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WHAT AMERICA NEEDS.

The following timely reminder of our Nation's need is quoted from the Wall Street Journal:

"What America needs more than railway extension, and western irrigation, and low tariff, and a bigger wheat crop, and a merchant marine, and a new navy, is a revival of piety, and a kind mother and father used to have plenty that counted it good business to stop for daily family prayer before breakfast, right in the middle of harvest, that quiet field work a half hour early Thursday night so as to get the chores done and go to prayer meeting, that a homeward money to pay the preacher's salary and prayed fervently in secret for the salvation of the rich man who looked with scorn on the unbusinesslike behavior. What is this thing we are worshipping but a vain repetition of what decayed nations fell down and worshiped just before their light went out? Great wealth never made a nation substantial nor honorable. There is nothing on earth that is good that is so dangerous for a man or nation to handle as quick, easy, big money. If you do resist its deadly influences the chances are that it will get your soul. It takes greater and finer heroism to dare to be poor in America than to capture a battery in Manchuria."

This is a clear and forcible statement of a truth that is of the utmost importance to this generation. No nation can prosper and advance without being influenced by the light that comes from on high. History teaches this. Even a country like Japan, with all the physical and intellectual possibilities of the Japanese, reached its present high level only after it had come in contact with the western world. And yet, notwithstanding the teachings of experience, men are indifferent to, reject, and even extinguish that light, as far as possible.

Emerson, in his day, expressed the thought that what held the public worship had on men is gone, or going. "It has lost," he said, "its grasp on the affection of the good, and the fear of the bad." This Emerson sincerely regretted. "What greater calamity," he exclaimed, "can fall upon a nation, than the loss of worship? Then all things go to decay. Genius leaves the temple, to haunt the senate, or the market. Literature becomes frivolous. Science is cold. The age of youth is not lighted by the hope of other worlds, and age is without honor. Society lives to trifles, and when men die, we do not mention them."

The inestimable loss to society resulting from the decline of the religious sentiment and departure from the ways of the fathers, is recognized by the best and wisest men of all ages. Emerson has also suggested the remedy. The fault is, he maintained, in "the stationariness of religion; the assumption that the age of inspiration is past, that the Bible is closed; the fear of degrading the character of Jesus by representing Him as a man." These indicate, he says, "the falsehood of our theology." And by indicating the error, they suggest the remedy. Our age needs, to speak again in the beautiful language of Emerson, teachers "to show us that God is, not was; that He speaketh, not spake." In other words, it needs the Gospel, with all the gifts, authority and keys it offers to those who accept it.

THE WARLIKE NAVIES.

According to Monday's dispatches the British government contemplates raising a large loan in view of the growing naval competition abroad. It is stated that financiers of the highest standing have undertaken to meet \$500,000,000 on nominal terms to meet the necessities of the fleet for the next few years without disorganizing the annual budgets or casting a heavy burden upon the present generation.

We recently noted that Britain is already expending twice as much upon either army or navy as upon elementary education. This new movement will further accentuate the difference. The aim of England is to keep her navy twice as large as that of any other European power. This latest contemplated output of war material on the ocean will probably be without a parallel in the history of nations.

The German naval program has made this step seem necessary to the British government. As recently announced that program ends for the expenditure on the German fleet of about one billion dollars. Four battleships are to be replaced with new ones during the next eight years. The old battleships are of about 4,000 tons displacement; the new ones are to be of the Dreadnought type and are to be from 18,000 to 20,000 tons. Germany has recently launched a cruiser of 15,000 tons; another of 15,000 tons is building; and two more will be in progress by 1903. The German fleet, moreover, is being strengthened by a large number of small, swift, torpedo-boat destroyers, and submarines.

Two years ago France adopted a shipbuilding program for six battleships of 15,000 tons each; and in 1907 decided that six more of the largest size should be constructed as soon as possible. Japan, in addition to the captured Russian battleships added to her navy, has recently built one of 13,500 tons, another of 13,750 tons, a third similar to the latter is now about completed, and two others are nearing completion. In the next twelve months Japan will build two battleships of the Dreadnought type and it has been decided to add three others, which are to be

more heavily armed than the British Dreadnought.

