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WHAT AMERICA HAS LOST SINCE THE WAR

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In discussing the subject, my friends, "What America Has Lost Since the War" I should like to remind you of a truism that is often overlooked; that there are no sharp landmarks in history.

One can not say on what day of the month the Industrial Revolution began or feudalism ended, or the Renaissance was ushered in. And I am sure that the people living at the time when these movements silently began were quite unaware of them and of the possible consequence that they may have upon their own lives and upon the lives of posterity.

It is only much later, when mankind has had the advantage of looking back over a considerable stretch of time, that it is able to say, at this point cross-roads were reached, at that point the march of human progress took a sharp turn in this direction or in that direction.

But I believe that we are already sufficiently far removed from the days of 1914 and 1917 to warrant in taking a backward look and to conclude, on the basis of what we already see back of us, that the World War, in all likelihood, did mark a very definite turning point in the history of our own people and perhaps of mankind.

The upheaval was so vast and so cataclysmic that it was not only tremendous in extension but tremendous also in penetration, - perpendicular, reaching down into the very department of our national life, into our economic and social life, into our government, religion, art, science, morals - nothing escaped the winnowing of this tremendous event in the history of the world.

And ^{tho} many of us may be entirely unaware of it, but the thoughtful few, I am sure, have already realized that for weal or woe, for better or for worse, the last war has catapulted us into a new and bewildering world, and that we today are in a sense the children of two worlds, and therefore spiritually homeless.

We have been ^{banished} fashioned from a world which has ceased to exist and we have not yet been naturalized ^{as} citizens of the world which is coming to pass. This new world, ushered in by the war, has not had time to create its own culture, its own codes, its own mores, and therefore it has not had time as yet to give us those sustaining influences which we need in our lives. And therefore this is an age of transition. And therefore this is also a sad age.

The promises of the new world have not yet come to pass but we have already lost some of the compensations of the old world and it is of some of these losses that I want to speak this ^{evening} ~~morning~~.

I think one of the first things that we lost ^{is} ~~was~~ our ^{former} complacence. People used to call us smug. The Europeans especially used

to call us smug. We weren't smug. But in our days before the war there was a certain tranquility. We were at peace with ourselves. The pre-war American did, in a sense, believe that he was living in the best of all possible worlds. His government was a democracy. And a democracy was the noblest and best form of government for mankind. He knew that there was political corruption in his government, but he wasn't much disturbed about it.- Boys will be boys and politicians will be grafters, so why make much ado about it. His government was still "a government of the people, and by the people and for the people." We had faith in our democratic government and we felt that it/^{rep}presented the ultimate in political philosophy.

The pre-war American believed that economically his system was as sound as a hickory nut; that a beneficent capitalism, unhampered by government interference was creating great wealth and making everybody rich; that is everybody who got the lucky break. If everybody was not rich, everybody was potentially rich, ^{if only he could get the} who got the lucky breaks. This ~~is~~ was

the land of boundless economic opportunity for everyone; the industrious, the thrifty, the ambitious were all certain to be rewarded. - *Raise children with a def. hope that future was secure - ambitions attainable - Anatole's -*

And socially there was still enough of that camaraderie of frontier days left ~~over~~ in America and enough of that thought-pattern of our earlier civilization, the melting pot, and, the haven of refuge, to give Americans the feeling of social equality and a real faith in tolerance.

And so taken all in all, he was satisfied with his life. He was content with his social setup and often a bit patronizing of European

peoples in spite of their older civilization. They had many of the graces of a mellowed civilization. ^{to be sure} They had art. But we had modern homes and modern improvements and the best in machinery. We had skyscrapers. We had all the modern fascilities of life. Ours was to all intents and purposes, the best of all possible worlds.

But we are not so complacent in the year 1932. We have not been since the war.

Almost on the heels of the war, there set in, you will recall, a veritable tidal wave of social self-criticism. The symbol of that movement, ^{you may say who} ~~may be~~ a man by name Sinclair Lewis and his disciples. American life was stripped of much of its glamour. The American small town - Gopher Prairie, and the American big town - Zenith City, - were subjected to a microscopic study and analysis and exposed in all ~~its~~ ^{their} ~~their~~ ^{actual state} drabness, ugliness and crudeness. - ~~But~~ ^{Am. life - one-sided, narrow, somewhat} ^{ludicrous -}

And then there set in another movement which again may be symbolized by a ~~man~~ ^{went on a} by name, Mencken and his cohorts of fallen angels, who ~~set up their own~~ ^{to} ~~crusade for the debunking of~~ ^{debunking} American life.

