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ENGLISH VIEW OF WILSON'S POSITION

His Address to the Senate Welcomed With Less Bitter Comment Abroad Than at Home

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FOLLOWING is an extract from a letter, written January 29, which has just reached me from Philadelphia:

"You have no idea of the impression made here by Wilson's Address to the Senate over here. It justifies all the pleasant things which I and a very few other Americans have been saying of the President and it knocked silly the over-crowded Britons (there are a number of them) who have insisted that the United States has never heard of Poland and Hungary and the Jugo-Slavs. Believe me, we were proud. But we said nothing and waited for Britain to speak and sure enough, out came the Pall Mall Gazette, which features Marie Corelli as well as Hall Caine, with a reply to the latter. You should have heard the contempt expressed by intelligent Londoners on that score. Then came Bonar Law with the out direct: 'What President Wilson is long for we are fighting for.' That cheered the Britons immensely—chiefly because they believed it is true.

Peace Views of Men at War What is hard for people to understand who are not here is that no one here speaks of peace except in direct connection with this war. I never realized it until I saw it with my own eyes. Sweet plans of peace, structures of leagues, rearrangements of geographical frontiers—these things exist only for neutrals. The only peace these people are talking about is the peace they can win, and they hope to win on the field. When the President made his speech they respected his words, they spoke and agreed on what he meant. But they did not believe that the United States was ready to lift a finger to establish even that beautiful ideal on earth. The same small talk that brought your name to the newspaper with Mr. Roosevelt's comment, the speech was a grandiloquent proposal made to conceal 'pitiful ignominy and shirking.' The bitterest things about America these last six months are the things which have been said at home. Even today very few people here believe that the President or we, the people, care two straws about the future of the world, if it comes to shedding a drop of blood.

But I would give you a very false idea if I made you think that because the big guys didn't come through with big ideas of encouragement, the President's speech went flat. At the Labor Party Conference in Manchester the name of Woodrow Wilson was received with more applause than greeted any other man or any other name. Perhaps you think the Labor Party is pacifist; but it is not even for peace-by-negotiation, either. They are for small minorities. It is out and out for the war, but it recognizes in our President the apostle of the only true peace which British Labor would uphold. It is true that the public mind here is in a state of reply to the President; he has the consolation of knowing that the most powerful body representing the hearts of the people has spoken loudly and long in his favor.

And, of course, apart from giving him credit for sound and exalted ideas, a great many of the more intelligent people here have been impressed by what the speech implied. They wanted to know whether it really meant that the United States was ready, or would make ready, to join the other liberal nations of the world to keep the peace. They could hardly believe that the United States weren't a bit put out by 'peace without victory' although they thought it an unhappy phrase. They were far too busy with the suggestion that the United States would see to it that Poland and Austria were mous if she became a nation at the end of this war, and that the United States was ready to interest herself in the Dardanelles and the Trentino and the Alsace-Lorraine and the rest of the world, and you raine. The men I speak of are those who have been up to their necks in the foreign affairs of Britain for many years. They tell me that it has always seemed hard to them that the United States should keep aloof—it made it so much more difficult the vicious elements to get control of affairs, when the one nation which is known for its honesty and generosity says that it has nothing to do with the peace of the world.

The appearance of the United States in the councils of Europe would be welcomed by everything that is best in British life, and the sentiment expressed in the speech was even suggested to the President. The United States was playing a deep game. Namely, to let two great groups grow up in Europe and then to stand with a club, just outside, and threaten to smash them.

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Wilson's Ideas Not New What you and I really wanted was the support of the liberal thinkers of Britain, and we got it in a rather cool way. The real reason you can find in the note sent by Mr. Bonar Law for the President's address, it appeared about two days before or after the President's address. These liberal thinkers are precisely the ones who have been working over here, explaining to Britain how fine and noble work it is to do how peace comes by insisting on a Monroe Doctrine for Europe (although they do not use the phrase). They accept nearly every doctrine, as that of Wilson, and they are a thousand pamphlets and speeches and magazine articles, in which they said the same things, one or two years earlier. They never assembled their ideas into a body of doctrine, as that of the President, and you will find that on the essential point—the freedom of the world—the liberal mind of Britain is not only with the President, but with him before he knew it. That, at least, is their reason for treating the President as they did. They count him the greatest adherent to their ideals; not as a preacher of new ideals they never heard of.

If you ask me my own opinion I should say that there are things expressed and implied in the President's speech which are not fully understood or appreciated over here. But you do not want my opinion. You want to know why things are as they are on this side. I can only add that every one here is living under such an intense strain that there is little time to apportion praise and blame for things, after all, purely theoretical speculation as to the future. Tell them that the United States has a submarine fleet and is going to put it on armed merchant ships, and you have them screaming for a reply to the effect that the United States will not interfere in affairs which are not its business.

