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A Notable Thanksgiving

A week from now will be the national day of thanksgiving, which this year should be made a most notable one, for seldom have we had such cause for thankfulness. It is not necessary to enumerate the many blessings which we have received during the past year but only those which stand out preeminently and are exceptional.

The first thought which comes into our minds, will be the ending of the great war, in which our forces have played a remarkable part. Of all the nations which were engaged, we have especial reason for gratitude in that our death toll and casualty lists have been so slight in comparison with those of our allies. While there will be vacant chairs in many families which never will be filled again, and while many will return maimed and crippled, yet the total only reaches to the hundred thousand and not to millions as is the case with France, Great Britain and Italy. For this our heartiest thanksgivings should be offered up.

Again we must give thanks that we have been signally honored in thus having a share, in obtaining for humanity the great boon of liberty and the establishment of the rights of small nations as against the overbearingness of the strong and arrogant. Henceforth the right of a small nation to exist and develop itself unhindered, will remain not only unquestioned but supported by the more powerful.

Then we should give thanks that as a nation, we did not flinch nor shirk, when once the issue became clear. We were not disobedient to the heavenly vision which showed to us the path of duty.

We should give thanks also that our men, when sent forth, were accompanied by every precaution and safeguard for their welfare physically, morally and spiritually. The home influences as far as was humanly possible, were continued to be thrown around them, so that we look forward to them returning physically and morally sound. And not the least do we

give thanks that when the time came for action they quit themselves like valiant men and were strong, so that they won the respect and admiration of both friend and foe.

Yes, we have profound reasons for making this coming day a notable one, which shall be so impressed on the children that they will never forget it. They may not understand its full significance at present, but this will unfold itself as the years go by. In later life they will rehearse it to their children, their children's children and be filled with laudable pride that they were able to personally recall one of the most glorious pages in their country's history.

And in order to do this aright, we should be careful to make it first a holy day before being a holiday. Thanksgiving must begin in the House of God.

Our Task But Half Accomplished

If we went into the war to make the world safe for democracy, the converse is also true, which is to make democracy safe for the world. The first part of our task is almost accomplished as autocracy has received its deathblow. But the second part is just beginning.

Democracy is being born in lands which knew it not, and there is extreme danger that during the transitional period, democracy may die in birth. In physical parturition, care has to be exercised lest puerperal fever ensue which is generally fatal. So in social evolution something of the sort is imminent. This is being manifested at the present moment in Germany, Austria and Russia. The downtrodden masses having thrown off the yoke, are being intoxicated with their newly obtained emancipation so that a fever of rioting is running wild. This if not immediately checked will prove disastrous to the cause of democracy.

Liberty, equality and fraternity which are the slogans of democracy, do not mean license, disorder, and the abolition of individual rights. Liberty, equality and fraternity can only exist and be maintained under law and order. Liberty implies the freedom to enjoy one's just rights without hindrance; equality does not imply equality in degree of ability and responsibility, while fraternity necessitates the strict regard of individual rights and recognizing the distinction between mine and thine.

Our task is but half finished. It will be our part now as the most notable exponent and example of democracy, to educate those peoples who are losing their heads, in keeping cool and learning self restraint. Otherwise the remedy may prove worse than the original disease by degenerating into mobocracy, which is but autoeracy of the worst kind.



Thanksgiving Day our Store Will be Closed all Day!

Thanksgiving Services will be held in the school house.

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