As a result of this ^{amazing and unsparring} self-criticism, Europe actually came to believe, as Bernard Shaw expressed ^{it} quite recently, that America ~~is~~ ^{enjoys} ~~fond of~~ ^{has been} being abused, ~~because he~~ ^{is} quite ruthless in criticizing ^{intellectual masochism (4)} ourselves. As a result of all this, there has come into American life ^{an uncertainty, a missing link} a certain restiveness. Our complacency ~~was~~ ^{is} gone.

→ From "Civilization in the U.S." - his journey by 30 Americans, 1922 to "Behold America", 1931 - scathing indictment by 33 Am. a vast literature of self-probing, sun, it verging on the morbid. and infel. masochism.

a people ^{esp. the youth} needs a dogma - an unquestioned ideal. Russia - Germany
Italy. This was ours.

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or were misled
~~And then too~~, we lost a good bit of our crusading
zeal for democracy. We were so much sold on democracy that we
entered the war to make the whole world safe for it. We soon
learned that our great gift wasn't really wanted. Many nations
were frankly cynical about it, ~~many skeptical~~, and many people ^{other}
were rather indifferent about it.

all sorts of uniforms
~~And even~~ There arose in Europe ~~all sorts of~~ people
dressed in ^{all sorts of uniforms} shirts - black shirts, red shirts and brown shirts, -
who ~~were~~ reject^{ed} disdainfully the whole concept of democracy. They called it
^{Mussolini - Lenin.} an antiquated concept ^{Since the war 1/2 of Europe has gone} of government. And even in our own ^{dictatorial} ~~country~~
^{what was -} ~~country~~ there arose immediately after the war, a ^{new} school of
^{blatant out with great gusto} intellectuals who ~~pointed out~~ the fallacies and limitations of
~~this dogma of~~ democracy. They insisted that it was the enemy of
culture, the friend of mediocrity; that in a sense it was a
stumbling block in the way of human progress. ^{As a result, etc.} ~~So that this whole~~
concept of democracy which once lent wings to the spirits of
Jefferson, Lincoln and Wilson, became, following the war, a thing flat and
stale. We lost our passion for political reform, ^{and for} political thinking. ^{All that}
^{remained was political jockeying and bait.} ~~Even the political indecencies of the Harding administration could not~~
^{an indignation} arouse the people to ~~a bit of enthusiasm~~ powerful enough to ^{punish and overthrow} ~~rouse them~~
^{this party. Our pol. liberals are scattered, unorganized and unable} ~~to the defense of their high democratic ideals of government.~~
^{program.}

And then, ~~I believe too~~, that we lost a great deal since
the war of ~~our pride and confidence~~ ^{and faith} in our economic setup. The perfervid

faith which we had in the power of capitalism to make everybody
at that time the econ. mess. of cap. was liquidated, as well as the belief in the
rich received its major defeat in the year 1929. It was found

The system of 2 cars per family etc. was found to end in bread
that increased wealth does not of necessity make for increased
lines. The system lay exposed in all its nakedness.

opportunity or for greater economic security for the great masses
planners, ruthless, blundering, ambitious, and unscrupulous
of the people.

→ stupid. Here we are in 1932 -

It was found, for example, during the year 1929, that

a nation possessed of forty percent of the gold resources of mankind,

whose soil has been more than generous, whose bins are glutted with

wheat, - in a land possessed of the best of engineering brains and

with the best of machinery, - in the midst of such a land, ⁸ five millions

of people are forced out of work and driven to the ^{destruction of} only resources which

we were able to put at their disposal, doles, charity, bread lines, and

soup kitchens and the homilies and encouraging words of Calvin Coolidge.
No that for adjusting prod. to purchasing power - a

his, & later to demand for labor - a measure necessary -
We are no longer secure in our economic philosophy.

And Across the border, figuratively speaking, is Russia.

What we fear in Russia is not that it is dumping products upon our shores.

What we fear in Russia is something more dangerous and serious, - the

undermining of our confidence in our own economic philosophy. Thus econ.
and pol. today we are not rebels, only helpless agnostics -

And then too, I believe that we lost a good deal since the
war in individualism. Clearly the trend of the economic life since the

war has been more and more in the direction of corporate organization,

of consolidation, mass-structure

9 in total.
65.000 -
the rest for profit
the firm. char.
- an end way out.

fatal

Prof. Cummings

Planning its nat. econ - causing for
torches were
said also
all the
then my
blow

Before the war we feared the trusts and anathematized them and ^{we} sought to circumvent them by legislation. Today we changed the name trust to merger and ^{as we} ~~we are watching~~ ^{growing} today these octopuses of industry ~~mergers~~. ^{at least as to '29.} There is no malediction in our hearts. We ~~are watching~~ ^{them} ~~with~~ ^{with} almost admiration. Perhaps it is unavoidable. I believe it is unavoidable. But clearly unavoidable is it too, that with this process the individual will be more and more drawn into vast, impersonal organizations, ^{The era of the small middle-class man is closing,} and instead of being an independent, self-determined businessman, ^{he is} ~~will~~ become a dependent, regimented ^{employee} ~~agent~~ of the huge impersonal organizations. The middle class is being wiped out and wiped out not by a public socialism such as exists in Russia, but by a capitalistic socialism.

