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RECONSTRUCTION

At a recent banquet held in New York City, Henry Holt, a veteran publisher seventy-eight years old, rose and proposed the toast: "To the beginning of the modern world."

In the history of the human race we find certain periods where the transition from the old to the new, has been so abrupt as to mark a distinct era. The discovery of steam was such an instance. It was not steam in itself, however, that made the great change, but the possibilities—financial, scientific, and social which followed. In looking back on the pre-steam period in the light of our present industrial plants, our vast engineering feats, railroads and steamboats, we can not doubt that this single discovery which created such an abrupt change in modern science also marked the beginning of a new era.

But the discovery of steam was a material thing. We are now dealing with a discovery which concerns the lives of men; and not men of one nation or the people even of one hemisphere. We are at the threshold of "the beginning of the modern world."

It is self evident that out of this war must come a moral code by which men regulate their conduct, and that the principles upon which this code must rest are those which we understand by the word, "democracy."

Democracy does not alone mean a form of government. It is also a social ideal. It stands for a world devoted to human welfare; and the transition which is now taking place is between a government presumably democratic and a social code unquestionably autocratic.

If these premises are correct—and we think they are—we must strengthen our government agencies to meet great emergencies. To place the situation as we see it: we have two contending forces—the government and the individual. If what the individual wants, in all justice, is opposed to what the government thinks is contrary to the general welfare, there is a clash. If the individual makes his demands through organized force which is stronger than the government,—the latter gives way. This is precisely what is happening in Russia, Germany and Hungary. Problems of reconstruction are bound up in the ability of the government to respond to the just demands of the people.

What are these demands? First that every soldier be treated justly. This does not mean that he gets his job back when he returns; a pension if disabled. We cannot give these men mere money as compensation. Second: we must meet the question of wages and the problem of profiteering. If wages are left to fluctuate according to demand, and profiteers by combination can keep up the prices—the situation in this country will be grave indeed.

Two million men returning from Europe, and another million and a half in this country trained to go over the top, will be impatient of the slow-moving wheels of government. And, right here we are lamentably weak. The Federal Government has extensive war powers, but when war ceases those powers cease. It cannot make laws which invade the rights of the states. With each state rests the responsibility for the welfare of its citizens—for peace and order.

And so the problem of reconstruction of "the modern world" requires a government with power to act in close sympathy with the people and in keeping with the changed conditions.

There is a call for men—men of the type of Davidson who left his business to head the Red Cross; of the type of Gary who sees more clearly than most men a solution of the labor-capital controversy. These men can take part in government and produce human dividends as they did gold dollars. The war afforded an opportunity for them to prove that they could at once serve their country and the interests of the people as well. Never before were we in such dire need of big men—men with humane vision and humane interests to battle for and not against mankind.

Force in things governmental has received a knockout blow, and in its place must come justice. If, across the top of every ledger opened in January, 1919, there be written "Good Will"—not the good will usually appearing there and capitalized at a million dollars, but actual good will towards all men,—many of these problems would disappear.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. Leslie Dreiske, who has been stationed at Camp Knox, Ky., has returned home, having been honorably discharged. Victor Dreiske of Lonoke, Ark., has also received his discharge and has returned home.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. meets this evening at Masonic Hall.

Mr. Walter Freberg is home on a twenty-day furlough from Illington Field, Tex.

Lieut. James Donnelly, an officer of the English Army, was the Sunday guest of his brother, Mr. P. L. Donnelly of Second St. Lt. Donnelly has served with the English Army in Egypt and returned to this country to speak for the Liberty Loan and also for the Red Cross. He left on Tuesday evening to return to Egypt.

Miss Helen Mayer of Greensboro, N. C., is spending the holidays with her mother on North Green Bay Rd.

Miss Mary Powers of Chicago is the guest this week of Mrs. Raymond W. Schneider.

Pvt. Milton Maechtle of Camp Gordon, Va., is spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Maechtle, Sr.

Mr. Frederick T. Golden of Clinton, Ia., spent yesterday with his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Conrad.

The Misses Esther Baker of Washington, D. C., and Alice Baker of Chicago, spent Sunday in this city visiting friends.

Mrs. J. D. Francis, who was recently called to Port Oglethorpe, Ga., owing to the serious illness of her husband, was called to her home in Troy, O., on account of the illness of her son, William.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Abercromby, Sr., of Chicago, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Abercromby, Jr.

Mrs. John Horenberger received a letter from her daughter, Florence E. Waters, a Red Cross nurse, stating that she is in Savigny, France, at the base hospital for the wounded.

Mr. Ernest Giesler, who is stationed at Camp Gordon, Va., spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Giesler, of Green Bay Road.

Miss Millie Brown, who is an instructor in Latin and French in a high school at Shelby, O., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Brown of Second St.

