

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted

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Washington. — In proposing a peace pact for the western hemisphere, President Roosevelt in his speech at Buenos Aires has directed attention to two important positions that the United States has taken in its foreign relations. Whether Mr. Roosevelt so intended or whether it is by the very nature of the circumstance, he nevertheless has set up before the American people the necessity for re-examination of the age-old Monroe doctrine and has brought up for fresh scrutiny the policies of President Woodrow Wilson that were designed to establish eventually world peace by collectivist action.

Wilson Policies Fail

I think that it must be admitted that the Wilson policies for international peace have not worked. Anyone who examines them squarely and frankly must recognize one outstanding inescapable fact: they have proved to be the illusions of an idealist.

They constitute a landmark, however, and in so doing it seems to me they should serve as a guide on what not to do. Candidly, the Wilson policies, beautiful in theory that they were, have been shown to be futile because they did not consider the perfidy nor the chicanery of European statesmen. They were predicated upon a belief that the world leaders were sincere in their desire for peace—and it is sad but true that such is not the case. In other words, the Wilson theories that were built up into a supergovernment to be called the League of Nations overlooked the element of human fallibility.

It requires only a brief review of the history of the League of Nations to reveal the definite conclusion that there is an absolute lack of sincerity on the part of the European statesmen. Each one has been concerned only with gains and advantages accruing to his own nation. His actions have been permeated to the core with selfishness, sometimes aggravated with desires for personal distinction. The league fell down in dealing with Russia's Stalin and Germany's Hitler. It took a mighty flop in the movement to check Italy's Mussolini in Ethiopia. Having flattened out, none of the three above mentioned has any respect for the league authority. When you add to this the absolute dismissal of the league as a world influence as was done by Japan, you have less than nothing left.

Wilsonian Illusions

Mussolini said the other day that in order to straighten out the European tangle it would be necessary to wipe out all of the "Wilsonian illusions." He could have referred only to the Wilsonian slogan upon which we entered the World War, namely, the "war to make the world safe for democracy." Later, it will be remembered, the World War was "the war to end war." Neither of these slogans bore fruit. Each was an illusion, a dream of world peace held by a great man whose only weakness in assuming world leadership was that he trusted other statesmen as he trusted the American people, to arrive at a sound conclusion and stick to it.

I am not prepared to say that the Wilson policies led us in a wrong direction. The fact remains, however, that the war that was to make the world safe for democracy led directly into destruction of democracy and the establishment of fascism and communism in various parts of the world as an important factor in the government of peoples. All of this, of course, was not visible nor predictable at the time the policies were initiated. It is all too plain now, however, and that is why President Roosevelt can very well be governed in his new move with the Pan-Americans. He can proceed upon a Pan-American basis with at least a hope of success because it is quite apparent that the Americas, North and South, can protect themselves if arrangements for prevention of war relate only to the western hemisphere. International affairs will have to be considered, obviously. But among those authorities with whom I have talked about this problem, there seems to be little doubt that if the idea of collectivist action, first enunciated in the Wilson policies—is to avail anything, it must be applied not to the world but to a section of the world.

No Boss Wanted

I noted in the official agenda, the program outline of the Buenos Aires conference, that no reference at all was made to the Monroe doctrine. Apparently, that course had to be followed. The Monroe doctrine is a ticklish matter among

our neighbors to the south. Frankly, they do not like it. Considering all of the factors involved in the Monroe doctrine, there seems no conclusion ahead but eventual abandonment of that pronouncement. When I say that, I do not mean that the principles of the Monroe doctrine need be thrown into the ocean. Yet, the name has been the focal point around which much antagonism has been built up and the romantic Latin blood of South America can hardly be expected ever again to subscribe to the Monroe doctrine by that name.

What, then, is the course? The Monroe doctrine, whether it was ever so intended, has placed the United States in a position where it is made to appear as a boss. No nation of people enjoys being bossed. So, if the Buenos Aires conference is to result in a definite understanding by which the peoples of the western hemisphere are welded together in an effective group, some understanding must be evolved which will replace the ill will engendered by the Monroe doctrine. Possibly, that understanding lies in the direction being followed by President Roosevelt. Apparently, he is willing to subordinate the Monroe doctrine and concede to those other peoples on behalf of the United States the end of our overlordship.

