

# AMERICA MUST ACT WISELY OR FALL LIKE ROME

All Great Fallen Nations Arrived at Point Where They Seemed to Have All They Strove for.

President Ernest M. Hopkins of Dartmouth college, preaching yesterday morning at the First Unitarian church, declared that America today is at a point in history which, if unwisely met, "may lead to the greatest tragedy of nations—the world has ever seen."

"Greece, Rome, Egypt, all the fallen nations, arrived at this point where all for which they had struggled seemed about to be grasped, and then, through self-sufficiency and self-indulgence they fell," said Dr. Hopkins.

"We have fought to make the world safe for democracy. The task before us now is to make democracy safe for the world. That shall be accomplished through unselfish co-operation and a generous consideration for the other fellow and the other nation. It is not the spirit which says, 'I'm just as good as you are,' but it says, 'You're just as good as I am.'"

"Don't be misled by the people who today are crying that the league of nations can't be formed. They made the same cry when the 13 original colonies were bound together into a union. Throughout history it has been the same. And, strange though it seems, the obvious has always been held up as the impossible. When a certain fine action is mapped there is a mental process within us which says, 'If this were practicable it would have been done before; therefore, there must be some obstacle insurmountable.'"

"But, put to the test, it is found that these things can be done and that the world is better after they are done."

"The league of nations is the obvious thing. Co-operation is the keynote of all progress. Recently I visited the little Canadian town of Ambleton, 40 miles from a railroad, where practically everything needed is raised or made without the outside world. Life is primitive and, at times, precarious, because these people are not leagued with the outside world."

**Each Man a Specialist.**  
"Each man in the civilized world today is a specialist in something and by his specialization he learns to produce the maximum amount in a given time. By reason of his high production and through co-operation with all the other specialists who make things that he needs he is enabled to enjoy these things which the non co-operative people in the little Canadian town cannot have."

"Two are better than one," said the cynical philosopher who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes. "For if one fall the other shall raise him up. And here is the philosophy which must guide us in making democracy safe for the world. We must be on the lookout for what we can do for others. We have liberty in this country. That is usually conceived to be liberty from restrictions. But we should hold in mind that it is also a liberty for unselfish actions. If we move forward with this vision America and the world will enter upon an era such as they have only dreamed of in the past."

**Frank Gaskill Tells Story of Spy Work During War**  
Philadelphia.—An interesting story of enemy spy work is told by Frank H. Gaskill, assistant chief of the Protective League, which rendered service during the war.

**Beekeeping in Forests.**  
San Francisco, Cal.—The possibilities of beekeeping in the national forests in southern California are being investigated by agriculturists of the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Forest Service. Dr. E. F. Phillips and Mr. George S. Demuth have gone to southern California to investigate the subject, and while there will assist state authorities in conducting extension schools for commercial beekeepers at San Diego, Davis, Visalia, and Riverside. Each one of these schools will be conducted for six days, and three sessions daily will be held.

**First person, singular—That's me—says Bobby**  
—says Bobby  
when I'm alone with a package of **POST TOASTIES** (MADE OF CORN)

## "Spend and Spare Not" Seems to Be U. S. Slogan

Jim Mann's Wonderful Preserves and Jellies May Pave His Way to House Speakership.

Washington Bureau of The Bee—February 2.

By E. C. SNYDER.  
ONE of the best results of "abstinent treatment" that I can recall is seen in the passage of the bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for the needy of Europe. It has been the most grudging compliance with the executive demand since the war was declared. It will be recalled that the president asked that the sum be given "me," which called forth many sarcastic references while the bill was under consideration. The republicans of the house almost unanimously voted to let the Red Cross distribute it. Then there were 73 votes against the grant and the bill left the house with provisions to make the distribution by way of loans instead of largesses.

When it came to the senate, in order to get it through, it was made clear that the Allied War Council was requesting it as a war measure instead of altruistic bounty, to be conferred by our chief commissioner. Then the 18 senators were recorded against it.

The one thing that put the bill across was a fear that the president, having called for it and not granted, would seriously suffer in prestige at the settling table.

