

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"A NATION AT PRAYER" LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the following text: "I Exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks..."



HAT which London is to England, Paris to France, Berlin to Germany, Rome to Italy, Vienna to Austria, St. Petersburg to Russia, Washington is to the United States Republic.

state or United States government. These governments are the promptest in their payments, paying just as well in hard times as in good times, and during summer vacation as during winter work.

Then there are the vaster perplexities of our relations with foreign governments. For directions in such affairs the God of Nations should be implored. The demand of the people is sometimes so heated, so unwise, that it must not be heeded.

You see there are always in places of authority unbalanced men who want war, because they do not realize what war is, or they are designing men, who want war for the same reason that wreckers like hurricanes, and foundering ships, because of what may float ashore from the ruins.

authority is our only way of being of any practical service to them. Our personal advice would be to them, for the most part, an impertinence. They have all the facts as we cannot have them, and they see the subject in all its bearings, and we can be of no help to them except through the supplication that our text advises.

When there is a coffin in the house, there is a welcome for the preacher. The prayer that the great expounder wrote to be put in the corner-stone at the extension of the Capitol, is eloquent as our own supplication: "God save the United States of America!"

OUR SPRINGFIELD LETTER.

The Humphrey Bill. Now that the elections are over there is some hope that the legislators will get a move on them and commence to do something in the way of legislative work.

Of course, the Humphrey bills will come in for the blame, in a large measure, for the vote in Chicago, and yet I venture a guess that not one in a hundred of the Chicago voters knew what the Humphrey bills propose to effect, and not one in a thousand knew what they will effect if passed.

The one is that the streets belong to the public and should not be turned over to a corporation without due equivalent. This is true enough, but the people who live out one, two or three miles believe that cheap, safe, quick and comfortable travel to their places of business, with transfer conveniences such as the street railroads of Chicago, Peoria and Springfield afford, is sufficient equivalent.

I had a pleasant talk yesterday with a gentleman who had spent the winter of a year ago in Italy and southern Europe. Speaking of one branch of their social-political life, he said: "The war which united Italy, under French help, left the country with such a heavy debt, with few resources, that all the various means of taxation known to the countries were taken hold of to get a sufficient income."

More About Hurd. Mr. Harry B. Hurd, of whom I wrote a few days ago, called my attention to my omission to say anything about his being for a time, when he first came to Illinois, a Peorian.

This Jubilee enterprise had entirely gone from my memory until recalled by Mr. Hurd. I had known something about it at the time of his attendance there. Prof. Gale, the founder of Knox College, in a history of that institution, written in 1845, speaks of Jubilee as being the only one of some half dozen colleges which had received charters from the legislature within a radius of fifty miles from Knox which had been put into operation.

Visiting Familiar Scenes. Maj. E. A. Reuther, who was an early Illinois and Indiana newspaper man, having established the Danville Commercial soon after returning from the war, and who was afterward for some years a comrade of mine in this legislative reporting list, is back here to inspect the town and the legislature after several years' absence out at Spokane, Wash.

A Strange Conversation. I overheard a remark which passed between two high ranked life insurance officials, that is, made by one and endorsed affirmatively by the other, which opens up a singular, and to me, exceedingly interesting condition, or rather change in conditions.

Foreign Department Stores. I had a pleasant talk yesterday with a gentleman who had spent the winter of a year ago in Italy and southern Europe. Speaking of one branch of their social-political life, he said: "The war which united Italy, under French help, left the country with such a heavy debt, with few resources, that all the various means of taxation known to the countries were taken hold of to get a sufficient income."

On the very morning of the day that this conversation was heard I talked with three old residents, all very well known here. Mr. Payne, the book-binder, who has been in business fifty years, as erect and as firm of step as when I first knew him, who with his good wife some years ago celebrated their golden wedding.

Spring Humors

Those unsightly eruptions, painful boils, annoying pimples and other affections, which appear so generally at this season, make the use of that grand Spring Medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, a necessity.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient and easy in effect.

A Railroad Without Cars. In the forest of the Bridal Veil Lumbering Company, at Bridal Veil, in Oregon, there is a railroad which does business without cars. Hauling great logs from a log-pond to the saw-mill is the nature of the business and the train, so-called, is made up of an ordinary locomotive and a string of logs, each one as large in diameter, and some even larger, than the boiler of the engine.

Shake Into Your Shoes. Allen's Foot-Powder is a powder for the feet. It cures, soothes, swells, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It is the greatest comfort discovery of the age.

Witticism. "Poor fellow! He held the championship in heavy-weight pugilism for some years, then he was incapacitated by an operation." "Plistuff—"Amputated one of his arms, I suppose?"

In Accordance. "He's a very small man, isn't he?" "Physically, I mean." "Yes, and not seriously out of proportion either."—Detroit News. "A Hill (N. H.) man has eaten nothing but milk, graham rolls and wheat biscuit for twenty years."

Andover, Me., voted to buy a hearse, and think it "a good move in the right direction."

The population of Massachusetts is 1,540,234,943. Of this number, 1,392,479 have bank accounts.

Pleuro's Cure for Consumption has saved one large doctor bill.—C. L. Baker, 4224 Regent St., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '93.

A man never knows what he can do till he doesn't get the chance.

Japan has more hot springs than any other country in the world.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For Children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

The consular service of the German empire includes 691 posts.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascara. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. H.C. G. & Co., Fall, druggists refund money.

The price of a camel varies in Arabia from \$15 to \$1,000.



Love is the key-stone of a woman's life. Her fond hopes rest upon this tender emotion; her highest pride is in her capacity to awaken the love which makes a happy wife; her noblest ambition is to become a loved and loving mother.

Any weakness or disease which incapacitates her to fulfill the exalted function of motherhood is the saddest blight which can come upon a woman's life.

But there is no reason in nature why any hindrances or derangements of this kind should continue to exist. Ninety-nine times in a hundred they are completely overcome in a perfectly natural and scientific way by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which gives healthy power and capacity to the special organs; reinforces the nerve-centres and makes natural, healthy motherhood possible, safe and comparatively easy.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets: One is a laxative, two a mild cathartic.