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### LODGE-FIRES.

In this humble smoke-brown tepee,  
Apart in a hidden depression of prairie,  
Here, as of old, is the pipe,  
(Legends of mystery-power and war)  
And the ceremonial block for tobacco,  
The sacred sweet-grass and charcoal,  
The mysterious medicine-bundle with fringes depending,  
The robes and the blankets and beadwork,  
The gun and the rawhide and saddle,  
And (silent witness) a moccasim-print in the ashes,  
Lying here, gazing up where the lodge-poles cross  
Against the bright inscrutable sky,  
I follow the smoke of this lone lodge-fire rising,  
A pale blue visible sigh,  
A vague passing spirit exhaling—  
(O ancient lodge-fire, where are your many brothers?  
O ancient pipe, where are the smokes of council?)  
The dim and wandering ghost of wilderness tribes  
Exhaling into the blue and formless ether.  
—Maynard Dixon in September Sunset.

### CIVILIZATION'S HOPE

Is civilization due for a crash or are the world's peoples evolving into a new state, neither savage, barbaric or civilized? The evidences of civilization as known to the present generation are rapidly vanishing in almost every part of the globe. What is to be the next development is interesting matter for conjecture.

Greed is becoming one of the ruling passions of the world's populace. It appears in nations, reaching out for lands to exploit commercially. These exploitations often take on the form of conquest, if not by actual warfare by means almost as deadly. Greed is also a personal or group characteristic growing upon people. The profiteer is an example of this. A few persons would hold the destinies of their nation or the world in the palm of their hands.

Distrust and suspicion, envy and aspiration are growing. Nations are binding together by pacts and secret treaties and peoples crying for self determination are threatening civil war to obtain their freedom. The heritage of the recent war is a struggle of commercialism and a wave of unrest never before surpassed.

Crimes of every variety are on the increase. Politics is being blamed for the failure of remedial measures in many ways being taken. The future of the whole world looks dubious.

The United States is still the most enlightened of nations. It was looked to by the defensive nations as a deliverer from the Hun curse and it delivered. It is now looked to as a keeper of the peace as a part of the League of Nations. While the United States allows the ultimate peace to be juggled at the finger tips of a few wilful men, the bright hopes for the world's future remain veiled.

Civilization is in a defensive fight for its life and the United States senate can be its right arm if it will. The League of Nations covenant is the hope of the world and that hope rests with the senate.

### A GREAT INDUSTRY

Two million passenger autos, 400,000 trucks and about an equal number of motorcycles represents the total output predicted for the motor industry in the United States for this year. Twenty years ago the automo-

ble industry was less developed than is that of commercial airplanes today.

One car is being produced for every 50 of this country's population, according to the figures. Umatilla county has one car for every seven of its population, or seven times the average of production this year. It will probably not be long before airplanes are just as plentiful.

In spite of the great production of motor vehicles this year, the country is 100,000 autos short of the demand today. It is no wonder that in 20 years the industry has grown to be the country's third greatest.

### EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS

In view of the agitation over the high prices for food it is interesting to note that in the month of June, according to the figures of the Department of Commerce, 40 per cent of the total exports for June, amounting to \$898,000,000, was food. Sixteen million bushels of wheat and 3,500,000 barrels of wheat flour were exported during the month, besides 17,000,000 bushels of rye, 6,000,000 bushels of barley and other grains and grain products valued at \$17,000,000. More than \$174,000,000 worth of meats and dairy products were exported, the principal items being 270,000,000 pounds of bacon and ham, 117,000,000 pounds of lard and 145,000,000 pounds of condensed milk.

In addition to these were raw materials of various kinds, all food products. It is useless to boast of a large increase in foreign trade as a sign of prosperity when our own people cannot buy and consume sufficient to keep them from want.