Undoubtedly, it will be a slow process. Present generations throughout the South American nations will be suspicious for a time and will move with caution but there are many who believe in eventual agreement among the western nations on a general policy that will keep us all out of European and Far Eastern entanglements to a greater extent than ever before.

The thing that may break down the apparent Roosevelt plan is the circumstance of drawn swords and cocked rifles in Europe at the moment. It is entirely possible that before concrete action among the North and South American peoples can be accomplished, explosions in Europe may take place. If they do, propaganda agents of the conflicting powers will be abroad in the western hemisphere, to align them with one side or the other in the European controversy. It may well be that this condition will ruin the Roosevelt program before it gets under way but a start has been made and succeeding generations will profit if the peoples of North and South America can come to regard themselves as an individual group that is willing to make sacrifices necessary to cut off European connections when the European statesmen insist on fighting.

There is yet one more thought concerning the South American sessions. There are students of international affairs who already are saying that history has repeated itself and that the United States has lost, as usual, in its diplomatic dealings. They are saying that the revision of the Monroe doctrine and the rebirth of that policy under a new name represents a gift by the United States. It may well be that such has occurred. But among saner minds, I believe the conviction is that the Monroe doctrine already has undergone so many alterations and revisions that a major operation on its structure will clarify the picture. The Monroe doctrine was designed originally, of course, to prevent European nations from gaining a foothold in either of the Americas. That danger is definitely past. Why, then, is it necessary to perpetuate an antiquated policy that has no purpose any longer? Thus, it seems to me that if a revision, even a casting out of the Monroe doctrine can eliminate suspicion of our government's purposes among those peoples inhabiting the same hemisphere, it is not too much to pay.

Birthday Observed

There was a great banquet held at one of the hotels in Washington a few days ago. It is not unusual for great banquets to be held in the capital city but most of them are just banquets. The one to which I refer, however, had a significance that is quite unusual. It commemorated the establishment of the United States patent office and celebrated its one hundredth birthday.

Something like eleven hundred inventors, research scientists, representatives of industry and patent office officials entered the great dining room by candlelight. Then, the toastmaster waved a wand over one of the greatest inventions of modern times and the room was bathed in an electric brilliance the like of which has never been seen. The action typified, told the story of, scientific development in the United States and elsewhere.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Salem—Profits on liquor sales for the first ten months of 1936 equaled \$1,176,111.11.

Woodburn—The city recorder is to be the highest paid official here at \$95 monthly.

Albany—One firm alone shipped 16,512 turkeys to eastern and coast markets for the Thanksgiving trade.

Salem—The state land board sold farms totaling \$359,604 which had been acquired the past year from mortgage foreclosures.

North Bend—Federal funds are not being sought for a new high school to be constructed here at an approximate cost of \$20,000.

Oregon City—Clackamas Bottoms Drainage district's WPA project for draining about 1946 acres has been approved by WPA headquarters.

Gold Beach—Curry county cattlemen are turning toward Montana cattle according to recent reports, having shipped in about 700 head recently.

Canby—Members of the Oregon Turkey Growers association, on the Monday before Thanksgiving, shipped 2730 turkeys to New York by express.

Ontario—One thousand tons of hay, purchased to feed sheep being brought here from Crane, added \$7000 to the income of Mallette farmers.

Albany—Linn county flax growers will receive about \$12,000 for their total 1936 crop. Of this amount, \$1976.16 will be paid by the federal government as a subsidy.

Lebanon—One of the oldest landmarks in Lebanon, the old Santiam academy erected in 1856, is to be torn down. The building has been in constant use until a year ago.

Beaverton—It must be the Oregon climate, says J. W. Woods, route 2, who recently displayed a "sexuplet" radish. It had only one top and one tail, but six distinct bulb formations.

Government Camp—At a point on the slope of Mt. Hood, where ordinarily in November there is a foot or more of snow, flowers were blooming at the close of the mildest November in history.

Gresham—A strange animal with rat and beaver characteristics was recently caught in Johnson creek. The animal checks with Webster's description of a Coypu, a South American animal.

Salem—The average tourist spent \$2.75 per day and remained 12.3 days according to a recent survey by the state highway commission. The annual income was estimated at about \$18,000,000.

Bend—Two policemen making their rounds late one night recently jumped a deer near the center of Bend. The officers gave chase and followed the animal across lots, but failed to overtake it.

Portland—This metropolis starts December with a record of business performance for the first 11 months of 1936 and if, as predicted, December business has the same good form the year will close as the greatest industrially and commercially since 1929.