In Russia ^{too} the individual has been ~~tragooned~~ ^{trapped} into a system. ~~Russia, as you know, embarked upon~~ ^{industrial, & agricultural} a tremendous scheme of socialization. ~~But there the motif is not pecuniary profits, but one vast machine with some planning commission at the head, directing.~~ But there ^{are} ~~is~~ ^{these} significant difference [?] between what is going on in Russia and what is going on in this country: In the first place, in Russia, the thing is ^{programmatic} ~~on~~ the surface, clearly visible and acknowledged. The process is understood, - ^{centrally} controlled and the masses are being educated to see in this process ^{of socialization} ~~eventually~~ ^{if not an immediate} an ultimate good for themselves.

In our country, the process is going on beneath the surface

and many people are not even aware of it. But if aware of it, they do not foresee the implications and consequences of it. *Now is the process planned, centrally organized and directed.*

While In the second place there is this difference. In *in this process of socialization, it is done* Russia men are being standardized in the name of an ideal. The

Ideal is a perfect communal life in which all men shall share in the good things of life. They are doing what they are doing *with* *in the life* ~~an ideal~~ of creating a genuine community life, built on a solidarity and unity of interest from which the element of profit *will be* ~~is~~ eliminated.

Now they may not succeed. That is not the point at the present. The point is that *the socializing* *in Russia* ~~a definite movement~~ *has been inaugurated* *has* having a definite philosophy and a definite objective. For the liberties and the individual freedom of which Russians are being deprived, they are being given the ideal of a perfect society which they *will keep* ~~hope~~ to establish, in which the few will not be exalted at the expense of the many, *and from which the selfish, profit-motif, and exploitation will be forever banished.*

In our land we are being standardized without being socialized. *It is* *which* *capitalistic* The profit motif *is* bringing about this solidification ~~to~~ and there are no social ideals to compensate men for the loss of individual freedom which they will have to sacrifice in the days to come.

I think too, that we lost since the war a good *deal* ~~bit~~ of our tolerance. You recall that immediately after the war we were visited by *the plague of* ~~clanism~~ *clanism*, by Fordism, by a rabid chauvinistic hundred per cent *Americanism,*

whether public, state, or capital
The social state will cost the individual much. It will never be
a free. It will become a victim of a vast bureaucracy.
Perhaps this is inevitable, but ~~if so~~ inevitably also, are
the losses which ~~it will~~ entail.

Young, Mass - One & the Navy.



by immigration restrictions and
deportation for holding
unpopular views

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^{solid} ~~nationalism~~, by a suspicion of the foreigner, the immigrant. Soon
after the war we succumbed to ^{the imported} ~~corrupt~~ ~~nationalistic~~ pseudo-scientific ^{race}
doctrines of the old world ^{which put a man's worth not on the basis of} ~~based not upon~~ character but upon blood
and race. Racial blood cults of all kinds became popular after the war.

Now, the American before the war was not a perfect man by
any means. But there was in American life a spaciousness, a tolerance.
The stranger was welcomed into the life of the American people. We
praised many a lad who succeeded, and spoke with pride of the New World,
built not on blood but on ideals. We still clung to the ideal of
"the haven of refuge." ^{the melting pot} We dreamt of a new world to be fashioned on
these shores. A good bit of that tolerance is gone from American life.

And lastly, I believe, that we have lost considerable of
our moral certitude. Our morality before the war was much more simple
and straight-forward. We weren't saints before the war by any means,
but we had definite moral convictions and we tried to live up to them.
There were mountain peaks toward which we looked and aspired. We didn't
always attain them. But today the peaks have been levelled ^{to} by the
valleys. The power of conviction has passed with some of our moral ideals.
We have begun to laugh at some of them.

Now a people that laughs at itself is a ^{healthy} ~~sound~~ people; a
people that laughs at its gods is a ~~dying~~ people. A people must have
certain ^{fixed} ~~peaks in its life~~ around which to ^{organize its being} ~~focus energy~~ - lacking these,
there is a chaos. And there is chaos in our moral life today. You see
that in your literature, in your theatres, in your ^{record of} increasing crime, ^{and your}
increasing divorce. You see ^{it} ~~that~~ in all the ^{desperate} ~~new~~ experiments which are

Suggested for our marriage laws
being offered ~~to~~ family relationships, and in all of the *pathetic* caperings
of the youth of our day.

