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NEEDLESS SURRENDER

The concluding sentences in his free tolls message make it practically certain that the president seeks repeal of free tolls as a means of holding Great Britain and other nations in line for his Mexican policy.

President Wilson's policy south of the Rio Grande is too exalted, too high minded, too just, too honorable, too sane and too loyal to the principles of peace to require surrender of anything at home in exchange for assistance from abroad.

His attitude toward Mexico is one of peace, patience, peace and patriotism. It is a strong policy because it is a wise policy.

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President Wilson should not mistake the noisy yells of jingoes, jobbers, contractors, adventurers, grafters and demagogues in their clamors for war, as the voice of the people.

Woodrow Wilson's Mexican policy is far above and beyond the range of these moie squeaks of the cash register brigade.

In 1914 there is a similar number of persons who are confident that they know better than Woodrow Wilson about what to do in Mexico. There is nothing easier in government than shedding somebody else's blood.

ECONOMIC KANSAS

KANSAS believes it comes nearer being an ideal state from the economic standpoint than any other commonwealth in the country.

been a leader in many things. It has conquered the soil, and in so doing has defeated poverty and distress. This has been accomplished through agriculture.

A state approaches the economic ideal when its people grow rich together. Kansas had an inheritance tax law for four years. During the period the law was in force the estates of 68,000 descendants came under its operation.

It finds that only three tenths of one per cent of those who died left estates in excess of \$50,000. Only 5 1/2 per cent had property worth more than \$25,000 and less than \$50,000.

Under the law all estates of \$5000 or over were taxed, and there were only 7483 estates that were subject to the tax.

Kansas is no longer entitled to sympathy, and neither does she want it. A state which makes it possible for all to share in the general prosperity has ample warrant for boasting.

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Judge Ben Lindsey said that "the cigarette not only has a grip upon boyhood, but it invites all the other demons of habit to come and add to the degradation."

Russia's big problem is internal rather than external. The czar's recent manifesto concerning the drink evil came after a tour of the empire during which Russia's sovereign witnessed scenes of material squalor and moral degradation which mean the end of the empire unless a remedy is applied.

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and when the military authorities asked to have the dramsshops closed their request was denied. Russia faces a gigantic problem. It is the czar strong enough to prevail against influences which have debauched an entire people to promote the interests of a few?

Money getting apparently atrophies the higher sentiments and dulls the nobler impulses. A constant stream of gold from New York pours into the lap of Waldorf Astor who long ago renounced American citizenship to become a British subject.

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yields for five-year periods 25 years apart. What Germans have done with a naturally poor soil is shown by per acre crop yields for the year 1912.

German manufacturing industries increased their output three fold in 25 years. Railway mileage increased 60.7 per cent, the movement of freight multiplied nearly four times, and passenger traffic grew in even greater proportion.

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REAL GREATNESS

By Dr. Frank Crane.

(Copyright, 1914, by Frank Crane.) Jacob H. Schiff, at the annual meeting of the Hebrew Free Loan society of New York, said the other day, when he was introduced as a "great man."

For you can distinguish a great man from a small man in this, that when riches, or honor, or prominence come to him, he does not become proud and sobered by his sense of duty, and by his consciousness of how little after all he had to do with it.

Socrates had his "daemon" which whispered to him suggestions, and every other great man has had that peculiar feeling of being played upon by some force or spirit not of himself.

While the return was not complete for some of the denominations for 1913, tremendous progress was made during the year both in Protestant and Catholic churches recently in the way of providing more reliable statistics, both as relating to church membership and church finances.

Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication should be written on one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the return address, if the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

Discussion is the greatest of all reforming agencies. It is the only one that does not crush them out of existence and sets up its conclusions in their stead.

Manufacturer Asks Questions. Portland, March 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—There is much said and done by really progressive citizens to bring to and build factories in Portland.

Notice that he stands ready and willing to build and erect the latest type of fireproof school buildings for a sum not to exceed \$4200 per school room for the construction of District 1, Multnomah county, Portland, Ore.

A Rural Credit Problem. Rosevelt, Wash., March 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—A is an ordinary, average farming community anywhere in the United States.

Right of Registration. Portland, March 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—I will be 21 years of age May 5, this year.

The Cost Per School Room. Portland, March 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—Three years ago the civic council of the city of Portland passed an ordinance to allow it to construct a school building that contractors offered to build for \$4500 per room.

Meanwhile vice is being attacked at its source. Men—even respectable property owners—who profit from it are being singled out. It may not be long before the man who owns the property in which women sell their souls will be classed with the procurers.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont called Senator Ashurst a "traitor" for demanding immediate vote on suffrage. Her language smacks of English suffrage militancy.

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The total increase in the number of persons actually enrolled as members of Christian churches within the United States in the year 1913 was 618,000, or 1.8 per cent. Some of the quite small bodies lost in membership. If there be considered only the active bodies that increase last year was 655,000, or only a fraction under 2 per cent.

The Methodists are reported to have sustained the largest increase, the number being 250,000. The Methodist North alone increased 122,000, its largest growth in some years. The next largest increase was made by the Roman Catholics, the total being 121,500. The Baptist increase was 64,600, that of the Presbyterian church 46,500, of the Lutheran church 36,100, of the Disciples 21,800 and the Episcopal 16,500.

The figures are compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll, who was in charge of the government census of churches in 1910. He explains that he was unable to secure statistics for Christian Science churches for 1913, and so he gives those for 1912 as 85,096. Whatever growth was sustained would swell the figures representing the growth of church membership for the year.

Dr. Carroll estimates the Jews in the country at 2,000,000, of which New York contains about 900,000, making that city the greatest Jewish center in the world. He gives the Mormon church membership of 286,000.

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NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

A partial eclipse of the moon is to take place Wednesday night, and under favorable weather conditions will be visible throughout practically the whole of the United States and Canada.

On Thursday the Jews of America, in common with their brethren throughout the world, will begin their annual celebration of the Feast of Purim, one of the most important festival days on the Jewish calendar.

A mortgage to secure bonds having a possible maximum of \$600,000,000 is expected to be authorized by the stockholders of the Pennsylvania railroad when they hold their annual meeting in Philadelphia Tuesday.

Rear Admiral Charles E. Vreeland, member of the general board, and one of the best known officers of the United States navy, will be placed on the retired list Tuesday on account of age.

Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the German Emperor, is to sail from Hamburg Tuesday for a tour of Argentina and other countries of South America. Prince Henry's trip has been widely commented upon, owing to the report that the object of his mission is to impress the South American countries with the political and commercial importance of Germany, and to offset the increasing influence of the United States in the southern continent.

Among the gatherings of the week that will attract more or less public attention will be the executive board meeting of the National Equal Suffrage association in Birmingham, Ala.; the annual convention of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas in Fort Worth, and the annual meeting of the American Bottling Congress in Buffalo.

The Ragtime Muse

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