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Europe Now a Vast Arsenal Socialist Fears a Touch-Off

EUROPE at the present moment is a vast arsenal. At any moment some section of the community might apply the match that would plunge it into all the horrors of another great war, declared Edmund D. Morel, Socialist member of the British parliament and authority on foreign affairs, in a recent interview.

He charges that the real danger point is to be found in powerful industrial and financial interests in France, and calls for the convocation of an international conference on the armaments problem and the political and economic issues which have created it.

"There is going on at the present moment," Morel declares, "a more extensive output of war material than at any time since the peace. The chief centers of production are two—the Skoda works in Czecho-Slovakia and the Austrian state factories. French influence and French money are directing both.

"In the spring of this year the French owned shares in the Skoda company worth \$10,000,000; the managing director and the chief technical experts are Frenchmen. I go as far as to say that France now controls practically the whole war mechanism of Czecho-Slovakia.

"War material is being produced in enormous quantities at the Austrian state factories. During the past fifteen months Jugo-Slavia has been supplied by the Austrian factories with 1,000,000 Mauser rifles, 1,000,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, 133 wagonloads of infantry machine guns, large quantities of field guns, and an immense amount of smaller material.

"Roumania has placed large orders for shells, guns and ammunition, which are now in process of execution. Poland is also a large purchaser, among the items already delivered to her being 35,000,000 pieces of 7.9-millimeter ammunition and 34 wagonloads of smaller ammunition.

"Austria is being enabled to do all this manufacturing with the aid of the French taxpayers' money, by which I mean loans, through which these smaller countries are able to purchase the material.

"Under the treaty Austria is not a free agent and is not allowed to manufacture war materials. The orders to the Austrian state factories could not even have been placed, let alone executed, without the direct knowledge of the conference of ambassadors. The only conclusion is that some of the allied powers are deliberately conniving at it. Under our very noses French finance is making Europe into a powder magazine.

"If the Continent of Europe is to be saved from another war," Morel concludes, "the people of Britain and other countries must cease to live in a world of illusions. They must demand the whole truth, and the convocation, before it is too late, of an international conference on this problem."

Jewish Rabbi Is U. S. Agent Has Ticklish Job in Persia

THE man who has the difficult role of official spokesman for the United States in the Persian capital, Teheran, in the diplomatic crisis precipitated by the killing of the American vice-consul in Teheran, is a Jewish rabbi.

Joseph Saul Kornfeld left the pulpit of a temple in Columbus, O., to accept the offer of the late President Warren G. Harding to be the American minister to Persia.

Rabbi Kornfeld is a native of Austria-Hungary. He was born there in 1876. He became a resident of the Ohio city in 1907.

He is prominent in Jewish circles as a historian.

He Helped to Elect Wilson Now He Will Aid John Davis

AGAIN is Vance McCormick going to play an important role in a presidential campaign. The man who managed the successful Wilson campaign in 1916 will figure this year as a member of the "board of strategy" which will aid Clem Shaver, chairman of the national committee, in the direction of the Democratic campaign.

His full name is Vance Criswell McCormick, and he was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1872. He is a newspaper publisher, being the directing force behind the Morning Patriot and Evening News in Harrisburg. He was educated at Yale and went into newspaper work and politics after his graduation.

His formal entry into politics was made in 1900 as a member of the city council of Harrisburg. In 1902 he was elected mayor of the city. In 1914 he was the Democratic nominee for governor of Pennsylvania, and, while he lost, became a national political figure of such proportions that he was given charge of the national campaign in 1916, when Woodrow Wilson was elected to his second term.

From 1917 to 1919 McCormick was chairman of the war trade board of the government, and as such was a member of the war mission to Great Britain in 1917. In 1919 he served as one of President Wilson's

How to Bolster Character Nature—the Great Puzzle

By CLARK KINNARD

MANY men are described, some rightfully, many erroneously, as "strong-willed men."

What is a strong-willed man? William James said the strong-willed man is the man who hears the still small voice unflinchingly and who, when the death-bringing consideration comes in, looks at its face, consents to its presence, clings to it, affirms it, and holds it fast, in spite of the host of exciting images which rise in revolt against it and would expel it from the mind.

"What constitutes the difficulty for a man laboring under an unwise passion of acting as if the passion were unwise? Certainly there is not physical difficulty," says James. "It is as easy physically to avoid a fight as to begin one, to pocket one's money or squander it on one's cupidities, to walk away from as well as toward a coquette's door. The difficulty is mental; is that of getting the idea of the wise action to stay before our mind at all.

"When any strong emotional state whatever is upon us, the tendency is for no images but such as are congruous with it to come up. If others by chance offer themselves, they are instantly smothered and crowded out. If we are joyous, we cannot keep thinking of those uncertainties and risks of failure which abound upon our path; if we be lugubrious, we cannot think of new triumphs, travels, loves and joys; nor if vengeful, of our oppressor's community of nature with ourselves.

