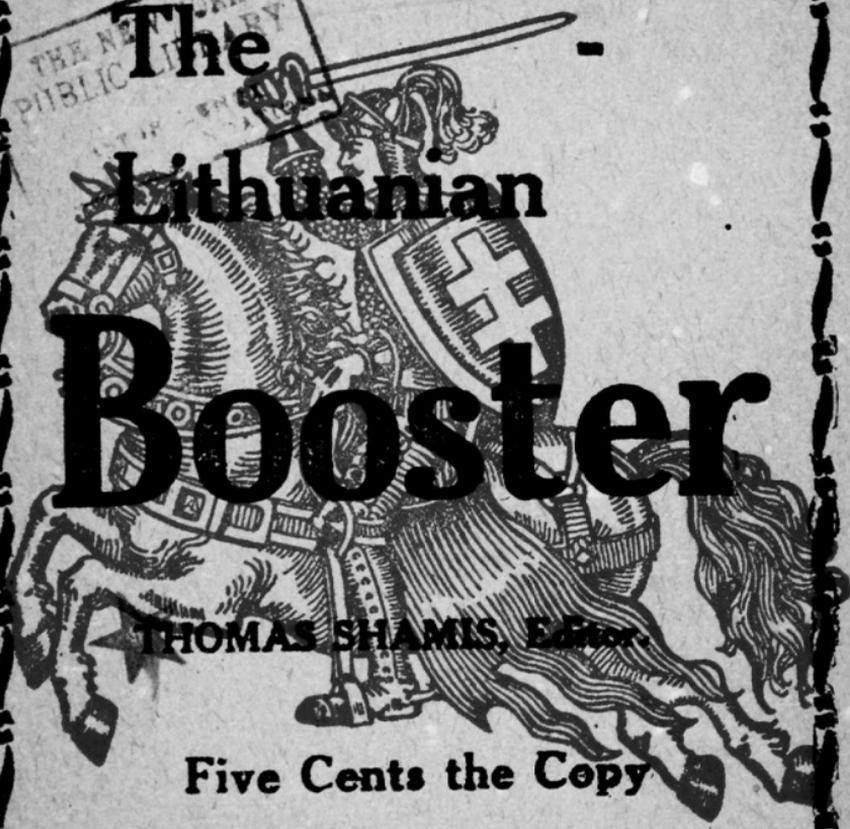


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TO LITHUANIA

O WORLD war full of meaning rife,
 What dost thou bring into her life?
 What dost thou bring of hope or cheer,
 To crown the fullness of your peer
 That stretches out before my gaze
 Like valleys hid in autumn haze,
 The mystic hope of coming days?

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PARSIMONIOUS

PLAYING the charming little pastime of separating the sheep from the goats makes one wonder why the Lithuanians asked to give up Lithuania, Lithuanian language and Lithuanian customs. Not only are they asked to give away their nativeland, language and customs, but if they protest against the injustice of the Polish proposition they are promptly denounced as enemies of Poland, who should walk as Cain, with marks upon their brows.

The Poles speak:

The Political Aspirations of the Polish Nation

The political goal of all the Poles is the re-establishment of a completely independent and free Polish State, under one, indivisible government elected by the nation on the basis of free suffrage exercised by all adult citizens without discrimination because of sex, birth, religion or financial station. The territory of the Polish State ought to include all the

portions of the former Commonwealth of Poland, which was the first federal state in the world, (Lithuanian Dukes and Knights practiced democracy before the neighbor on the south ever dreamed of preaching to the world liberty clothe by a barbaric rule. Ed.) formed through voluntary union based on the covenants of Lublin and Hadziacz, of the Polish, Lithuanian and Ruthenian (Ukrainian) nations. As a point of departure must serve the frontiers as they were in 1772 with a rectification which would take into consideration requirements of politico-legal nature, viz, that every nation should be free to decide on its form of government and its political allegiance. (The only true saying the Poles ever said, and in answer the Lithuanians say excuse the Lithuanians from the Polish brethren. Ed.) As far as the Polish question is concerned, this rectification means in practice, on the

one hand the adding to the Polish State of the essentially Polish provinces of Upper and Lower Silesia and of Prussian Masovia, which did not form part of Polish territory in 1772 and on the other hand the granting to the Lithuanian and the Ukrainian nations of the right to either sever the political union with the Polish nation (Where did the Poles get such propertions as to give freedom to others when in practice and in covet it has none. The Lithuanians will get freedom and the Poles can stay in their own land to see about things in general and not be so particular about Lithuania as their forbearers were. Ed.) and to form independent states or to remain in the union based on a federal constitution amended in accordance with modern requirements.

