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News and Views of the Week

By Dallas Mallison

Will America and England Engage in War?

Now that the senate has put itself on record as favoring both war and peace, by passing the Kellogg Pact and the Cruiser Bill, discussion here and abroad, principally in England, has become more acute as to whether or not England and the United States are not actually drifting toward war. The Englishman, Sir Esme Howard, has this week announced that the British foreign office is now engaged in an exhaustive survey of the whole question, while other news from his country confirm his announcement. In our own country, Pres. Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg are endeavoring to find out if members of the World Court are in a mood to accept our entrance in this association as amended by reservations which the United States senate attached to our acceptance.

Whether these moves will amount to anything or not is not easily seen, but at least they show a drift towards peace efforts among the "powers that be" and should at any rate serve as a rift in the cloud to those who see nothing in America's recent actions but inevitable future war with her mother country, which because Americans and Englishmen are really and fundamentally alike, would be the most nonsensical thing we could do. My own opinion is that it is yet too early to tell what will come of these new moves toward better understanding with Britain. Unless we can soon reach some sort of common understanding with England, war in my opinion is as certain as that most of us will eat dinner tomorrow. Senator Borah in the recent debate said, "I venture the opinion that in 1931 the last vestige of the Disarmament Conference will be wiped out, and the two great nations will engage in building navies according to what they believe is necessary to protect their commerce. And if we come to building a navy to protect commerce, we must not only build against England, but we must build against any combination at sea that England can make; and if that were the case, the future would have nothing in store save a fearful burden of taxation upon the American people, and possibly in the end another cataclysm like that of 1914."

More of this later. Enough is it to say that unless something is done, we will in the twentieth century be repeating over again the history of nations.

The World in 2029.

The world has ever had its soothsayers, prophets, and what not. It is always an enticing game to predict even if nothing results. So great have been the changes and innovations of the last fifty years that we have come to look upon any new change with calmness and almost a sense of boredom. As the Literary Digest says, "The past century has witnessed such marvelous changes among men that we are disposed to accept calmly whatever predictions may be made for the next one." Now we have the Earl of Birkenhead telling us in the International-Cosmopolitan for February what the world will look like 100 years hence. In 2029 he says we shall have cheap atomic power on a cosmic scale, that there will be no more farming, and that we shall even breed offspring by laboratory methods. Our space limits all but a few brief extracts from the Lord's predictions:

"Our means of travel, our sources of wealth, our medicine, and even our ideas will change as drastically during the next century as they have in the course of the last. Applied physics, which has given us the steam-engine, the internal combustion motor, as well as wireless, telephones, and all the many other practical uses of electrical energy, will certainly make prodigious advances before the year 2029. . . . At present we derive the energy which drives the wheels of industry from coal and oil. Both these substances are won from nature at the expense of much money and vast stores of muscular energy, nor are their supplies inexhaustible. A pound of coal can be made to yield one horse-power for one hour."

"Yet," says the Earl, "there is ten million horse-power hours" in a pound of water. In 2029 the problem of how to release this energy will be solved. Then man will be able to move Ireland to the deeper portion of the Atlantic Ocean, this being done by merely using 50,000 tons of water. The heat obtainable from this amount of water would serve to keep the polar regions for a thousand years in tropical temperature.

"In biology developments may be predicted which will change the

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A PREDICTION AND A FORECAST.

(By Dallas Mallison)

The inauguration of Herbert Hoover as President of the United States on Monday marks the culmination of another epoch in American history. For the next 8 years this commanding personage will be the dominating figure in American political affairs, guiding the destiny of a nation that has completely and deliberately set out to be a world empire. If America is great now, it will be a hundred times greater in comparison 8 years from now. During the next few years American finance will search every spot and corner in the world to establish trading connections and to obtain valuable trading concessions that will make us richer than the fabulous wealth of Solomon. South America will be especially exploited and in that field I can see no other result with Herbert Hoover at the head of our government than victory for our capitalists and commercialists in this rich and as yet undeveloped field, a field in which for the next decade there will be as hot competition for commercial control and rights as there has been in China and the East for the last several decades, a place, like the East, where Germany, France, England, and America will be among the principal contestants. President Hoover's "Good Will" tour is a new one in winning world markets and all indications point to its amazing success.

Here in America big business and industry will grow richer and richer. We will be trading with all the world and growing wealthy off all the whole world. This period will probably go down in the annals of our time as the "Era of World Expansion" and as another "Era of oGod Feeling." America will become highly imperialistic and the "bull dog" nation of the world. American sentiment will grow increasingly militaristic and unfavorable to any real disarmament. A large navy will be our battle cry. The strange paradox of a people professing peace yet practicing otherwise.

Now do not misunderstand me. Herbert Hoover did not make this era now just being ushered in. He merely rode in to the presidency on it and because of his personality and equipment and genius he will steer our government for the next 8 years. His reign will be the culmination of the great machine and capitalistic age of America, the like of which the world has never seen. And his ability and experience is equal to the emergency. There can not be much doubt now that he will make us a great president, very possibly one of the greatest of his 30 predecessors, and certainly the greatest since Woodrow Wilson. Every action that he has made since November 6th points to the fact that in President Herbert Hoover we have a master mind—a mind that can cooperate as well as direct, a mind that can see great issues in their world aspects and at the points of conflict. Hoover will be the "boss" for the next two administrations, a diplomatic, agreeable boss, but a "boss" nevertheless. His selection of his Cabinet, all able men, forming imposing list of capable, experienced advisors, yet men who can fall in and carry out the plans of the guiding mind, shows that Herbert means to be the master. His "good will" trip to South America was a stroke of genius. Capitalists must have certainly applauded Hoover. And his plans for the next few months and his entire term of office as well show a controlling, directing mind at work, at work in creating, guiding, leading in world dimensions a great modern nation of 100,000,000 souls. It shows his great engineering capacity and his great organizing ability, at work in the realm of world politics, revealing his bent toward the aiding of finance and big business.

He will be our chief executive for the next 8 years because the forces which made him victorious in 1928 will be stronger than ever in 1932, and the forces that defeated him then will be weaker than four years before. America is just going the way that Hoover is best equipped to lead. It is in the nature of things with America's imperialistic bent that Hoover should be the best director and 4 years from now America will be more in the world market than she has ever been.

But there will be two classes of people that President Hoover will not benefit—the small, unskilled laboring man and the American farmer. He may be sincere in his desire to be of help to the agricultural class of his country and if allowed to carry out his ideas and plans along these lines he might offer substantial remedies that would really aid the farmer but such is not to be, and again, in the nature of the case. The millionaire will be getting richer and the farmer will be getting poorer—virtually becoming a peasant.

The reason is, stated briefly, America has definitely become an industrial nation. All the farmer can hope to do is to exist.

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