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THE GARDEN OF EDEN

It is a matter of peculiar interest to Bible students that some of the most sacred places mentioned in Scriptures are included in the present war scene. The hills around Nazareth, where the boy, Jesus spent his early years, have been fortified by the Turks and have become arsenals for destruction. The ruins of Capernaum are among the most important brought to light by the Palestine Archaelogical Society, and now owned and under a guard of the Roman Catholic Church, are subject to ruin from mines and air bombs. Turks and the British have made the Garden of Eden, formerly a garden of love and beauty, a garden of death Bagdad is about fifty miles from the ancient city of Babylon.

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WHAT WILL CONGRESS DO? TO THE PUBLIC LEDGER:

One of the biggest questions before the American people is, will Congress adopt the plan for "better preparedmess" as outlined by Mr. Wilson before the Manhattan Club of New York? Or to put it another way, are the tax payers of the United States ready to increase their taxes already burdensom, by indorsing the President's militarism. Is the Democratic party ready to follow the President into militarism? It is high time for the tax payers and voters to take their bearings in our national issues and think for themselves. After reading his speech with all possible care, I could not find even one reason for what he calls "better prepared-

He said: "not rapidly, but slowly, with careful attention, our naval force have been developed until the navy of the United States stands recognized as one of the most efficient and notable of the modern time." Again he said, "We are at peace with all the world." If these statements are true, wherein is it necessary to spend billions of dollars getting ready to defend ourselves against an imaginary enemy. His logic seems to be exceedingly faulty. With a powerful mavy and resources almost limitless, with Europe bleeding and cut to pieces, with the most horrible and destructive war the world has ever known, it does seem that we are in less danger of being attacked than we have been in fifty years. Should the war end now would it not take fifty years to repair the enormous losses which the nations at war have suffered. The question naturally arises from what quarter of the world do we look for an attack? Surely not from Great Britain, since the United States have been so kind to her in her present conflict. If she should attack us, how would she feed herself? Where would she land her big guns? If she has found great difficulty in getting her soldiers across twenty miles of water—the English channel, how would she get them across three thousand miles of water. Only the exceedingly fearful would look for war fron either France or Germany. But Mr. Wilson says, "No thoughtful man feels any panic haste in this matter." In this he speaks truly, and at the same time kills the force of his speech. With a powerful navy, with limitless resources, at peace with all the world, with mo fear from any quarter, I have to ask why has this preparedness for ed citizen of near Stem, died last war been so suddenly thrust upon the American people? Why is Mr. was a follower of General Lee in the Wilson trying to create sentiment a- last year of the war. The interment gainst the convening of Corgress for was at the old home place.

a militarism that rivals that of Germany. Is it fair for me to use the word in litarism in this connection. In speaking of the navy he said,"We should have a definite policy of development, not made from year to year but looking well into the future and planning for a definite consummation. We can and should profit by the military and naval events of the actual present." He could not scape using the word "military'. If this clause in his speech does not smell loud of militarism then I have absolutely no conclusion to draw from it. It is to me a meaningless utterance. Such an utterance and such a policy is a challenge to the religion of Jesus Chrit. It is against the peace policy of our country. It toes seem to me that any thoughtful man who is at all conversant with world-conditions would reject such a policy with all the force that is within them. It does seem to me that at the rate we are now building battle ships, with the devested condition of Europe that before we are in danger of being attacked we will have a navy large enough to fight the nations of the world.

I will not question Mr. Wilson's motives, but I must in obedience to my duty as an American reject his policy of preparedness. He acts like a man who feels that the people are seriously considering him. There are several questions that every tax payer and every voter must settle for himself in regard to his administration. Why has he allowed England to almost ruin our commerce with neutral countries? The South will not recover from the blow that England has dealt us in twenty years. Why was his note of protest to England so mild as compared with his note of protest to Germany? But the most serious question of all is, why did he select the Manhattan Club of New York as the place to launch his policy of preparedness. It is a well known fact that the Manhattan Club represents the moneypower of the Democratic party. It direct sunlight. Most disease germs is an admitted fact that the centralization of wealth is one of the greatest, if not the greatest danger of our civilization.

Is there one thoughtful man who Apply it to dark corners if you wish doubts that the money-power of our country is in favor of better preparedness. Or doubts that every war munition factory is in favor of better preparedness for war Will not Mr. Wilson's military and naval policies be a great opportunity for the manufacturers of war supplies to unload their surplus upon the backs of the tax payers, who are already sufficiently burdened. I do not believe that the Democratic party nor the American people will stand for his policy of better preparedness, or in other words militarism.

It is high time for the tax payers and voters to think seriously. If ever the Democratiic party needed a Moses it needs it now. The Democratic party owes Mr. Wilson mothing My humble opinion is, if Congress follows the policy of the Fresident, for better preparedness, the Republicans will come into power in 1916. And we might as well admit that the Democratic party will be buried beyond the power of a resurrection.

But there is time enough yet to save the day. There are great men within the ranks of the Democratic party. For there is the peerless William Jennings Bryan, to whom the party owes more than to any living man. Who will rank in history with Washington, Madison and Jefferson. Then there is Champ Clark. of Missouri, Ollie James of Kentucky, Claud Kitchen of North Carolina, Oscar Underwood and many others equally as great, who are able to lead the party to greater heights than she has yet attained to

My heart's desire is that America shall teach the nations of eaarth the way of peace more perfectly. That it shall be an asylum for the appeased of all nations. That the God of all grace shall direct our feet in the paths of prayer and peace for his name sake. T. B. HILL.

Simple Enough

Virgilina, Va.

(Siler City Grit)

Mighty few of us are good mathematicians, and so when cotton seed are quoted at \$40 or ,50 a ton, the average person has to figure with pencil what the price is per bushel. The following rule is so simple and so easy that we reproduce it Clip

it out for reference: "When the price of ton is given, in dollars, take half the price of a ton and add it to itself and the result will be the price of a bushel in cents. Thus, if seed are worth \$20 a ton, take half of 20 and add it to 20 and you get 30 cents as the price of a bushel. If seed are \$30 a ton, take half of 30 which is 15 and add it to 30 and you get 45 cents as the price of a bushel of seed. Now to find the price of a ton in dollars, when the price of a bushel in cents is known you subtract one-third of the price a bushel in cents from itsel and you have the price of a ton in dollars. Thus suppose the price of a bushel is 60 cents the third of 60 is 20 which taken from 60 leaves \$40 as the price of a ton. The rule is so easy that anyone who knows the multiplication table can pass from the ton to the bushel, or from the bushel to the ton as fast as he can talk."

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