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#### DUTY IN DAYS TO COME

And that confidence, it seems to me, is the measure of our opportunity and of our duty in the days to come, in which the new hope of the peoples of the world is to be fulfilled or disappointed. The fact that America is the friend of the nations whether they be rivals or associates, is no new fact. It is only the discovery of it by the rest of the world that is new.

America may be said to have reached her majority as a world power. It was almost exactly twenty-one years ago that the results of the war with Spain put us unexpectedly in possession of rich islands on the other side of the world and brought us into association with other governments in the control of the West Indies. It was regarded as a sinister and ominous thing by the statesmen of more than one European chancellor that we should have extended our power beyond the confines of our continental dominions. They were accustomed to think of new neighbors as a new menace, of rivals as watchful enemies. There were persons amongst us at home who looked with deep disapproval and avowed anxiety on such extensions of our national authority over distant islands and

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over peoples whom they feared we might exploit, not serve and assist. But we have not exploited them.

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#### HAND OF GOD DID IT

The war and the conference of peace now sitting in Paris seem to me to have answered that question. Our participation in the war established our position among the nations and nothing but our own mistaken action can alter it. It was not an accident or a matter of sudden choice that we are no longer isolated and devoted to a policy which has only our own interest and advantage for its object. It was our duty to go in, if we were indeed the champions of liberty and right. We answered to the call of duty in a way so spirited, so utterly without thought of what we spent of blood or treasure, so effective, so worthy of the admiration of true men everywhere, so wrought out of the stuff of all that was heroic, that the whole world saw at last, in the flesh, in noble action, a great ideal asserted and vindicated, by a nation they had deemed material and now found to be compact of the spiritual forces that must free men of every nation from every unworthy bondage. It is thus that a new role and a new responsibility have come to this great nation that we honor and which we would all wish to lift to yet higher levels of service and achievement.

The stage is set, the destiny disclosed. It has come about by no plan of our conceiving but by the hand of God who led us into this way. We cannot turn back. We can only go forward, with lifted eyes and freshened spirit, to follow the vision. It was of this that we dreamed at our birth. America shall in truth show the way. The light streams upon the path ahead, and nowhere else.

#### ITALY POUTING

The criticism of that Italian newspaper of President Wilson, written and published after his departure and printed in these columns Wednesday, would seem to indicate that Italy did not get in the treaty all that she was hoping to get when she went to war. Italy is not alone, either. Most of the European countries are feeling the same way about it, which would seem to indicate that justice had been done and that selfishness had been exiled from the peace table. Meantime it would be well for Italy and the others to be reminded that if it hadn't been for President Wilson and the people he represents, each of them, instead of getting a fair deal and a just proportion of the fruits of victory, would be getting precisely what a victorious Germany might be pleased to give them—and it doesn't take a very vivid imagination to indicate what that portion would have been. Eng-

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land, of all the belligerents, has refrained from criticism, and everybody knows that England isn't getting what she would like to have. There was no other representative at the peace table that had the authority of an impartial and an unselfish arbiter as fully recognized by justice and truth as Woodrow Wilson, and

history will acclaim his action as having been actuated by the loftiest motives of altruism, of disinterested purpose to serve the peace and happiness of the world and to remove as far as possible every seed that might grow and fructify into another cause for war and bloodshed.—Chattanooga Times.

#### THERE IS NO JOY IN BOOZEVILLE, JOHN BARLEYCORN STRUCK OUT



Somewhere the bands are playing and somewhere hearts are light. But not today in the U. S. A. which bears an arid blight; When Old John first swung at the "pill" a few short years ago, "Local option!" cried the Umpire. John's head drooped sad and low.

The next time that he came to bat he looked quite grim and stern; The Umpire said: "Get busy, John," and showed not much concern; The ball whizzed by, John fanned the air—'twas plain he'd lost his head—The grandstand moaned, the bleachers groaned. "State wide!" the Umpire said.

Once more John tried to show his skill, but when he took the stick The grandstand said: "He's groggy!" and the bleachers cried, "He's sick!" He fanned again and missed the ball. Oh, what a dismal sight! "You're out!" the Umpire cried to John. "You're out, oldboy."

"GOOD NIGHT!"

—Louisville Times.

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