"The strong-willed man is one who is able to master his mind to the extent of repelling those images which would smother the thought that he wants to keep uppermost in his brain.

"Sustained in this way by a resolute effort of attention, the difficult object ere long begins to call up its own congeners and associates and ends by changing the disposition of the man's consciousness altogether.

"And with his consciousness, his action changes, for the new object, once stably in possession of the field of his thought, infallibly produces its own motor effect.

"The difficulty lies in obtaining that field. Though the spontaneous drift of thought is all the other way, the attention must be kept strained on one object until at last it GROWS, so as to maintain itself before the mind at ease."

NATURE! We are surrounded by her and locked in her clasp; powerless to leave her, and powerless to come closer to her. Unasked and unwarned she takes us up into the whirl of her dance, and hurries on with us till we are weary and fall from her arms.

Thus does Goethe's great mind conceive the position of Man in Nature's scheme of things.

"We live in the midst of her and are strangers," he observed. "She speaks to us unceasingly and betrays not her secret. We are always influencing her and yet can do her no violence."

In his works you will find these things said about Nature:

She creates new forms without end; what exists now, never was before; what was, comes not again; all is new and yet always the old.

Individuality seems to be all her aim, and she cares not for individuals. She is always building and destroying, and her workshop is not to be approached.

Nature lives in her children only, and the mother, where is she? She is the sole artist—out of the simplest materials the greatest diversity; attaining, with no trace of effort, the finest perfection, the closest precision, always softly veiled. Each of her works has an essence of its own; every shape that she takes is an idea utterly isolated; and yet all forms one.

There is constant life in her, motion and development, and yet she remains where she was.

She is eternally changing, not for a moment does she stand still.

Of rest she knows nothing, and to stagnation she has affixed her curse.

She is steadfast; her step is measured, her exceptions rare, her laws immutable.

She has thought and she ponders unceasingly, not as a man, but as Nature.

The meaning of the whole she keeps to herself, and no one can learn it from her.

Evening Song

By WILLA CATHER

Dear love, what thing of all the things that be is ever worth one thought from you and me, Save only Love, Save only Love?

The day so short, the nights so quick to flee, The world so wide, so deep and dark the sea, So dark the sea;

So far the suns and every listless star, Beyond their light—Ah! dear, who knows how far, Who knows how far?

One thing of all dim things I know is true, The heart within me knows, and tells it you, And tells it you.

So blind is life, so long at last is sleep, And none but Love to bid us laugh or weep, And none but Love, And none but Love.

A visitor, being shown round the lake, asked his guide how deep it was.

"Well, sir," was the reply, "we don't know the actual depth, but last year a young Australian came here to bathe, took his clothes off and dived in, and we never saw him again."

"And did you never hear from him again?" "Oh, yes, we had a cablegram from Australia asking us to send his clothes on."

advisors at the peace conference in Versailles.

He is a director of the federal reserve bank and a member of the Yale Corporation, as well as a trustee of Pennsylvania State College, and president of the board of Harrisburg Academy.

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

The country physician is passing, they say, Along with old Dobbins And the rickety shay. He has moved to the city, Where his patients all went: Back to the city, Where the money is spent.

For a rainy day an insurance policy beats an umbrella.

The evil of self-drugging is both expensive and harmful.

The mosquito constitutes the only real danger in night air.

There are thousands of people who are willing to pay A reasonable sum To keep doctors away; And it's really much cheaper To purchase prevention Than to call in a doctor To force intervention.

"Candy," says a pediatricist, "has no place in the dietary of children."

Since, according to some, alcohol is so essential in the treatment of disease, it is marvelous how the lower animals recover from their physical afflictions without it.

When one falls a victim of meningitis it is presumed that he has been harboring the germ in the back of his nose and throat. Serum, in the treatment of meningitis, has reduced the death rate to almost nothing.

The merchant and doctor were dining one day, And the merchant said: "Doc, Can a fellow keep eating and ever reduce?" And the doctor replied: "There's only one way: Drink only water and learn to eat hay; Cut out your sugars, your starches and fats, Hire you a hall and a couple of mats."

Because fever subsides after the administration of quinine, is not proof that the cause of the fever was malaria. High temperatures often return to normal without treatment of any kind.

I've wandered. Oh, I've traveled A million miles, I guess, Trailing Jack-o-lanterns, A-hunting healthiness.

And the absence of ague Is often explained By the fact that the country Is thoroughly drained.

Mysticism is the foundation of quackery.

Often the patient is a greater problem than his disease.

The best time to consult a physician is when you are well.

We pumped the shallow water And we stored it in a tank, Then Willie took the fever From the water that he drank.

A locomotive is inspected after each run; man, not until he wants insurance.

In the presence of an incurable malady the "white lie" that offers a little hope and a little comfort during the few remaining weeks or months is surely permissible deception.

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