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## Here's Howe

By E. W. Howe

ASOKA, BARBARIAN.  
A SUGGESTION.  
UNWISE NAPOLEON.

I have not been able to find an account of a man who was entirely intelligent, or of one who was entirely honest. The best example of an honest and intelligent man was possibly Asoka, a barbarian. It is said of him that though he conquered in battle as easily as did Napoleon, he grew to have a horror of war, and would have no more of it. Asoka had victory to his credit in full measure. No one could say he was a coward, or that he was not the best of commanders. He was rich, and regal in splendor of palaces, robes, jewels, and obedience from his subjects.

So the man chose to thereafter court fame by becoming a just and intelligent ruler, and this course met with so much success that he is at this distant day, best known and respected of the notables of his time.

Any page devoted to a summary of a thousand years of history, gives brief mention of rulers much alike; so many victories, so many defeats, and through it all about the same thievery and oppression. But instead of the usual line given an ancient ruler in the necessary brief summary of history, Asoka gets a star in front of his name, and a footnote recording distinction no other king, president or chief has.

The history of Asoka is shadowy, and I somewhat distrust it, but it at least persists, and is a suggestion a modern ruler might have made reality.

Why should not a ruler acquire fame with honesty rather than with the roguery that has distinguished his class almost without variance? Napoleon was a rarely intelligent man. In the Russian campaign, which wrecked him, he took a chance that was surely unnecessary. He appreciated he could not successfully invade England because of the channel separating Calais and Dover, but overlooked a more serious handicap — Winter — in invading Russia.

Why was it impossible for Napoleon to be as wise as the barbarian Asoka, who, after becoming satiated with victory and power, chose to try for still greater glory, as a just and intelligent ruler? St. Helena is a good story, but an unnecessary tragedy: I regret Napoleon's history is not an inspiration to all men that honesty is the best policy. Had Napoleon adopted Asoka's plan as late as Austerlitz, he would have not only his present fame, but a great deal more, and of a better kind.

### ADJUDICATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber Executor of the Last Will and Testament and codicil of Annie N. Campbell deceased will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of December next, 1929 when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

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