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IGNORING THE LESSON

THE TIMES received yesterday an advance copy of a statement by Theodore Roosevelt on the present crisis that is to appear in the August Metropolitan magazine. It is characteristically Rooseveltian. It breathes fire and brimstone and calls all men who are for peace profiteers and cowards and all women weak.

He wants war at once. War with Germany! War with Mexico! War with any old country, just so it is war! In this most recent article the ex-President is more nearly a counterpart of the Kaiser than any of his previous utterances. It seems a pity that he and the German Emperor and the Czar and the other fire-eating rulers couldn't be put in a ring to fight it out for all time.

In his impassioned plea for preparedness for war Roosevelt has entirely ignored the lesson of the present European conflict. For nearly twelve months now we have watched the ebb and flow of the blood-red tide of war across the water. The tidings from its battlefields might stir the coldest heart to some sense of that infinite pity which is alone sufficient for the infinite pathos of human life. It is not necessary to dwell upon these awful pictures save as they may awaken us to a sense of duty which presses upon us, which lies at our doors, the duty to root out from the world the fearful disease Roosevelt believes is spreading it.

Whatever this war has or has not done, it has at least proved the fallacy of the claim that great armaments make for peace—that in time of peace the thing to do is to get ready for war. This teaching of history is written out in blood for the nations to read.

And yet, in the face of this exploded fallacy Roosevelt raises his voice, "Give us a greater army; give us a system of universal military service in this country like Germany, which will make us a dreaded foe."

This, notwithstanding that the mightiest asset of this country today for peace among the nations of the earth is its goodwill and the human brotherhood that dispatched shiploads of food and supplies to supply the need of those whom pitiless war left homeless, hungry and penniless. No navy that could ever conquer so many hearts—could cross the sea could ever conquer so many hearts—hard hearts, hostile hearts, as those peaceful boats that sailed out of our harbors under the sacred flag of a great humanity.

Building battleships and submarines, putting in readiness more fighting men, only excites suspicion and distrust, and puts into the hands of fire-eaters like Roosevelt instruments of destruction which they will be tempted to use.

Why, in God's name, shall we not dare trying, at least, to be a Christian nation? Why not stake something on the truth of the religion we have professed? Why not venture something in the faith that even in this sorry world there are forces stronger than those which can only waste and kill? Why after nineteen hundred years of saying we believe in the teachings of the Christian Gospel, shall we still hold with the brutal paganism of the Heathen heart that puts her trust in recking tube and iron shard?

Our country at this hour is facing at once a fearful responsibility and a glorious privilege. It is in our power to turn back this tide of militarism, to set an example from which the rest of the world cannot turn away. It has been truly said that "militarism blights like a pestilential wind the higher life of nations and eats like a gangrene into the vitals of civilization." Another equally true statement and a prophetic warning is contained in these words: "All history testifies that a republic has no peril so imminent as the growth of military power within its own borders." Let the history that is now in the making with such fearful rapidity bear witness to the wisdom of these warning words.

Therefore, why not stop? Why not say in a tone audible around the world "We will go no farther in this business?" The deadly urge its fruit let the world profit by the lesson.

Theodore Roosevelt is a false prophet.

The old-timers who did their traveling in prairie schooners never worried about submarine or torpedo—and they saw America first.

There are some Coos Bay men who will cheerfully make affidavits to a thing that they wouldn't bet ten cents they were right.

Of course we will have to admit that the men are a lot of mugs, and that they do a lot of fool things at times. But until we see two of them kick when they meet on the street, we're going to maintain they have more sense than women.

WITH THE TEA
AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING

Labor is necessary to excellence. This is an eternal truth, although vanity cannot be taught to believe or indifference to heed it.—John Randolph.

MEN AND SHIPS

Some men are like ships that seek the calm.

Or quiet, sheltered cove, Content to stay where the shallows play.

And never the will to rove;

And some are like the ships that seek the sea.

Where the wind and tide run high—

Wise—it's right for days, and the lesser rays;

And nobody questions why;

So some lay to, where the winds are few,

With their sails all nearly furled—

And some fight home, through the storm-swept foam.

With the cargoes of the world—Selected.

When they are first married she believes all men are wonders, and that he is the hero among them. But after awhile she announces that all men are pinheads and that he is the champion among them.

If some women were not dressed that way you would never know they were in mourning.

Some politicians wear rubber heels. Others never stir from home without the accompaniment of a full brass band.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY

What has become of the old-fashioned country boy whose father made him walk to church barefooted but who had to stop and put on his socks and shoes before he entered church?

We all believe in heaven. But mighty few of us live as though we wanted to be sure of getting there when we die.

When they are first married they know that filthy lucre can never come between them and that money can never disturb the happiness of their great love. About a year later when they have a battle once a week about the household expenses.

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People Terrorized.

The sinking of the Lusitania, the destruction of Louvain, the shooting of the Belgians who rallied to the defense of their flag precisely as the men of Lexington and Bunker Hill once rallied to the defense of theirs, the merciless thoroughness of the exploitation of the civilian population of Northern France and Belgium, the utter ruthlessness shown in dealing only with men but with women and children—all this has undoubtedly cowed and terrorized the average American pacifist, the avenger peace-at-any-price man in the United States.

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Dated this 1st day of July, 1915.

R. A. COPPLE,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

July 21, 24, 26, 28.

WRITES HIS VIEWS

THEODORE ROOSEVELT GIVES INTERESTING SIDE OF CRISIS

SAYS PEOPLE ARE COWED BY A MILK AND WATER POLICY NOT IN VOGUE

Theodore Roosevelt gives some very interesting clews of the present national crisis in an article published in the August Metropolitan. The title of the article is "Peace Insurance by Preparation Against War."

Regarding the present situation the writer says:

The sinking of the Lusitania was intended primarily as terrorism; just as the use of poison gas in the trenches is used defensively only if one also defends the poisoners of wells and the torture of prisoners was intended as terrorism. The object—terrorism—has not been achieved as regards the fighting men of England, France, Belgium, Russia, Italy and Serbia. But it has had a distinctive effect in cowing timid persons everywhere. I do not believe it would have any effect in cowing the bulk of our people if our people could be wakened up to what has happened; but I have no question that it has had a very great effect in cowing that noisy section of our people which has taken loudest about peace at any price.

THESE WHO ARE COWED.

The people who say of the present administration that "at any rate, it has kept us out of trouble with Mexico or Germany," the people who say we ought not to have acted on behalf of Belgium, include in their ranks very many persons who are cowed by Germany, who are afraid of what Germany would do if we stood up for our own rights or for the rights of other and weaker peoples.

ABOUT THAT SONG.

Recently, in certain circles, some popularity has been achieved by a song entitled "I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be a Soldier"—a song which ought always to be sung with a companion piece entitled "I Didn't Raise My Girl To Be a Mother." The two would stand on precisely the same moral level. This hymn, in condemnation of courage, has been sung in music halls, and even in schools, with applause. Think of such a song being sung by or of the mothers, sisters and wives of the men who fought or died in the Civil War under Washington in the Revolt.

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TIMID POLITICS.

It has cowed the type of man who cherishes such a song as "I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be a Soldier." It has terrorized the type of man who makes speeches and writes editorials or newspaper or magazine articles on behalf of disarmament, on behalf of universal arbitration, and against the Monroe Doctrine.

There is a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in nations as in individuals; and sheer terrorism is often found working hand-in-hand with flabby and timid international pacifists for the undoing of righteousness and for the defeat of the most brutal form of selfish militarism.

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