In view of these conditions A. S. Hurd in Cassier's Magazine, says that if only two battleships are laid down by the United States annually, "it will very shortly cease to occupy its present position as the second naval power of the world."

This fact, however, does not cause the average American to fear other nations. We have been so safe without either a navy or an army in the European sense for so many prosperous years that our people find it difficult to believe that any foreign power is actually contemplating any attack upon this country. As long as America continues to take her present leading part in feeding the rest of the world it will seem like madness for these to attack who are fed from her harvests.

It is probably the German naval program that is reacting on all the naval powers of the world; if so, the German statesman in a moral sense, something to answer for even if nothing more comes of it.

Every dollar that is put into the naval or military armaments of nations, represents that much of the nation's wealth wasted, that much of its productive activity destroyed, and usually means that much bread taken from its needy citizens. And, after all, these lines are as true today as when our poet wrote them:

"Were half the power that fills the earth with terror,

Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,

There were no need of arsenals or forts."

SENATOR SMOOT IN LONDON.

We learn from a special cable to the New York Times that Senator Smoot, chairman of the commission appointed by President Roosevelt to go to Europe and look into questions relating to the conservation of forests, arrived in London a few days ago after an extended tour of inspection. According to the dispatch Senator Smoot is convinced that the general principles of Continental scientific forestry may be successfully applied to the United States, although the character of the West demands some modification in them.

To quote from the Times: "Senator Smoot considers the forest of Silvad, owned and managed by the City of Zurich, the most carefully developed in the world. Such forests cost more per acre to take care of, but yield a greater net gain because there are arrangements for the utilization of all possible products. Under the direction of the municipal government sawmills, planing mills, and excelsior and tool-handle factories are run. "At Munich the Senator examined the experimental forest of the university, directed by Prof. Mayer. Mr. Smoot considers that what he observed being done in the Black Forest would be of the greatest benefit in the United States. Years ago the Black Forest was being destroyed. It has now been greatly built up by the rigorous care of the German authorities. Every tree is numbered, and stock is taken each year.

"In Mr. Smoot's opinion the same thing is imperatively necessary to save the 104,000 acres of forest reserve in the United States at the present time. He says the commission he heads will probably advise an increase in the United States Forestry Department to that end."

Several other members of Presidential Commissions are also in London, and among them Representative Burton of the commission on waterways and Senator Nelson of that on public lands, besides the members of the financial commission.

A DANGER OF BATHING.

The Philadelphia Bulletin publishes a statement made by a life guard concerning the cause of drowning of so many good swimmers. It is not cramp, the guard said, but the inhalation of water, that is fatal.

"A swimmer," he went on to say, "inhales spray through the nostrils. It passes through the pharynx, behind the epiglottis or wind-pipe guard, and so down into the wind-pipe. The result is nearly always certain death. Dr. E. P. Roach, of Bath, Me., got water in the windpipe while bathing. He stood in water up to his chin; a ripple touched his nostrils and in an instant he found himself speechless and struggling for life. He was only ten feet from a raft or he would have drowned. Reaching the raft, he fell flat. It was twelve minutes before he could either speak or move."

The question, then, is to guard against inhaling water spray. Swallowing water does no harm. Some people have an idea that the water of the Great Salt Lake is particularly dangerous because of the presence of so large a percentage of solid matter. But this is erroneous. The effect of inhaling ocean water is just as fatal. How to avoid accidentally breathing water when bathing, is a question for some ingenious inventor to answer.

AS TO TITHING.

A morning contemporary has, lately, had something to say about "tithing," in the hope of making political capital out of a matter that, clearly, does not belong to the political field. For that reason we give prominence to the following communication from an estimable lady who has given a great deal of time and attention to questions of public interest:

"A good deal has been said by irresponsible people who do not know, or care, apparently, to know, the truth, pertaining to the tithing paid by members of the Church.