I think that our youth today is a very sad youth.
I know of no youth today that is happy ~~except~~ *perhaps* the youth of Russia.
Not because they have the good things that our young people have.
They have not. They are happy because there is something in their
lives that is greater than themselves, beyond themselves and above
themselves. They feel privileged that somehow destiny has selected
them to be the molders of the new world. They may be utterly
deluded. But there is that ideal in their lives and that ideal
gives a lift, an enthusiasm and a glow to their lives that our
Youth does not want freedom - discipline.
young people haven't got. There is no central, *or - whirling* in the
life of our youth today. *They are sick and that's why they are seeking the*
freedom the appetite which is no freedom at all.
~~desperately seeking for some satisfactions in life.~~

It is not that our young people are in revolt. Our
young people haven't revolted. A revolt my friends implies an up-
reaching, a yearning for the freer spaces of the spirit and for a
nobler way of living won through a firmer self-discipline. That's
a revolt. Mere self-indulgence and sowing of wild oats, mere lack of
restraint and the vulgarization of speech, manners and conduct, may be
revolting. They are not a revolt.

You see somehow there is no moral authority left in our lives today. Neither the home, nor the school, nor the church, nor the government exercises today an authority in the life of people and so people are thrown back upon themselves. And they, themselves, are not always the best guides for themselves. There are very few people who are such clear thinkers, who have had enough of the experience of life, to be their own guides through life. The masses of the people need some authority to look up to, some source that is definite and ~~crystallized~~ ^{positive, and authoritative}, to look ^{to} ~~upon~~ as guide ⁱⁿ their moral life. But that has gone out of our ^{lives} ~~life~~ and men are thrown back either on wilfulness or upon external economic pressure, which still does exercise a certain ^{controlling} influence upon men. *Once men believed in God. Then - & believe*

I have indicated some of the losses which we have sustained in passing from one world to another. We are children of the twilight. The twilight which ^{however, I believe is} ~~not the night but~~ the dawn. The new age may bring us compensations. I believe it has already brought us some compensations. I can think of four which it has brought us.

First of all, it has brought us more scientific gains and what is more important, - more of scientific idealism. I don't know if you have grasped the full implication of it. *Still the possession of scientific*
not that interference, who are in doubt as to whether we are not.
Increasing international understanding, peace-mindedness

~~and an unprecedented hunger after beauty, expressed in cities themselves, in architecture and in music.~~

There is today no stronger impetus to faith than in the books of modern science. And men like Dr. Millikin are doing more for faith, for the recovery of our faith in our relatedness to this universe, in the feeling that we belong here, that our values are somehow related to exotic values; that life is more than a machine- there ^{is} no greater source for implications for such things than in the text-books of modern science, - a real gain, I think.

Another gain is that we have become more inter-national minded. We are more interested today in what is going on in India, in China than we were before. We have become part and parcel of a *world* community. We have stretched out the antenna of our lives *to touch the furthest corners of the earth.*

~~it will make possible more and more~~ ~~of mankind.~~

I think another gain is that we have become more peace-minded. Certainly this generation of ours will never forget the last war with its spiritual and physical ^{harms} scars. Our hope is that our children who did not know the war may profit from what we saw, ^{and hence} what we know of war. But be that as it may, there is more talk and more thought in the world today about the machinery for effecting world peace than at any time in the history of mankind. Heretofore peace has been an ideal abstraction. But necessity and the events of the last two or three generations have thrust this abstraction into the realm of practical politics and have turned it into the most pressing and per-

plexing problem of the day. ~~Men today speak about world peace.~~

And a solution will be found and the Twentieth Century ~~will~~ ^{may} find

the solution. *altho - thunder was choral - India*

mine
~~It has been an~~ aesthetic, ~~one~~. Our cities are lovelier,

our homes more beautiful, ~~finer ambitions~~, better music. More of us

listen to better music today than at any time in the past. I think

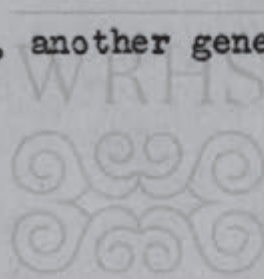
we are beginning to have some of the graces and charm of the older

civilization. *Now y altho grace is coming into the Spartan efficiency world.*
And that's a distinct gain. Other gains may follow.

The next epoch may perhaps far exceed ours.

There is always the consolation of the great teacher of
the Bible, Koheleth - (quote Hebrew)

"One generation goes, another generation comes, but the world goes on
forever."



