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HIBBEN ON THE ISSUE

Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, who is interviewed by the New York Times, not one of those Americans who point to our tremendous pile of gold as the result of war and congratulate ourselves that we have kept the peace. "In many quarters," he says, "there is a disposition to glorify neutrality into the ultimate virtue in international relations. When neutrality represents an honest and courageous impartiality it is indeed an admirable thing. But neutrality is to be looked upon with suspicion when it is closely associated with the cry for peace and prosperity. * * * We have in a most lamentable way allowed that long list of atrocities that began with the invasion of Belgium and apparently has not ended with the deportation of the remnants of the heroic people into slavery—we have allowed this long list of atrocities to slip out of our memories. It apparently has no influence upon the judgment that we render upon the warring nations. It positively has no influence upon our course of action. The Lusitania is forgotten; other U-boat horrors are forgotten. "Now and then the effort is made to save our conscience by the assertion that we have given liberally to Belgium and Serbia and Poland and the other desolated districts. But the cold fact is that our gifts have in no wise been commensurate with our wealth.

"We have given most liberally to Belgium; but even New Zealand and Canada, who are both giving generously of their blood and treasure to the war, have been far more open-handed with Belgium than have we. Our contributions to Belgium were greatest at the beginning of the war when the shock of her sufferings were fresh upon us. Since then our giving has steadily fallen off; we have grown callous to the crying needs of that stricken land. Our much-vaunted generosity was a mere emotional flash in the pan." Dr. Hibben, who shows considerable feeling, says that "if feel that any endeavor at the present time to bring about peace would be premature and wholly wrong." This position is interesting to us, not so much because Dr. Hibben succeeded Woodrow Wilson as president of Princeton University, but as showing how men of Mr. Wilson's own class regard his efforts. Fifty or more leading educators and editors in the east have taken practically the same position.

If the United States is to succeed in making the allies accept peace at this time, the American people must be unanimous for peace; then in that case the belligerents could be forced to accept terms. The Princeton president sums up his position in these paragraphs: "We do not want to become involved in war; we do not want to fight. But we should have the spirit of being willing to fight rather than to sacrifice our national honor. Our fathers struggled heroically for the cause of liberty, not merely that America might be a land of liberty, but that the idea of liberty might be given to all the nations of the earth. That is the thought that is back of the symbolism of the Statue of Liberty enlightening the world. Therefore, in a great world contest where the liberty of a people like that of Serbia or Belgium has been destroyed with a systematic efficiency, it is not only the duty, but the privilege of American citizens as a nation to voice their strong feeling of protest, and to declare to the whole world that no peace without full restoration and reparation should even be considered. Nor should that declaration be merely vocal; the American nation should be in readiness to back up their voice of protest by deeds should events necessitate it.

"We must show by our deeds that we prize honor above comfort, and justice above gain, and mercy above justice, and that we would gladly lay down our lives rather than, by living to ourselves in peace and prosperity, prove false to God and man."

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The general assembly will convene tomorrow, the caucus will be held tonight, the speaker of the house and president pro tem of the senate selected, and some of the committees prepared for announcement. In a few days the regular grind will begin. We are just hoping that the boys will take care of the various state educational, charitable and other institutions and then give an impetus to the good roads movement that will mean eventually the extension of good highways throughout the state. The state highway commission having shown its worth, the men composing it should have no trouble in showing legislators how they can invest a few dollars to advantage.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, who spent a few days in Raleigh, paused long enough to write an editorial in his paper, the News and Observer, urging the allies to stop and consider a proposition for peace. The secretary of the navy must have some inside information, for there has been no proposition made public, and when one is made, the allies undoubtedly will consider it. If they then refuse, the blood of Europe, which is generally conceded to be on the heads of the Prussians, will be on the heads of the entente.

The Record welcomes the Catawba Trust Company into the field. The Hickory Banking and Trust Company and the First National Bank, established institutions, have made remarkable progress, but the field is large and there is room for another hustler. The new institution will be patronized liberally, we are sure, for Hickory people want to see it succeed as the other banks have succeeded.

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There are in most towns a few individuals who stand by and let others carry the public burdens. There probably are a few in Hickory. If there are any of these unprogressive ghosts, they should make a resolution to help a little bit.

We are afraid Ewart Huffman did not fire the first 1917 shot after all. Those 12 or 15 darkies, who went gunning for the two Newton negroes riding around with Hickory girls, must have beaten the bard to it.

Judge R. H. Sykes of Durham looks more like a supreme court jurist than an assistant attorney-general, but he will make a dandy officer in this position.

It's not a bit of fun to be unable to agree with everything the government does—especially when one just naturally would prefer to commend.

We haven't broken a New Year's resolution in ten years. There's a reason.

And have you really thought about a country club and golf links?

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