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Greatest Peace Force

Paradoxical though it may seem, the argument is advanced with much force that the war debts of the United States if we insist upon payment, at least, refuse to cancel them, constitute a mighty and potent force for world peace.

The gist of the argument is that we are the only nation that can finance a war just now and if we insist that our debtors before they improve their military status must pay their debts and also insist that we will not extend credit until an effort is made to pay what is owed to us then war cannot come.

The Democrat & Chronicle puts it this way:—

America saved the world to civilization by going into the war and exerting the nation's strength to end it speedily. America can save the peace by holding strictly to the path outlined by common sense and provided by the fortunes of war.

The tribally effective financial weapon placed in our hands which would be crushing in war, can be made a formidable instrument for peace.

First of all, we should reiterate what we have said before, that the war debts cannot be cancelled.

Then we should make it very clear that we do not look with favor upon an expansion of military expenses on the part of our debtors who take no real measures to effect a settlement of their bills owing us.

Not that we demand cash payments off hand, but that we want reasonable settlements. Unreason, jealousy and other weaknesses and vices have kept Europe in an uproar for five years of peace.

To Be Or Not

One of the top of constant discussion these days is whether to buy a home or rent one. There are those who say wait a while before buying because prices are too high and must come down in a year or so others think prices will continue to advance for a year or so more.

The Rochester "Herald" thus discusses the problem of furnishing moderate priced houses for the persons of middle-sized incomes:—

"In order to satisfy the demand for cheaper houses, builders and real estate promoters have evolved three methods of reducing the costs of construction, according to a well known financial reviewer. The first of these is to increase the efficiency of management by building houses on a large scale, developing immense tracts under a single control and thereby saving overhead charges.

By the second plan, a saving is made in both design and materials, habitable houses being constructed without cellars or attics and with walls of a single thickness.

The third method is to increase the efficiency of the labor employed and thereby decrease the cost of erection. Rochester has experimented with all three methods, with fair success.

The fact that this city is known as a community of home-owners is obviously proof that there are in the Rochester district plenty of houses within the means of the average resident. Whether or not the supply of higher priced dwellings is too great and the number of low-cost houses too small, the process of time will reveal.

Palatine, was born in 439.

After a number of years of monastic life he sought the wilderness and took up his dwelling in a cave high upon a mountain side above the brook Cedron. After five years, a community was established under his direction. He was ordained at the age of fifty-three by the Patriarch of Jerusalem and made superior-general of the anchorites of Palestine. He died in 532.

Thursday, Dec. 6.—St. Nicholas of Bari, the patron saint of Russia, was born toward the end of the third century. His uncle, the Archbishop of Myra in Lycia ordained him to the priesthood and made him abbot of a monastery.

On the death of his uncle he was elected to fill the vacant archbishopric. All his life he showed himself the special protector of the innocent and wronged. Many miracles are credited to him.

Friday, Dec. 7.—St. Ambrose, Bishop, was of a noble family and was Governor of Milan in 374 when a Bishop was to be chosen for that See.

He was present at the election, only for the purpose of maintaining order, but to his surprise the choice fell upon him although, at that time, he was only a catechumen. His administration of his See was noted for his fearlessness in opposing the will of members of the imperial family in what he regarded as wrongful acts.

JEWISH WOMEN OPPOSE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS

St. Louis, Nov. 19.—A report submitted at the closing session of the convention of the National Association of Jewish Women urged defeat of any measure making compulsory or optional the use of the Bible in public schools.

The report also announced that "ecclesiastical authorities were urged to oppose erroneous impressions as to the crucifixion."

Chief Zimmerman in Buffalo, Deputy Chief Zimmerman in Rochester! Who will say the Zimmermans are not coming into their own?

Some years ago we were busting trusts—in restraint of trade. Now we are proposing by railroad trusts to help trade.

Age and infirmity combine to prevent Deba from entering the Presidential race in 1924.

If the financial magnates with drew their support, bootlegging as a profitable industry would soon be a thing of the past.

Rochester newspapers seem to appeal to the advertisers, judging from the size of the editions.

Frank J. Smith and George C. Donahue appear to be a pretty good automobile team if you'll permit the characterization.

Maurice F. Sammons, of the K. of C. Executive force has not forgotten how to push the journalistic per Maurice used to be a newspaper scribe in Utica.

Lunch clubs, minstrels, glee clubs, how on earth do some chaps ever become acquainted with their families? Well, King Winter holds off pretty well. Only ones complaining are the ice man and the coal man first because summer supply is not in sight, the last because bins are too full.

