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The Great Peril That Now Confronts the World.

With German militarism subdued, there is a plague overshadowing Europe that is no less menacing than militarism was in 1914, and a plague that will take longer to put down if it is not dealt with wisely and promptly. It is Bolshevism, which, having destroyed Russia, is now trying to get control of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and is making more headway than one likes to admit in allied and neutral countries.

It is a natural enough result of the war. As the New York World explains, German militarism was not destroyed until Europe was exhausted economically, and "Bolshevism is the direct product of economic exhaustion." It takes root and flourishes in an environment of disordered or ruined industry and commerce. Once established, it may make industry and commerce impossible.

If the movement were to sweep over the whole of Europe and carry its program into effect, it would result in the downfall of European civilization. And it must be borne clearly in mind that from any such menacing movement in Europe, America, despite its distance and prosperity, is not secure.

How shall this great peril be averted? As yet, there has been little intelligent and concerted effort to combat it. Literature will do little—the Bolshevistic leaders and followers scoff at "capitalistic propaganda." Food will do more, but food is not enough. To prevent the spread of this diabolical economic conditions must be greatly improved in every country where it appears.

This means order, a restoration of normal living conditions, a chance for the ordinary man to earn a decent livelihood for himself and family, in an environment of freedom, with a chance to get ahead, and with some assurance that what he is able to accumulate will not be taken away from him.

The prerequisite of such restoration and assurance is a general and durable peace. This is the principal reason why the question of a league or federation of nations is of such overwhelming importance at this time. Only by some plan which will guarantee a universal reign of peace, law and order can this plague of Bolshevism be overcome. And what guarantee can there be without the concerted action of the world powers?

The President's Meals Are Protected.

From a Paris dispatch one obtains the interesting information that President Wilson is being carefully safeguarded from the menace of European cookery by the watchful eye of his wife.

Mrs. Wilson, apparently, has not forgotten how Marshal Joffre, after beating the Germans at the Marne, was himself captured by the well-aimed but taken real of American chefs. She is therefore taking special

with French culinary artists. She herself supervises every menu. So far as one may judge from reports of the president's health, Mrs. Wilson is doing a fine, thorough job of it. One statement in that dispatch, though, is puzzling. Mrs. Wilson is said to "select the dishes which he knows her husband likes and which are good for him." If the president is anything like ordinary husbands and if his wife gives him only what he likes, how can it be good for him?

Now you will enjoy your first movie after the opening on January 4th.

A year from now we should have a hard surface road in a portion of the valley.

If the old year saw the end of militarism, and the new year sees the end of miserism, the world will be happy yet.

That was a whacker of a windstorm last night. No automobile in the valley is coupled with enough speed to have kept up with the wind.

"I never really appreciated what tobacco meant to the soldiers until the stores closed in La Grande and left me without a supply," said a citizen today.

When the fire bell rings in the small hours, as it did this morning, it is then that the face of the local insurance agent seems good, especially when he smiles and says, "Yes, I have a policy on that building."

To be stricken with the disease that she came here to combat is the fate of one of the young lady nurses from Boise who made sacrifices in order that she could assist La Grande during the influenza period. She was discharging her duties in almost noble manner when the germ fastened itself upon her and she is now very ill. Her condition will be watched with deep, heartfelt interest by the entire community.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it.—Rimerson.

Let a broken man cling to his work. If it saves nothing else it will save him.—Becher.

The great secret of success in life is for a man to be ready when his opportunity comes.—Draach.

The truest style of eloquence, secular or sacred, is practical reasoning unadorned by strong emotion.—Anon.

Things that never happen are often as much realities to us in their effects as those that are accomplished.—Dickens.

Eloquence is the transference of thought and emotion from one heart to another, no matter how it is done.—Gough.

There are men whose independence of principle consists in having no principle on which to depend—whose free thinking consists not in thinking freely, but in being free from thinking, and whose common sense is nothing more than the sense that is most common.—Dr. M. W. Jacobus.

There is a broad distinction between character and reputation, for one may be destroyed by slander, while the other can never be harmed save by its possessor. Reputation is in no man's keeping. You and I cannot determine what other men shall think and say about us. We can only determine what they ought to think of us and say about us, and we can only do this by acting squarely up to our convictions.—Holland—Chicago Post.

The Attitude of Christian Scientists Toward the Epidemic.

In view of the prevalence of the influenza epidemic and the apparent lack of certain knowledge concerning it, the article found below, taken from the Boston (Mass.) Herald and handed to us by a member of the local Christian Scientist body, is reprinted by The Observer for the benefit of readers who are fond of considering such important matters as this from varying angles.