One senator summed it up this way: "Well, let you have it this time. We do this to save you humiliation. Next time you'll have the humiliation and you'll have the Enfant Terrible, who asked for a dollar before the company got the coin that time—but he never tried it again."

The centrifugal forces have seized the treasury. Congressman Sloan said recently on the floor of the house, "Every key in Washington and Paris opens the United States treasury. There are none fashioned to lock it."

The war secretary is authorized to validate \$2,750,000,000 in contracts entered into up to 24 hours after the armistice was signed, which lacked legal formality and enforceability. One hundred million dollars are scooped out to Europe.

Loans now totaling nearly \$9,000,000,000, loaned to the allies, without a long time bond taken, as was expected and understood by a great many of the American people. One set of sentimentalists are saying, cancel the debt we hold against the foreign governments. Another says sell the due bills we have taken, while grim old Clemenceau suggests to Wilson that the United States pay its portion of war expenditures incurred before we entered the conflict.

**Another L'il Bill.**  
A bill has just passed the house authorizing the ultimate expenditure of \$26,000,000 for one-story hospitals throughout the country for the Public Health service to care for ex-soldiers, sailors, marines, civil service sick and any other person in the United States.

The secretary of the navy, while Europeans are discussing the sinking of the German fleet, asks for \$900,000,000 to extend our navy.

The house of representatives notes its members \$1,200 additional clerk hire and the civil employes at Washington are given an increase of \$240 per year.

**"Spend and Spare Not."**  
Above each department portal should be written—"Spend and spare not."

One department, "agriculture," asked for \$158,000 for rentals for necessary buildings. The agricultural committee of the house found that there was sufficient empty space in public buildings no longer in use to house all these activities. The head of the department concedes it, but insists on the appropriation being made anyhow, giving it out quietly that it will not be used.

Meanwhile the sick and wounded soldiers in Walter Reed hospital in this city have to do or pay for their own washing and not having received their own salaries they cannot pay it.

## 100,000 IDLE ON CLYDE; TROOPS GUARD GLASGOW

Strike Leaders Held in Jail; Trade Unions Pledge Support to 40-Hour Week Movement.

Glasgow, Feb. 2.—Great crowds were about the streets all day, but there has been no disorder, following up the grave situation created by the strike yesterday. Soldiers are guarding all the important parts of the city and officials arranged for calling in troops from outlying districts in case of emergency.

Highland regiments are guarding the railway stations, bridges, electric power stations and gas works. The strike leaders, Emanuel Shipwell, William Gallagher and David Kirkwood, were charged before police magistrates with inciting to riot and assembling for unlawful purposes. Gallagher was also charged with assaulting a policeman. They were remanded until February 6, bail being refused.

Miner leaders were dealt with similarly on about the same charges. Shipwell is an official of the British seafarers' union and a member of the town council.

**Demand Release of Prisoners.**  
Fresh troops were brought into the city today. The council of Scottish trade unionists protested against "the brutal behavior of the authorities" and demanded the release of the prisoners.

A statement issued in behalf of the employers declared that the extremist party among the workmen had repudiated the bargain made by the trade union leaders, and challenged their authority.

It is estimated that 100,000 men are idle on the Clyde, of whom one-third are strikers.

Bakers have given notice of their intention to strike unless they get a 40-hour week.

One hundred and eighty-five delegates attended a meeting of the trade union council which adopted a resolution by a vote of 92 to 22 asking the government to embody the 40-hour week in a legislative measure.

Refusal of the government to intervene in the strike here and the non-acceptance by the employers of the Lord mayor's invitation to confer with the strikers brought about a complete deadlock.

The men's leaders declare they will not give way and are devoting their energies to strengthen their position by obtaining co-operation of labor in other parts of Ireland. They say that the refusal of the employers to discuss the situation with them has aroused bitterness and resentment.

**Brother Says Lieut. Spalsbury Was Killed in Discharge of Duty**  
Charles B. Spalsbury, brother of Lieut. Donald C. Spalsbury, whose death was caused by an automobile accident on the Dodge road, flatly denies the charges and imputations that women were in the party at the time of the accident.

"My brother was engaged in the discharge of his duty when he met his death. He was pursuing some bootleggers who had been selling their stuff to men at the fort, when the accident occurred," the brother stated.

