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COLLAPSE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. At such a time in world affairs as this, when a practical program is sought for Europe, the nations almost with one accord turn to the United States and not to the League of Nations.

In every crisis of international politics the league has failed to function as a major institution. Today at Lausanne it is proposed to appoint the control committee which is to supervise the Turkish straits under the near east peace treaty. This is entirely outside the League of Nations. Ismet Pasha pleads for further guarantees for safety of Constantinople than the League of Nations could give. Powerless to act and without prestige, the "dream of Versailles" is fading from all consideration.

America now stands in exactly the position it would have taken if Woodrow Wilson had carried out his threat to withdraw from the Paris conference and sail for home rather than agree to the execution of the secret treaties by which the allies had divided the world among them. Europe has tried out its schemes and they have failed. When finally it takes its place on the mourner's bench then will the way to salvation be opened.

Alone of all the victors, America sought no material gains out of the war. The stakes for which the old world plays are not attractive to the democracy of the new world. America knows that to win in such a game is only to lose. Seeking no annexations or indemnities, America has the latent power to right the wrongs of the peace if Europe comes with the same honesty and unselfishness with which America would arbitrate these matters.

No nation seeking aggrandizement could have such a commanding position. No people who were lacking in the sense of justice and democracy would dare to assume such responsibility. Americans have given freely of their charity to aid the foreign peoples who have been suffering from the mistaken policies of their rulers. Americans yearn to succor the oppressed of every land. If Europe is now ready to accept the aid of the United States in the only way it can be given, without sacrificing our sovereignty, surrendering any national principal or endorsing the spirit of national greed, jealousy or revenge, the way is clear.

America stayed out of the League of Nations because it did not wish to bind itself to guarantee to carry out the impossible. Holding firm to our national sovereignty, avoiding entanglements and giving no encouragement to the mistakes of imperialism and militarism, we have attained a moral eminence that other nations are forced at last to recognize.

Such a power is too great to be represented merely by one vote in a League of Nations. When President Wilson sat in the Versailles conference he was helpless to achieve the results for which tories came when he threatened to leave. In that fact may be seen the great truth that America's power for good lies in keeping our hands clean and free to serve in a larger way. We are a bigger factor outside the League of Nations than as one member among so many. Events prove that our real chance to serve comes from our preserving a neutral attitude. If a new international economic conference is to be held, the United States will act as an arbiter, almost as a judge, instead of merely being one voice among many.

President Harding has always felt the there were ways of accomplishing world recove, without violating the independent spirit of Americanism. He is known now to hope that America's influence may soon be given the opportunity to assist in stabilizing world conditions. The task that the soulless machinery of the League of Nations could not perform may soon be undertaken in a simpler, more honest way. The four-power pact of Washington and the treaty arranged there by which Japan has returned Shantung to China have proved the worth of this national policy.

The League of Nations stands helpless in the present emergency. The question on all lips in Europe is, "What is America's attitude?" Whatever the inclination of the statesmen, it is sure that the respect in which the people of Europe hold America will force their rulers to listen. The disinterested, unselfish conduct of the United States has given it more real influence in the world than that enjoyed by the League of Nations. If we had lost our spirit of unselfishness and had entered into a race for spoils of war, this could not be.

As long as America seeks no special concessions, but holds out for a world in which all people shall have an equal opportunity to develop, it will maintain this spiritual supremacy which counts for more than all the stratagems of secret diplomacy and offers the only way out of the trouble that besets the old world.

THE GREAT DIVIDE IN POLITICS.

In France and other continental nations political parties are numbered by the dozen. In general the line-up is on the bloc system. Germany today is governed by a combination of blocs, some of them economic and some religious. In Poland the conflict between racial blocs has resulted in the assassination of a president of Lithuanian blood by a deranged member of the simon pure Polish party.

Political divisions in the United States are simpler and along broader lines. A few fundamental differences exist between the two great parties, but time and again some candidate by force of personality leads the voters across party lines. Factions within the parties take the place of the numerous partisan divisions abroad. Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States labor board, recently summed up the American political organization in

the following way: "A progressive is the man who moves forward. A conservative hesitates before moving, and if hemoves at all, moves neither far nor fast. A progressive who is not conservative is radical. A conservative who is not progressive is reactionary."

