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The Freedom of the Seas and the Enslavement of Mankind

By Theodore Roosevelt
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The surest way to kill a great cause is to reduce it to a hard and fast formula and insist upon the application of the formula without regard to actual existing conditions. It is announced in the press that the president is going to the peace conference especially to insist, among other things, on that one of his 14 points dealing with the so-called "freedom of the seas." The president's position in the matter is, of course, eagerly championed by Germany, as it has been Germany's special position throughout the war. It is, of course, eagerly championed by the New York World, the Hearst papers and all the rubber-stamp press. It is antagonized by England and France and by every anti-German in America who understands the situation.

It is utterly impossible, in view of the immense rapidity of the change in modern war conditions, to formulate abstract policies about such matters as embargoes, blockades. These policies must be actually tested in order to see how they work. Both reversed themselves in this matter on several different occasions. This is interesting as a matter of history, but from no other standpoint. If we are honorable and intelligent we will follow the course in this matter which under existing conditions at this time seems most likely to work justice in the immediate future.

Germany's position was that England had no right to blockade her so as to cut off her supplies from the outside world. President Wilson at the time accepted this view and talked a good deal about the freedom of the seas. Meanwhile Germany, through her submarines, began an unprecedented course of wholesale murder on the seas. President Wilson protested against this in language much more spoliogetic and tender than he used in protesting against Great Britain blockading Germany in what was essentially the same manner in which we blockaded the south during the civil war. He put the dollar above the man and incidentally above the women and the children. He protested more vigorously upon the interference with American

goods than against the taking of American lives.

Then we finally went to war with Germany ourselves. We instantly adopted toward Germany and toward neutrals like Holland exactly the position which President Wilson has been denouncing England for adopting toward Germany and toward us. Our action in this case was quite right, whereas our protest against England's action had been entirely wrong.

President Wilson now proposes to accept the German view and provide a system which, if it had been in existence in 1914, would have meant the inevitable and rapid triumph of Germany. If this particular one of the proposed 14 points had been in treaty form and had been lived up to in 1914, Germany would have had free access to the outside world. England's fleet would not have enabled her to bring economic pressure to bear upon Germany, and doubtless Germany would have won an overwhelming victory within a couple of years. Therefore, Mr. Wilson's proposals is that now, when no human being can foretell whether Germany will not feel chastened and morally changed, we shall take steps which will mean that if the war has to be fought over again Germany's triumph will have been secured in advance, so far as we are able to secure it.

All such conditions, all merely academic questions or questions as to the attitude of America or of England before the outbreak of the great war, are insignificant. Whatever our views prior to the great war, we are fools indeed if we have not learned the lessons these last four and a half terrible years have taught us.

The freedom of the seas in the sense used by Germany and Mr. Wilson would have meant the enslavement of mankind to Germany. It would have meant that this country would at this time either be lying prostrate under the feet of German invaders or be purchasing peace by ransoms heavier than were paid by Belgium.

No patriotic American has the right to stand quiet and see the president of the country try to bring upon us such outrageous potential disaster as would be implied in the general international adoption of the so-called "freedom of the seas."

and some day you may see that same person in a dream. Perhaps some of the great store of impressions hidden away in your unconscious mind will come to the surface in a dream in such a way that you will feel that there is something mysterious about it.

An old lady once told the writer of a dream she had, citing it as a complete justification of her belief in spirits. While on a shopping tour she mislaid a valuable umbrella, and for the life of her could not remember what she had done with it. It worried her considerably, and that night she had a dream in which she saw herself go into a restaurant, hang up the umbrella, and after eating her lunch go away, forgetting it.—New York World.

Monarch's Costly Whim.

King Alfonso's ruined palace of San Ildefonso at La Granja is one of the freons and one of the glories of Spain. It was a Bourbon monarch who invented it—at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Philip V was out hunting one day and rested at a sunny farm called the Grange, occupied by monks. The monks had humored the mountain upon whose slopes the farmhouse was built and had made their beautiful gardens conform to the ways of the giant.

