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### BLOCKING THE HIGHWAYS.

There is a lot of sound philosophy in the adage, "it makes a difference whose bull is gored." This is being impressed on the minds of Americans these days since the German unlimited submarine warfare created a virtual blockade of American ports.

So long as the United States was able to continue business with the entente allies in constantly increasing volume little attention was paid to the blowing up of ships. What did we care if a few thousand innocent women and children were sent to watery graves so long as we could sell our wheat and flour and ammunitions, and thus furnish high prices for the farmer and prosperity for the workers of seaboard manufacturers?

Under such conditions our consciences were satisfied with verbal platitudes variously expressed in continued stories sent from the state department.

There is a difference now. The American people are beginning to note that trans-oceanic business means something. Freedom of the seas is being translated from a mere phrase to an active principle. The realization of that condition means continued prosperity, while a continuation of the blockade which has existed since February 1 spells ruin to our present inflated prosperity.

The farmer of the middle west and the horse raiser of the west is beginning to realize that it means something to him to be able to reach the world market.

Of course that marks a real change in opinion. With the railroads placing embargoes on shipments east of Chicago with the docks loaded to capacity and no more room being available for the storage of the manufactured goods one of two things must occur. Either the government of the United States must proceed to protect our shipping or our factories must close down and the farmers of the middle west and the cattle raisers of this region must be content to do business outside of Europe.

If this latter condition is that which will finally prevail an economic panic, greater than any in the history of the country will result. But great as the loss would be in dollars and cents it would be insignificant compared with the loss of national honor, self-respect and prestige in world affairs.

Expensive and dangerous as is the condition which has brought the American people face to face with the problem of whether or not they will permit the ruler of another nation to dictate conditions under which they may live and do business it will be worth while if it thoroughly impresses upon the minds of the American people living in the middle west and rocky mountain states the direct and essential benefit of trans-oceanic business to their material welfare.

### THE CRY FOR PEACE.

Judging by the agitation for a referendum on the question of upholding the honor and prestige of the American people there must exist in the minds of many citizens a belief that representative government is an utter failure.

Is this the truth? Or can the present idiotic effort be but another of the stimulated propagandas of those who would serve other governments than their own? While the last is no doubt true in a measure, it is also true that it is in a large degree the work of misguided idealists following the lead of the most verbose dreamer in American history, William Jennings Bryan.

In connection with Mr. Bryan's efforts to promote peace it is interesting to remember that as a raw college youth William Jennings won fame as a college orator with an oration entitled, "Christ or Caesar," which concluded with the usual sophomoric peroration on the "Brotherhood of Man." But that was before he became famous as, "the Boy Orator of

the Platte," or had emitted his famous, "Cross of Gold and Crown of Thorns" commandment.

Two years after that famous Chicago convention episode, while the marital spirit of the United States was at its height in the Spanish-American war, the same William Jennings delivered an appeal to arms, voicing the sentiment that the time was not yet ripe to turn the swords into plough shares, for until the human hearts of all the peoples of the earth could be filled with the spirit of the brotherhood of man and be cleansed of hate, avarice and other taints, it would still be necessary to appeal to the force of arms.

At that time, just before he became a Colonel in the volunteers he matched the spirit of the people, he was following their lead and voicing the popular sentiments. He was then the avowed leader of Democracy, and realized the political possibilities of a "war hero."

What has transpired in the past 19 years to cause so radical a change in Mr. Bryan's opinion in the righteousness of appeals to arms? Have the hearts of mankind been reformed? Has the millennium arrived? Or has the redoubtable William finally come to realize that he can no longer make political capital of a cry to arms?

While at the present time, with Germany hemmed in by the British fleet, and our munition factories on a war footing supplying a demand for arms, the United States could without jeopardy refer the matter of war or peace to a popular referendum, what would have happened had such a problem been put before the nation by Germany in May 1914? What would have happened? Let Belgium testify.

It is the essence of foolishness to propose that 100 million people scattered over a territory so vast as the United States endeavor to conduct their affairs after the manner of the Athenian democracy. Such a proposition could only come from a brain drunk with its own dreams.

### EMBARRASSING THE GOVERNMENT.

Enough is now known concerning the last effort of Germany to discuss "means of avoiding war," to be morally certain that it resulted from a tip given the German government by a correspondent who believed that combined with the peace propaganda it would help embarrass President Wilson and divert the minds of the American people from the overt acts of the submarine warfare.

When by their actions any faction of the American people thus become subservient to the wishes of a foreign power they are potential enemies of their own country. Indeed they are a greater menace than an avowed enemy for their work undermines the unity of feeling and action so necessary to the peace and well being of any nation.

\* \* \* \* \* interest. All departments are moving upward.

### CHURCH NEWS.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

How about the "Inside of the Cup." The part that matters. Why be so cranky about the little forms and stipulations when every day we disregard the great things of Christ Gospel, Justice, mercy and faith? Why "strain at the gnat and swallow the camel? Why go into raptures over the paste-diamond and neglect to notice the sunset? What is the profit in being a whitened sepulchre sort of a Christian? The minister at the Congregational church is going to talk about these questions Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At 7:30 p. m. the subject will be "A Cure for Tiredness." An actual incident of a group of men worn out in a hazardous trip across the Nevada desert in search of land will form the principal illustrative matter for this sermon. You are asked to attend and to invite your friends. All who come are made welcome at the Congregational church.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

On Thursday evening of last week about 35 of our people on board of hay wagons and automobiles took a trip out to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Evans' and gave them a surprise. The surprise was complete as no intimation had been received concerning it. After two hours of social enjoyment, coffee and cookies were served by the ladies and all went away feeling that it was a general good time and hope for another in the near future. The inclement weather of last Sunday did not hinder large crowds attending both services. The Sunday School which meets every Sunday at 10 a. m. is growing in interest. The Bible class with Bro. Hall as teacher is growing in size and interest. The new lessons are creating much in-

terest. All departments are moving upward.

The pastor will be at Baker next Sunday in the mid-winter Assembly and Ministers' Retreat. Rev. W. H. Swartz, will occupy the pulpit at both hours. We bespeak for him a good hearing.

D. E. BAKER, Pastor.

#### METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Earl Hanna and family, the new pastor of the Methodist church are now well settled and are ready for all lines of church activities as they may present themselves. The following are the regular services to which all are cordially invited: Sunday School 10:00 A. M., Preaching, 11:00 A. M., The subject next Sunday will be "Entire Sanctification" as an essential Methodist doctrine viewed from a modern viewpoint. Evening services: Epworth Lesson, 6:45, preaching 7:30. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

See me for bargains in goods as new used farm machinery and save money, on harvests, plows, wagons, huck, implements, pump, drill, tractors, horses, etc.—E. M. Thompson, 220 blocks southeast of Ontario, 4-11.

Leta Thompson "You would not let me write that down, would you?" asked the physician.

The patient glanced among relatives at his wife.

"If I had always followed that rule, Leta, where would you be?"—Chicago Herald.

#### Plenty of Practice.

"Have you any special qualification for this job you are asking for in our establishment as floorwalker?"

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