Is there are no sharp landmarks in history. One cannot say on what day, & the month the modern Rev. began, or ~~when~~ feudalism ended, or ~~when~~ the Renaissance was ushered in - ~~when~~ I can see that the people living at the time these ^{new ~~movements~~ ~~epochs~~ began} changes ^{in the means} were ~~not~~ unawakened, and, the new direction ^{which} they were giving ^{and to posterity} to their ~~lives~~ ^{at a very late time of} It is only a backward glance over a ~~convex~~ ^{lengthy} stretch, ^{that} ~~enables~~ ^{enables} us to discern that at such a point, a new current entered the stream and a new ~~direction~~ cross-roads were reached, ^{and that} new turn was ^{taken} ~~given~~ by the ^{world} ~~history~~ of ~~human~~ history.

2. It is ~~it is~~ more than likely that
the W. W. will mark such a turning point. And
history will note it - ^{as such} The upheaval was so vast -
so catastrophic, ~~that~~ its effect was not only Exter-
nal - wide-spread, but perpendicular - reaching
down to the ~~deepest~~ ^{very} depths, ^{into} every depth of human
life. Nothing escaped its ~~and~~ ^{winnowing} - poet, Econ,
rel. - art - morals - . Many of us are un-
aware of it - at least was unaware, it - until
recently - The thought struck, that for what or
why, ~~the~~ ^{how} was catapulted us into a
new ~~new~~ & bewildering world - ~~a new cycle~~
~~as we are~~ ~~has~~ ~~begin~~ - and we whose
lives straddle 2 worlds - are ^{in a sense sp. home} ~~unhappy~~ ^{less}

wealthy even, are rich - or at least pot. rich -
that is - they say it ~~will~~ ^{all} be rich - if
they get all the healthy breaths - If they don't
red - why - they are still potent. rich - Even
if their wage remains below the minimum
required for a dec. standard ^{the camp & workers think} (3) socially -
there was enough, the crushed remainder
of further days - ~~adapted~~ ^{survived} ~~and~~ ^{our early formative years} ~~the~~ ^{of}
refuge - melting - pot - pattern of things
our early ~~at~~ civilization ~~when we were~~
~~defeated~~ ~~after~~ ~~renewing~~ ~~rather~~ ~~than~~ ~~the~~ ~~pot.~~ ~~was~~
~~believed~~ ~~of~~ ~~in~~ ^{social} ~~equality~~ and tolerance

as inherently American and by all demands.
(4) We were ~~was~~ ~~pleased~~ ~~with~~ ~~our~~ ~~mode~~
~~of~~ ~~life~~ - ~~our~~ ~~ambitions~~ ~~set~~ ~~up~~ - ~~we~~ ~~were~~
~~a~~ ~~lot~~ ~~patronizing~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Am.~~ ~~in~~ ~~spirit~~ ~~than~~ ~~older~~ ~~Am.~~

3/4 But we have lost that complacent ease - and
with it our philosophy of life.

We lost much, our basic faith in ~~democracy~~
(1) We were so sold on the idea of U.S.A. -
that we entered the war - the world the whole
world safe for it - We soon found that our
great gift which we had wanted - Many so-
called were feebly cynical about it - Many
abandoned - radical heart - Laughed about
our Jax Dixie's enthusiasm for it - All
our summer men in variously colored shirts
blank, that is, ~~the~~ ~~men~~, were rejecting it disdain-
fully - At home, too, a new school of

~~+the power, well liked civilization~~
They had art, but we had new ones with
all modern improvement, and cars, and sky-scrapers



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3A lost admiration for the penman types and -
we don't drag as much as we use to -
That total, ^{English} ~~social~~ ^{intellectual} ~~entire~~ ^{let loose}
by Ward Thur, Babbitt & discovery -
- that mother's exposure both small
town - for her name - & large town - young
city - that "debuting" curious of the mother
school - was left us rather timid refolysed.
us just so much about an Am. life rather
we have but less in recent years that
prey more like than others that can
like to be a brand -



on the curve, Wadley Ad. called and
rethanked the payment spent 5/9/12.



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we are no longer secure in our seats. While ^{regimental speaking} ~~Russia~~ is across the border, but not
so far away as Russia - challenges our
system from H to Z. - and, whether we
acknowledge it or not - we are shaken in our
Econ. dogmatism - We have lost ~~our~~
~~confidence in our Econ. platform~~
~~with the 1st~~ ~~confidence~~ 2nd loss.

