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JAPAN MUST BE TOLD TO PAUSE!

With the vision of those graves in
Flanders still before us, it is well for
the earnest people of the country, as
well as of California, to consider the
operations of the Japanese which,
slowly but certainly are leading Uncle
Sam into a situation of danger.

The Japanese people are no more
desirous of war than are the people of
the United States. But sometimes, a
powerful militarist group gets out of
hand and openly flouts the public
will.

Had the voice of America been
heard in protest early in the Franco-
German crisis—the voice of real
America whose population is so over-
whelmingly found in towns of small
population such as this, and on the
farms—unspokeable misery would
have been saved in many an Ameri-
can home. It remains to be seen if
the experience has taught us any-
thing.

Japan has for her aim—the aim of
her controlling powers—continued vi-
olation of the territorial integrity of
Asiatic Russia, the control of all
Manchuria and dominion over China
and the Pacific Ocean.

Perhaps we might safely adopt the
policy of watchful waiting in this
connection but for the fact that by her
defiant diplomacy Japan has jockeyed
Uncle Sam into the position of respon-
sibility for Japanese aggression so
scathingly described as "temporary
territorial extension of influence." Un-
less Uncle Sam makes clear the fact
that he is not yet duped, and refuses
to become the football of foreign em-
broglio, storm clouds are bound to
gather.

DISHONEST PREACHERS.

By Rev. M. A. Mathews, D. D. L. L. D.
It is rather a strange subject for
me to discuss, and yet it is a subject
which is very timely.

Ministers will win, some will get
angry, some unopinionated preach-
ers will deny that there are dishonest
preachers and the dishonest preachers
will pretend to be exceedingly pious,
and will hurl their pious bricks at any
one who makes the suggestion.

The fact remains that there are dis-
honest preachers. We are not refer-
ring to men who fail to pay their
dues, although there are many preachers
who do not understand that an engage-
ment must be kept on the day the note
falls due.

We are talking about the blasphem-
ous, promiscuously dishonest preach-
ers who remain in orthodox pulpits
and draw their salaries from orthodox
members of the church while they
preach rationalism, socialism, heresy
and anarchy every Sunday.

Any rationalistic preacher who
stands in the pulpit and denies the
fundamental doctrines of God's in-
fallible Word and continues to draw his
salary from the treasury of orthodox
churches is dishonest. He is morally
dishonest, morally dishonest, and
financially dishonest. He is getting
money under false pretenses, is liv-
ing before the public a lie, and is prac-
ticing a fraud upon the congregation.

He is drawing his meat and bread
from the pockets of honest, orthodox,
men and women.

Why isn't he honest enough to re-
sign the pulpit? Why doesn't he go
to his own crowd and ask them to
give him a crust of bread and clothe
his unworthy body. No, he defames
God, and demands of God's people that
they support him. If that isn't dis-
honest, then I do not know the mean-
ing of the word.

The time has come when every
church in this land composed of
honest, consecrated, orthodox Chris-
tian men and women should rise and
drive from their pulpits such dishon-
est men.

Send them to the fields to eat
grass.

Kick them out of your pulpits;
cease to feed and to employ men who
deny the infallibility of God's Word,
who deny the Deity of Christ, and
reject His vicarious atonement.

Drive from the pulpit these dishon-
est, time-serving, salary-grabbing op-
portunists.

Some people should forget the habit
of sending out of town for every little
article they need. You may die on
our hands some day and it would be
mighty unhandy to send away for a
grave digger and a funeral procession.

A great many folks put us in mind
of an automobile. They are always
running people down.

SUPPORT DIRECT ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Let us have a national direct pri-
mary. It is time the American people
and not a handful of American
politicians picked and elected the
President of the United States. Sen-
ator Norris has introduced a bill for
the abolition of the electoral college,
but if this great reform is to become
effective, the Nebraska Senator must
have the solid support of the people.

This is one time when every man and
every woman of voting age should
write letters to their Senators and
Congressmen urging them to restore
to Americans their right of franchise
by supporting the Norris bill.