Danger Ahead

Some shrewd observers think they see in the unrest abroad today a semblance of the fascist spirit that made Mussolini dictator of Italy.

Indeed a contemporary fears that the Ku Klux Klan movement may mean danger to the old political parties if the unexpected were to happen and a broad-gauge leader would arise who would purge the Klan of its racial and creed hatred.

But while the fascist movement in Italy helped the monarchy, this contemporary argues that in the United States its success would bring into being a radical bloc of the most virulent type. Here is the way he argues:—

Student of political events, causes and results detect in present conditions and public sentiment in America a potential source of disturbance to both old parties in the presence of a third party, leaderless, unnamed and unorganized, but nevertheless a growing and thriving party that needs only a vitalizing spark to make it a formidable political force.

This inviolable third party is the spirit of unrest, and its manifestations are many and varied. Should its elements effect a cohesion and should a leader of power and wisdom arise, the present unorganized force will become an actuality and one sufficiently powerful to threaten the rule of either old-time party.

The present components of the third party spirit are like so many volatile gases, none of them powerful enough alone to be dangerous, but providing the ingredients of a formula that has vast potentialities. There is the spirit that has created a hooded order, which, once purged of its race and creed hatred, may become the nucleus of the new movement.

At present the strength of the organization is shackled by the fears and limitations of its leaders, but given a leader broader of wisdom and principles, free of bigotry and narrow hatred, and it may easily spread until it assumes the proportions of an American fascist movement.

Indeed, it is the fascist spirit. If Comptroller Craig goes to jail for expressing honest opinions, upon me mere say so of a minor Federal Judge who did not see or hear the alleged contemptuous utterances, then indeed we have come to a pretty pass especially when a Supreme Court Justice of New York seconds the contempt by even more bitter criticism of his fellow Federal Judge.

It is good news that Mayor Hylan of New York is on the way to recovery.

With 37,000 contributors the Aquinas drive certainly reached the every day chaps.

Secretary Mellon surely can write finances even if he is an indifferent talker.

Oklahoma

It may be that the picturesque "Jack" Walton of Oklahoma may have been all the while a demagogic faker. Kin to that Governor of New York State whose meteoric career was cut short much as was that of the Governor of Oklahoma.

But the fact remains that before Oklahoma stands clean before the American people it must rid itself of the Klux Klan incubus. And Oklahoma is not the only state that must take such action.

The "Times-Union puts it well as follows:—

Walton's appeal to the federal court having been rebuffed, it appears that Oklahoma is now definitely rid of its swashbuckling governor.

That is only part of the job. To redeem itself in the eyes of that large body of persons all over the country who sympathized with the former governor, so long as he appeared to be striving to enforce the law instead of settling himself above it, Oklahoma must suppress mob outrages.

Various anti-Klan bills are said to be pending in the state legislature. Insofar as the Klan is responsible for the floggings and other illegal outbreaks it should be called to account.

Oklahoma's responsibility goes deeper than that. It will be recalled that before the Klan was heard of there was a disgraceful race riot in Tulsa which resulted in the killing of a number of negroes and burning of the entire negro quarter.

Oklahoma must fight the mob spirit and restore the majesty of the law.

Left No Address

The Rochester Chamber of Commerce publishes a weekly magazine called "Commerce". It also maintains an Investors' Protection Committee to warn prospective investors of "fly-by-night" securities and proposals to get rich quick.

Here is one concise tale of the committee's activity related in "Commerce":— This is how the Investors' Protective Committee of the Chamber functioned in the case of Glenn Craig Tobias, a promoter who recently came to Rochester in the interest of another of his promotion schemes.

Asked by the advertising manager of a city newspaper, for information concerning Mr. Tobias, the Chamber found in its files many interesting facts concerning his various operations, one of which was that he was prominent in a land promotion scheme in Oklahoma whose literature guaranteed a profit of 250 percent in ninety days.

Following a visit at his hotel from a black clothes man Tobias wrote a letter to the Chamber in which he said he was just getting nicely started in Rochester when he received the visit from the police, one from the hotel management, and the refusal of his advertising in the Rochester newspapers, all in the same morning.

With a vigorous expression of opinion of Investors' Protective committee and Chamber of Commerce Tobias in a letter to the Chamber stated that if he couldn't do business he would leave town—which he did.

It appears that Governor Albinus is rather than leave the political opponents.

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