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THE UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD

Editor Statesman:

In the midst of this holocaust of war that we are now passing through, how many of us have stopped, even for a moment, to try to find out the cause or the object?

It seems to me that in such matters we should go back to fundamentals.

There must be a great Infinite Intelligence, or else this is a world of chance.

It simply begs the question to say we are ruled by a system of laws—for laws are inanimate and incapable of coming into being of themselves—therefore back of and behind laws must still be this creative Intelligence.

What, then, can be the object of an Infinite Intelligence in bringing or allowing to be brought such a calamity upon the world?

As the matter now stands, a superficial observer could come to only one conclusion, and that is that civilization and Christianity are colossal failures.

The pagan world must look on with amazement at the spectacle of practically the whole Christian world using every device conceivable to simply murder each other.

Can a supreme Intelligence permit this and have no definite object in view?

Let us hark back over the history of the world.

We find that no great movement ever took place, recorded either in profane or sacred history, but was accomplished by sacrifice, the flow of blood and the suffering of the innocent.

Why this is so, is an idea that has always troubled me, and I have never been able to reconcile it with my own ideas of the attributes of God; but it certainly has been a fact from the foundation of the world.

The Old Testament from start to finish is a history of blood. Our first parents, immediately after the expulsion from Eden, degenerated the altar with blood. The Israelites simply massacred nation after nation, men, women and children, and so on down through the ages even to the culmination when the Master Himself was nailed to the cross and his side pierced by a Roman soldier.

Our own country was brought forth amidst the travail of sacrifice and blood, and rechristened in the great civil war with the blood of its innocent sons.

In considering all these things, we can simply say, "As the heavens are above the earth so are Thy ways above my ways." It were presumptuous in us, limited and atomistic as we are, to criticize Infinity.

What, then, can be the object and aim of this war?

To my mind there can be but one answer, and that is, to sweep away all barriers, such as national pride, race hatred, national egotism, ignorance of each other, and force home to us and compel us to recognize as a fact that we are all, all, the children of one Father, with like desires, like passions, like loves, like everything, and all entitled to an equal place in God's world. In other words, to bring to pass as a practical fact what heretofore has simply been a word of mouth, viz. The "BROTHERHOOD OF MANKIND," a "UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD."

Previous to this war, the people of the nations of the world were virtually strangers. What did the average American then know concerning the inhabitants of the Balkan States, or they of us? What did we really know of the people of Belgium or they of us? How is it now? Wherever the sun shines, we, the people of the United States, are known and respected, and, outside of a small group of egotists and military fanatics, are loved with a living, burning love. Why? Because we are simply showing in this war that we actually, practically "love our fellow man," and are willing to lay down our lives for him: "Greater love hath no man than this." The people of the earth now know each other, and have had the thought forced home to them, that, as stated, we are all brothers and as such entitled to all things precisely alike.

The great thought that I am trying to bring out is this: The world is now composed of groups of peoples—the rulers from now henceforth will count but little—all having practically the same aim, the same desire—"peace on earth, good will towards men."

This being the case, does it not logically follow that all should be united in one common, fundamental body in which each will form a distinctive part and unit, and have a definite, practical interest and pride and love and patriotism?

A "league to enforce peace," it occurs to me, leaves things too much in status quo; leaves each nation or people too much isolated and subject to again encourage the idea of National Expansion, National Pride, in contradistinction to a pride in the world as a whole, an interest that reaches out and enfolds mankind.

The idea of a UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD need startle no one; it is today, with our means of disseminating news, and our means of transportation, a far simpler problem than that which faced the colonies a little over one hundred years ago. Our colonies were by no means united. They were enemies and jealous of each other. Each had its own customs and ways, and had little or no sympathy for the others. If you had then told any of them that in a little over one hundred years, they would have developed into forty-eight mammoth prosperous states, living in peace and sympathy and harmony, they would have mocked you.

By a "UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD" I do not mean that at once we should have a President of Emperor of the world; I mean that we should form a United States, on broad, liberal lines, with a world congress, a world's constitution, a code of liberal yet well defined laws, organize and maintain a world's police force, both on land and sea, and a World's Supreme Court.

All this, on a broad basis, subject to development. Each nation, of course, to conduct its own internal affairs, a scheme similar to our own government, only, of course, adapted to world conditions. You can readily see that this would lay no burden upon the peoples of the earth, neither would it curtail any nation in any respect, save and except every nation would be bound and forced to respect the integrity, rights and privileges of every other nation and people. It would bring protection to the weak as well as the strong, and, little by little, interest and sympathy and a feeling of proprietorship in the whole. The universal brotherhood of mankind would follow.