### AMERICA'S DUTY?

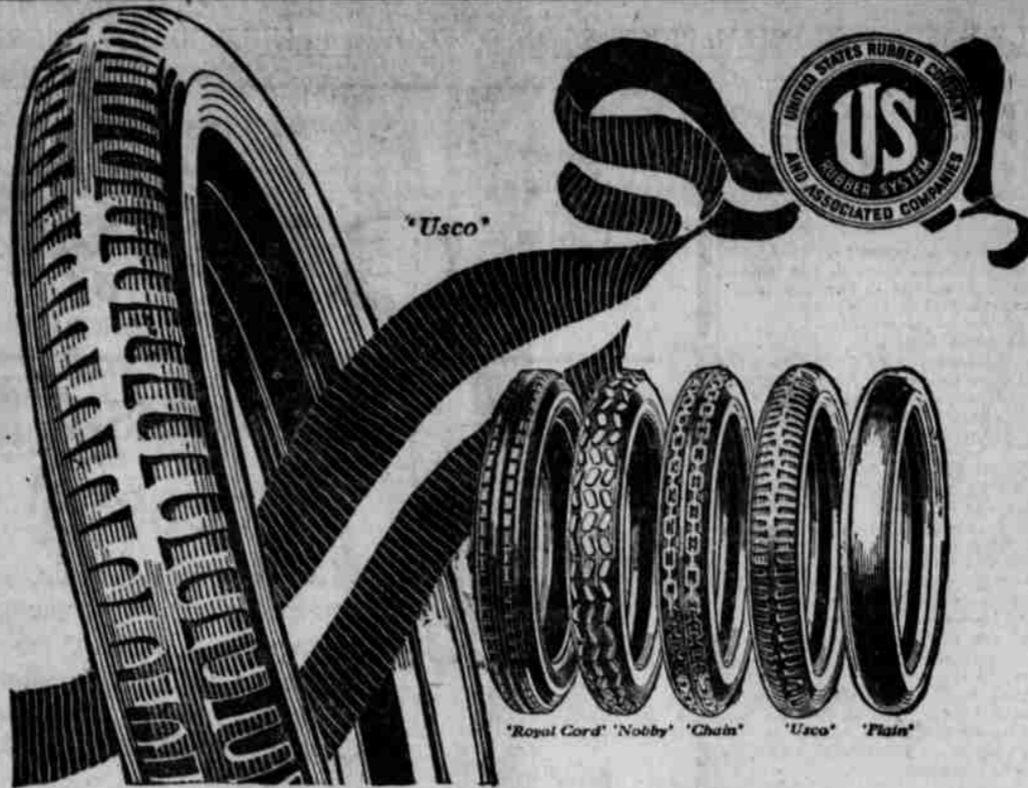
Can and will the treaty, if ratified, bind the United States to interfere constantly in European affairs with its army, navy and money? Hardly, unless public opinion approves of intervention. The treaty undertakes to separate millions of people from their nationals and place them under the jurisdiction of new states of different racial strains. The treaty multiplies the number of potential Alsace-Lorraines by ten. If these forcibly created racial minorities have their rights properly safeguarded, if they are treated as equals before the law, if they are given linguistic and religious freedom, the wound will heal in time and the different races will get along as well together as the French, German and Italian elements of Switzerland.

But if the dominant race tries by force to denationalize the minority, as the Germans did in Alsace-Lorraine and Poland, as the Serbs are doing right now in Montenegro and Croatia, then new conflicts are inevitable. — September Sunset.

### BISMARCK'S WINE THIRST.

Man of Blood and Iron Drank 5000 Bottles of Champagne.

In his choice of drinks Bismarck displayed a somewhat unpatriotic spirit. Talking to Mr. John Booth in 1879, Bismarck confessed that when stationed at St. Petersburg, he used to drink two bottles of champagne a day. He estimated that altogether he had drunk 5000 bottles of champagne and smoked 100,000 cigars. On another occasion Bismarck declared that beer "makes men stupid, lazy and useless. It is responsible for the democratic nonsense spouted over the tavern tables. A good rye whiskey is very much better."



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