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### History Repeats Itself

The wisdom of our forefathers is being continually quoted by those who are seeking argument against any sort of reform in government. If it was not so written in the early days of the republic it should not be so now, according to the ancestor worshippers who ever appear in the legislative bodies of the nation.

There is much that is fine in the history of the United States. The patriotism of the founders of the nation is beyond question. The vision that they exercised in the formulation of the constitution is acknowledged. The high purpose which actuated them is beyond a doubt, still it is possible that wisdom did not die with them, that there may yet arise conditions which they did not foresee, that must be adjusted in accordance with the interests of the nations concerned with them.

It is interesting at this time to consider a circumstance somewhat similar to the situation today, the argument which centered about the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. There was animated discussion, in the convention as well as out, of the advisability of seeking to bind the several states into a union closer than that then existing under which the sovereignty of each state established the interest of each unit be considered separately from that of the whole. Such men as Patrick Henry, patriot of the highest type, were firmly of the opinion that the adoption of the federal constitution meant the undoing of all that had been accomplished by the war. The broader view, that which saw the possibilities of the future and reckoned with those which could not be foreseen, is that expressed by George Washington in a letter to a friend whom he had invited to spend the winter under his roof. The paragraph relative to the Constitutional Convention which had just finished its session ran as follows:

"The constitution that is submitted is not free from imperfections; but there are as few radical defects in it as could well be expected considering the heterogeneous mass of which the convention was composed and the diversity of interests which were to be reconciled. A constitutional door being opened, for future alterations and amendments, I think it would be wise in the people to adopt what is offered to them and I wish it may be by as great a majority of them as in the body that decided on it; but this is hardly to be expected, because the importance and sinister views of too many characters will be affected by the change. Much will depend, however, on literary abilities and the recommendation of it by good pens, should it be openly, I mean publicly, attacked in the gazettes."

To those who fear to venture upon the untried sea of the League of Nations there ought to be comfort in the words of the Father of the Country on a subject that excited much the same kind of comment, much the same kind of criticism, much the same kind of charges. He said then that those who were seeking to effect the new bonds between the several states of America were bent upon the destruction of the sovereignty, the welfare, the existence of the individual states. Today they say that the formation of the League of Na-

tions is only the beginning of the disruption of the nations that enter into it.

### "SEPTEMBER MORN"

When "September Morn" was written some years ago, the tango was at the height of its popularity. This dance was seen on every stage; and in every entertainment. But the times have changed and now jazz has the limelight, while the old cakewalk is coming back into popularity again. With the revival of "September Morn", Messrs. Rowland and Clifford have injected plenty of jazz and have also introduced the cakewalk and along with these, all the modern dances, done by experts in their various lines. The result is a dashing, dancing show, full of ginger and "pep" and one that will make its appeal to old and young. This entertainment of jazz and joy will come to the Victoria theater for one week starting Sunday, matinee, April 6, with a company of fifty entertainers, and among them talented singers and dancers, as well as the merriest comedians.

### SHERLAND CO. SELLS FIVE AUTOS FRIDAY; WEEK'S TOTAL EIGHT

Five automobiles and trucks were sold by the Louis J. Sherland company Friday. One of the purchasers was J. E. McBrady, who bought a Hudson cabriolet, making the fifth Hudson he has owned.

He purchased another popular make of car at the automobile show and it was delivered to him last Sunday. After he had ridden it for one day he drove up to the Sherland agency and turned it in on a Hudson.

The other cars sold by Mr. Sherland and his salesmen, Charles Donahue and Harold A. Fischer, were a Hudson sedan, a Hudson sportster, and a three-ton and a five-ton Hall truck. In addition to these, they sold three other cars in the last week.

The Sherland company is selling a large number of Hall and Master trucks.

## DISCUSS LABOR AT SUNDAY EVE. CLUB

Professor Graham Taylor, Well Known Social Worker, To Speak Sunday Evening, April 6

### WILL HOLD QUESTION BOX

General Discussion of Labor Conditions Here and Abroad To Follow Address of the Evening

What of the present labor situation and its relation to the church and to the state?

This question will be discussed between audience and speaker at the joint meeting of the Wilmette Sunday Evening club and the Wilmette Church Union Sunday evening, April 6. The speaker will be Professor Graham Taylor, whose subject will be "The Program for Industrial Democracy."

Professor Taylor is one of the leading authorities on sociology in this country. His discussions always arouse interest. In the course of his address he will touch upon the various labor programs including that of the Federated Council of Churches and of various sects.

As on last Sunday evening, following the address by Raymond Robins two hundred people remained until 11 o'clock to ask questions about Russia, so on next Sunday there will be an opportunity after the address for the audience to take part in the discussion.

An interesting program of special music has been arranged for the occasion. Miss Clara Louise Thurston, harpist, Miss Anna Nyberg, violinist, and Mrs. Marie Edwards Von Ritter, organist, will appear in several ensemble numbers.

The hour for the meeting is 7:30 o'clock. Those attending regularly are requested to come early to get the available seats.

### St. Agnes' Eve

The feast of St. Agnes was formerly held as in a special degree a holiday for women. It was thought possible for a girl on the eve of St. Agnes to obtain by divination a knowledge of her future husband. She might take a row of pins and pluck them out, one after another, stick them in her sleeve, singing the while a paternoster, and in this way insure that her dreams would that night present the gentleman in question.

Jesus saw the dark side of respectable human nature, but never made a cynical remark.

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