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**TRIBUTE TO MEN WHO MAKE UP THE NATION—AN APPEAL FOR PATRIOTISM.**

A tribute to "the great multitude of unknown men" who constitute the body of the nation, and an appeal for patriotism in every day life, instead of on special occasions only, marked a speech by President Wilson Monday at flag day exercises in Washington.

While the president made no direct reference to the European war or international questions, his every word about American patriotism and what it means in these times was greeted with enthusiastic and prolonged applause.

In introducing Mr. Wilson, Secretary McAdoo said the meeting was held to pay homage to "the flag of our country at a time when it has a deeper significance than ever before in the world's history; when it is the hope of civilization."

"For me," said the president, "the flag does not express a mere body of vague sentiments. It is the embodiment, not of a sentiment, but of a history, and no man can rightly serve under the flag who has not caught some of the meaning of that history."

"You do not create the meaning of a national life by any literary exposition of it, but by the actual daily endeavors of a great people to do the tasks of the day and live up to the ideals of honesty and righteousness and just conduct. And as we think of these things, our tribute is to those men who have created this experience. Of these men we feel that they have shown us the way. They have not been afraid to go before. They have known that they were speaking the thoughts of a great people when they led that great people along the paths of achievement. There was not a single swash-buckler among them. They were men of sober, quiet thought, the more effective because there was no bluster in it. They were men who thought along the lines of duty, not along the lines of self-aggrandizement. They were men, in short, who thought of the people whom they served and not of themselves."

"But while we think of them and do honor to them and to those who have shown us the way, let us not forget that the real experience and life of a nation lies with the great multitude of unknown men. They constitute the body of the nation. This flag is the essence of their daily endeavors. The flag does not express any more than what they are and what they desire to be; and as I think of the life of this great nation, it seems to me that we sometimes look to the wrong places for its sources."

"We look to the noisy places, where men are talking in the market place; we look to where men are expressing their individual opinion; we look where partisans are expressing passion, instead of trying to attune our ears to that voiceless mass of men who merely go about their daily tasks, try to be honorable, try to serve the people they love, try to live worthy of the great communities to which they belong. These are the breath of the nation's nostrils; these are the sinew of its might."

"There are no days of special patriotism. There are no days when you should be more patriotic than on other days."

"I am solemnized in the presence of such a day. I would not undertake to speak your thoughts. You must interpret them for me. But I do feel that back not only of every public official, but of every man and woman of the United States, there marches that great host which has brought us to the present day; the host that has never forgot the vision which it saw at the birth of the nation; the host which always responds to the dictates of humanity and of liberty; the host that will always constitute the strength and the great body of friends of every man who does his duty to the United States."

"I am sorry that you do not wear a little flag of the union every day instead of some days; and I can only ask you, if you lose the physical emblem, to be sure that you wear it in your heart, and the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."

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**METHODS NECESSARY IN FINANCING EUROPEAN WAR.**

The Bank of France has been authorized by the government to increase its circulation to 15,000,000,000 francs, equivalent to \$3,000,000,000, or about \$80 per capita of the population of France, exclusive of any gold or silver that may be in circulation in that country.

The bank is also authorized to advance the French government 9,000,000,000 francs—of course, in paper. This, with the war but 10 months going, and possibly 10 months of it at still greater cost follows.

Some British observers have advised their countrymen to prepare for three years of war, but that must be regarded as an extreme view of its duration.

The burden of expense on France is not so great as on Great Britain, which has now to finance Serbia and keep up the Belgian forces, and Italy will look to Great Britain to provide the funds that will certainly be required by hundreds of millions of dollars to cover the expenses of the conflict.

Great Britain and France have lost in the aggregate more than \$400,000,000, money put in as investments in Mexico, and their investors felt that loss exceedingly until it has faded into the background by reason of the much greater losses that have attended the war they are now engaged in.

The allies are purchasing such great quantities of provisions and war supplies in other countries that the payment for them is affecting their foreign exchanges. Germany is drawing her supplies to a great extent directly from her own people, and probably not expending the vast sums which the allied countries are doing, yet the financial burdens are going upon the German people in a most weighty manner.

The financing of this war is straining every country engaged in it, and the floating of the paper issued in the various forms has begun to tell upon the skill and practice of the best financial experts of Europe.

Its continuance, even for a few months, is sure to call for still greater sacrifices of blood and treasure, and, as Paul Kruger remarked about a struggle that was dwarfish compared with this, "the price paid will stagger humanity."

**WEST VIRGINIA DEBT CASE FINALLY DECIDED.**

The United States Supreme Court has decided the long-standing Virginia-West Virginia debt case, holding West Virginia should pay \$12,393,929 as its net share of the Virginia debt at the same time of the partition of the States.

The report of the late Charles E. Littlefield, as special master, was upheld in all particulars except one minor finding. The court held that West Virginia was entitled to its share of the assets arising from the original principal debt and fixed that amount at \$2,965,000.

In addition to the \$12,393,929 net West Virginia must pay \$8,178,000 interest. This amount was arrived at by charging 3 per cent on the principal from January 1, 1891, to date, and four per cent for the period from 1861 to 1891.

Justice Hughes announced the court's decision. He stated that the decree would provide that interest would be charged at the rate of five per cent from the date of the decree until the judgment was paid.

**Trivial Divorce Pleas.**

A man in New York is suing his wife for separation because she smokes cigarettes, and a woman in Philadelphia is charging her husband with refusing to let her read poetry and making her study arithmetic. Apparently, the severance of the marriage bonds is sought on pleas which would not be dreamed of as serious reasons for dissolving a business partnership. Aside from the gravity of the matter in itself, it seems an absurdity to take up the valuable time of the courts with such trivialities.

**Recall Invitation to Bryan.**

A message has been sent to William J. Bryan asking him not to consider the invitation previously extended to him to make the address at the Fourth of July celebration in Springfield, Mass. It was feared the people of Springfield would not receive the speaker as warmly as they would have before the recent cabinet episode. Because of the public sentiment expressed against Bryan since his resignation, the local committee thought it best to request that he no longer consider his tentative acceptance as binding.

**Father of 45 Children.**

James Topping, who died recently at his home at Belhaven, was said to have been 195 years old. He was a native of Hyde county and the father of 45 children.

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**NOTE TO THE ALLIES IS UNDER PREPARATION.**

Washington, June 15.—While President Wilson "marks time" waiting for the receipt of the German reply to his latest demand the state department will complete compilation of the data for the proposed note to the allies.

Already a great mass of information showing just how American trade is being hampered is on file. Chandler Anderson, who is acting as counselor of the department, has been looking into the situation for several weeks. He has prepared a record which shows that not alone have American cargoes been detained, although plainly destined to neutral countries, but that, even when released, the owners have sustained losses that they have no chance of being compensated for.

It is not likely that this note will be finished until the German reply is received, and the matters in dispute with the kaiser's government are on the road to satisfactory adjustment.

The president has emphatically declared for one thing at a time. Inasmuch, however, as it is admitted that the data for the note has nearly all been compiled, officials see in this admission a reflection of the administration's confidence that the German situation is very greatly improved.

**Few Americans in London.**

A census of six big hotels in London a few days ago disclosed the fact that only a score of Americans are staying at these hostilities, whereas a year ago they had approximately 1,500 American patrons and fully 1,500 transient Americans were in London. This summer, according to one hotel manager, will see "the smallest consumption of cocktails and the least use of ice ever recorded in the British capital."

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