

while not a sign of health, is yet a healthy sign. It shows that the country is at least not dying of its maladies, but is fighting for a recovery.

80. Prepare for Troublous Times: There are dangerous times ahead of us. Something is happening in the world which very few people understand, and great changes seem to lie directly in our path. What these are to be and where they will lead, probably no one of us can even guess; but all of us who are really democrats want these changes, whatever they are, to be accomplished peaceably, by force of argument and not by force of arms. We have had enough of bloodshed; besides, there is never a way of telling whose blood will flow.

81. A Seditious Document?: However, we should always bear in mind some statements found in the American Declaration of Independence; though many of our American friends now seem to think that their revolutionary forefathers were really "seditious" traitors and not the grand and glorious "patriots" represented in their school histories—at least, we must come to the conclusion that they now so think if we judge them by some of their recent activities in the line of suppression of the minorities who believe the time has arrived for a reassertion of the following words.

82. Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal: That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

"That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security."

83. City Government Important: City government, though to some it seems not so important, is really a large factor in influencing our daily lives. What affects us more than housing, water supply, sewage, and so forth? The lives and happiness of our families depend largely upon these municipal activities. What more important than marketing conditions and the food supply? In time of stress, "the staff of life" must be handled largely by the municipalities acting in conjunction with the Provincial and Dominion Governments. Besides, where do revolutions start but in the cities; and are not city folk usually the greatest sufferers when things happen this way?