Miss Esther Hicks is home from school spending the holidays with her parents.

The Euchre club was entertained last Wednesday by Mrs. Pete Richards of Green Bay Road.

Miss Jane Tapper has returned from Rosemary School, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Margaret Quinn of Kenosha, Wis., spent yesterday with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Allen.

Pvt. Harold Smith of Camp Sheridan, Ala., arrived Monday to spend a ten day furlough with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Magnuson and small daughter of Starpeon Bay, Wis., returned the latter part of last week to make their home in this city.

Mr. J. H. Zimmer who underwent a slight operation at the Evanston hospital last Wednesday has returned home very much improved.

George Ralph has received his honorable discharge and returned last Saturday from Camp Taylor, Ky.

Margaret and Cornelia Bock of Milwaukee, Wis., were the Sunday guests of Marguerite Vetter.

Mrs. Lester Ball of Evanston spent Sunday with friends here in Highland Park.

Calvin Aynsley, who has been attending the S. A. T. C. at Champaign, returned to his home on McDaniel Ave. last Saturday evening.

Frank Knight returned home last Friday from the S. A. T. C. at Illinois University but will return after the holidays.

Dr. Herbert Evans arrived Friday from France and Mrs. Evans arrived on Christmas day from California to spend the Christmas holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans.

Mrs. E. A. Hintz is in Allentown, Pa., where she was called on account of the injury of her father, Bishop Heil, who is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Aynsley and sons, Robert and Calvin, spent Christmas at Area with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Aynsley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans held a family reunion Christmas day upon the return of their son, Dr. Evans, from France. Out of town guests were Miss Hazel Bailey of Monmouth, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Evans of Chicago, and Mrs. H. O. Larsen of Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mead and little daughter, Pearl, spent Christmas with Mrs. Mead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Garrity.

SHERIDAN CAFE OBSERVES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Friday, the Thirteenth, Closes Most Successful Year. Customers Served Ice Cream and Cake

Although Friday, the 13th, is considered an unlucky day by those who are superstitiously inclined, for others the day marks the climax of a year's success.

The Sheridan Cafe, under the management of Miss Marion Craig, celebrated its first anniversary on Friday, December 13th. The customers were all served with ice cream and cake in honor of the occasion. The past year's business has been carried on most successfully and the trade has grown to such an extent that Miss Craig has had to increase the number of tables to accommodate her patrons. A few weeks ago a new feature was added, which was the serving of light lunches after the movies. This has been a convenience which has long been needed in this community. It is hoped that the Sheridan Cafe will have just as successful an enterprise next year and the years to follow as has been during the past.

LIBRARY MEMORIAL FOR LAKE FOREST

Public Library Would Keep Constantly Before Succeeding Generations Memory of Dead

After the signing of the armistice Lake Forest set forth to prepare a suitable memorial for the citizens who lost their lives in the struggle for democracy, and it was suggested that no more suitable memorial could be erected than a Public Library which, meeting a practical need, would at the same time keep constantly in the minds of the people the memory of the honored dead.

When the matter was presented to the city council its members unanimously approved the idea and a committee was appointed to consider and preliminarily determine: First, whether a memorial library should be erected, and when; second, how the funds to carry out the enterprise should be raised; third, whether concurrently with the raising of the construction cost an endowment fund should likewise be raised; fourth, how much money would reasonably be required to carry out the tentative plans as preliminarily determined; upon; fifth, to suggest a suitable and available site or sites; and sixth, such further matters as might seem pertinent or essential to the matter under consideration.

Further action in this matter will be taken at a later date.

BAPTISTS TO HOLD BUSINESS MEETING

Question of Reorganization of the Church and Other Important Topics Will be Discussed

There will be a meeting of the members of the Highland Park Baptist church Wednesday evening, January 8, at eight o'clock in the church parlors to consider the question whether the church will reorganize or not. Other matters of importance will be discussed. A large attendance is desired.

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12. Paid the operating expenses of the Public Bathing Beach during the past season from the General Funds.

13. Hospital: The Hospital building completed.

14. Books and Accounting: A general auditing of the City's books is made every six months by a certified accountant. The purchase of supplies for the several departments of the City is made only on competitive bids by requisition issued by the Purchasing Department. Reports of material received, duly signed by the foremen of the several departments are turned in to the Purchasing Department and all bills are carefully checked before being approved by the Council.

15. The Council have adopted an ordinance granting a franchise to the Chicago Telephone Company.

16. Franchise for the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad now under consideration.

17. Paving Cedar Avenue. Improvement to be started in the near future.

18. North Green Bay Road resurfaced at a nominal cost to property owners.

19. Bridges repaired on North Sheridan Road.

20. New locker house built at the Bathing Beach.

21. Built new breakwater at Lake Front to protect the water works plant.

22. Repaired and extended old breakwater protection at lake front.