All these tendencies are to be found within each of the two rival party organizations. In Nebraska, however, the overwhelming majority is made up of what may be called "progressive conservatives" and "conservative progressives." If there were more revise their opinions.

real reactionaries, their presence would stimulate a larger percentage of downright radicals. Thus is the balance of nature applied even to the human function of government. One extreme begets the

NO COME-BACK FOR "FATTY."

The proposal to reinstate Roscoe (Fatty) Aruckle as a moving picture actor comes as a distinct shock. This man was connected with one of the most disgraceful episodes ever recorded in America. That he was finally acquitted, after three trials on a charge of manslaughter for the death of Virginia Rappe, may have exonerated him so far as the law is concerned, but there is something deeper and broader than mere exculpation by a jury.

If Arbuckle sincerely has repented of his admitted misdeeds, he is taking an odd way of showing his contrition. Instead of trying to force himself on public attention again, he should be in sackcloth and ashes. The art of the moving picture theater suffered little when he was compelled to withdraw, and it will not be assisted in any way by his

One thing is clearly seen through the smoke screen that is being laid down by the appeal to publie sympathy. When the Labor day orgy at the San Francisco hotel was disclosed, a great sob went up from the producers, who announced that \$2,000,000 was tied up in Arbuckle pictures. Now it is stated that none of these films are to be shown, but that a new series will be made. If Arbuckle pictures are allowed to be presented at all, how long will it be until the stock in storage is brought forth, with titles changed, and foisted on the public as new

Will H. Hays makes a rather hollow plea for sympathy on behalf of the discredited actor. If Mr. Hays would well serve his employers, and continue to deserve public sympathy, he will set his face sternly against the proposed attempt. "Fatty" Arbuckle should not again be paraded before the children of America, and the suggestion that he be permitted to once more appear on the screen is an insult to public morals.

WHEN A MAN'S A MAN.

Eugene O'Neill's "Hairy Ape" was a stoker on a transatlantic liner. He extolled his great strength as the force that drives the world. When scorned by the dainty maiden from the cabin deck, he turns his thoughts to destruction, and sets out to prove his prowess by making trouble. Finally, he unlocks the cage of the gorilla in the park zoo, and hails the beast as a brother. The beast promptly breaks the back of the man and flings him, a crumpled wreck

This is hailed by the super-intellectuals as a psalm of life. What will they say to the fireman of the lake tug Reliance, through whose strength and courage twenty-three men are living today, who otherwise were doomed. He, too, is a "hairy ape," an "abysmal brute," whose great arms and broad chest are covered by a thick growth of curly hair; who knows nothing of Nietsche, or Freud, or Coue, or any of the rest of the advanced thinkers. His reading probably never extended beyond the sport page, or the bulletin of his labor union; he may even have been a "red," and he very likely was.

But he was a man, and when it became necessary to swin, from the stranded vessel to the shore, carrying a line through the icy water, he did it. Any grudge he may have had against society, any vendetta on the capitalistic class, disappeared when the crisis met him. His brawn had been given to feeding the furnace, now it was pitted against nature ed against the strength of wind and wave, and the odds of cruel cold against him.

And he won. He carried the line to shore, and by that means all who were left alive on the boat were saved. William Gow, fireman, is also a man.

Secretary Stuhr finds a number of places in which the laws of the state can be mended, and so reports to the governor. The legislature will have the final

Louisiana is to experiment with Nebraska potatoes, and if they come to even a part of the success attained in their native land, the Pelican state will be particularly blessed.

One good way to clean house is to clean house, and this is commended to the attention of the moving picture owners.

These agricultural bloc senators seem to have some little points of disagreement among themselves, such as Muscle Shoals, for example.

Senator Norris surely will be missed when he comes to leave the senate, for he manages to keep things from stagnating.

"Give Fatty a chance," but what about the chil-

Don't disturb Santa Claus; he's busy.

