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LOUISIANA PURCHASE.

President Roosevelt's address at the St. Louis university, where he was welcomed by Cardinal Gibbons, was brief, but it was thoroughly American in spirit, and it will be heartily applauded wherever the Constitution of this country is revered. He said in part: "I would consider myself recreant to the principles of duty if I fail to carry out that provision of our Constitution which says to treat all alike, without regard to the manner in which any man chooses to worship Almighty God." That was a rebuke to an element in this country which, living under the Constitution, uses the rights and privileges it confers, for the purpose of annulling those rights as regards others.

The expression of the sentiment was peculiarly appropriate on this occasion, for the United States must furnish a pattern for the world, not only in material progress, but in freedom from bigotry and superstition.

A contributor to the World's Work tells in that magazine of the wonderful development of the part of this country that was once known as the Louisiana purchase.

The states and territories included in this section produced in 1900 no less than 254,000,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$122,000,000—more than half of the wheat crop of the whole United States; 1,012,000,000 bushels of corn, or forty-eight per cent of the country's product; thirty-eight per cent of the country's oats; cotton, hay and potatoes produced, he says, in this region in 1900 brought \$755,000,000, and its farm animals were valued at \$825,000,000, thirty-eight per cent of those of the whole country.

The celebration of this "purchase," with a world's fair is eminently proper. For the transfer of that section to the United States made it what it is today. And that is of world-wide interest. Under no other rule would that country have become part of the great granary of the world, as it is today. In 1902, we are told, North Dakota stood second in the list of wheat-producing states and Minnesota first. These with Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, all in the Louisiana Purchase, held all the rest of the country last year in wheat-growing.

REACTION FROM MILITARISM.
Dispatches from Vienna state that there is great joy in Austria-Hungary because the government has decided to reduce the military service from three to two years. It is the common people on whom the military burdens fall heaviest, who are expressing satisfaction. They take it as an indication that militarism will be relaxed, and the joy and gratification are all the more genuine because the change of policy comes as a complete surprise.

Europe became military mad at the time of the triumph of Germany over France. The two countries, after peace had been restored, went to work to create armies on the basis that it was the duty of every male citizen to bear arms, and to give as much time as possible to military training. The war between the two countries was the beginning of a retrograde movement, back to the barbarous times when war was considered the only occupation for gentlemen. And Europe was gradually led into the movement backward. One country after another, after more or less heated contests between the governments and the representatives of the people, became a military camp, until it was impossible, almost, for the poor laborer to make any material headway at all. Thousands were driven away from their respective countries, and they sought and found refuge elsewhere.

Now it appears that a reaction has come. In the best informed political and military circles it is thought that citizen armies in Europe are now firmly established on the two-year basis. In Germany and France the system has proved an entire success. In Austria it is eliciting warm patriotic expressions. And from the two-year system to one still shorter, ought to be a comparatively easy step.

CONSCIENCE AND POLITICS.
The Boston Herald, in commenting upon the refusal of Governor Hann of Delaware to sign a legislative enactment designed to put a stop to vote-buying, takes the ground that when politics and conscience conflict, the latter generally gets the worst of it. That is a sad comment on human nature, but who can say that it is not true?

The Delaware case is really a remarkable one. The representatives of the people of Delaware desired the repeal of the so-called voters' assistant law, under the protection of which the "assistant" makes sure that the "voter" votes as he is paid to vote. No less than 32 clergymen appeared before the governor and appealed to him in behalf of the best element of the citizens, to sign the repeal bill, but in vain.

It appears that the governor is a Quaker, and one of the clergymen spoke for the Friends. He said in part: "We feel it our duty as a people to urge thee, dear friend, to sign this bill and to do away with the source of so much corruption. Believe us, dear friend, from this great burden of crime which is weighing us down. Be true to a clear conscience, and when God calls thee to go up higher thou wilt be welcome. Be true to Jesus Christ as we know by our conscience and by our inner light what is right and what is wrong."

The governor listened, but heard not. He replied with some phrases concerning the necessity of protecting the "ignorant and the oppressed." Evidently, conscience had to step to one side for politics.

There is no reason why politics should not be made to serve the highest and noblest purposes of life. Some of the most prominent men of history used their political influence and their exterminations for the furtherance of the best interests of mankind. This country has a noble array of statesmen, from Washington down to the late McKinley. But very often those who engage in politics do so for the most selfish of purposes. And that is the reason why conscience often is made to suffer in the struggle between personal advantage and duty.

KEEP THE SCHOOLS OPEN.
Rarely have the people of this city been more stirred up over anything than they now are over the question of keeping the schools running during the remainder of the school year. They are not nearly so much interested in how the schools got into their present condition as to how they shall be got out of it. Throughout the city meetings of patrons of the schools and public spirited citizens have been held to devise ways and means for raising funds to keep the schools open. The outlook is quite encouraging.

The latest organization to move in the matter is the High School Alumni association. Tomorrow night it will hold a meeting in the Board of Education rooms, in the city and county building, for the purpose of keeping the High School open. It is a most commendable object and should meet with every success. It speaks well for the public spirit and love of Alma mater of the Alumni that they are thus bestirring themselves. Every Alumnus and Alumnus who can should be present and lend financial and moral aid to the movement. It is peculiarly the province of Alumni to look after the welfare of their dear mother, and to see that she suffers in nothing. Where they keep up their interest the standard of scholarship is not only maintained but constantly raised, and the school made a progressive institution. The High School expects every graduate to do his duty.

LOOK AFTER THE DENS.
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