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MORNING TONIC

(Matthew 7, 26)

Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them.

A MODERATE AMBITION.

(Judd Mortimer Lewis in Houston Post.)

I guess I couldn't play no harp whose strings was touched with fire, I could not drive no nation on to win no high desire, I could not sing no thrilling song about no Vikings bold with winged helmets on their heads in the brave days of old.

SHANTUNG.

"What is the area and population of Shantung, the Chinese peninsula given over to the protectorate of the Japanese government as per the terms of the peace treaty?" a subscriber asks.

The province of Shantung has an area of 55,970 square miles and a population something over 32,000,000. But it is not correct to say that the whole peninsula has been given over to the Japanese government.

But whatever the agreement which was made with respect to the Shantung peninsula there is no doubt in the world that the statesmen who represented this country at the Peace Conference did everything possible to make the agreement such that it would meet every reasonable demand in the United States.

In 1841 Great Britain occupied Hong Kong, on the coast of China. The island was secured to her a year later by a treaty.

Germany wanted a port, and about twenty years ago managed to get into Shantung, north of Hong Kong, and secure a lease for ninety-nine years and industrial and commercial privileges such as Great Britain had secured at Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Senatorial critics say nothing about Hong Kong. Mr. Wilson had nothing to do with that arrangement. If he had, Hong Kong also would have been dragged into the discussion.

THE BANKERS' CONVENTION.

It is probable that the convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association to be held this week in Winston-Salem will be the most largely attended in the history of the organization.

The bankers will have a great opportunity in the speech of Secretary of the Treasury Glass. In his capacity as chairman of the Banking Committee of the House he had much to do with the fashioning of the best currency act the nation has ever had.

Hon. A. W. McLean, another of the speakers, is no stranger to North Carolina bankers but the recognition which has come to him in national activities will make his speech of peculiar interest.

There is every reason to look for a great attendance and equally good reasons for expecting substantial good to the best interests of the State to result from the deliberations of the State's bank leaders.

HOLD TO THE BONDS.

While many of the American people are recklessly getting rid of their government bonds there are a number of others who are public-spirited enough to go to considerable trouble and some expense to encourage holders of bonds not to part with them.

There has been formed the National Remedial Loan Association to work out a plan for lending on bonds that will enable the original purchaser to retain his bond or bonds until maturity and pay back the loan in small instalments.

There is every reason why one should hold on to his bonds. They yield a good profit and in the great majority of cases the profit is net because except in the amounts held by the very rich these securities are not subject to taxation.

And there is a patriotic reason for holding on to the bonds. Selling a bond of the United States below its real value discredits the government.

COMMUNISM IN AMERICA.

It is gratifying to know that the radical element in the so-called Socialist party is going to bolt the organization and form a party of its own. The other wing of the Socialist party has something of promise in it.

This is too slow for the radicals. So the word comes from New York that "Left Wing" Socialists will hold a convention in Chicago on September 1 to organize "the Communist party of America."

The announcement that a Communist party is to be organized will not cause widespread alarm. The doctrine will not go in this country.

Saying its goodbye to the regular Socialist party, the radical wing remarks that the word Socialist has come to signify "merely welfare and uplift."

In deciding what is the best material out of which to build roads, the Highway Commission is grappling with a difficult task. The experts differ. At least some very good authorities say one thing while other authorities apparently just as good say the reverse.

There is this to be said, however, about road-building in North Carolina. There has been too little headwork in connection with it.

The army food supply will not affect the general situation very much in itself as to quantity and price, because it will supply enough to run the whole people of the country through perhaps a day.

THE ARMY FOOD.

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Roosevelt On The League

BY RAYGARD.

While the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return. Last winter Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge concocted a round robin the design of which, the sole purpose of which, was to discredit the President of the United States in the world congress of Versailles that had convened to formulate a treaty of peace bringing to a diplomatic conclusion the world war.

The world congress, composed of wise statesmen and accomplished politicians, saw through this ignoble scheme and dismissed it with the scorn and contempt it deserved.