"There is also a paper published in this city, whose mission seems to be to disseminate falsehoods, and vilify and misrepresent everything and everybody whose actions in life are not directed and approved by corrupt and disappointed office-seekers, who direct and control the Journal. They are pretending to be the friends of Democrats, who are members of the Church. They profess to know of a large amount of means paid out for the Republican campaign funds. Let me ask: Did Perry Heath tell them about it when he brought money from the east and bought the Tribune? They think they can deceive and blind the people to believe their statements, now as they deceived very many a few years ago, so that they betrayed their friends and their own best interests by joining the so-called 'American' party that has proved itself anything but American by its rotten and spendthrift course. They want people to believe their statements, but they only hint at mat-

ters that some gentleman has said, who, they say, had unusual opportunities to assist him in being able to know the facts. Who is this gentleman? Has he a name? If so, why not give it, so that the people can judge as to his veracity? There is no one in this vicinity, who knows the author, that would believe his statement for one moment. The Tribune generally gets its alleged nuggets of truth from questionable sources.

"I would like to say a few words to Democrats, pertaining to tithing. Do not listen for one moment to the false statements now being made in the Salt Lake Tribune. There is not one word of truth in them, neither are those who make them at all desirous for the welfare of Democrats in the Church, or out, unless they can fool them to vote the 'American' party into power so that they can complete the ruin they have begun. They are not members of the Church, and do not pay tithing; therefore, it is none of their business. The Democrats who are members of the Church in reality and who know their honored leaders, although they may differ with some of them in political views, know they are men who have never been guilty of the Tribune accusations, no matter what 'gentleman' may be their informant. The law of tithing was instituted by the Supreme Ruler of the universe, the Maker of heavens and earth, who gave the law to Adam in his day, and who accepted the tithes and offerings of Abel, but rejected the miserable offerings of Cain because he did not do as the Lord required of him. The law was given to Abraham who paid tithes in his day. The children of Israel while sojourning in the wilderness obeyed the law of tithing as given by the Lord to Moses.

"In all ages of the world the Lord required His covenant children to pay one-tenth of their possessions and of their increase, and the tithes were all blessed and prospered. It was a privilege accorded, not a burden imposed. Those who rebelled, as the spirit of Satan was at that time on the alert, as it is at this day in the Church, and striving to oppose everything that pertained to the law of God, was flouted and robbed by their enemies on every hand.

"All through the Bible we find the Lord calling on His people, through His servants, to honor Him and keep His law. Read what the Lord said through the Prophet Malachi in the third chapter, and if we do as the Lord requires, we shall surely know by His blessings, and everyone who honestly pays his tithes will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has done right, and that is not a question of politics.

"I beg all to turn a deaf ear to the libelous ravings of the Tribune. Those who listened to and believed them in the past, ought to be able to see the condition they have helped to place our fair City in, and how they have spent the funds entrusted to their care. If their eyes are not opened to the facts now, they will be too late then to retrace your steps."

"E. J. DI ROUNDY."

The opposition is playing a game that to an impartial observer is most ludicrous. It is declining against most conditions that may have existed in years past long ago, as if they existed now, in order to keep the vote of the religious part of the community in line. It is thundering against a "hierarchy" that does not exist, and interference in politics, in order to secure the cooperation of certain politicians. It is making all kinds of misrepresentations of Church affairs in order to catch, if possible, Church members who may be weak in their faith. And, in addition, it is catering to the lowest element, and with such a conglomerate of elements, with such an unholy alliance between incongruous forces, it hopes to accomplish its purposes.

In the meantime the material interests of the City are suffering. The City does not advance as it would do, were all the citizens to pull together. We believe leading business men are beginning to realize this fact. They know that a house divided against itself cannot stand.

Pride and airships go before a fall.

America is a cosmic power just 'cause it is.

Many love license rather more than they do liberty.

The white dove of peace is fluttering over Springfield.

Satan finds work for idle hands but not for idle cars.

The psychological momentum is the chief aim of the pugilist.

You can't tell Vice Presidential Candidate Sherman any thing now.

Troubles never come singly probably because misery loves company.

Even the Prohibitionists do not miss the water till the well runs dry.

The head of the bureau of mining would be a minor official after all.

Crevera has come out for Taft. Now let Aguinaldo declare for Bryan.