The electoral college stands as noth-
ing but the symbol of defiance of ev-
ery principle of democracy; indeed,
the whole world has wondered how
such an archaic institution has been
tolerated in a country supposed to
have government by majority.

The proposal for direct election
needs no further brief than Brecken-
ridge got only 12 electoral votes
against 72 for the Kentuckian.

Since then the election of minority
presidents has become notorious, and
the fact that the nominees are chosen
by the bosses and that the people
have little voice in the choice of their
president, has been a standing indict-
ment of the verity of the people
themselves, who have supinely permit-
ted the condition to exist.

The condition that the dar-

passed when the electoral college dare
fly in defiance of the people's vote is
beside the issue. Even an honest vote
is not representative, and the fact is
that open disregard for the public will
remain possible.

The world war has brought to the
United States more than one awak-
ening, perhaps the most notable a
realization that the American people
must take the government of their
own country into their own hands, and
by that is meant that the sixty mil-
lions of Americans resident in the
small towns and on the farms are the
balance of power, and should not be
squelched at the behest of interests in
the city, by interests that have polit-
ical bosses hamstrung and obedient
to the crack of the whip.

Country America can and must dic-
tate the presidency of the United
States. As a tart to our political
renaissance, the sooner we throw the
electoral college into the discard the
better.

HOW TO MAKE A TOWN.

Encourage everyone, especially new
men to come in and settle among you,
particularly those who are worthy and
active, whether they have capital or
not. Their labor alone is worth mon-
ey. Those who have capital will buy
lots, build houses or tear out and re-
model old ones. Go to work and stim-
ulate every legitimate enterprise you
can, and by uniting your industry, in-
dustry, intelligence and capital in a
common cause, cultivate a public
spirit and talk less than you work.

Help your neighbor. If he is in danger
of breaking down, prop him up in some
way, either by kind words, good coun-
cil or a lift from your pocket. If he
gets fairly down before you know of
his situation, set him on his feet
again. His misfortune is to be pitied,
not blamed, and his talents and labor
are worth money to the community.

Besides it may some day be your turn
to need a corresponding amount of
sympathy.

Encourage you, local authorities in
making public improvements for the
good of the town. Speak well, talk
encouragingly of the town you live in,
of its prospects, of your neighbors,
and in fact everything likely to ad-
vance the public good. It is such little
things that make a town grow. Their
cost is insignificant when divided
among all, but when concentrated into
general effort they do the business
thoroughly.

GOULD RECORD IS IMPROVED

When Magistrate Bruce W. Cobb, of
New York City, sent to prison Frank
M. Gould, a son of Edwin Gould, for
open and wilful violation of the laws
against automobile speeding, he per-
formed a public service, though it did
involve the humiliating experience of
fingerprinting the young millionaire.

For once the court gave a demon-
stration of the fact that the law is
not always a respecter of large for-
tunes.

The only satisfaction that can come
to young Gould is that he has upheld
the family tradition of keeping his
name before the public.

The first notable episode came in
his distinguished grandfather, Jay
Gould, who was compelled to hide
himself in the old Grand Opera House
to avoid an infuriated mob gathered
outside in dangerous objection to cer-
tain financial operations.

George Gould, the son, began his
publicity with the Zola Nicolaus dis-
closures, and has brought it up to
date by his latest matrimonial sen-
sation.

The exploits of Anna Gould, with
her funny little Count Castellano, are
of too recent a date to need discus-
sion.

Now, accordingly, the third genera-
tion, jealous of the propensity for pub-
licity, intends to keep the Gould
name to the fore.

The incident of sending a Gould to
prison is not worthy of notice
save the fact that persons who by
wealth or position are so eminently
respected are a greater duty to ac-
cept than the smaller fry, and are
expected to set something of an ex-
ample at least as far as standing the
law is concerned.

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Husband—"What, your ankles?"
Wife—"Of course not, silly. My
ears."
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about?"
"She just laid an egg."
"What's she running for?"
"She's trying to beat it."


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