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THE GLORIOUS FOURTH OF JULY.

(By JAMES B. WHITMAN.)
The month of July is a holiday unique in human annals. It is not that the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence were never heard of before. They had been. The Byzantine empire was not an ideal nation from the point of view of a fundamental democracy, but the Institutes of Justinian contained the declaration that slavery was not a thing of nature "for all men are born free," recognizing the principle of essential equality of all men before God; and by inference branding slavery as wrong in principle. It is not that human rights regarding race have never been recognized in theory and in a measure in practice. Gutzlaff, the Augustinian French writer and statesman, says in his history of civilization that this principle was distinctly recognized by the Council of Toledo in the sixth century and practiced in Spain at that time. Macaulay says that in parts of Spain at a later date, free institutions had exceeded those of other nations. The long reign of infidelity, incidental to the struggle with the Moors, made for suspicion.

The Declaration of Independence does not mark the beginning of the first republic in the Christian era, nor even the foundation of the first existing republic, San Marino, existing in the Apennines with its thirty-eight miles of territory, was founded in the fifth century, even while the old western empire was in death throes. Its government is, says a standard authority, "representative and eminently democratic." Andorra, in the Pyrenees, and Switzerland, and the Alps, are examples of republics that became the fate of free countries, and free cities of the medieval times.

The Declaration of Independence is unique in that it systematically set forth the principles of liberty under law and laid the foundations for a great free state unaffected by the peculiar circumstances which permitted the three small republics named to survive. The people of Andorra sacrifice their freedom to the fact that their country is, mountainous, difficult to capture and defend, and holding if successfully invaded; and that is the case with the other two. None of these ever spread beyond their natural boundaries. None endeavored to extend the principles on which they were founded beyond their own natural limits. Their principles were not principles of all time and places, which would have led them to harbinger of recurring tyranny and oppression. The great Declaration, it applied to existing conditions, to the scale, principles not unknown and not always realized, but which were pre-ordained, were pre-ordained, were given to them. They or their ancestors had fled from Ireland, Italy, Scotch-Irish, Dutch in New York, Sweden, France, in Georgia, Germans in Pennsylvania, they sought safety, nationality, and race enclaved to blend happily with the ready colonial principles of the immortal Declaration. In the days of the Magna Charta the British had no such right, but in their own island, albeit, they never got away from a certain amount of a peculiar respect for it. It was fitting that the Englishman should take the division of powers which lay in the Constitution of English law and expand them, that they might be used by a new people stripped of the trappings of power, of formulating their fundamental law. And that is what happened in America. In the "Spirit of Laws" produced in 1750, in the common contest, more impressed, the men who wrote the Declaration than any other, and showed up in the Declaration more than any other, was that hot in the government of England, that the principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence were not confined just to our country, but extended to all countries. It is not our duty to foist them on others outside of the pay-off. It is not for us to preach a gunpowder plot man to open a pathway for trade, while selfishly and independently, one over-loses, refuse to trade with others. It is not man to live to himself alone; so no nation can so easily subdue another. American states, each an empire within itself and containing different, natural and "evil" racial elements, were destined to eventually will, if he found that many nations with different sets of people can and must work together, and then together or they will all end down in common ruin.

He has pointed out the fact that others, perhaps less favorably situated, had recognized the principles embodied in the Declaration, and that they had even been applied on a small scale by persons of all races, not all either Anglo-Saxons or Nordic by descent. This indicates that following out lead in a League of Nations, these principles might be made the basis for universal recognition among all civilized states.

It is great as ever born the results in America of the principles so simply stated by greatest of American statesmen, Thomas Jefferson, they may along the line mapped out by the greatest world statesman of our generation, Woodrow Wilson, yet he made this a covenant of a league, which with all its possible imperfections, has laid the foundation for international peace based on the principles of Christianity and not of force. The idea is practical, sound as the idea outlined by Jefferson has proven to be, on broader lines than has ever been tried. Our own Fourth, therefore, is not a day of assurance to us. It is a beacon light of hope to the world.

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Hello, Heaven! Hello, Mars!



Arthur Conan Doyle, exponent of chivalry, is expected to come to America with several thousand dollars, which he thinks may be necessary to keep him in style.

AMERICA'S ENVOYS TO PRINCE ELECTED BY POPULAR VOTE

No. 4—Miss Regina Whittle, of Paterson, N.J.



LET'S MAKE IT A FIRELESS "FOURTH"



The safest way to exhibit fireworks is to buy them at a reliable store under the direction of drivers who know what they are doing.

Civic organizations in many cities are actively working to make the Fourth of July this year as safe and as possible. They point out that while the property destruction due to carelessness in handling fireworks is not heavy, as compared with that from other hazards, loss of life and injury are usually outdone by the number of fires on the Independence Day observance.

This so-called "harmless sparkler" is being particularly condemned because it is the sparkler that remains after the fuse material has been burned off, makes it highly dangerous to children. Children, especially, like to receive presents, and the latest gift to the boys and girls is a "sparkler."

The church services last Sunday were very much enjoyed by those who attended.

Mr. F. J. Lawell of Eden made headlines with the Salmon Monday night. He was a well-known boxer, Mr. Gen. Denton, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ayer entertained

a number of friends and relatives at their home.

Miss Elizabeth Dougherty, who has been a fixture in the city for many years, has returned to her home last week.

Prof. J. E. Lawell of Eden made headlines with the Salmon Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whittle, last week.

Miss Ethelma Shawmawishan has been visiting at Twin Falls Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Berney, of Twin Falls, have been visiting at Berger the past week.

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