Music Hath Charms

From the St. Louis Globe-Democraft. -During, and for a time after the war, music as a ivilizing, refining and elevating influence was under a cloud. The Germans, always and by far the greatest exponents of the thought that music is the most potent uplifting force in nature, suddenly lifted themselves to such a height that they became as a great cloud shutting out the sunlight. They recalled the fact that the Corsicans, with the vendetta and the stiletto, had long been wont to sing snatches of opera while they carved

But it is as impossible to keep a good thing, as it is good man, down. Music is coming back. The music critics of the London press are rerevising the opinion they expressed while war was raging, that, when heard between the lines of librettos, or seen in the twist of the baton in the hands of an orchestra leader, Wagner's operas, so far from being filled with the sweetness and light they had found in them before the war com menced, breathed the very soul of war. The rerevision of that opinion is bringing music back, and, according to the Music Trades, it has reached the State Prison

camps around Huntington, Tex. The Music Trades says that the introduction of the phonograph has almost brought to an end the playing of "craps" by the prisoners. It has led to the organi zation of a number of small orchestras and bands among the prisoners in the camps. "This," says the Music Trades, "has brought to the front much talent, including singers, imitators, dancers and other capable perform-Officials realize that music has created a much better social atmosphere in the camps." That music had created not a social but an antisocial atmosphere in the world had been charged by the London critics. who found, after the war began, that the greatest of music breathed threateningly of slaughter in the scores. But they have taken that opinion back, and are again hearing nothing but a concord of harmonious and peaceful sounds in the Wagnerian operas. When such a reversal of critical and expert opinion as to the soul of music is possible, it cannot be surprising that a shaking of the bones stops whenever music is heard. The in mates of the Texas prison hear nothing of strife in music. And they are not the men to revise and re-

"From State and Nation"

-Editorials from other newspapers-

en areas. From that time it has ex-

erted all proper effort to protect not only American nationals and their

interests, but the human rights" of

continue to mark the administration's

Shall We Move Backward?

The convention of the Taxpayers'

ready to go back to the old highway

of ox team days. This was a pertiner question. If we are not ready to ac-

we still demand that our roads shall

taxes by throwing the whole burden

normal colleges. Before we go to this extreme we should frankly ask

ourselves whether Nebraska is finan-cially able to give its young people

the same educational advantages that

the young people of other states are

just where we are willing to accept

lower standards, and then make the

Consented.

ish institutions. Slow, painfully slow to change any of its honored customs.

The fortress, many would have us think, of British art. Many have

knocked at its door in vain, male and female; the female of the species for the last 150 years, since the day of Angelica Kaufman, have bruised their

tide which is overwhelming the males of this day and generation. With

ing at the bar, holding high places in

universities, it had to be only a ques-tion of time until the poor old

academicians bowed to the inevitable.

Annie L. Swynnerton has the honor

of beaking through the barrier. Those who have followed the course

Those who have followed the course of the Royal Academy in the last few decades will take off their hats to the

culptress; in the language of the street, it was some job, breaking

Common Sense

The Danger of Thinking Yourself

"Superior."

You are not going to learn much as long as you have the opinion that your ideas are superior to those of practically everyone with whom you

As a matter of fact why should you

o much more firm than others? Perhaps the carrying out of your

think that your opinion are so nearly correct and resting upon a foundation

gree of success when compared to the limited number of persons with whom

you associate, but if they are so far superior to the majority of persons

why have you not reached a position equal to the person who is your su-

Probably with your natural ability

you might have been among the lead-

ers along your line if you had not had

good opinion of yourself and your

ductions and the practical method

Until a man has reached the top in

his line of endeavor he is not in a

position to think that even a major-

Haven't you a long way to go be

Don't get so puffed up that you can

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proper elimination.

From the Norfolk News

Henry and Discontent.