3. List Individualism - The trend of the Econ.
life since war has been ^{increasingly} in direction of corporate
org, and of consolidation. We feared and anathematized
the Trusts before the war - & sought to
circumvent us by legislation - I was wrong -
we discreetly & almost unawares, stopped talking
about the menace of trusts. We ^{now} ~~waited with~~
~~rather awe~~ ~~and~~ ~~the same~~ ~~process~~ ~~for~~ ~~small~~
~~the same~~ ~~process~~ ~~for~~ ~~small~~
~~the same~~ ~~process~~ ~~for~~ ~~small~~
consolidation - mergers - and without our
voluntariness. Just as soon as social thought
has been put into the public mind
the process is inevitable
but just as certainly the process is inevitable
that the individual is being drawn into
vast unpersonal orgs - There can be no indep. bus.
man, he is beaten - they making a dependent
^{oppressed} ^{controlled} ~~man~~ ~~is~~ ~~being~~ ~~drawn~~ ~~into~~ ~~the~~ ~~process~~ ~~is~~ ~~inevitable~~
~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~individual~~ ~~is~~ ~~being~~ ~~drawn~~ ~~into~~ ~~the~~ ~~process~~ ~~is~~ ~~inevitable~~
The middle
class is being
cut out, or what
remains of it
is being
regimented - ~~the~~ ~~people~~
into in a vast scheme of socialization. But
the motive is not pecuniary profit -

There is an ideal of creating a genuine
community life, based on ~~the~~ a solidarity
and unity, interest from which the
element of profit ~~will~~ is eliminated.
Here a community has been formed on us
by ~~the~~ ^{by a self-interest} motive. ~~Logically~~
We are living standards
without being socialized - They are no social
ideals to compensate even for ^{the} loss of
freedom and initiative which the
new econ. order ~~is~~ ^{is} bringing about -

4. Test Tolman - Year following we saw
us, super-heated nationalism - anti-foreign.
Anti-union - Saw me, H. H. H. - Anti-
Frodo - S. K. K. - Pace
delay - Rel. interview, 100% -

(1) Before war - as Am. were broad, generous, spacious - we welcomed many, with our doors - praised many, had with success. Spoke with pride, New World - built as on blood but on ideals -

My memory was - exalted it -

(3) Since - we have resources to corrupt
Nat. pseudo-sc. education, old and

(4) Nat as racial housing - Blood hair etc
no race sup - ded - One Adam -

- 5 - Lost moral equilibrium - Our morality was
 simple & straight forward - Fairly good
 assumptions, right thinking - We weren't
 saints - but we looked up to ^{out. dif. goals} ~~the~~ -
 we didn't try to pull in moral goals to
 meet our weathered moral wills - But we
 we did up ^{at an} ~~at an~~ moral ~~equilibrium~~ - But our
 (P) The chaos in our moral life is reflected,
 in our life - our movies - the ~~meaning~~
 since our increasing divorce - and ^{in the} ~~the~~ ^{Social World} ~~Papers~~
 of our youth - in our adoration of Conf. man -
 - Synonymic unintelligible by legalizing it -
 (a) Older morality has broken down and
 become - searching critique - Wealth - Eas-
 - (b) Claim for right to self Expression.
 (c) Right to Happiness - Ind. man -
 - is an end - First duty is not to
Express - to perform -
 (d) Much more frank & cut in their discuss.
of subject sex - taboo - Confuse
knowledge with sanction - understanding
of laws when with penalty to play part
& love -
 (e) Our youth is such only Russian
 (f) We ~~have~~ ^{regard} no moral auth. to listen
to others - Church - Home - Just
- no large authorities - There remains
only External Econ. Pressure - unfulfilling

its the worst thing to-day. It is not
new superstitions. It is super. We
are ^{perpetrated} ~~utterly without~~ ~~what, moral~~
~~standards~~ of thing, moral postulates.



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& in many rel. few - the enlightened, free
intelligence -

6. April 29, up the ~~shut~~ structure of
under, find our selves

6. I have understand some your losses.

same. (1) Scientific - & sc. darkness

(2) Inter-murderous - (3) Peace-answering

(4) Aesthetic improvement - losher cities -
fine architecture - better unions.

7. Other gains may follow - Perhaps next
epoch will exceed ours - Perhaps it will
bring plans to improve unions
Perhaps! Anyhow the evolution of the
unions - $\frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{3}$ -

- sermon 344
1. Sharp land-marks - what
day of the month -
 2. It is altogether likely that the
 - World War - The upheaval -
 - Unnauan - Catapult -
 - We - 2 worlds - sp. houses -
 - Transitions - sad - produced
its culture - Hence - confusion
 - Twilight
 3. Promises of new Order - Compensations of old lost -
 4. Lost Complaisance - sung -
Pre-war Ameri - best of all
His govt -
Econom. - sound
Socially
- we were well pleased - patronizing
 5. We are not so complaisant and
 - Tidal wave of self-criticism
 - Trend - Shaw -

6. Lost crusading zeal for Democ.

- Entered war - gift - Shirts -
rejected in disdain - At home -

Emergency - whole concept -
wings - turned flat & stale

- Even indifference of Harding.

