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Monmouth Meditations

There seems to be more or less doubt over what sort of booze prohibition was meant to prohibit.

This is fine growing weather and among the other growths the pile in the hay barn is swelling in proportions fast. With green hay worth better than \$20 per ton there should not be a great deal of the crop go to waste because it does not pay to harvest it.

Again we are reminded that while it is a fine thing to hold an up to date Fourth of July celebration, it takes a great of self sacrificing work on the part of some one and costs considerable money.

We fail to awaken any great enthusiasm for the bruising match to be held in Toledo July 4th. If either of these ring worthies had a war record the case might have been different. We suspect that prize fighting is honored most when the title is possessed by a colored man.

It is said that if the allied powers get hold of Wilhelm they do not contemplate doing any thing worse with him than exiling him to a lonely island. Altogether too much distinction for him. He should be put in an ordinary penitentiary along with the rest of the criminals.

Von Bethmann Hollweg in his grandiloquent offer to be sponsor for the sins of the German military party and accept trial instead of the kaiser, has been greeted right and left with shouts of derision. Hard times when a man's reputation reaches the place when his veracity is questioned on even so infinitesimal a point as the one in question.

We are in receipt this week of a copy of the constitution of the American Legion which is proposed to be the G. A. R. of the past great war. Items that bristle in the preamble are: to foster and perpetuate a hundred per cent Americanism, to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses, and to make right the master of might. All of which is commendable and fine. More power to them.

While doubtless Mr. Burton did not consider his lecture on Mark Twain as anything in line with a sermon, yet there were inferences to be drawn a dozen times as effectively as may be done in the average sermon. Twain, he said, had no belief in immortality. In graphic words he also told how Twain sank in the mournful evening of his life when with two of the three daughters dead, followed by his wife, he who had found his whole pleasure in domestic scenes, and whose life had been one long triumph, died hopeless, lonely and disappointed.

There was a great deal of meat in the little talk which Miss Smith made at the Christian church Children's Day program about conditions among the Chinese and the thought arises "Why not use the Chinese as an antidote for the Japanese?" Just at present the Japs are the largest menace we have to future peace but if the Chinese question is diplomatically handled by American statesmen it can be developed so as

to become a check on the restless Jap. Then the enmity which arises out of the peace treaty and which was of such a nature that the Chinese representatives refused to sign, may do the people of the Sunrise kingdom more harm than good.

The news of the actual signing of peace treaty in Paris this week created scarcely a ripple among the events of the day. It had been an assured fact for some time and the actual realization does not have the necessary thrill that the unexpected brings. Nevertheless the agreement on peace is a big event and marks a distinct line in our political, business and social life. In business it will have the effect of stabilizing matters; There will be a great deal less of uncertainty. The law of supply and demand will once more come into prominence. The man who calculates on future conditions will now have the long recognized landmarks and data to pattern after. In politics, also, there will be a change from war conditions. The German vote will once more come in for consideration. As we run from one extreme to the other it will soon be the habit to cultivate the German as it has during the war been the custom to berate him. Already, one may detect the symptoms of this peculiar trait of human nature. We are growing quite critical over the character and viewpoint of the allied powers. The Belgian is coming in for frequent castigations; lifting of censorship reveals the strife with which we have and do mingle with the French. The anti British propaganda is also developing momentum at present. Our Irish politicians are fanning distrust. The course of English rule in India and Egypt is not a whit different this year than it was last year, only now the pendulum swings to the other side and the complaints of the turbulent, who are and we expect always will be, are seen by more appreciative eyes. There is nothing new in this. It is a repetition of past experiences. Since slavery was abolished it has been discovered that the brutal slave driver was inevitably a man of northern origin who was exclusively mercenary. Napoleon was all that was odious until he was conquered. Then he immediately became the subject of hero worshipers.

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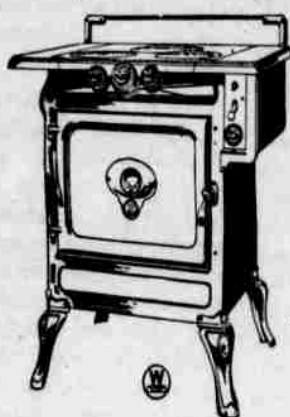
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