Tom Daly's Column

REMEMBERED When Juliet comes we greet the rose. Sweet love flower, it can thrill. The proudest heart that humbly goes. In beauty's presence still—Then one forgets the love he owes The early daffodil.

Forgets the winter of desire, The flowerless frost forlorn; The earth stripped of her green attire— And then the first spring morn; Forgets the day when from the mire The daffodil was born.

When life has touched its highest place, When joy on us has burst, Or rarest beauty, love and grace We drink—and quench our thirst— But who forgets the lovely face Of her whom he loved first? VARLEY.

Now, there's a poem worth clipping for pocket or scrapbook. On Friday we should have said the same thing for Henri Bain's classic prose, which neighbored our column and performed all the editorial page. Go back for that if you can find the paper.

THIS is the way religious persecutions start. In the April issue of the Atlantic Monthly the editor says:

"There is no crime short of mayhem of which the Atlantic does not occasionally stand accused by some imaginative censor. We speculate helplessly upon the reason for such charge as this, recently received:

"It is with deep regret that I notice you are using the Atlantic for Roman Catholic propaganda, and therefore cannot subscribe again. "AN OLD SUBSCRIBER."

Of all vagaries this is the most vagarious! All very well, but possibly that Old Subscriber also gets the Wisconsin State Journal and found in a recent issue this damaging evidence:

Mrs. Clarke was reading a copy of "Elate Dimmore" when the reporter came into the room. "Elate Dimmore" was the mark of culture and refinement. A copy of the Atlantic Monthly was in his lap, and all around him were the marks of a Catholic taste in books.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE DYESTUFF I do not know just what to do; I'm in a quandary—in a stew—"Twixt love of country and my thirst— My loyalty's about to burst— The Germans all, I think, are due To strike a 'dry place.' P. D. Q. But on this point I'm not quite clear— Could any one duplicate German beer? J. G. D.

FRIEND E. C. WOLFE, writing from Lima, O., sends us a menu card of the "Congress Cafe, Wilson Hughes, Prop.," and demands to know how that man ever voted last November.

Song in Absence If I should tell you that I love you, dear, Would you believe me? If I were gone and came back home again, Would you receive me? If I were gone a day—a month—a year, Then would you miss me? And if I met you in a moment, mine, Then would you kiss me? NEMO.

ADD ALTERNATIVES Fish, hog or die. Roast, or cut bait. "—or give me death!"

The Teutonic Mind Traveling in Germany, avers Webber, he overheard two exponents of modern German philosophy thus conversing: First German—Where are you going to leave the train? Second German—At Nordhausen. And you? First German—Me? Why, at Nordhausen, too. The train arrives at Nordhausen and the second German duly gets up to go. First German—You liar! Second German—Me a liar? Why, I say to Nordhausen. Naturally I take it for granted that you are going to Sangerhausen, as it would be obvious that you would seek to deceive me. Therefore I also say to Nordhausen, although, of course, I am going to Sangerhausen. But you say "Nordhausen" and you actually are getting off there, too. Therefore you are a liar, and a double liar, at that.

Dispatches from New York advise us that violin recitals were recently given in that town by Mischa Violin and Mischa Fiedelman.

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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

"Entangling Alliances"—Concerning Teachers' Appointments—Perkiomen Students

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TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—A rule of the Board of Education governing appointments of public school teachers operates disadvantageously to a number of deserving young women, graduates of the normal school, by reason of the preference given to those, better circumstanced perhaps, having a higher average as students.

In this country of a "fair field and no favor," any young woman who, in the face of adverse circumstances, perseveres until a teachers' certificate has been won, is entitled to—and should receive—equal consideration with every other graduate holding a similar certificate, regardless of the record of the student. The brilliant student is not invariably the most successful teacher.

At present several June, 1916, graduates are patiently waiting to be placed while graduates of the class of February, 1917, are receiving the positions because of the higher student ratings given the latter. The card record of the student in evidence, counts for more than the certificate of proficiency bearing the signature of the president and other members of the Board of Education, and the rule of seniority recognized in modern business is unknown.

Are not all certificates granted by the Board of Education to normal school graduates identical, except of course, as to the possession of a certificate, then, not the card record of the student in evidence, legal and official, that the holder has qualified as a teacher. It, therefore, looks like sheer presumption on the part of the board that grants the certificate, or any committee or individuals acting for the board, to go back to that evidence for the purpose of inflicting a card record penalty, or any penalty, not noted on the certificate.

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NEWSPAPER COMMENT ON INDEPENDENCE SQUARE RALLY

This great and orderly crowd came not to make an American holiday of thoughtless fest and idle curiosity, but to give expression to a fervent passion for the defense of menaced ideals of order and liberty.—Public Ledger.

Philadelphia was deeply stirred by a patriotic impulse. Deep in the hearts of Philadelphians is love of country. No city in the nation has been more generous with its gifts of men in time of war.—The Press.

Here was the answer to those who have been preaching the craven doctrine that no overt act, no matter how brutal, should be resented to the point of war.—The Inquirer.