"If they would look at the head of one of the injured officers they would find out where the hair comes from."

"The charge is preposterous and without foundation," he further continued.

## Alvin Wick Lands in Jail for Smashing Furniture

Welfare Board Accommodates Employes With Advance Pay

The Welfare board issued 1910 checks in payment of salaries of city employes in the last 14 months, says Superintendent Weirich.

Alvin Wick, who was held at the police station in connection with the murder of Frank Glynn, Topeka, Kan., in Omaha on Christmas morning, was arrested early Sunday morning here, charged with malicious destruction of property. Wick received severe bruises on the face at the hands of Edward Hermansky, proprietor of the Millard hotel pharmacy, when Wick is said to have begun to smash the show cases and furniture of the store. Both men became embroiled over an argument and Wick was thrown out of the store, after which Hermansky locked the door and went to bed.

Wick's injuries were dressed by the police surgeon, and he was put in a cell.

**Petition to the Secretary of War to Send Soldiers Home With Six Months' Pay**  
Sign this petition, get your friends to sign it and forward it to The Omaha Bee.

To the Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War:  
The undersigned respectfully urge you to return to their homes as soon as possible the soldiers who have accomplished so brilliantly every object America had in the war.

We urge, also, that you obtain the necessary authority to pay these men their military wages for six months, or for some sufficient period after their discharge from the army until they can obtain useful and remunerative employment.

We urge this as an act of simple justice by a great nation to its heroes.

(Signed)

# Remember "Thrift Day"—February 3

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## WILL CONTINUE DRIVE TO SELL THRIFT STAMPS

Monday, February 3, Named as National Thrift Day; Made Holiday to Encourage Purchase of Stamps.

"American industries are at the mercy of the man of small capital," said Lloyd H. Matson of the Conservative Savings, Loan association.

This is the fact that Americans must face Monday, February 3—National Thrift day.

A holiday in commemoration of the future looking forward to accomplishments of ourselves, instead of celebrating deeds of the past—that is the distinction in National Thrift day, and other holidays.

"The war took \$70,000,000,000 of English, French and other European capital from the United States," continued Mr. Matson, "this can not be depended on in another generation."

When the foreign money was recalled, at the outbreak of the war, and the stock exchange closed down, dumping these securities on the market the work of the man of small capital began.

Capitalists have their surplus busy, Europe cannot supply money for industries and because the government realizes the importance of the small savings they are continuing the war savings stamp and thrift stamp campaign.

Nebraska has saved \$33,000,000 in small savings during the past year. "One-half of the 7,500 Liberty loan accounts last year are new," said Mr. Matson, "and now a large per cent of these are appearing at the other window to open savings accounts."

The conservation of wheat, and all food stuffs of coal, platinum, steel and every staple commodity can be summed up in the word "thrift" and it is to impress the fact that this is not a war-time necessity only, that Monday, February 3, has been called the National Thrift day.

The necessity of not relaxing into a state of carelessness and profligacy in the reconstruction period is more vital to American industries and prosperity than ever before.

National Thrift day is a holiday; not one on which to stop work, but to get busy in plans for national and personal increase in thrift.

**State Florists' Society to Hold Annual Meeting**  
The annual meeting of the State Florists' society will be held in Lincoln during the meeting of Organized Agriculture, February 25 to 28. C. H. Frey of Lincoln is president of the society and Lewis Henderson of Omaha is the secretary.

## Soviet Russia Will Revert to Barbarism Says British Officer

London.—"Russia, that is soviet Russia, will revert to absolute barbarism within three years if assistance is not offered from the outside," says a British officer who recently escaped from Russia. To the correspondent of the Associated Press he added:

"Men and women of the better classes who have lived through the first year of bolshevism, are donning peasant garb in self-defense and dropping into the dull, monotonous village life. There's nothing else for them to do. Russia will soon be as primitive as the Congo if allowed to drift along under bolshevik control. It is hopeless to expect leadership in Russia which will save the country from reversion to medievalism. The bolshevik leaders are not strong. Opposition leaders are so weak that Lenin and his associates seem strong by comparison. They are merely better organized than any other group."

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