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"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT"?

We have been asked for an editorial opinion as to what changes this war will effect in the administration of government in various parts of the world?

It is the same old question recorded in the prophecy of Isaiah, "Watchman, what of the night?"

The watchman answered: "The morning cometh and also the night."

This is as much as we know ourselves.

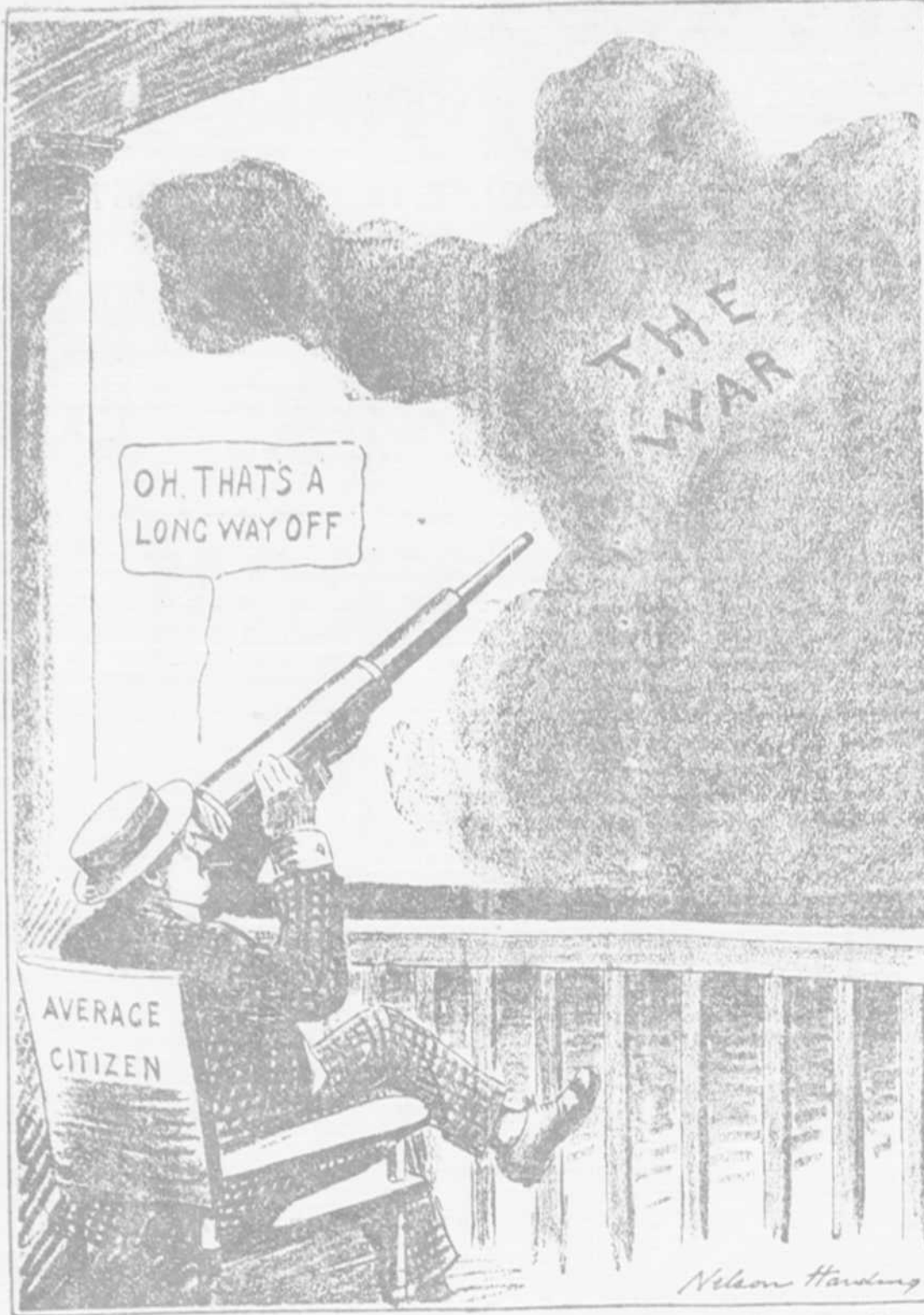
The forces which are shaking the world to its foundations are too stupendous for us to measure either as to their nature or results. In ordinary periods, when events are moving with the steadiness of a great river, we think ourselves able to predict the next, if not the ultimate, "tomorrow." But, now, the progress of the world is catastrophic rather than evolutionary, so that the wisest and boldest of watchmen confess with humility that they can not tell what a day nor an hour may bring forth.