"Services were conducted in accordance with the usual order, both morning and evening, yesterday (Oct. 6), at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. The appeal of the emergency health committee of Boston that the churches of the city be closed, in accordance with the desire to prevent large assemblages of people was referred to briefly at both services, when the following announcement from the Christian Science board of directors was read from the pulpit: 'In her volume, 'The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany,' (p. 116), Mrs. Eddy writes, 'At a time of contagious disease, Christian Scientists endeavor to rise on consciousness to the true sense of the omnipotence of Life, Truth, and Love, and this great fact in Christian Science realized will stop a contagion.' 'This church is maintaining services today as a most effective way in which its large congregations can continue to be of help to the community by attaining through the church services a clearer sense of the omnipotence of divine Love and the impotence of aggressive evil at a time when disease is being so industriously promoted as it is through the common avenue of mesmeric fear.' 'True Science unveils the fact that the mortal mind is the source of contagion, and that the ailments evolved by that so-called mind can infect and contaminate only as its diseased images are held before the thought and paraded before the excited imagination preliminary to having them outlined and expressed on the body through fear and apprehension. 'It is the solemn duty of every Christian Scientist to enter at once the active service of his country and of humanity, to stop the drive of the 'enemy' intended to destroy health and life, and to paralyze progress and righteous efficiency in this vital hour of the world's history.' 'Mrs. Eddy has said (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 229): 'A calm, Christian state of mind is a better preventive of contagion than a drug or than any other possible sanative method; and the 'perfect Love' that 'casteth out fear' is a sure defense.' 'The attitude of the church in this and similar instances also is explained in the appended letter to the editor of the Boston Herald from Bicknell Young, first reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in which he comments upon the present epidemic and the angle that has been taken toward it as to church services: 'It is most extraordinary and ironical that in a Christian country where ever there is talk of doing away with public gatherings the churches and schools are invariably mentioned together. Whether they are classed together or not depends, one may suppose, upon the point of view. But at any rate there is nothing to show that the health of the community would be either conserved or improved by such methods. On the contrary, according to the views of the best physicians, people are no more safe cooped up in their dwellings than they are in commodious and well-ventilated theatres, halls or churches, and from the standpoint of those who seek to find the real root of disease, anything which tends to alarm the public serves to spread disease and to increase its violence. 'One only needs to travel about the streets of Boston these days to see how fear has gripped the whole community. If one were disposed to perpetrate a very bad pun one might truthfully say, 'Fear is the grip.' The fact is that influenza breeds in fear and feeds on fear. To some extent the doctors and nurses see this and urge people to be courageous, but with little effect, seeing that there is little faith in a fountain that sends forth both sweet waters and bitter. After fear of influenza has been promulgated for weeks in advance, it is found that in

some instances the sick are neglected by their relatives through fear of contagion; and then the disease is suddenly made upon them that they be fearless, and they are assured that simple precautions will make them safe and it is then hinted that the influenza is not necessarily contagious. Why so late with these assurances? Why were they not given out beforehand, instead of the flood of suggestion whereby the public mind became prolific soil for the mental germs of influenza? 'A letter from a friend in a training camp near Chicago says that one day the camp physicians had minute descriptions of the symptoms of influenza, and warnings as to the danger from it, given out to the camp. Prior to that time there had not been a single case. Next day there were several cases, and before long several hundred. Clearly this is a mere suggestion, and it looks suspiciously like enemy propaganda, to which the doctors lent themselves, unconsciously, of course. Is it not possible that this so-called epidemic is just that very thing? If the community could see it that way, how long would they be afraid? If people are to get rid of influenza, they need to have something to think of other than influenza. The fact is that influenza is primarily a mental disease. The prevailing material methods will make headway against it only in the measure that they inspire faith and confidence. The utterly helpless attitude of the health authorities and physicians generally seems to indicate that they are hopeless to overcome the disease, and are convinced that it must run its course and wear itself out. 'Those who look beyond matter for the cause and cure of disease see that the great need of the hour is pure Christianity, and yet at the very time when the Gospel of Christ in all its practical strength and helpfulness is most needed it is proposed to close the churches. 'Among the clergymen whose opinions have been sought, to say nothing of thousands who have not been consulted, are consecrated men who have devoted their whole lives to the Christian religion as they understand it. They number among their

congregations thousands of devout men and women. Is there no healing unction in all this? Is it possible that the services in these churches and the prayers of these people are so remote from God that these churches must be closed and these pentecostal petitions made to cease because of the fear of germs? Which is greater, God or germs? 'Choose you this day whom ye shall serve.' 'The irony of the situation is sufficiently obvious; but without further comment, if it be true that the church at a time like this are so dominated by the fear of matter that they close their doors and refrain from their customary Christian mission

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