

votes. Eliminate them and the vote received by Senator Lorimer was less than a majority of the votes cast. In view of the fact that I appear to stand alone in the views herein expressed, I make no recommendation to the committee, but I do ask that the members of the committee not members of the sub-committee carefully read all the testimony before forming an opinion."

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tion of President Taft as conveyed in a special message, the senate adopted a joint resolution nullifying the action of the constitutional convention at New Mexico in fixing the 103d meridian of longitude as the eastern boundary of that prospective state. It also gives the president power, in conjunction with Texas, to re-establish the lines run by J. H. Clark in 1858 as the true boundary between New Mexico and Texas. The dispute is of long duration and grows out of an error made by Clark in making the 103d meridian. It was intended this meridian should constitute the dividing line, as he placed it west of where it should have been. National authorities, as well as those

of Texas, accepted it as accurate, but New Mexico contended for the more eastern tracing.

THE "DIGNITY" OF WAR

Hon. Jackson H. Ralston, our agent at The Hague: Let it not be said that I am inappreciative of the dignity of war and of the importance of the causes leading up to it. War has no dignity. It offers a tragedy and a farce. With the tragic element we are all too familiar. With the farce of it all we are less familiar, for it is one of those obvious things—so obvious and so accustomed that, like the movement of the earth around the sun, eons of time pass by without its realization. What can be more farcial than that human beings should be dressed up in gold lace and waving plumes to go forth to slay other human beings in waving plumes and gold lace. Why should bearskin shakos to be used to add ferocity to their ensemble? Why should the common people, whose interest in the matter is nil, make themselves food for powder, all for the benefit of the few whose tinsel decorations blind their own eyes and those of the beholders? And why should parents who love their offspring rush into opportunities of bequeathing to them legacies of national poverty and debt as the result of a display of passion on the part of the fathers? And when all this is the work of sentiment human beings, may we not wonder over their effrontery in speaking of themselves as reasoning creatures? Are nations so rushing into conflict wiser than the mad bull in the arena that with lowered head dashes upon the sword of the matador? May we not conceive of a real philosopher looking down with wondering and puzzled contempt and amazement at our bloody antics-over baubles?

For as yet we are but children and have the ways of children. Between the childish disputes, "It is," "It isn't," or "I want to swing," "No, I won't let you swing," and the average difference between nations leading to war, there is in essence no distinction—nothing save the age and number of the disputants and the consequent variance in the objects which interest them. Relatively, the contest is unchanged, and equally it should be adjusted without killing and without the slow sapping away of life through taxation.

But if you tell me that such doctrines as I have tried to set out are opposed to patriotism, let me say to you that patriotism is not a fixed, but a growing term. When the first Englishmen planted themselves on the borders of Massachusetts Bay, their patriotism was bounded by the fringes of woods concealing Indian enemies. Later it meant a special sense of duty to those within the widening boundaries of the province. Yet a few years, and with the birth of a new nation, all who lived within the bounds of the thirteen original states were recognized as their brothers. Then, by leaps and bounds, it came to pass that the teeming millions of human beings from the Atlantic to the Pacific represented the solidarity of the country, and all were recognized as brothers under a common flag, and between such brothers war was a crime, and all troubles to be determined in a peaceful manner.

But one step is left. We have to reorganize the brotherhood of the human race and the infinite crime of bloody contests between members of a common family. When the day of such recognition arrives we shall love our immediate neighbors no less, and for them reserve the special offices that our finite strength limits us to giving to the relatively few, while the narrower features of the patriotism

of today will be swallowed up in a broad consideration of the rights of humanity, and all men will be brothers.—Houston (Texas) Chronicle.

THE ROAD TO DREAMLAND

Here at the foot of the stairs I wait
Every night for a laughing miss,
Going round, with her airs sedate,
Giving them all a good night kiss.
Just like a pilot, erect I stand,
A pilot upon the bridge, it seems,
Waiting only her glad command
To sail away to the land of dreams.

A wonderful stairway it is we climb,
Every step has a fairy name;
One is the Port of Summertime,
One is the Land of Every Game,
The landing—that is the Place of
Kiss,
And there we pause for a kiss, you
bet,
The price they charge at the gate of
bliss,
And all must pay who would in-
side get.

Then down the hall we romp and run,
'Till at last she jumps on her little
bed,
And off come her shoes, for the day
is done,
A few minutes more and her pray-
ers are said.
Then I rack my brain and I strive to
tell
A fairy story she hasn't heard,
Of a wonderful queen in a cockle
shell
Who rides on the back of the dodo
bird.

O, we drift away o'er a golden sea
To an island warm where the
fairies are;
Where the days are sunny as they
can be
And the nights are never without
a star.
Where there is nothing to do but
play,
And nothing to eat but chocolate
creams,
'Till at last I silently slip away
And leave her there in the Land of
Dreams.

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