But the king compelled the mountain to obey him. He blasted smooth places on precipitous slopes, carrying away thousands of tons of earth and stones, and from the valley below he brought up miles of fertile earth to form new fields and gardens. By the time he had finished creating a new landscape and filling the new Versailles with the best pictures his taste suggested, Philip was ready to die in debt to the tune of 45,000,000 pesetas. For that is the sum which the monarch spent on San Ildefonso.

Borneo Not Yet Civilized.

Although civilization has made excellent progress in some parts of the East Indies, barbarous practices by the natives on the island of Borneo still continue, according to O. K. Hoey, a merchant of Batavia, Java. He said that traders who visit isolated sections of Borneo found it necessary to remain constantly alert in order to guard against attacks by Dyaks, who, however, are gradually being driven farther inland.

"On the island of Bali the men still load themselves up with many jewels and heavy chains as ornaments," he declared. "The natives make good incomes from their rice fields and traffic in pearls, but until a short time ago the sight of an automobile caused great amazement."

Old English Names.

It would be interesting to know how certain places on the edge of St. Louis and Franklin counties got their names, such as St. Albans, Melrose, Chesterfield, Manchester and so on. All good old English names, while the majority of the names on the letter boxes on the Manchester and Melrose roads are German and undoubtedly many of the people of this part of the state are of German descent, although among the most loyal of the Americans of the present day. But who was respon-

ble for the English names of the settlements?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Wars That Made History.

The civil war in America was followed—in 1866—by the Prusso-Austrian campaign in Bohemia, which may be said to have lasted only seven weeks, since Austria was completely brought to terms by her first crushing defeat at Konigsgratz. The logical sequel to the Prussian war of 1866 with Austria was the German one of 1870 with France, though, indeed, it may be said to have been practically decided in less than one month—at Sedan—the rest of the time being but a long-drawn-out agony of fighting despair on the part of the vanquished.

Daily Thought.

No man can justly condemn or censure another, because, indeed, no man truly knows another.—Sir Thomas Browne.

Cables Improve With Age.

It is found that the insulation resistance of telephone cables increases with the age of the cable, when it lies in the ground, because the moisture it possesses appears to be dried out.

BOOKKEEPER NOW TELLS OF TROUBLES

Smith Had Been Going Down Hill Eight Years—Gains Seventeen Pounds by Taking Tanlac.

"This Tanlac has put me in shape to where I have gained seventeen pounds," said H. G. Smith, living at the Broad house, Butte, Mont., recently. Mr. Smith has been bookkeeper for the Tramway mine for the past twelve years, and also owns a valuable ranch at Jefferson Island and is one of the best known and respected men in Montana.

"My stomach has given me so much trouble for the past eight or nine years," he continued, "that I was all the time taking something trying to get some relief. My food didn't seem to digest at all, and my stomach was in such a bad fix that if I leaned against my desk I would almost cry out with pain. I tried doing without meats, and lived on a diet of the very lightest things, but neither that nor anything else helped me. Finally my back got to hurting me so across my kidneys, and I got so tired and worn-out that I would have to lay off some days and rest up. I was troubled with constipation, and frequent headaches and lost weight until I got down to only one hundred and twenty-eight pounds. I have always been a steady worker, but I had gotten to where I never felt like putting in full time so you may know I was a pretty sick man.

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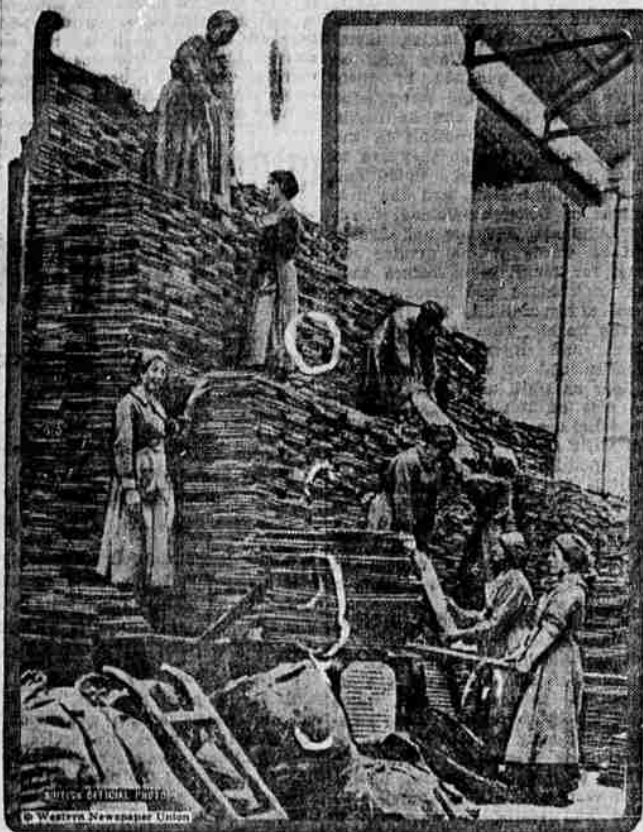
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WOMEN OIL WORKERS IN ENGLAND



