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THE CAVE-MAN'S MOTTO

THE Chicago Tribune carries at the head of its editorial column as the journals guiding motto the following words of Stephen Decatur:

"Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong."

Not what is best for the nation, for the people, or for the world, not what is just and right—but the course mapped out by the ruler, ruling caste or party to fulfill selfish desire—right or wrong.

This sentiment plunged Europe into a bloody war and keeps it a shambles. It is the same old appeal to loyalty devised in the days of the God-king, when the king could do no wrong. It has been invaluable to the conqueror, the ravisher and the destroyer, royal and otherwise.

"Might makes right" is the philosophy of the modern war lord just as it was of the cave-man. The cave-man evolved into a tribesman, the tribe into the nation. In the transition, the chief assumed divinity, just as some of the European rulers do today.

The caprice, the whim, the ambition of a ruler, or ruling faction, can confiscate the lives of the people, even in a republic, and the people are expected to cheerfully march up to slaughter, whether the cause be just or unjust—right or wrong.

The cave-man has passed away but his philosophy still lives in the hearts of the monarchs and the militarists, and the journal that calls itself the "world's greatest newspaper" has adopted this logic in its championship of civilization!

GREAT MINDS RUN IN THE SAME CHANNEL

THE people are not fit to govern themselves."—Boss Barnes of New York.

"To hell with liberty. The people of Mexico are ignorant. They must be ruled. What they need is a strong man—a man of iron."—Huerta of Mexico.

"Oregon (because of the initiative and referendum) is the fool of the family."—Oregonian.

The language is different but the sentiments are the same. It is the political idea of the fifteenth century, still surviving in the twentieth. It takes no account of popular education, or of the greatest civilized force, the printing press—it is the voice of the feudal lords and masters.

In the old days the king's highway was free to all. But there is no king's highway today, for in this age the means of transportation—the railroads—belong to our lords and masters, by which they control the prosperity of the nation, while they go on declaiming that the people are not fit to govern themselves—only fit to toil or die as their masters require or demand.

What love of humanity, how noble a patriotism inspires our leaders. May they continue to be frank and truthful, for by so doing they hasten the day and hour of the great awakening.

HUNGARIAN FAVORS ITALIAN ALLIANCE

TURIN, Italy, April 28.—Count Apponyi, leader of the opposition in Hungary, is quoted in an interview in the Stampa as declaring that the war must lead to the re-constitution of a powerful German-Italian alliance capable of enforcing peace by force and also the freedom of the seas.

To attain this object the count is reported to have declared it is necessary to avoid resentment between the countries which would be involved. He therefore urges Italy not to be tempted by what seems to be a favorable opportunity to push her pretensions unreasonably.

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAY ENDORSED BY LEAGUE

The Nautical Knot which will be given Friday night by students of the high school has received the enthusiastic support of the Medford Drama League, and is generally conceded to be one of the most elaborate and successful productions ever given by a school in Medford.

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SECRETARY HOUSTON TO VISIT RESERVES

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Secretary Houston started west today to visit national forests to observe to what extent their timber, forage, grazing and water power resources, are being developed for the public under the present methods and to make a study of the administrative problems of the forest service.

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