The fall fashion for women's skirts is clinging, probably because times are tight.

It is strange how much oxygen has to be administered to reviving Prosperity.

In divorce suits amended answers are not always followed by amended conduct.

Captain Baldwin has got an elephant off his hands. The government has accepted his airship.

Secretary Wright says that Tennessee is paradise. Of course there is no accounting for tastes.

A grafter is one who has the instincts but not the courage and daring of the train robber.

Did the Turkish minister of war really die of heart failure or was he carried off by the "fever?"

The Illinois legislature might with propriety change the name of Sangamon county to Sangularity county.

If Springfield, Ill., had the same provocation that they have in parts of the south what kind of a place for riot and bloodshed would it be?

It is not right to make fish of some of the automobiles who break the speed ordinance and to make fowls of others. They should all be fish or all be fowls.

"Chairman McMillan voted no, as he said he did not think it was necessary

to re-advertise for bids."—Press report. "Look to your head," Tribune office.

"Half of Omaha's bakeries are pronounced dirty and unsanitary by the state food inspector," says the Bee. Is the other half unmentionable or merely unmentioned?

The deplorable thing about the proposed expenditure of five hundred million dollars on the British navy is that it may put American naval enthusiasts into a state of violent irritation.

New York having far outstripped Chicago in the matter of skyscrapers, a Chicago paper asks if the proposed sixty-story skyscraper will pay. The question really suggests sour grapes.

Elbert Hubbard evidently belongs to the class of singers who believe "Laugh and the world laughs with you." His latest is "If fate passes us a lemon, let's accept it and start a lemonade stand."

A case involving the validity of a street car transfer was decided not long ago, by the supreme court of Minnesota. Plaintiff, in the case of Morrill vs. Minneapolis St. Ry. Co., 115 Northwest-ern Reporter, 335, received a transfer from the car on which she was riding to another, the conductor of which refused to honor it, and upon her refusal to pay another fare ejected her. The supreme court held the transfer merely a certificate, not a new contract; that it was the duty of the defendant company to issue correct transfers; that, as a passenger is not bound to examine them, plaintiff was entitled to continue her journey notwithstanding an error of the company.

CONVENTION OF CRIMINALS.

Topeka State Journal.
Dr. Reittman, "King of tramps," has called a convention of criminals to meet in New York City soon for the purpose of discussing such sociological questions as "Is it easier to commit crime than to find a job?" "What society owes the criminal?" and "The average income of the criminal." It is much put out because the New York police will not grant immunity for delegates who may attend the convention and who may be wanted in New York for past crimes. In fact, it is doubtful if the New York police will permit the convention to convene. They rightly fear that the crooks and criminals might fatten their averages considerably if they were permitted to collect in New York. The field there for get-rich-quick men of this sort is an extensive one.

JEWS IN ENGLISH POLITICS.

San Francisco Bulletin.
Just fifty years ago on the 23rd of July the first Jew entered the House of Commons. He was Baron Nathan de Rothschild. The anniversary was commemorated by various articles in the English press. Only a short while previous to his election the two acts of Parliament which completed the political emancipation of the Jews had been enacted. The act permitting the Jews to vote was passed in 1832. For many years the question of admitting Jews to the House of Commons was debated with great spirit on both sides. Lord John Russell, the Liberal leader, was the principal advocate of emancipation. Against his arguments it was urged that the admission of Jews would "dechristianize" Parliament. Gentlemen who never went to church professed a great fear that the Jews would endeavor to disestablish the Church of England. It was contended, further, that the Jews would vote only for Jews, on racial issues, and that Jewish members of the House would represent not their English constituencies but only the Jewry.

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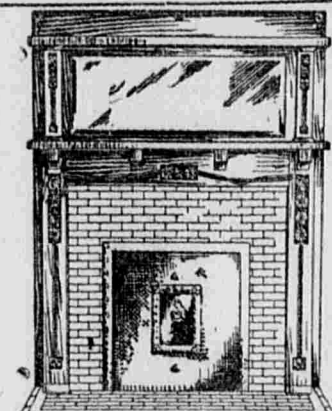
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