PAGE DIOGENES!
Hood River—Sulo Annala, Hood River orchardist, recently received a letter and two dollars from a former employee who explained that he had stolen a box of apples several years ago.

CURIOSITY KILLS COWS
Hillsboro—Curiosity killed six of Arthur Connell's registered Holstein cows. A brush fire near a railroad line burned down two poles carrying a 25,000-volt power line, dropping the line in a pasture where the cows were grazing. Six of the Holsteins, investigating the strange object in their domain, smelled it and were promptly electrocuted.

MIRRORS REVEAL LAVA SECRETS
Bend—Mirrors are more useful to study Oregon's lava forest than geologist's picks, members of the Deschutes Geology club reported. Club members recently collected specimens from the strange lava casts.

Using mirrors the party cast rays of light into tunnels and holes left in the lava, when trees were engulfed centuries ago in a river of fiery rock. The casts of fallen trees are long tunnels, those of standing trees are holes reaching down to the old land mass.

Astoria—Port authorities and fishermen were jubilant when work on the long desired troller's mooring basin got under way recently. The basin will accommodate at least 200 coast fishing vessels and will cost \$41,000.

Ashland—The Bagley Canning company has finished one of the largest seasonal packs in its history. The pack consisted of apples and tomatoes of which 4000 tons were used. Thirty-five carloads of empty cans were used during the season.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 13

JOHN'S VISION ON PATMOS

LESSON TEXT—Revelation 1:4-18. GOLDEN TEXT—Fear not; I am the first and the last... behold, I am alive for evermore. Revelation 1:17, 18.

PRIMARY TOPIC—When John Saw Jesus Again. JUNIOR TOPIC—Jerusalem, the Golden. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Listening to the Ever-Living Christ. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Living Christ Among the Churches.

The first chapter of the Revelation, while it is an introduction to the entire book, is worthy of study by itself as a glorious revealing of Jesus Christ, his person and work. Some will wish to use the chapter as a preface to the study of the solemn and instructive messages to the seven churches of Asia which are found in chapters 2 and 3; but for most schools it will be better to concentrate on the messages of the chapter itself.

I. His Person.

While many of the characteristics of the Son of God are here presented, two are particularly emphasized.

1. His eternity (vv. 8, 11, 17). In a world which understands but little of the meaning of its past, which lives in a badly befuddled present, and admittedly knows nothing of the future, it is a source of the deepest satisfaction and peace of heart to know and serve the One who "is and was and which is to come, the Almighty." He already "was in the beginning," and is to be through all eternity.

2. His glory (vv. 5, 13-16). Jesus Christ is presented in verse 5 as "the faithful witness and first begotten of the dead," who is the ruler "over all the kings of the earth." The followers of Christ have a glorious captain and leader. The kingdoms of all the earth are his by right. Some day he will rule in fact and in person.

The infinitely beautiful description of our Lord in verses 13 to 16 is almost beyond interpretation. Have you seen him in his majesty and glory? The one who is "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" can still see "him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27).

II. His Victory.

1. His victory (v. 18). He died for our sins but "was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). We have not a dead, but a living Saviour. He has "the keys of death and hell." The one who follows a human leader parts with him at the grave. But he who follows Christ does not lose him when he passes over into the next world, for he is there, and he has the keys of all authority, not only in this world but also in that which is to come.

2. His love (v. 5). How deep and rich was his love toward us. It sent him to the cross.

3. His redemption (v. 5). He "washed us from our sins in his own blood." We read in Hebrews 9:22 that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission." The cults and creeds which deny or ignore the need of cleansing in the blood of Jesus Christ may be religious but they are not Christian.

4. His fellowship (v. 13). The candlesticks are churches and the stars are God's messengers. They are not alone in the world; he is "in the midst." Do we recognize his presence?

5. His return (v. 7). "Behold, he cometh with clouds." How can anyone read the New Testament and fail to see, and to teach and to preach the Lord's return?

He is coming again. What is our duty in the light of his coming?

a. To live lives of purity and Christian nobility. (Read I John 3:3, and compare vv. 1 and 2.)

b. To be diligent in sacrificial service. "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13) is the command of the one who "went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return" (Luke 19:11).