That the wide distribution of Henry Ford's principal product is killing all stricken elements involved in the he small towns by transporting the crisis. It has not only extended them erstwhile village buyer to the nearby substantial relief by dispatching war city over a road that has been built up for the motorist's comfort, is the plaint of a central Nebraska man who writes his observations to the Limburgh Market and the company of the comp oln Journal. Undoubtedly the auto- tect the refugees threatened by nobile has been the means of getting people away from home. Possibly, oo, it has impelled people to buy goods away from home-goods which dealing with the Turkish question. they are unable to get at home. One can hardly deny, for instance, that the motor car has done much, commercially, for such communities as our own, and it will continue to do league which has been in session at that as long as the merchant in the town of the Nebraska City class is posed attacks upon public expendit awake to his opportunities and the merchant in the smaller community is not. The average world the league proposes to the league proposes The average small town has not kept abreast of the gate asked his colleagues if they were merchant has not kept abreast of the For one thing he has never used publicity, depending upon perlongevity in busithrough.- His cept the standards of olden days; if age-old business methods are not conducive to profits in the till, but as be improved, how are we to save ng as he refuses to progress he will Man is a gregarious of road building upon the state? and perambulating animal. Given the opportunity he moves with the herd; the Ford has made it easier the standards of our high stroops and the stroops are stroops are stroops and the stroops are stroops are stroops and the stroops are stroops are stroops are stroops are stroops are stroops are stroops and the stroops are stroops. for him to migrate. Man is likewise nherently susceptible to bargains. It as been so ever since Jacob and Esau made that memorable pottage rade, and man will barter and trade wherever the display is temptingly placed before his eyes, the printed physical state or through the printed fortunate would be adoption of the word. Merely because the Ford ausuggestion that supervision of high nobile has provided a new form of schools by the state university transportation to the multitude is eliminated. This supervision has had transportation to the multitude is no excuse for calling Mr. Ford an arch profiteer and an enemy to mankind. The solution lies elsewhere, and the man who lives in the smaller town knows what it is. It's up to town knows what it is. It's up to the cannot afford to maintain this standard, the elimination of the companion of the cannot afford to maintain this standard, the elimination of the cannot afford to maintain this standard, the elimination of the cannot afford to maintain the cannot afford to maintain the cannot afford to maintain the cannot afford the cannot afford to maintain the cannot afford the cannot afford to maintain the cannot afford the

Out of a Job. rom the Cieveland News.

him to solve the problem. Give the

prefer to carry on his business transactions with the friend of a life-

time. But he will not be bamboozled as long as gasoline is obtainable and

One of the picture actresses most iked by patrons of cinema theaters came in for a deal of unenviable notoriety in connection with the William Desmond Taylor murder, a Los thing to do is to decide just what Angeles crime that attracted much services we are willing to give up, atttention a year ago and remained an unsolved mystery. Now, though the murder and all its ramifications have about passed from public memory, the corporation employing the actress announces that her contract is about to expire and will not be renewed.

Though the company makes its statement without naming a reason, it is conjectured that the young woman's popularity with moving picture spectators has diminished, that her rawing power and value have gone lown in consequence of her connecpatrons who admire her still, thismay seem an injustice, particularly if the severing of her present busi-ness connection is not followed by he obtaining of other employment approximately as good.

might be argued with some reason that the private lives and per-sonal relations of picture posers ought entrance. But even the Royal Acadnot to affect their professional value, lemy couldn't stand out against the any more than in the cases of elevaoperations or street cleaners, so long as their professional skill remained unimpaired. But that reasoning ignores the exploiting of personality and name, so general in all branches of the amusement business.
Actors, singers, lecturers, prize fighters, baseball players and many others are paid in proportion to the drawing power of their names. They are well paid, often absurdly or unjustly so, some may think. If they fail to protect their greatest asset from depreciation or destruction through scandal in their private lives. t may be only just that they should uffer more materially than would unknown workers, who never had reeived high salaries on the of names made famous largely at the expense of their employers. A singer suffers if she loses her voice through no fault of hers. Should not an an actress suffer if she forfeits her popularity?

Other instances might be cited. A comedian formerly featured in the pictures is no longer in demand. A baseball player has felt moved to make public protestations of reform. Whether the public is right or wrong in demanding respectable conduct of its favorits, it cannot be denied that such a force of public opinion exists fect cannot be other than wholesome

America's Aid

From the Washington Post President Harding speaks by the record when he says that the American government "is giving of its in fluence and its power for the protec tion of human rights and human interests everywhere in the world." This declaration was made by the exutive in an address before the Amer can Red Cross, and especially referred the near east situation as having lemanded and received relief from this nation. The government's record n the near east crisis has proved the assertion of the president, so far as applies to events in that arena. The first reports of threatening cables before the Washington govern ment was rushing relief to the strick-