7. Lost much of our pride & conf.
in our Econ. set-up.

The perfervid Mass. faith

Increased wealth wasn't making

- increased effort - Security

- With 40% - 5 1/2 m. - Resort
to dilemmas - horrors -

- no longer secure in our Econ.
phil. - Russia - Shawshank.

8. Lost in Individualism

- Trend - corporate org. - Control.

- we feared - anath. - Trusts

Certainly - inevitably - Just as
certainly - drawn into - Judeo.
Bus. Man - Middle man
wiped out - Capital. Socialism

(a) Russia - representing -
motif - Ideal - genuine comm.
life - solidarity & interest
- uniformity ~~without~~ forced
by profit motif - Standard
without socialization - no
ideals

9. Lost Tolerance - Years following
war - heavy hunting - 100% -
K.K. II - Immigration -

~~(a) City Club~~

(b) Before war - Am. broad-Spacious
- melting pot - "New World"

(c) Race - Uddies - Adams -

- 10 - Lost Moral Attitude - our
morality - simple - Saints -
- (1) Didn't laugh -
 - (2) Chaos - reflected - lit. movies
crime - divorce - new experiences -
youth -
 - (3) youth is not in revolt - lost -
sad - Russia
 - (4) Self-expression -
 - (5) By art to Holiness
 - (6) Self-Expres. - Self-perfection
 - (7) no moral authority
 - (8) There remains only - Economic
pressure -

11. Dedicated losses - Games

- (1) Soc. ~~at~~ + Soc. ideals
- (2) Intern. - understand
- (3) Reco. awareness
- (4) Aesthetic improvement - man

12. b the games may follow - perhaps
next epoch - perhaps - Consideration
S. Holobich -

What we Have Lost Since the War?

1. In discussing ^{I remind} ~~Truism~~ - no sharp ¹⁴⁹ landmarks in history.
- ① One cannot say on what day
Industrial Rev - Feudalism - Renaissance
- quite unaware - consequences
- ② - It is only much later - ^{had the opportunity} at this point - cross-roads - march
- (3) But I believe that - sufficiently removed
1914-1917. ~~conclude~~ to warrant us
in taking back-ward - conclude -
def. turning point in our hist.
2. Uplift was so vast - ^{sweeping} ~~enormous~~ in
extension - ^{deep} penetration - reached
- nothing escaped witnessing
- ① And too many are still unaware ^{- what we were}
- catapulted - new world
- children of 2 worlds - 4:15 p.m.
- ② Banished from a world - ceased
- not naturalized - coming to pass
→ we had time to create our code
- give us restraining influence

(3) ~~Peace-minded~~ ^{we will not fight war} - Machinery -
low legs behind moral barriers
- ideal abstraction -
- so it c. may solve it.

(4) Beauty-minded - aesthetics - Our
cities are lovelier - houses - beautiful
the music & better
charms & older curls
at the grace - spartan spacing
other games may follow - the
next age may far exceed -

(5) There is always consolation, gentle
agony. St 13.

Perhaps also this Depression -
W. W. Whitman

- (5) Must have certain Foci - Chaos -
- (6) You see it in your literature, sex-
obsessed - crim-police -
desperate experiments - Cape
1 Youth.
- (7) Youth - sad - Russia - obedience
Revel - Self-Expression -
- (8) No Moral Authority - Home-School-
church - govt -
- (9) People thrown back upon Evo
- an not always best guides
- masses need authority
works - wilfulness - even pressure

9. Have indicated Losses - in passing
from one world to another
- (1) Children, The Twilight - not, unjust -
- other compensations
- (1) Scientific fantasy - re. idealism
- (2) Internationally needed - world Christianity

~~Plutocracy~~ for liberties desired - Compensation
7 hrs - no exploitation

- In our land - standardized without
being socialized. It is profit
motif - Cap. exploitation

- no compensation

7/ Too much faith in Science - Sc. has outgrown
science

8/ Tolerance

Klanism - Fordism - Chauvinism

Suspicion 7 fear ^{instinct} Xenophobia

Hill Succumbed to prejudice St. Rose doct.

① How, the Am. before was was not perfect
space-conscious - "Haven's reply"
"New World" Whitman

② Now, this tolerance few out

9/ Moral Center

- ① Pr. was Weakly - was People staying
- ② We were not naive - def. moral doxas
- ③ Reacts - no levelled - conviction
- ④ We laugh - People laugh at us

(6) We ~~are~~ ^{have been} Econ. as well as ^{highly} pol. - not
rebels ^{highly} ^{+ unstable} ~~highly~~ ^{against} his

6/ Soviet dualism - one + the many -

(1) Trend, the world over, Econ - Corporate org

(2) Consolidation, mass. structure

(3) Prof. Consumer - 3 Eras -

(4) Before War - Peasant Trusts -
Unhappy -

(5) Process - unavoidable - So also
Loss - Middle Class - wiped out.

