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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Why Should England Be Feared?

The principal thing voiced by the opponents of the peace league is that there is certain to be concealed within the compact something which will give Great Britain an advantage over the United States. There is also unnecessary grief voiced over the presumed hatred of England against this country.

A speaker at the Chautauqua a year or two ago made the declaration that the American colonies would never have gained their independence except for the aid they received from the democratic liberals in England. It is a matter of history that King George's soldiers would not fight their cousins across the Atlantic and it was necessary to send over an army largely composed of hired Hessians. What greater friendship was ever expressed by Englishmen for people of their own race than in the speeches of William Pitt? Was ever a grander classic on human hopes and liberties ever known than Burke's immortal plea for "conciliation"? The trouble was that the British king of that period was a thoroughly Hohenzollern and his Corn walls and his Pekingham were the Hindenburg and Ludendorff of his military household.

The spirit of democracy and fairness arose and was developed in England long before its higher fruits were carried to an exalted success in the formation of the republic of the United States. Where is the ground to fear such a nation in a compact designed to perpetuate the safety of democracy throughout the world. It is not the United States, but England that opened the way. A declaration to this effect is contained in a recent speech of Senator John Sharp Williams, who said: "I want the English-speaking race to control the seas of the world, and I want them to do it not because they are the English-speaking race or my race, but because they are the only two branches of any race in the world who love peace and who will fight for peace."

"If you think we are the only democracy in the world, you are again mistaken. The government of England is more democratic than is our own. The voice of the people of Great Britain is put upon the statute books within a few weeks after a general election, and the voice of ours may never be, and frequently has not been."

Building of the Peace League.

Perhaps the chief trouble about the League of Nations discussion has been that the champions and antagonists of the plan presented have both emphasized their differences of opinion rather than their agreements. Many people, the president among them, seem to have adopted the attitude that the document as reported by the peace conference committee, of which the president is chairman was so nearly perfect that suggestions of amendment were unnecessary.

Many others, particularly in the United States, seem to have assumed that the whole document was objectionable, and deserved a blanket condemnation.

Instead of looking for things in the constitution that they could accept, too many critics have looked only for things they could object to. And instead of giving the president credit for his wisdom, too many friends of the plan have, by their excessive

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zeal, alienated those opponents still more.

Nothing in the way of legislation or governmental organization has ever been accomplished by the process of unyielding antagonism. Nothing permanent is accomplished except by friendly co-operation. Co-operation is surely possible on this constitution, in America as in Paris.

If the peace delegations had begun by emphasizing their individual differences, we should have a dozen constitutions submitted to the world instead of one. They began by establishing what they could agree on, thus building up constructively, point by point, until they had roughly shaped something they thought would prove workable. It remains subject to the alteration and approval of all the nations concerned.

The only way anything will ever come of this great undertaking is for every nation, including our own, to follow the same process, agreeing first upon those parts of the plan that are acceptable to everybody, then accepting others, one by one if possible, and agreeing to changes when, after fair discussion, it is found that changes are imperative.

Pictures of the Soldiers' Graves.

The latest activity of Red Cross forces abroad is taking photographs of the graves of the soldiers abroad and sending them to their people at home. It seems, perhaps, like a small thing to do, yet it is truly a great undertaking, for the graves are many and it is hoped not to miss one.

The photographs will not be very wonderful—a little mound, a wooden cross, a wreath. The pictures will be simple. They will be simply mounted and enclosed with them will be any little details the searcher has been able to gather about the circumstances of the soldier's death. Will they will be infinitely precious to those who receive them. For no amount of faith or patriotism ever made up for the little concrete things which comfort the heart.

Perhaps no one of its activities is a better testimonial to the greatness of the Red Cross than this simple, kindly thing, founded on an understanding of human yearnings.

Your Country Needs Your Help

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THE BOOKWORM

From the beginning of the year through February 27, the public library issued 4293 volumes, an average of 98 per day. The largest circulation, following the quarantine during the holidays, was 299. There were 21 days when more than 100 volumes were issued. About one-third of the books loaned were children's books, and about two-thirds of the adult books that were fiction.

Deducting the number of current or other unbound periodicals from the total, which is not formerly counted, this circulation has been exceeded only once in the history of the library, that was during the winter of 1916-1917. The unusual activity of the reading public was probably due to the quarantine of picture shows and other public amusements at the beginning of the year.

When I find a poem called "The Bivouac of the Dead?" "Who was the author of it?" "What is the name of a recitation beginning 'At the gate of the West I stand?'"

Questions of this kind are often answered by consulting Granger's "Index to Poetry and Recitations," published by McClurg. A new edition retailed for ten dollars has just been published, including references on over fifty thousand titles from four hundred and fifty books. The index is in the La Grande public library. Only about eighty of the volumes indexed are in the library, but more are added from time to time, and even from the few books on hand it is often possible to trace a poem with little difficulty.

Any person wishing to take up correspondence courses from the state university or elsewhere may obtain the supplementary books required, from the public library. Thus the course in the English novel offered by the Extension department of the university contains a list of several dozen novels, all of which are now in the library, or on the way from the publishers.

The list of novels is an interesting one for the general reader as well as the student. It may be consulted at the library at any time.

Interesting material on office and home efficiency may often be acquired free from several of the magazines. A copy of the Independent check list of office equipment, building material, and household appliances may be examined at the library.

New books at the library include: Ambassador Morgenthau's story, Paine—"The Fighting Fleets," Curran—"In Canada's Wonderful Northland,"

Wagner—"Film Folk," Lander—"A Minstrel in France," Hurd—"With Those Who Walk," Stevenson—Home book of verse (reference). This contains 4000 pages of selected English and American poetry, indexed by Author, title and first line. The contents are classified for convenient use.

Hudders—Indexing and filing, Fletcher—Indian story and song, Robinson—Domestic architecture, Rolfe—Interior decoration for the small house.

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These books can be reserved for you on request. Recent and popular fiction cannot be reserved. The library is open seven days from 1 to 6, and from 7 to 9 on Sunday hours are 1:30 to 5:30, for reading only. No request for a book is conducted on the way.

The Economical Corset

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