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May He Follow it

The words of Holy Writ upon which President Harding placed his lips as he took the oath of office, were from the 8th verse of the 6th chapter of the prophet Micah. These read: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

If President Harding acts on this admonition, he won't go far wrong. For a man who consistently does this, will be guided aright. He may not have learning or statesmanship, but he will be granted a wisdom of understanding when great crises arise. One of the best examples is furnished by Lincoln who did justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with his God. No one will deny that he exhibited in those perilous times, a wisdom which was due neither to scholarship nor statesmanship of the diplomats. It was of a higher order and evidently inspired.

The inaugural address of President Harding, has met with universal approbation. The principles enunciated are sound, and there was nothing in it to which any objection could be taken by any reasonable person. If he follows along the lines he has indicated, his administration will prove conservative, practical and beneficial.

Irrespective of party there will be universal regret at the passing of Champ Clark, former speaker of the house of representatives in congress. His death is not only a loss to his party but to the nation as well.

Down around Panama they started a few fireworks, but Secretary of State Hughes put a damper on further proceedings.

Don't forget the Chicken Dinners at the Estacada Hotel on Sundays. 3-10tf

The Rhine Occupation

The occupation of the Rhine territory by the allied troops in order to enforce payment of the reparations indemnity, by Germany, is what the latter might have expected. For nearly two years she has been jockeying and bluffing, until at last the allies have lost patience. Now perhaps Germany will understand that the bills must be paid, especially as the American troops will not be withdrawn. If Germany will accept the situation and show a willingness to pay for the damage she has done, it is probable that more lenient terms will be granted. Her economic ruin would not benefit anyone but the reverse. If Germany would follow the advice of Count Bernstorff the former ambassador to the U. S., and cultivate friendly relationships with France, it would ease the situation considerably. Great Britain has no desire to crash Germany, but she must stand by France, who viewing her ruined cities and desolated villages and fields, and sensing another future conflict with her former foe, naturally wants to take no chances. If this danger was eliminated, nothing would serve better the cause of peace, not only in Europe, but in the world.

The correct estimate of the former President's policies will not be ascertained until about 25 years have passed. I may prove in some particulars, the League of Nations, for instance, he was ahead of his times. National geographical lines are fast disappearing in world affairs, and no nation can stand for long alone. The world has entered a new era of development, in which the old order must yield place to the new. This is not of man's design or volition but of God, who "fulfills Himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

In a letter enclosing check for renewal to the NEWS, F. N. Cadenau writes from Terrebonne, Oregon, "We could not get along without it in this country, for we get all the news from Estacada and surrounding country." For which commendation the editor begs to express his thankful appreciation to Mr. Cadenau.

The physical condition of former President Wilson, is such that even his most bitter political enemy should feel some sympathy for him. He may well count himself one of the war victims.

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