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HAPPENINGS 69 YEARS AGO.

(By Count de G.—)

(Concluded.)

The vast region, antecedently mapped down as a repulsive and irreclaimable desert, has been ascertained to be adapted to agriculture, and the finest pastoral region on the globe. The impenetrable mountains and inextricable wastes which, it was thought interposed insurmountable barriers to our union with the Pacific, have dwindled away before the wand of bold, adventurous and scientific exploration. Santa Fe, Oregon, California, are now American territories, and the precious sands of Pactolus and the golden fleece of Jason, no longer fictions have been founded on the shores of the Sacramento and the plains of New Mexico.

"Make yourselves formidable to the Westward." Thus spoke the Demosthenes of Virginia seventy-two years ago. "Warn the committee of safety to be on their guard," said Thomas Jefferson just before he expired. The great philosopher and apostle of annexation, dreaded some attempt to curtail the sublime experiment of self-government which he had put in motion. "Extend the area of freedom," exclaimed Andrew Jackson on his dying bed. Upon these maxims our government has been, mainly conducted. The whole policy of the democratic party — the party of progress — hinges upon these maxims. Under this guidance we have nurtured our circumscribed resources into gigantic dimensions. We have created a vast centre of power, and wealth, and protection, to fall back upon in trying emergencies. We have secured an immense interior empire, entrenched by lofty mountains, where industry and art may pursue their uninterrupted labors, and human nature reach the highest point of improvement. From this great laboratory will be sent forth torch-bearers in every department of science, and in every avenue of human pursuit. Hence will be commissioned the missionaries of freedom to go forth and preach the lessons of free government, to the downtrodden and oppressed. There Liberty will find its permanent home. The Great West is its perpetual resting place. In the great valley spanning from the Alleghenies to the Rocky Mountains, and from the Tennessee to the lakes embittered with cities, irrigated by noble rivers, enlightened by colleges, where no artificial distinctions are tolerated; where every aspiration towards aristocracy is spurned; where the laborer stands on the same platform with the capitalist — there, in the Great West, Liberty has its altar.

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de considérations qui ébranlent la politique intérieure de la France, sur un des points les plus sensibles: "Vous n'avez pas, je pense, dans cette horrible guerre, à vous plaindre de votre clergé" dit, dès le début de son interview, l'éminent secrétaire d'Etat. Et l'admirable conduite du clergé lui paraît appeler tout de suite quelques espérances prochaines et quelques réalisations pratiques, notamment le rétablissement de l'ambassade du Vatican, et le rappel des congrégations. L'apaisement ne sera jamais complet "en France, dit encore Mgr Gaspari, sans la reprise des relations diplomatiques avec le Saint-Siège". On a souhaité plus de réserve, moins de hâte dans l'expression de préoccupations confessionnelles, après tant de discussion dans l'égale répartition des responsabilités de la guerre. On a eu voulu que le Saint-Siège, qui se tient "au-dessus de la bataille extérieure" — que la France n'a pas déclenchée — se placât avec une aussi ferme résolution à l'écart des anciennes querelles religieuses, que la France a sagement oubliées. Célébrer la bravoure du clergé, aucun homme de bonne foi n'aura l'idée impie de s'y refuser. Elle est l'égal de celle de tous les Français. En demander la récompense immédiate ou différée, c'est au moins prématûre. La France n'a pas à se plaindre de ses clercs, pas plus que d'autrui de ses fils. Tout font leur devoir; aucun n'en doit réclamer un bénéfice particulier. Ce sera l'éternel honneur de la France de s'être donnée tout entière. Tous ses enfants ont mesuré, le 4 août 1914, l'extende du sacrifice; mais aucun n'a songé à monnayer son devoir, ni à le placer à intérêts. Oui, la France est chevaleresque et un peu embragée; elle n'aimera pas qu'on parât à l'avance lui forcer la main et tirer une traite sur sa reconnaissance. Tendre la main pour y recevoir, — un peu vite, dans le plein d'une guerre au-dessus de laquelle on veut se tenir, — celles des monastères fermés, mettre en doigt sur ses lèvres, quand il est

question des transports de Lille. ("Je vous prie de ne pas insister là-dessus, je ne pourrais pas vous répondre") sont deux gestes qu'on entend, l'un moins hâtif et l'autre moins réservé.

On a été ravi — et ce rève n'avait rien de chimérique, — d'un papa qui, se souvenant qu'elle est la plus haute puissance morale du monde, qu'elle est détachée des biens terrestres et des faits passagers, aurait entendu la voix éternelle du droit imprescriptible et le droit naturel est violé quand certains belligérants déclarent la guerre à l'autre. Les noms, c'est impossible. Leur opposer une fin de non-recevoir, on le tente vainement. D'ailleurs, il existe, sur ces faits, deux témoignages que le Vatican ne peut récuser: celui de Mgr Mercier, cardinal-archevêque de Malines, celui de Mgr Charost, évêque de Lille. Si ces déguisés attritifs et officiels du Saint-Père ne sont pas entendus, si leur témoignage ne justifie pas, ne commande pas une protestation publique, lancée aux quatre coins de l'univers contre l'inobéissance des lois de la guerre" par certains belligérants, il est permis de se demander de quoi sera donc de déclarer un autre représentant, un représentant diplomatique auprès du Vatican.

P. H. ERMONT.

niellement déclaré qu'il donne le plus absolu démenti aux bruits que l'on s'est plus à faire courir, que le général Carranza aurait préparé un ultimatum aux Etats-Unis réclamant le retrait de l'ambassade du Vatican ou celles des monastères fermés, mettre en doigt sur ses lèvres, quand il est

PROCLAMATION

Among the most prolific sources of economic waste in the United States is the destruction of property by fire and also the loss resulting from injury inflicted upon our fellow man in our industrial institutions through want of care. The fire loss last year in this country exceeded one hundred and seventy-two millions of dollars. Statistics compiled by the Fire Marshal's Department show that over three million dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire during 1915 in this state, an amount nearly equal to the cost of maintaining the State Government.

This enormous loss is irretrievable and is a drain upon our resources, and in itself, aside from the appalling disasters from fire, involving great loss of life, health, employment, undue effort and expense to extinguish fires and insure against them, is entitled to immediate and serious consideration.

Study of this vital problem shows that the great bulk of the fire waste and its attending evils is the result of individual carelessness, that fire, like disease and casualties, can be greatly reduced by watchfulness, cleanliness and proper regard for the rights of others, and that correction of these calamities lies primarily in education.

Therefore, in order to bring about a better understanding of this problem and to awaken our people to a vivid sense of the dangers of fire and of carelessness, I, R. G. Pleasant, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim and designate

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1916,

the forty-fifth anniversary of the great Chicago fire,

"FIRE AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION DAY."

and I earnestly urge that our people observe this day by a general cleaning up and removal of all rubbish and waste, and by placing their heating apparatus and chimneys in proper condition for winter use.

Let hospitals, asylums, factories, theatres, hotels and all other public and private institutions be carefully inspected on this day and improvements be made that will further provide for the safety of the occupants and the elimination of fire dangers.

Let the municipal officers throughout the state, in a formal manner, show recognition of the day by giving attention to better building regulations, fire prevention and protection, and ordinances that will insure safety to life.

Lastly, let a period be set aside in the public, private and parochial schools, so that the teachers may instill in the receptive minds of the children, through short talks and proper programs, the hazards of fire, the simple means of fire prevention and the dangers of carelessness.

Given under my hand and Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, the 26th day of September, A. D. 1916.

(Signed) R. G. PLEASANT, Governor.

(Signed) R. H. FLOWER, Assistant Secretary of State.

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