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W. H. H.

1-15-1918.

4-22-1891

27 yrs. old.

"making the world safe for
Democracy."

1/5/18

1-10-61

1-15-18

43 yrs.
later

I was so excited today when I discovered what it means to make the world safe for democracy that I rushed out to get this book so that I could put it down. Now all that seems like a damn fool stunt. There's nothing new in what I have discovered. Washington would have known what it meant the minute he heard the expression. Lincoln knew it - Wilson certainly knows it for he coined the expression. Why should it excite me to realize its meaning?

I am not a thinker - I follow. Am pretty good at that I fancy. Understand well. can imitate etc. but I can't construct. I'm just learning that, and enjoying the learning. So today when I evolved

my own definition for wilsons in
mortal expression I felt like
an explorer who had just
run onto a Pacific or a
buried Pompeii or a great
truth of life.

Today I visited l'Hotel
des Invalides and the
Tomb of Napoleon. Description
of course is futile, and all
together unnecessary, for the
atmosphere alone seemed to
conserve my discovery.

~~The Napoleonic tomb. I
saw a grateful nation paying
homage to the great military
General who had by conquest
made them a world power
for many years to come.~~

Here's how it is: - For many
centuries the races on the con-
tinent have been surging around
in an attempt to settle on

some place where they thought
they could be happy. First
one would settle on some
series of fertile and pleasing
valleys, set up their civil-
ization, and propagate their race,
~~where they had ^{not} had~~
~~power~~ First they covered
the rich valleys with their
gardens - the hillsides with
their orchards - the plains
with their cattle - and the
mountains they robbed of
their gold and marbles. Then
with affluence and a privileged
class came the opportunity to
employ a certain percentage
of the citizenry in the arts
and the military.

The stage is set. We
have a group of the finest
talent and brains of the
race set up on the efforts
of Koi Poloi for the purpose
of demonstrating to the

world the enlightenment
and power of that people.
They make pictures - they
chip out wonderful figures
in stone - they assert
their authority in questions
of science and education
and finally they are
acknowledged world leaders.

Then the friend
next door with more
brawn than brain de-
termines that he has
lost out on some ~~score~~
score, and immediately he
contracts fatty enlargement
of the military. Off he
goes to the front to
take by force what he
considers his just share
in this civilization. He
grabs a ~~bit of~~ ~~territory~~ few
flags - a national relic
or two and a few ships,
and then not satisfied

with this stab - he
twists the dirk by
lopping off a choice bit
of his friends territory.

Wink off - I ridic-
eering also has a few
flags to stick in some
museum to feed up
the passions of his people.
He feeds up on some
newspaper space well
filled by hired ink - he
makes the service of the
country a mighty attractive
affair and away he goes
to get back what he lost.

And so we go - back
and forth - tit for tat -
and while ~~neither country~~
~~has large~~ ~~no~~ countries
are self contained, and
neither has large outside
interests the world looks
on amazed or horrified
as their constitution

prompts. And as she goes on each country collects more and more trophies of war to place in museums and thereby feed the conquest suspicion of their people.

But as time goes on civilization evolves more complicated rules of social and commercial methods ~~and~~ until the fortunes of our country become so related to those of all its neighbors that an upheaval such as war creates affects the whole system.

Then the differences of nations become the concern of the world and the joint ~~will~~ ^{will} come when the world must take sides as to the system which must prevail. Some will say - "We are

making jolly fun with this system, the pillars of our government are making money by it, and our people can be made to believe in it and fight for it."

Others will say "No, it's all wrong. We can't afford to disarrange our system every time you want to stage a coup. We want to evolve and consummate our plans, without this ominous axe over our heads. Any how you do not fight clean wars any more. Your game has degenerated. You shock our sense of the rights of others. We believe that our people and your own deserve

the right to conduct themselves as they please being responsible only to their God, their neighbor, and through these to their communities. We are democrats, ~~and~~ we believe in our doctrine, and we will fight to sustain it.

And there you are - we're fighting so our kiddies and theirs won't need to be inconvenienced as we and our forbears have been. We don't like the business - we have the panacea - and will make the minority swallow it without the formality of a sugar coating as long as they refuse it in

that shape. And we'll win because right and might both are on our side.

What do we have when all is said and done. A community of monthmouth families each with its problems and squalls, and all with differences, but all amenable to a law that reads "The best of what is right for the ~~most~~ majority" and all will not bend, but square up to that law.

It's coming and soon. Even now its cyclis of blood and hatred is breaking - soon it will burst its shell and the world will make some bright morning at