Daily Prayer

I have loved Thee with an everlasting

Our Father in Heaven, we would praise and magnify Thy Holy Name. Thy love watches over us, protecting us from every kind of danger, and provides for our every need. Thou dost never fail us. We trust in Thee. We have sinned against Thee in thought and word and deed, but we come with contrite hearts, confessing our unworthiness, and pleading for Thy forgiveness, through the merits of the shed blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for all Thy good gifts unto us, and we pray Thee to accept us and to use us as Thou canst. Bless each of us as we need Thy blessing. And, with us, bless all the ill, the sorrowing, the discouraged, the sinning, and all Thy needy ones. We would pray also for all those engaged in lowly or great tasks for the extension of Thy Kingdom in

the hearts of men everywhere. And now do Thou be with us in our daily task of hand or mind. be workmen in things material and spiritual of whom Thou needest not be ashamed. Gather us home after while, without one missing. t in Jesus' name. Amen.

Corner 18th and Harney Streets REV. STEWART WINFIELD HERMAN, Harrisburg, Pa.

"The People's Voice"

The Search for Truth.

Council Bluffs, Ia .- I take the lib erty through the People's Voice column of expressing my views regarding religious practice and observance of the Sunday blue laws. I have read enforcement of the Sunday blue laws throughout the country, especially velopments in Turkey. The president has made it plain that this policy will the one in this morning's Bee

ing that a strong effort would be made to pass one of the three bills now pending and in the hands of the house committee of which Mr. Focht of Pennsylvania is chairman. This seems to discourage the thought of them being brought up for discussion during the session, which seems to me to be a prudent decision from the fact that congress could occupy the entire term in discussing these measures, considering the religious prejudices and half-heathenish be iefs among the numerous sects inter-

Although I am not affiliated with would get quicker relief through ommission appointed to investigate thoroughly from the time the world began, which is the true Lord's day to be observed as Sunday, also to de cide which is the one and only God to be recognized in such worship. which, when adopted, would join all creeds into one universal church where the truth could be taught to the growing generations, and where all prejudice would be dispelled.

Urges Two New Laws. Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Saw an editorial in the World-Herald that shows just how sincere Hitchcock was on the prohibition question. It quoted an officer of the government as saying he could not stop the bootlegging. When he got one still two took its place. It him to solve the problem. Give the people what they want, give them be a mistake which would be hard to carried the idea that bootlegging could not be stopped. I wonder how alert, obliging, patient and courteous are to be cut to two years, as suglong this officer would work for Gilbert Hitchcock or for a corporation if he acknowledged he could not do the work, or if Gilbert Hitchcock professic would be greatly lowered. What the delegates fail to take into would condone the fact and still keep him. The men have run this old world since the beginning of time and consideration is that our schools are furnishing our children with the very best educational facilities at a cost have done a pretty good job of it. much lower than would be possible in As it is better by far than over before and is getting better all the time, but private schools. Even if taxes are high they are not so high as would be the I think they can move a little faster in the right direction. For instance, expense of educating our children under any other system.

The convention's demand for a 15 let Commissioner Dunn or the city fathers call all the policemen in and per cent reduction of expense is going up their beats, and see that they do it. Then make any one of them, on

> and club. There would be no need of a "morals squad," to arrest one once But there is just the trouble. Spewhile and blow a trumpet and cific recommendations are met with a storm of disapproval. Which is tell they are going to arrest some pretty good evidence that the public Then I would suggest that the legisis just about getting its money's lature pass a law that any man or woman found with liquor on or in them be sent to jail until they tell Swearing They Would Ne'er Consent, where they got it, and for fear they would not know who they were or had forgotten give them plenty of TheBritish Royal Academy is one of the most solid (and stolid) of Britgood bread and pure water while in

whose beat a bootlegging joint is found after that time, turn in his star

also give their stomachs a much needed rest. There are plenty of good men in Omaha for policemen that are not exsaloon keepers and bartenders.

Another law to pass is that when any one steals, whether as a shoplifter or a bank embezzler, he shall pay back. If they have not got the money

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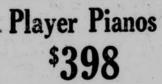


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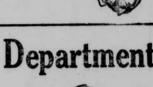
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