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MEDIATION: A CRUSHING BURDEN

From St. Paul Paper

Think of Woodrow Wilson and the burden he has borne for you since you made him your president.

Some of his own party leaders are secretly hostile to him because his theory of public service conflicts with theirs of public jobs.

The opposition party leaders are unscrupulous in fostering enmity between the Democratic chiefs and the president.

The former president, Roosevelt, has been ungenerous and unjust in purely partisan attacks upon his successor.

In the face of this Mr. Wilson has all but completed a course of constructive legislation more sweeping than any American president ever undertook.

And he has won his way in spite of secret intrigue and plotting, both within and without the ranks of his own party.

These domestic problems were enough to tax any man's strength. But there was other work to be done.

In the face of sneers of the world and of a certain element among his own countrymen, the president undertook to deal with the Mexican problem. For months he presented armed intervention. Then his hand was almost forced by the unauthorized meddling of an American naval officer at Tampico.

Even with battleships and an army actually inside Mexico's door, the president prevented war and his much-ridiculed Mexican policy now stands in sharp contrast beside the conduct of the great nations of Europe.

As these burdens piled upon his shoulders a great sorrow entered the president's life. His beloved wife became sick unto death.

In the midst of this personal agony he saw a world-war burst upon us. Our financial world staggered. Agriculture, commerce and industry stood aghast.

The financial problem was grappled with and quick plans were made to keep our channels of trade open, not only to save our own prosperity, but to bring food and clothes to the stricken millions of Europe. In this latter plan he is being opposed by selfish interests—as he has been all along.

In the midst of this the president finds time to turn aside to avert a great civil war that threatened us when the Western railroads and their employees could not agree. A general strike was imminent. He averted that disaster, which would have been of immeasurable harm to the nation, and especially to the Middle West.

Add to these things the ordinary and usual cares, troubles and duties that go with the presidential office and you will begin to realize the tremendous stress under which Woodrow Wilson is serving you.

Realize this, and you will see the

quality of courage and self-sacrifice that enabled the president to undertake the thankless task of peace-making.

All Europe is war-mad, blood is flowing and the blood-dust of wholesale murder has become a frenzy. Army is hurled against army; fleet against fleet; cities are being battered down and fields trampled under foot. Into this arena of blood-smeared madness the American president ventured. He offers his services to mediate the quarrel; to negotiate peace; to stay the rains of war until Europe can resume the habits of mind and heart that are a part of civilization.

Whether America's offer is accepted or not, the president played a man's part. They said the schoolmaster was a mollycoddle because he wouldn't let our great battleships batter the ragged peons of Mexico, but he has shown a courage that is infinitely higher than the brute courage that would lead a charge or fire a broadside.

Staggering beneath a burden of cares and actually at the bedside of his dying helpmeet, the schoolmaster offered his shoulders to the further burden of mediating an alien quarrel, to the end that the women and children of the world may not become a race of widows and orphans and that our crops may not waste while the world starves.

If there be higher quality of courage, devotion and patience we have not seen it.

If Europe will only accept the offer, America will have rendered a supreme service to humanity and will have put back into the world's vocabulary the word "civilization."

Pope Pius X is dead! Died of a broken heart! Killed by the European war, as surely any soldier who falls on the field of battle. This startling event is one of the first of the many disastrous results of that awful outbreak of passion and blood. To the Roman Catholic world, the tragic circumstance brings the general war in Europe home with an acuteness and force that perhaps no other occurrence could have done.

With the first appearance of the warcloud the aged pope sought earnestly to stay the oncoming storm. He appealed to the monarch who started the aviances—Emperor Francis Josef, of Austria, supposed to be the most loyal "son of the church" who wears a crown today—to sheathe the sword and not precipitate war. But it was in vain. The day had passed when popes could command and rulers were sure to obey. Just before he died Pope Pius said: "In ancient times the pope by a word might have stayed the slaughter; but now he is impotent." Catholics and Protestants alike may well deplore the fact that in this case the sincere desire and earnest efforts of the head of the papacy to avert war



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were without avail. And all of what- ever creed, can appreciate the pathetic figure of this aged pontiff, departing war, but unable to avert it, dying of a broken heart as he saw the red tempest bursting over Europe. And no mes- senger of creed should withhold from Pope Pius X, the deserved meed of praise for his desire and efforts to avert the bloody strife. The aged A- trian emperor, whose life has been full of tragedy, has this most tragic of all the incidents of his career to contem- plate and be responsible for. But per- haps we should not be severe upon that gentle monarch, for who can tell whether he too has not been "im- potent" in the hands of his advisers? In any respect, the death of Pope Pius is a deplorable episode in the larger tragedy of a general European war, and may well cause those responsible for it, some serious reflections. Michigan Christian Advocate.

The announcements from Russia, that the czar has promised autonomy to Poland if her people remain loyal during the present struggle, coupled with the further report that "the Russian emperor will sign a proclamation at an early date giving the Jews in his dominions equal civil and political rights, with his other subjects," are fraught with much significance. They indicate plainly an anxiety on the part of Russia, at this crisis, to insure herself against any "fire in the rear" while the supreme struggle with Ger- many is on. It would be a most natu- ral thing, when the Masovite govern- ment had both hands full with her Teu- ton neighbor, for dismembered Poland to think the time had come to strike for independence, and for the six mil- lion Jews in Russia to seek revenge for the heaped-up wrongs of the past. Hence Russia's present apparent mag- nanimity, in the hope to keep her Polish and Jewish subjects loyal. As to the

sincerity of Russia's promises, what- ever evidence may be given to them in Russia itself, there seems to be much scepticism and cynicism on the part of American Poles and Jews. Many of them think it a case of forced repen- tance, like the devil when he was sick and would be a monk; and point to the case of Finland to raise doubts as to whether the Czar's promises would be fulfilled after the war is over. How- ever, perhaps the time is opportune for Russian Jews and Poles to secure guar- antees of the reforms promised. Why cannot the Czar put them into effect, and confide in the loyalty of his people? Why should confidence in promises be expected of the subject, and none of the sovereign?

What is "moratorium?" When the war in Europe broke out, the dispatches reported one country after another as having declared a "moratorium, to ob- viate panics and relieve the financial stringency. The word does not appear in the old editions of the dictionaries, but it is a law term familiar to the legal profession, and means, according to the new Standard Dictionary, an emergency act of legislation authorizing a debtor or bank to suspend pay- ments for a given period." Under constitutional government this is done by parliamentary action; under more arbitrary governments by decree of the ruler. Most of the European nations in the present stress have taken the advantage of the "moratorium" to re- lieve the financial stress. The United States has never felt the necessity of invoking it.

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