Philadelphia called the nation to arms to uphold liberty for all the world. It was not so much what was said. It was the crowd and what it did, its spontaneous cheers and songs.—The North American.

A united city, without a single dissenting voice, rededicated itself to the task of helping to spread an enlightened democracy around the world.—The Record.

Patriotic citizens turned their faces toward Independence Hall to reconsecrate themselves to their country.—New York American.

Independence Square was crowded with no more patriotic gathering of men and women on that day 141 years ago when American liberty was born.—New York Tribune.

The Atlantic and Pacific coasts figuratively shook hands at the shrine of American independence. The patriotic rally was one of the most enthusiastic ever witnessed in that city.—New York Times.

The rally was one of the greatest ever held in that city. Twenty thousand rededicated themselves to justice, liberty and humanity.—New York World.

Philadelphia gave concrete evidence of its patriotism. From Independence Hall was sent a message to the nation demanding the preservation of American ideals.—New York Herald.

All Points of the Compass Our Own Child's Garden of Veres The world is so full of a number of things Which are mostly punks; I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings— Or some such junk.

An Adventure in Beans WE WERE discussing the matter of like affairs touchin' in case of wars and rumors of such in the matter of beans. It was earnest endeavor to arrive at ultimate approach Colonel William Churchill, who has had a vast experience in the training, care and management of beans, and asked him squarely, as man to man, how about 'em.

"Sir," said the Colonel, "there has been much printed recently in the newspapers relating to the bean of Brazil. They bean was first on the scene of the war, though I knew a Belgian musician once in Brussels, but we'll let that pass. It goes the motion unanimous, and forgo the incident.

Continuing, the Colonel said, "A much better bean comes from Rangoon. They bean was first on sale in New York at eight cents. The Board of Health or the Mayor's committee consented to their sale at twelve cents, as against the Boston at seventeen bid, eighteen asked, ex. div. f. a. Remembering our Kipling, we asked the Colonel if a good bean also came from Mandalay.

"Yes," he replied, "solid ivory beans come from Mandalay."

He thought, "I will not interfere in affairs which are not my business."

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. The questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ 1. What was the purchase price of the Dutch West Indies? 2. Name the United States Ambassador in Russia. 3. Who is Hiram W. Johnson? 4. What bodies of water does the Suez Canal connect? 5. What is meant when war dispatches say a position has been "booked"? 6. Where is the Merrimack River, the navigability of which is to be extended? 7. What is an oriel window? 8. Who is Philipp Scheidemann? 9. What is the oak? 10. What is the name of the latest German raider to be reported in the Atlantic?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. Enver Pasha is Turkish Minister of War and commander-in-chief of the Turkish armies. 2. Friends of Major General Leonard Wood protest his removal as commander of the Department of the East to the newly created Department of the Southwest. 3. The "coke" evil is the narcotic drug habit, "coke" being a slangy abbreviation of "cocaine." 4. The Church of San Marco is in Venice. 5. Brand Whitlock is United States Minister to Belgium. 6. The Suez Canal is nearly 500 miles south-west of Jerusalem. 7. Major General George Barnett is commander of the marine corps. 8. Armies "dig in" when they construct trenches and take up trench fighting. 9. Pleadry is an old province of northern France, now divided into departments. 10. A bark is a three-masted sailing vessel, the foremast and mainmast being square rigged and the mizzenmast rigged with a spanker.

Columbia and Minnesota READER—It was an error to state that the enrollment of the University of Minnesota is greater than that of Columbia University. The figures as given by the registrars are: Minnesota, 5168; Columbia, 6932. In addition, Minnesota has 1898 extension students, of whom 1728 are general, twenty-seven law and eighty correspondence. No data were available on the summer session. Besides Columbia's students given above, there are 1123 duplicates, which are not counted, 4711 extension students, and 8023 students in the preceding summer session, giving a grand total of 21,778, less 1503 duplicates in the summer session, or a grand total of 20,275. Columbia's regular students are distributed as follows: Columbia College, 1453; school of law, 468; college of physicians and surgeons, 423; schools of mines, engineering and chemistry, 281; graduates faculty, 1356; school of architecture, 89; school of journalism, 185; Barnard College, 744; teachers' college, 2444; college of pharmacy, 483; school of business, 61, and unclassified students, 200, with 1123 duplicates.

City Solicitor C. S.—The City Solicitor's duties include the following: He is the legal adviser of the city. He is the legal adviser of all officers, prepares and approves its contracts, makes daily returns to the City Controller, which are not counted, approves all securities and keeps a register of all contracts, bonds, etc. His salary, \$10,000 a year, is paid by the city.

COLUMBIA CALLS From Freedom's heights Columbia calls Her loyal sons to war; No lust of conquest stirs her heart, The flag is at the door.

Fling to the breeze the starry flag, The flag that makes men free, The flag whose glorious stars and stripes Adorn the dome of glory.

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