(6) But in us country it is wiped out
not by a State Soc. but by a
Capitalistic socialism

(7) In Russia, too, Under. class owned -
2. Significant differences

(1) Programmatic - on surface
- planned - masses target
in an country - unplanned -
unplanned

(2) In new social ideal -
perfect communal life -
built on solidarity - perfect unity - They are doing
may not succeed -

- (4) They arose - shunts - repeated disdainfully
Mussolini - terrible -
- (5) There was $\frac{1}{2}$ Europe some chattering
- (6) In our own hand - ~~school~~
school of intellectuals
- (7) As a result - conceit - D. - wings -
flat & stale - Adams - Rodphie
- (8) Lost passion for pol. thinking - Refers
- justifying - hardening
- (9) Our pol. liberals are scattered

9. Lost faith in our Econ. Set-up

- (1) The perennial faith in power of Caps. system
1929. - major defeat -
- (2) At that time the Econ. Mess. - as well
as belief - liquidated.
- (3) The system which permeated 2 Cars -
led. - Exposed in all its weakness

(4) There was an in 1932 - the gold -

Cleveland - no provision - in 1932 -
C. & S. Hahn - the - 1932

(5) And across border this Russia
what we really fear - disruption

⑤ But we are not so comp. in 1932. Have
not been ruined ^{and} war

① Aliment on heels, war - tidal wave
of moral self-criticism.

Symbol - Uncle Sam - stripped
glamor. "Isophrase" Genith
City. drabness - crudeness.

- thunder - debrut.

no-sided - narrow - stere - intolerant - hustling

② to unsparring has been - Shaw.

We have been nothing - between

"Civilization in the U.S. - 1922 - 30 Gen.

"Behold America" - 1931 - 33 "

or a vast let. of self-purging - verying
unwhol - masochism -
our disillusion. lighter rage.

③ As a result - a certain misgiving,
uncertainty, restlessness.

Our complacency is gone
Fool's gold - apples of Sodom

4. Lost our Crusading Faith (in Democracy)

① Went to war ^{A people up, a down - youth}

② A people needs a dogma - Russia

③ Soon learnt - nations cynical

- an age of Transition - \therefore a Sad Age

③ ^{new word way to write better} Promises, new World - not yet come to pass
already lost some of the compensat.

3). Former Complacency.

① Called us Purging Europeans.

② A certain tangibility - at place

③ Pre-war times - best of all possible worlds
Govt = democracy - ultimate pol. ideal
= Pop. Corruption - Boys will be boys
= still a gail of the people...

Econ = system sound as an hectol

Pop. Complacency - beneficent Capitalism, unchallenged

- everybody rich - lucky break

→ bonuses of opportunity -

→ ambitions rewarded -

- raise children - ambition

Socially - comradeship of frontiers
 $\frac{2}{3}$ brotherhood
+ equality & tolerance
- haven

④ Am. was satisfied - patronizing
to Europe - mellowed civilization

"FOR YOU, O DEMOCRACY"

Come, I will make the continent indissoluble,
I will make the most splendid race the sun ever shone upon,
I will make divine magnetic lands,
 With the love of comrades,
 With the life-long love of comrades.

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"LONG, TOO LONG, AMERICA"

Long, too long, America,
Travelling roads all even and peaceful you learn'd from
 joys and prosperity only,
But now, ah now, to learn from crises of anguish,
 advancing, grappling with direst fate and recoiling not,
And now to conceive and show to the world what your children
 en-masse really are,
(For who except myself has yet conceiv'd what your children
 en-masse really are?)



From "Leaves of Grass" and
"Democratic Vistas" by Walt Whitman

Democracy

Waged War!

Adams

Degradation of the Democratic Dogma

✓ "Social war or massacre would seem to be the natural ending of the democratic philosophy. Democracy is the system of fools or of levelling downward. Democracy has insisted on degrading the public service to a common level of incapacity... Democracy has failed to justify itself" -

Modes and Morals

✓ "The first cause of the gradual extirpation of culture among us is this: the increased hold of the democratic fallacy on the public mind" -

Nietzsche

✓ "Everyone being allowed to read, ruineth in the long run not only writing but also thinking" -

The gloomy dean of St. Paul who is a minister and should be a booster - for the ministry is the Babbit among professions - is in despair (Outspoken Essays)

Remy de Gourmont

"The only absolutely necessary laws are natural laws... In the case of social and political evolution, not only are there no necessary laws, but there are no very general laws even... If certain empires have died of sickness or of old age - the greater number, on the contrary, have succumbed to violent death in the plenitude of their physical power, in the full force of their intellectual vigor" -