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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

### To Will Rogers and the Ladies

Will Rogers is going to get hooked for a cabinet post or something bigger if he doesn't stop showing that he knows more about running the country than the politicians. It took him just one week with an airplane in the Caribbean to find out what our state department, after twenty-five years, only is beginning to discover.

Will divulged this secret of foreign policy to the ladies—we would not dare to say "old sisters," as he did—of the D. A. R. convention in Washington. Said he:

"We've got our army and navy messing around in everything; we mean well, but we just don't get away with it. I have been talking about it in all these countries and they think we ought to stay at home."

We're in bad now in fifteen countries. I have been told that in confidence by their big men, and it is time we quit and get back home."

To which we say, Amen.

The only trouble with Will is that he doesn't go far enough. Or, perhaps we should say, the only trouble is that he did not stay in Central America another week. Then doubtless he would have discovered the constructive policy which should replace the American intervention fiasco.

After we take Will's good advice to "quit and get back home," what do we do then? For that does not solve the problem.

There still will be Central American revolutions. There still will be periodic destruction of United States property and killing of our citizens.

There still will be demands of European powers for us to protect their nationals on threat of their intervention. There still will be occasions when an outside police power is required to protect legitimate international rights.

And when those crises come, all the hard sense of Will Rogers and the good intentions of the White House are not going to keep several million excited brethren and sisters of the patriotic organizations from pushing us back into the big stick policy.

Then we shall rush south again, with a high hat in one hand, a gun in the other, a battleship in the background—and proceed to "clean 'em up" in the name of God, country and bonds.

That is what always has happened before, and will again.

Unless—

Unless we recognize that the protection of international rights there is not our job, but an international job.

Unless we use our cruisers and marines as part of an international police force.

Unless we substitute for our Monroe doctrine of Yankee paternalism, a new Pan-American doctrine of mutual equality and mutual responsibility of all the American republics for protection of their joint interests and rights.

Unless we renounce our selfish diplomacy and dictatorial power in favor of a Pan-American union, which can and will act.

Peace is not preserved by mere good intentions. Disputes are as inevitable in this hemisphere as elsewhere. Military interventions and wars are not ended by words. International organization is necessary. International law is necessary. International enforcement is necessary.

As Will says, we mean well. But that has not kept us from making a mess of things and earning the hatred of our neighbors. Nor will Will Rogers' policy of withdrawal mend things.

We must build where we have destroyed. We must turn their hatred into good will. We need them; they need us. We must live with them and work with them as equals.

There is only one way. Call it an American League of Nations, call it an effective Pan-American union—the name does not matter. But that is the only way out.

### All the Business You Want

While American factories stand idle and six million workers walk the streets because of so-called overproduction, the rich Russian market is ours for the asking. Here is a quick and easy way to stimulate business. There is no risk.

The Russians pay their bills promptly. That is the unanimous experience of the many great American corporations which have been selling to the Soviet government for years—companies such as International Harvester and General Electric. No high-powered salesmanship and no expensive promotion campaigns are required. The Russians want to buy from us.

Frank R. Eldridge, executive vice-president of the American Manufacturers' Export Association, pictures our trade opportunity in Russia:

"Machinery is being purchased and set up to fill home requirements and improve standards of living there. Mining, power, and manufacturing plants are springing up to fill the vast primary needs of the Russians themselves."

"The call for secondary needs will come with the development of these plants, and it will take years before the Soviets can hope to produce such manufactured items as lighting fixtures, typewriters, adding machines, and other articles falling into this category."

"In addition, our sales to the Russian consumer market, never very large even before the war, will grow in importance as the standards of living there progress in keeping with the advancement of the five-year plan and the plans which may come after."

But will our Russian sales grow, as this leader in American export trade has a right to expect?

During the last six months the Russians have been forced to cut their purchases from us more than 44 per cent, and to cancel orders estimated in excess of \$100,000,000. They just have closed their purchasing office on the Pacific coast and are restricting their New York and eastern offices.

Why? Because of the administration's constant sniping at this trade, and the bankers' unwillingness to finance large contracts so long as the Washington government is hostile.

Peter A. Bogdanov, chairman of Amotco Trading Corporation, the principal Soviet buying agency, has explained why he is stopping orders to American firms and giving them instead to our European competitors:

"This decline in Russian-American trade, which comes after steady gains during the last five years, must be ascribed to a combination of factors, of which the lack of improvement in financing facilities on Soviet orders here is one of the most important."

"This situation contrasts strikingly with the distinct improvement recently noted in credit and other commercial facilities extended to Soviet trade or organizations in European countries, notably England and Germany, where recently a new agreement has been

entered into by the Soviet Union has been concluded; and Italy, where a new trade agreement is being negotiated."