Love of Nature

The presence of the love of Nature is an invariable sign of goodness of heart and justness of moral perception, though by no means of moral practice. When it is originally absent from any mind, that mind is in many respects hard, worldly, and degraded.—Ruskin.

A Wife

There is one name which I can never utter without a reverence due to the religion which binds earth to heaven—a name cheered, beautiful, exalted and hallowed—and that is the name of wife.—Bulwer.

Pride and Humility

Pride is not the heritage of man; humility should dwell with frailty, and atone for ignorance, error, and imperfection.—Sydney Smith.

Great Duties

Great trials seem to be a necessary preparation for great duties.—E. Thomson.

Ability and Opportunity

Where there exists honest ability there exists also real opportunity.—G. C. Golden.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Items of Interest to the Housewife

Stains on the fingers from peeling apples, onions or other fruits or vegetables can be removed by rubbing with a crust of bread dipped in vinegar. Wash afterwards in warm water.

Leather-covered chairs that have become sticky should be cleansed with a cloth moistened in gasoline, benzine or alcohol. Then apply olive oil, let stand 48 hours, and wipe thoroughly with cheesecloth. Mildewed leather can be restored by applications of petroleum ointment.

Lace curtains before being washed for the first time should be soaked for an hour or two in cold water to which two table-spoons of table salt have been added. This removes dressing in curtains and makes them much easier to launder.

Black marble clocks or ornaments will have a beautiful lustre if rubbed with a soft cloth dampened with olive oil and then polished with a clean chamois.

To cook a ham so that it will retain all its flavor, encase it with

a paste made of common flour and water, taking care to see that the steam cannot escape. Bake in a hot oven, allowing a quarter of an hour for every pound. When cooked the paste can be easily removed and it takes all the rind with it. A ham cooked in this way is delicious.

Tomato juice may be thickened and highly seasoned and mixed with milk for tomato soup.

Cake icing will adhere better and stay soft and glossy if a little glycerin is added to the icing mixture.

The blunt end of a pencil is excellent to use when marking initials on linens which are to be embroidered.

White woodwork in the home can be kept clean by sponging with lukewarm suds of a pure, mild soap, then wiping dry. This does not harm the enameled surface.

Ideal Companionship

TRUE love must be built upon absolutely true friendship; there can be no other foundation for it. . . The man and the woman must have the all-powerful sense of ideal companionship between them. They must be able to say with truth to themselves that the world will always be richer to them together than apart. There may be many other elements in love but there can be no love at all without this element. — Harold Frederic.

Doubt indulged soon becomes doubt realized.

MEAT PERFECT AFTER 8 YEARS IN OPEN ROOM

Someone should tell Mr. "Believe-It-or-Not" Ripley this story that comes from John S. Hill, storekeeper in South Carolina. "I have now hanging on the back door of my store," he writes, "a strip of meat smoked with FIGARO Condensed Smoke EIGHT YEARS ago. This piece of meat is ribbed belly, about 18 inches long and 6 inches wide. It is firm, sweet and sound as a dollar—neither rancid nor spoiled in any manner, and has kept perfectly these eight years. FIGARO is the finest thing I have ever seen for smoking meat. I have been using it ever since it was first put on the market."



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POCKETS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

FEELS STRANGE AND UNCOMFORTABLE IN HIS NEW SUIT

BUYS CLEAN HANDKERCHIEF IN GREAT POCKET, ALSO A FOUR-DENAR PEN AND HALF A DOZEN PENCIL SHARPS

SHUFFLES INTO SIDE POCKET A WHOP OF STRAW. SHE PLAYS HE WANTS TO RESIGN TO EDDIE SELLER, AND AN APPLE TO EAT LATER

LOOKS OVER COLLECTION OF CIRCULARS, PICTURE POSTCARDS, MONEY PROBLEM AND ADDICTION STORIES, TO SEE WHAT TO DISCARD

SHUFFLES SHEET ALL TO-GETHER WITH POCKET BOOK AND 'N OLD BOOT, INTO INSIDE POCKET

HAS A LITTLE TROUBLE GETTING A TOP FOR HERRING MONICA AND A FEW MORE BELONGINGS INTO FRONT POCKET

ADDS SOME LAST CENTS AND BIDS FROM HIS TABLE, AND A USED HANDKERCHIEF, SO HE WON'T HAVE TO USE CLEAN ONE

FEELS THAT NOW SUIT FEELS MUCH MORE FAMILIAR AND COMFORTABLE

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