Armaments would be unnecessary, except for police purposes, each nation, of course, furnishing its own, and the Federal or World's government its own, coming proportionately from the different peoples. All matters, such as education, politics, national interests, com-

merce, etc., would by association and a general interest gradually advance and tend to merge for the good of all. While this seems to be a great problem and a few years ago might have seemed visionary, today it is not. History is being now made by leaps and bounds, and at present this whole matter is simply one of common sense and judgment, and absolutely and wholly practicable—for, as stated, the different peoples of the earth now stand ready to welcome it, and God's hour is now striking high twelve.

Another reason why this idea should be advanced and published, by the Allies particularly, is this: The great masses of the people of Germany and Austria are firmly of the opinion that they are fighting wholly in self defense, and in defense of their national integrity. No matter what Lloyd George or President Wilson may have said, that idea possesses them. If this idea of a UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD were brought home to them now, all doubts as to their future would be removed—and the people of Germany and Austria would simply compel the military class to make peace on that basis. We must look at matters philosophically. It is human nature to "bear the evils that we have, rather than fly to those we know not of." But if the future were assured to these people as indicated, it would be worth 100 divisions of troops in France to the Allies, for all the peoples of the earth are now tired of war, and if the plan suggested were brought home to them, there would be no cause, no need to fight further. Of course certain conditions would have to be complied with before a nation could enter into the "UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD," but enough could and would immediately comply to make the start and insure success.

In an article like this, one cannot go into details. My letter is already too long and rambling; but I only wish this thought could be disseminated throughout the world. It would soon bring peace, universal and permanent, founded on righteousness, and would save the lives of thousands of innocent, glorious young men on both sides of the war.

The scheme I have attempted to outline is bound to come in time. It is simply evolution, and will eventuate in one nation one people and one God, throughout the world.

It is for us simply to say, will we now accept conditions as now existing and formulated by a Divine Hand, or shall we continue to wander another forty years or longer in the wilderness, of our own selfishness, our own conceit and our own supposedly self interest? Twin Oaks, Salem, Ore., Feb. 22, 1918. J. R. CHAPMAN.

Almost anybody can tell the administration how to run the war. It is the easiest thing in the world.

The soldier boys in the camps doing kitchen duty will welcome the dehydrated potatoes from Salem. They will not have to be peeled.

Hindenburg may have given up his plans for his great offensive, in favor of plans for a great defensive, which is sure to come.

"Knitter's face" is the latest fashionable ailment. A cynical paragrapher asks "Wonder if it is not an improvement in some instances?"

Wonder if those Los Ange's war dogs have yet reached the American sector in the Champagne district?—Los Angeles Times.

The wife of Secretary Baker is singing in the army camps. That ought to assist in reinstating the Baker family in the good will of the nation.—Los Angeles Times.

We cannot understand the kind of a patriot who, having all the mashed potatoes and gravy he wants, complains about wheatless days.—San Antonio Light.

Working in Washington for the government at a dollar a year, which he probably doesn't collect, sits a young, energetic man named Thomas A. Edison, 71 years old today.—Washington Times, Feb. 11.

Senator McCumber thinks an army of 7,000,000 men ought to be sent from the United States to the big war. And in proportion to population this is only about half as many as Great Britain has furnished, and the proportion for France is much higher. Judging by these figures we have just begun to fight.

The recent report that Gen. Jan Christman Smutz was likely to succeed David Lloyd George as Premier of England was an argument that the stone rejected by the builders may become the head of the corner. Remember Smutz and the Boer rebellion and the Dr. Jameson raid? But a little while ago there was a price on his head. However, General Smutz will hardly succeed David Lloyd George. Nobody will. But General Smutz is one of the greatest British commanders in this war.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Warmer rain.
Von Hertling is improving.
He talks more plainly than heretofore.
In fact, he says some things that sound like an approach to a peace conference.
And he leaves an opening for further exchanges by the representatives of the warring nations.
The Bolsheviks are having peace.

FUTURE DATES
February 27, Wednesday—Lecture on Russia by Dr. John O. Hall, at public library.
March 1, 2 and 3—Marion county Sunday school Association Convention at Woodburn.
March 3, Sunday—Louis Albert Banks to conduct prohibition ratification mass meeting at First Methodist church.
March 15, Friday—Military tournament by Company A, high school cadets, at army.
March 17, 18 and 19—Laymen's Missionary convention, Salem.
March 29, Friday—Oregon Hopgrowers association meets for dissolution.
March 30, Saturday—Freshman glee at Willamette university.
May dates not set—State Grange convention, Salem.
May 17, Friday—Primary nominating election.

shoved down their throats, and at the same time they are being shoved off the face of the earth. They have surely made a mess of what was already a sad state of affairs in Russia.