Don't let any one think that this Russian trade which the administration's policy is losing for America—is small. Thanks to our generally tariff-destroyed export trade, Russia now is our third largest world customer.

When we lose this Russian business we will be throwing away sales recently running at the rate of nearly \$22,000,000 a month.

And those sales are virtually all velvet. While the anti-Russian propagandists shout about the fake menace of Russian imports here, the fact is that Russia is paying us \$46 to every \$1 we pay her.

We believe it is the duty of the Hoover administration, in the midst of unprecedented business depression and unemployment, to stimulate profitable trade by negotiating a Russian trade agreement.

### Are We Growing Old?

For 300 years and more the United States was sanguinary for the world's rebels. Our nation was founded by political and religious nonconformists. And since the Pilgrim Fathers landed nearly every ship sailing westward toward these hospitable shores has borne some member of a persecuted race, creed or party, some radical, some "undesirable citizen" of the old world, his face lighted with dreams of freedom and equal opportunity.

Among them were young men—Irish, Jews, Italians, German "Forty-Eighters," Russian revolutionists, Polish Socialists—some destined to lead in our own republic, others to learn and to return to lead reforms in their own lands.

But now the tide has turned.

A great deportation campaign is under way. Strangely, it is led by the secretary of labor, working under a labor-supported law. Its goal is the return of more than 100,000 aliens.

The drive is aimed especially at alien radicals. We hear of the Italian radicals Serio and Rade, about to be returned to Fascist Italy, there to meet almost certain punishment by death; of the Japanese Communist Kenmotsu, facing a similar fate; of deportation raids assisted by patriotic societies in Los Angeles.

Methods used in this and previous campaigns resemble old world tyrannies, and have drawn criticism even from leaders as conservative as George W. Wickersham, head of the Hoover law enforcement commission.

As a nation, are we growing old and frightened and intolerant? Is the sailing of vessels past the Statue of Liberty, outbound with deportees, a sign that America's youth and courage are passing?

### Birth Rate Versus Battalions

Is God on the side of the heaviest battalions? So said Napoleon, though his own strategy often more than made up for the superior force of his opponents.

It is probable that, all other things being equal, battalions win in the immediate military conflict. But the long run God may be on the side of the highest birth rate.

Validity of this argument is suggested by Dr. Louis I. Dublin in an article in the New York Times.

Take some cogent illustrations. There is little doubt that France could mop up Italy today. Both nations have a population of about 41,000,000. But how about 1975, when France will have less than 40,000,000 and Italy more than 60,000,000?

Today, given freedom to arm, Germany would crush Poland like an eggshell. She has \$4,000,000 to Poland's 30,000,000. In 1975, however, statisticians estimate that the German population will have fallen to 46,000,000, while that of Poland will have risen to 60,000,000.

Further, a holy war against Russia on the part of western Europe, if postponed to 1965, will be a sizable undertaking. By that time Russia will probably have a population of 300,000,000, while western Europe hardly will hold its own.

Entirely aside from military issues, population changes may have no slight effect on cultural situations. By and large, the industrial and urban nations are those most advanced in culture. But they are the ones falling behind in the battle of the babbles.

The chief hope here lies in the possibility that Russia may prove the superior civilization that her propagandists contend. Otherwise, the present population trends in Europe will shift the cultural balance backward rather than forward.

### REASON BY FREDERICK LANDIS

THE average citizen of the United States who stays at home and works by the day will endorse President Hoover's decision not to use the marines to protect the property of Americans who have gone down to Nicaragua to get rich in a hurry.

There is a lot of common sense in the contention that when a man goes into a foreign land, knowing it to be turbulent, and willingly takes chances because the rich rewards make it a good bet, he should take his medicine if he loses.

BUT there is always the possibility that such an attitude may get us into close quarters with other nations whose citizens have gone into Nicaragua.

Other nations may follow the imperialistic precedent that they should protect the property of their citizens all over the world.

Should Great Britain, for instance, tell us that she intended to land troops in Nicaragua to protect the property of Englishmen, we would tell her that under the Monroe Doctrine, as recently elaborated by us, we could not permit this, whereupon she would probably tell us that if we would not let her protect her citizens, we were bound to do it ourselves.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, you know, came very close to conflict with John Bull over this very thing, and it is not impossible that the situation may arise again.

In the case of the Monroe Doctrine, it is a matter of power and nothing else, the doctrine deriving its only vitality from the disinclination of European nations to go to war about it.

The nations of the world never have accepted the Monroe Doctrine as international law and they never have had any love for it, because it has hampered their ambitions for territorial extension on this side of the water.

