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THE NATION OF MANY TALENTS

It is estimated that 10,000,000 people perished in Europe as a direct effect of the war. Other millions have died since the armistice was signed, from its indirect effects. Now former Ambassador Morgenthau, after a tour of investigation, announces that "nothing on earth except a miracle from heaven can prevent the death by freezing and starvation of from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 people in Europe and the Near East this winter."

He wants to know whether America is "going to stand aside while Europe flounders in agony into dissolution."

There is imminent peril right now of a financial collapse in Europe, which if it comes will be the most disastrous in history. Such a collapse would add unnumbered millions to the war victims, and leave a blight on European life for generations. It would add incalculably to the tides of discontent and radicalism sweeping through the world. It would prostrate business and defer reconstruction and sound prosperity in every country, including our own.

The world is one today, more than ever before, in thought, feeling and work. Europe cannot be ignored. Physical disease, moral disease, political disease, economic disease may come from Europe to America, just as the disease of war came—and will, unless America does something about it.

America saved civilization from Prussianism, but the job did not end there. America must now save civilization country has done much, but it must do more. The United States is not only the Good Samaritan among nations. It is also the man with many talents, from whom much is expected. And holding out a helpful hand to Europe is not mere charity.

Like the man in the parable, if America does not use its talents to advantage, they will be taken away. The whole world is bound up together, and our fortunes, despite our great independent resources and isolated position, are linked with those of parental Europe. If Europe goes down, America goes down, too—not to the same depth, but immeasurably lower than she would with the Old World still standing fast in its civilization and prosperity.

What, then, is the United States to do? First of all, ratify the peace treaty so that the victory can be clinched, and Prussianism can be kept down and there can be a sound basis for peace and reconstruction. Then Europe must have such help, in credit, goods and moral support, as the United States can render, until that prostrated continent gets on its feet again.

Speaking of the heating problem—it is said that there were 20,000,000 words spoken in Congress last session. That record may be broken this winter. But no satisfactory way has yet been devised for piping hot air long distances.

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There's talk of Italy becoming a republic. That's merely getting back to first principles. It was Italy that invented republics.

With a musician ruling Poland and a poet aspiring to rule Italy, art is certainly picking up. Why doesn't some enterprising party nominate a painter or a sculptor for President in this country?

The packers have been busy lately explaining how little money they make. The coal operators carefully refrain from giving figures. Treasury Department reports suggest that they have cleaned up more than the packers.

A magazine writer says the Germans like us now better than they do any other nation. We simply can't keep track of the love those Germans bear us. There's one thing sure (however. When they love us, they want something.

Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By H. & A.

IT'S DONE TODAY

Solomon

They declaim

Had wifekies

On the brain.

He bought tale.

In barrels

And settled

All quarrels

By kissing

Every girl.

He loved his

Neighbor's wife

As his own.

Ah! Brave, brave

Solomon. —A.

THE TWO NUTS

Ans. to Hakshaw Th' Defective

tective.

Said H. to A. one rueful day,

"Why not, why not start a column?

You wind it like an old clock, say

Once a week and let it rolyum.

"The contris gay will furnish hay

To keep the grey mare rambling.

Jokes from Kalkut and Far Bombay

Will blithely come preambuling."

Said A. to H., "Aye, crank the clock

And start the nuts to rol-olng;

We'll spend the boses' time, by hock,

In whooping and in hollering.

"Pee-pul will say, that stuff's a fright

Shameful the way they're carp-

ing-on;

Yet eagerly they'll turn each night,

And har-har while they're har-

harpooning."

If any hum, can crack a joke,

An aged nut, dry and pithy;

Why, let him bring around his croak,

And join the craft of jokemithy.

—A.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

The Weather Goes on Strike—

Thursday morning the snow had ceased falling but the thermometer hadn't until it got down to 10 degrees, which is the lowest temperature we have had in this part of Oregon for many a year, thinks the Hal-sey Enterprise.

It Doesn't Always Change on Friday—

Today the weather has moderated and the stir of business has opened all the streets and many of the county roads. Rural mail will without doubt be delivered Friday, the optimistic Harrisburg Bulletin predicts.

Have Patience—

Pity the newspaper carrier boys, pleads the Corvallis Times. They waded through last night's snow and some of them were as late as ten o'clock in getting through with their routes. That's really a little more than boys can stand, and more than most reasonable people will expect. Today several people have suggested to the Gazette-Times that they would be glad to pass up their paper rather than have the boys try to get them.

We Saw His Tracks—

Our big Maltese cat is lost in the snowstorm, the Jefferson Review announces. If any person knows his whereabouts and will phone us, we'll get him in some way.

His Conscience—

Mr. McNarty, after helping Boss Lodge to kill the peace treaty, is hopeful that the next session will ratify it and thus save his face before his indignant constituents, thinks the Brownsville Times.



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