One has only to reflect upon the series of motion pictures that are being thrown with lightning-like rapidity upon the Russian screen to discover his prophetic incapacity. The changes are kaleidoscopic. They do not seem to possess connection with each other, but to be heterogeneous and discordant. Each event appears to spring from an individual root; to burst upon the world like an isolated explosion of a separate and individual mine. That they are not discreet, but intimately conjoined we know, but can not perceive the connections. Who of us at this distance from the so colossal scene could have predicted this recent outburst—this revolution within a revolution? Who would venture to pronosticate the next step to be taken by this blind and staggering giant on his way to the goal of a government of the people for the people and by the people.

And Russia is only a fragment of the world involved in the great catastrophe! If we cannot forecast her future, how helpless we must be in trying to predict the world's tomorrow? This dramatic denouement in Argentina, for example, is quite enough to precipitate a series of events as unforeseen and unpredictable as any of those which have already happened. It may throw Sweden into the camp of the enemy and so drag other nations into the war, forming combinations to all present appearances incredible and impossible.

With regard to the mighty drama being played upon the stage of life today, we feel like little gamins sitting in the upper gallery while some such tragedy as Shakes-

LOOKING THROUGH THE WRONG END.



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

peare's "Hamlet" or Ibsen's "Ghost" is going on. We gaze, bewildered. The scenes are too complex; the actors are too profound and subtle for our mental grasp. The scenes shift. The curtain rises and falls, but what it is all about or what ones of the actors are going to be left, or what situation affairs are going to be in when all is over, "we dinna ken." "The morning cometh and also the night," and we live by faith.—Ex.

Mr. Hoover announces his intention of placing wheat on a stable basis, but what we want to see, is to have it on a table basis.

Oh, well, if Sweden gets into the fight, we won't have to lend her any money, anyway.

Agent McDonald says they are talking about Seward all along the Pacific Coast. We are on the map and every word spoken is a boost for this city.

Uncle Sam has at last recognized Carranza and this in spite of his whiskers.

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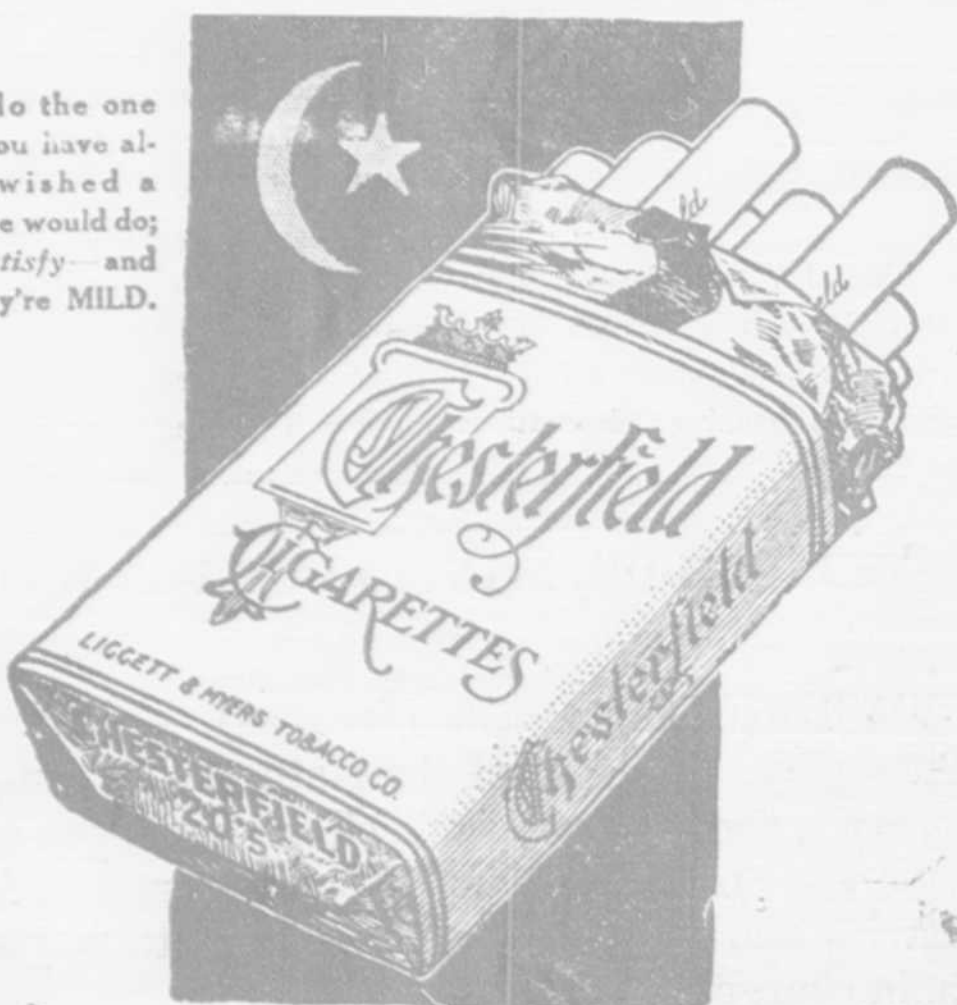
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