Things are in a bad way at Petrograd, for the representatives of the different governments. They will probably have to get out of Russia, by way of Siberia, for as long as there is left a vestige of Bolshevik rule, or want of rule, in that distressed country, there will be anarchy in Russia. Things will have to grow much worse in Russia before they grow better. And that is saying a good deal.

British casualties last week were the smallest in many months. Which may mean that our cousins to the west are losing their coming big drive, when it comes.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elisabeth Nichols

Among the recent pretty parties was the colonial tea given by the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Y. W. C. A. rooms. Pussy willows and greenery decorated the rooms, and gave a background for a display picture of George Washington and a hand made flag. Red, white and blue was the color scheme on the refreshment table. Among those presiding were Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mrs. J. E. Heltzel, Mrs. Seymour Jones and Mrs. S. C. Dyer.

Garbed in colonial costumes, a group of young girls gave a program. "Paul Revere's Ride" was read by Miss Bernice Mulvey; a violin solo was given by Miss Elizabeth Levy; vocal solos by Miss Louise Benson and instrumental solos by Miss Evelyn De Long, Mrs. J. W. Woodruff and Mrs. C. O. Wilson poured with Mrs. Mary Edna Geiger, Miss Odell Savage and Miss Inez Goltra assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. Anabel Bush have returned from an extensive tour of the east and south which extended over a period of six weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Woodruff has returned to her home at Keizer Bottom after passing a few days in Salem, where she came to attend the D. A. R. colonial party.

As a participant in a fiftieth anniversary of the Elks lodge, the following compliment to Mrs. W. Carlton Smith appeared in a recent Bellingham, Wash., newspaper:

"As the feature of the evening, Mrs. W. Carlton Smith of Salep, Or., wife of one of Oregon's most famous Elks, rendered a solo, responding graciously to the demands of the crowd with three encores. Mrs. Smith at the present time is residing in Tacoma, while her husband, who is a captain in the army medical corps, is stationed at Camp Lewis. She made the trip to Bellingham especially to sing in the big jubilee given by the Bellingham and Anacortes lodges.

Lieutenant Robert E. Davey has returned to American Lake after passing several days in Salem with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winstanley of Portland, passed the week-end at the W. T. Jenks home visiting with Mr. Winstanley's mother, Mrs. James Winstanley, who is also the mother of Mrs. W. T. Jenks. Mr. Winstanley left last night for San Francisco preparatory to sailing March 5 for the Hawaiian island on business.

The Red Cross auxiliary of the Order of Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic Temple club rooms today from 10 until 4 o'clock. The members are asked to bring old muslin and linen.

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societies of Willamette university were held Saturday evening in the reception room at Waller hall. The room was decorated in palms and daffodils which lent a spring setting. During the evening an enjoyable program was given as follows: An instrumental solo, Miss Evelyn De Long; vocal selection by Miss Lela Bell McCaddam; Welcome by Mr. Green; response, Mrs. James Hertz and Professor J. T. Matthews; solo, Archie Smith; reading, Miss Margaret Garrison; solo, Miss Louise Benson. One of the most interesting features on the program was the presentation of the service flag to the societies. Twenty stars in shape of a Phi were added to the piece of shimmering satin. A duet followed by Miss Helen Goltra and Mr. Simpson, J. O. Goltra, who was one of the thirty-five members, gave a response, which was followed by a number of alumni, six of whom were members of the graduating class of 1883.

present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Goltra, Mrs. Brown of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Legg, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mulligan, Dr. Epley and Dr. B. L. Steeves. The members of the societies present were: Mr. J. T. Matthews, Mrs. Ida Keyes, Gladys Nichols, Anna Packingham, Lucile Jaskoski, Glenn Peters, Mary Putnam, Clara Perkins, Alma Tidwell, Ruth Lawson, Olive Mark, Mrs. Kate Goltra, Sylvia Jones, Areta Jones, Hetta Fields, Edith Bagley, Inez Flemming, Mrs. Morgan, Inez Goltra, Ethel Hendrick, Helen Goltra, Lenna McCaddam, Louise Benson, Bernice Fisch, Eva Pariett, Ina Morrie, Elizabeth Levy, Mrs. W. H. Burghardt, Laura Alenz, Mable Robertson, E. Belle Riterick, Mrs. Clara Heitzel, Margaret Garrison, Mrs. Marvin Brown of Portland, Mrs. H. C. Epley, Mrs. Roberta Holloway, Ruth Green, Mrs. Peck, Margaret Graham, Mrs. Wal-

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