THERE was nothing in the Monroe Doctrine, as originally promulgated, to prohibit a foreign nation's making a temporary landing of troops to right a specific wrong to its citizens, but this country has opposed it, because it knows that when nations once plant themselves they stay unless they are expelled.

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## M. E. Tracy SAYS:

Daredevil Performers Have Hurt, Rather Than Helped, Aviation.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Ruth Nichols is reported as planning a solo flight across the Atlantic within two weeks. No woman is better qualified to make the attempt, which doesn't mean very much. The odds still are three to one against success, if not more, and what would success prove?

The problem of transoceanic flying includes more than a lucky break now and then. We have not been prevented from solving it by lack of either skill or courage, but by the right kind of airplanes.

What this problem calls for is engineers, not stuntmen.

The fact that a few aviators have been able to cross the ocean is not particularly important, except for the glory and hero worship it involves.

Exceptionally clever or fortunate people always have been, and probably always will be, performing similar feats.

No one can quarrel with the idea that they can do a lot to make life entertaining.

### Daredevils Hurt Aviation

WHEN you get right down to brass tacks, it's what average people can do that counts, and it's the man, or woman, who makes it possible for average people to do more than really is responsible for civilized progress.

Dare-devil performers have harmed rather than helped, aviation.

Such air-mindedness as we possess is due mainly to those pilots who are flying the mail and commercial airways, and who have demonstrated the possibilities of aviation under average conditions.

You can take most anything, no matter how old or how new, and make a record or a stunt with it. In spite of all mechanical speed devices, the late Edward P. Weston acquired world-wide fame by out-walking every one.

Edward Miles of Newark, N. J., just has made the front pages of the metropolitan dailies by arriving at Manila on his way around the world in a 37-foot boat.

We have sense enough to recognize that champion pedestrians and small boat navigators contribute very little, though we still are glad to applaud their achievements.

### Utility Is What Counts

CIVILIZATION is like business, in that it depends chiefly on mass consumption.

The fact that one man or woman out of a million can fly in the face and get away with it, means no more and no less than does the fact that one man or one woman out of a million possesses a big fortune.

Whether it is a suspender buckle or an airplane, the value depends not on what a highly trained few can do, but on the possibility of adapting it to the needs and capabilities of the many.

### All Must Share

WE are pretty well agreed that prosperity is not the genuine article unless the masses share in it, but it remains for us to recognize that this also is true of politics.

Those enterprises and activities in which only a small percentage of people can participate are just as bad from an economic or intellectual standpoint as is in the field of politics.

The Democratic philosophy is, if anything, more essential to the everyday habits and efforts of society than to government.

Most of our present difficulties originate in the obvious disregard of this.

The idea of getting out in front, no matter for what purpose, still is the most common and dangerous plague—money with which to make a show, cleverness with which to gain applause, feats with which to make a name.

### Questions and Answers

What is peat? What are the peat bogs of England and Ireland?

Peat is a kind of soil formed by the partial decay of plants in the swamps of the temperate zone. The peat bogs of England are often five to sixty feet deep and some of the Irish ones are said to be as deep as forty feet. They have been forming ever since the glacial period but are now on the decline owing largely to natural causes. Peat bogs consist of the remains of many kinds of aquatic and marsh plants, but chiefly sphagnum. This moss grows upward and decays partially, complete decay being prevented by the antiseptic organic acids formed in the process. Near the top the peat is brown, fibrous, light and porous; lower down it tends to be dark, heavy, dense and without visible indication of its vegetable origin. Peat is commonly used for fuel by the Irish peasantry. It is used in the potting of certain kinds of plants.

What is the water content of a peat bog? About 79 per cent.

What is the origin of the word "nob" when referring to important persons?

It had its origin in "fil. nob."—abbreviated Latin for "son of a nobleman."

What are the nationalities of the prize-fighters, Johnny Risko and Leo Lomski?

Risko is Austrian; Lomski is Polish-American.

Was De Maupassant, the writer, insane?

He showed traces of insanity in his writings from 1887 onward. In 1890 he was so insane as to have discontinued his work and on July 6, 1893, he died in an asylum for the insane, having become totally insane in 1882.

Roosevelt, as you may recall, went to the mat with the former kaiser over this proposition. Wilhelm having sent his warships to Venezuela, he took them away only when Teddy gave him a few hours to show out, saying that he would send Dewey down to show him the way home if he couldn't find it himself.

## And We Laugh at the Dumb Chicken!

LOOK AT THAT CRAZY CHICKEN!  
YOU'D THINK IT WOULD HAVE BRAINS ENOUGH NOT TO TRY AND CROSS THE ROAD IN FRONT OF A MACHINE!