This interesting British official photograph gives a view of the women oil workers in Lancashire stacking oil cakes in a warehouse. These cakes are molded and formed before they are put into the press.

LIVE ON ARTIFICIAL ISLAND

Salt Water Natives Who Wage An Almost Constant War on Solomon Head Hunters.

alone! He is the eyes of the army. He is taking a place in this war that makes it different from other wars in history by reason of its enormous proportions and the fearful weapons of destruction employed.

In "The Firefly of France," the new Paramount picture starring Wallace Reid with Ann Little, which will be shown at the Arcade theatre today, the work of an intrepid bird man forms the basis of a story that sets the blood tingling and makes one of the most interesting pictures that has been seen here in many weeks. Donald Crisp did the directing. The scenario is by Margaret Turnbull, and the story, originally published in The Saturday Evening Post, was written by Marion Polk Angellotti.

THREE WORDS.

There are three words, the sweetest words
In all of human speech—
More sweet than are all songs of birds
Or pages poets preach.
This life may be a vale of tears,
A sad and dreary thing—
Three words, and trouble disappears
And birds begin to sing.
Three words, and all the roses bloom.
The sun begins to shine;
Three words will dissipate the gloom
And water turn to wine,
Three words will cheer the saddest days.
"I love you"? Wrong, by heck!—
It is another, sweeter phrase,
"Enclosed find check."
—Walter Reed.

YET HE WAS SCOTCH.

Cleveland, Ohio—"What part of Scotland do you fall from?" an enthusiastic British subject asked a kiltie visiting in Cleveland. The kiltie dressed in Scottish plaid, was a former Ohio boy, George Turnbull, who was in Scotland when the war broke loose. He was a boxer at that time, but when the call to the colors came he joined on at once with a regiment of Cameron Highlanders and was one of the first Americans to see service against the Hun.

FROM MINDS' SECRET PLACES

Come the Materials for Dreams Which Sometimes One Finds So Hard to Explain.

You read a book and forget every word of it. Years later a scene from the same book will come into your mind as a dream; you will not recognize it and will marvel where it came from. Or you will see a person casually on the street and be perfectly unconscious of it. But every experience is registered in the mind somewhere,

SHERRY'S

NEW LYTELL PICTURE
ABOUNDS IN THRILLS

A romantic and exceedingly original picture, "Boston Blackie's Little Pal," will be the attraction at the Sherry theater today in which the popular Metro star, Bert Lytell, will be seen.

This clever play was taken from the story of that name from the pen of Jack Boyle which was published in the Red Book magazine. It deals with the work of a "gentleman" crook who, however, is more moral than one of the supposedly honest men of the play. The difference between the "crook" and the "gentleman" is manifest when the former is the means of preventing the latter from running off with another man's wife.

Romance, in the form of a deep love for Mary, is one of the beautiful factors in Boston Blackie's life, and his innate goodness and moral honesty shown in his dealing with his "little pal," Bert Lytell, who has a strong screen personality, is particularly adapted for this difficult and complex part and brings out all the finer points of the play with a clearness which does him great credit. The picture is full of dramatic situations and much amusing comedy, while it also contains delightful moments of pathos and love interest. It was directed by E. Mason Hopper.

Playing opposite Mr. Lytell, in the leading feminine role is Rhea Mitchell, who is seen as Mary, the sweetheart and partner of Boston Blackie. The rest of the cast consists of many noted players, some of whom are, Howard Davies, Frank Whitson, Rosemary Theby, John Burton and Joey Jabobs as the "little pal."
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