends this message to our troops: "Hardship will be your lot, but trust in God will give you comfort; temptation will befall you, but the teachings of our Savior will give you strength."

In "Mr. Britling Sees it Through," we see a picture of our own religious indifference and blindness. Will it require for us, as for him, the sacrifice of our sons and others to show us God? Sunday will tell, by our response to the President's request. What a profound cause for shame and condemnation will it be, if after magnificent response to all other demands we fail miserably in this. What a

branding of ourselves as a nation of materialists!
"For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to
guard—
For frantic boasts and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord."
UPTON H. GIBBS.

Good Floor for Poultry House Is of Importance; Concrete Best Material

The floor in the poultry house is worthy of more consideration than it usually receives, as a substantial floor is necessary to keep the flock warm and dry as well as to exclude rats and moisture. The wooden floor costs more than concrete if you place the concrete without hiring skilled labor and the concrete is perfectly warm when covered with a deep litter and it can be thoroughly cleaned whenever the litter is removed.

The dirt floor is the least desirable of all floors in a poultry house as when the house is cleaned a portion of the dirt will be removed and in the winter it is difficult to obtain a supply of clean dry dirt. Rats easily dig into the poultry house when the dirt floor is used and as the rats burrow up through the litter it is sometimes difficult to find out where they enter without cleaning out quite a portion of the litter or hunting a long time for their place of entrance. Board floors are of course necessary in colony houses which are to be moved frequently, but the concrete floor is now considered by practical poultrymen to be the only safe and substantial manner of building the floor in a modern poultry house.

The concrete foundation for a poultry house can be made at least eight or ten inches above the ground and it should then be filled with at least three inches of tightly packed cinders or coarse gravel. Over this place the concrete mixture in the proportions of one part of cement to six parts of gravel and spread it out with a plasterer's trowel to a depth of two inches. The mixture will spread better if plenty of water is added during the mixing and it is quite sloppy. Before the first cement mixture has set cover the surface with a half-inch layer of a mixture containing one part cement to three parts of coarse sand instead of gravel. A foundation of this height allows the sill to be above the floor and this prevents rotting. It is also best to tile the ground under the poultry house unless it is very well drained and when on a well drained site tiling will take away the moisture that lies just under the surface of the soil as well as the surface water and in that way the house is given an ideal situation as far as drainage and permanent foundation are concerned.

Big Cigarettes in Burmah.

As smokers, it would be hard to outdo the natives of Burmah. Here as travelers tell us, the women smoke cigarettes measuring one foot in length and one inch in diameter. These cigarettes contain little tobacco, but are made principally of corn husk, or the leaves of some harmless plant. One will last a day, and it frequently satisfies the entire family for a full 24 hours. The wife, who enacts the role of husband, as we construe things, offers her cigarette to the child who never refuses a puff or two.

MISS ANTOINETTE FUNK



A striking example of the value of women in helping America in the great fight is Miss Antoinette Funk, a member of the woman's committee of the council of national defense. The photograph shows her hard at work in her office in the treasury building, where she is doing wonderful work in the interests of the Liberty loan. She is executive vice-chairman of the women's Liberty Loan committee.

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A banquet held at the Woodman hall on November 12 will mark the close of the campaign. Representatives from Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise, Union and Joseph will be here at that time. Deputy Head Council E. P. Morton of Portland will be present and the Pendleton degree team will put on the work.

Forest Grove—Work on Gales Creek & Wilson River Railroad, being built from Wilkesboro to tidewater near Tillamook is progressing rapidly.

THE FORUM

Words of Appreciation.

COVE, Ore., Oct. 24.—To the editor La Grande Evening Observer. Dear Sir: I should like to express through your paper the appreciation of our Cove people for the fine way your people helped in the Red Cross meeting on Friday, October 19. This spirit of cooperation will lead to deepening of the fraternal spirit between the peoples of these two towns. We want to especially speak of the visit of Dr. Hall, chairman of the Chapter, and the men of the La Grande Home Guard, and others, who in any way helped to make the meeting what it was.
The stirring address of Judge McGinn will greatly help to put our little

community to the front in the sale of Liberty Bonds, for when our people see their duty they will do it.

Sincerely,
E. O. OTTO,
Chairman of Cove Auxiliary.

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