What do you think of the following—you, my dearly beloved and bewildered Republican friend I'm talking to?

"All the civilized powers which are able and willing to furnish and to use force, when force is required to back up righteousness . . . should join together to create an international tribunal and to provide rules in accordance with which that tribunal should set. These rules would have to accept the status quo at some given period; for the endeavor to redress all historical wrongs would throw us back into chaos. They would lay down the rule that the territorial integrity of each nation was inviolate; that it was to be guaranteed absolutely its sovereign rights in matters affecting its honor and vital interest. . . . All other matters that could arise between these nations should be settled by the international court. . . . Then, and most important, the nations should severally guarantee to use their entire military force, if necessary, against any nation which defied the decrees of the tribunal or which violated any of the rights which in the rules it was expressly stipulated should be reserved to the several nations the rights to their territorial integrity and the lines. . . ."

"In addition to the contracting powers, a certain number of outside nations should be named as entitled to the benefits of the court. These nations should be chosen from those which are as civilized and well-behaved as the great contracting nations, but which, for some reason or other, were unwilling or unable to guarantee to help execute the decrees of the court by force. . . ."

"No power should be admitted into the first circle, that of the contracting powers, unless it was civilized, well behaved and able to do its part in enforcing the decrees of the court."

How about that, my guileless Republican brother in patriotic instinct and impulse? Would you know the name of the author of that League of Nations? I'll tell you. Theodore Roosevelt proposed it in an article he wrote for The Independent in 1915, while the war was raging. Here he "guarantees" to use "our entire military force" to make all obstreperous nations behave. Why, it is the very germ of Article X of the League of Nations that causes Lodge and Knox, "Hell-Roaring Hiram" Johnson and the Hon. Brandegee, and so forth, to shiver with patriotic horror from skin to marrow. And if Theodore Roosevelt were alive and President of the United States at this moment every mother's son of a round robin would be highlighting for the League of Nations without the slightest amendment or the least reservation. Every intelligent man knows that, and every candid man, if he says anything about it, will assert it.

The only difference between Wilson and Roosevelt is that one calls it a league and the other a court.

Was Theodore Roosevelt a true American? Some folks think he was the only American since George Washington. Here he is asserting that the sovereignty of our glorious Union is ample to go into a league. What does the Hon. Knox think of that? And certainly Colonel Roosevelt did not believe that membership in such a league would play the dickens with our sovereignty. What does Hiram Johnson think of that?

Nor is that all. We have a treaty with Cuba in which we engage to lick any nation that imposes on Cuba. Roosevelt approved that and Lodge voted for it. We have a treaty with Panama in which we agree to lick any nation that assaults Panama. Roosevelt was the daddy of that treaty, and Lodge voted for it. Nay, this precious Monroe Doctrine that Jim Reed secured from the profane touch of Woodrow Wilson, and put under a glass case, provides that we will lick any nation that seeks to spoliate any republic of the Western Hemisphere.

President Wilson has only applied the principle of those treaties to the League of Nations to provide for all nations the safety our protection has given to the entire Western Hemisphere.

There is no denying the patent fact that the opposition to the League of Nations by all the Senators opposing the League except Borah, Johnson and Poindexter, is purely a play of politics, a vague and vain hope to discredit the policies of President Wilson and thus advantage the G. O. P. In comparison with that consummation, the matter of the world's peace is a minor and miserable affair. The following "reservations" have been proposed by a writer in The New York World:

"The ratification of this treaty in no way impairs the truth of the following propositions: "Woodrow Wilson is not a statesman. "Woodrow Wilson merits no honor in the negotiation of this treaty. "Any Republican public man could have produced a perfect treaty. "Woodrow Wilson is inferior in intelligence to any Republican Senator."

There are your "reservations" ready-made. Why not adopt them, ratify the treaty, and have done with it?

Meanwhile, the momentous questions involving capital and labor, the high cost of living, and so forth, are Lazarus at the gate of this precious Republican Congress. Maybe that fact has something to do with the treatment Leader Lodge and the others are dealing out to the league. Shouldn't wonder.

Washington, August 14.

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