And here endeth the Polish aspirations, as written by "Brother Pole," who has ascend the high throne

with modern requirements. [?]

The impression that giving up Lithuania, Lithuanian language and Lithuanian customs and that therefore, the giving up of nativeland, language and customs is such childish reasoning one is amazed to find it exists anywhere outside perhaps the cranium of Mr. Poland. The average Pole knows this perfectly well and deals accordingly with every nation excepting Lithuania. Poland pays homage to all other nations without murmur and denounces the Lithuanians in harsh tones. Were the other nations treated as the Lithuanians the world would hear a noise that would echo from Pole-to-Pole. And these nations would have a justifiable right. The Lithuanians, however, are expected to remain quiet and live on in silence. But if the Lithuanians sense aright the lowering of the horns of our friend, the Goat, is preparing for a rampage and a butting expedition that will call attention, if not a halt, to this continous imposition of Poland and Polish propagandists.

POPES PEACE PROPOSAL

TO EVERY true Lithuanian it is with sorrow to read the Pope's offering of peace to the warring nations and mentioning of Alsace-Lorraine, Italia-Irredenta, Balkans, Poland, et al. is silent and not a word of tolerance can be found for suffering Lithuania.

In the semi-official Vatican organ the Pope stands for the "resurrection of historical Polish Kingdom." And this means that under Poland's folds he wants to join Lithuania.

It is known to the average Lithuanian that the Poles have a secret repository in the Vatican. But such mysterious and large plans for rebuilding Poland is not new to the Lithuanians. The Pope's peace proposal was formed, as we are informed from reliable sources, by the "Black Pope", who is a general of the Jesuit's, and he is none other than Cardinal Ledochowski, a Pole. Among such surroundings in the Vati

can the Lithuanians cannot expect to have their political aspirations championed.

The Lithuanians should quickly take stand and see to it that the Vatican be not misled by a host of misinformants. Here is a field for the Lithuanian heirarchy, as Lithuanian patriots to stand by Lithuania.

Some may say that the Pope never heard of Lithuania. Hence the result of not mentioning Lithuania in his peace proposal. That the Pope knows the Lithuanians and Lithuania. Just last year the Pope had an audience with Mr. Ycas, Lithuanian representative in the Russian duma, now vice minister of Education. And this year found Rev. Alisauskas, in Rome, and it is five years since Rev. Prapuolenis took residence at the Vatican. The Pope also has donated several thousand francs. And had set a "Lithuanian Day" in all the Roman Catholic Churches in the world. But this date was not given with good sanction. Cardinal Gibbons knew not of it.

And there is news that the Pope has named Bishop Ropp as the bishop of Vilna. This same gentleman a Pole with Polonizing tricks, was given a send-off never to return to Vilna or Lithuania a few years ago. And to have this same enemy back will bring more riots and bloodshed. The Pope appointed to Vilna such Lithuanian patriots (?) as Bishop Micalkevicius who ignored Rev. Bartuska in a memorandum setting forth Lithuania's sufferings.

The Lithuanians have faith that the Holy Father will not let way to Poland's false statements. And further the Lithuanians hope the Vatican in its future proposals will champion **Lithuania**.

THE PRESIDENTS ANSWER

PRESIDENT Wilson in his reply to the Pontiff on the Polish question says: "The restitution of Poland be left to such conciliatory adjustments as may be possible in the new temper of such a peace, due regard being paid to the aspirations of the peoples whose political fortunes and affiliations will be involved."

Here the President lets a ray of light and it is interesting to the Lithuanians as it gives the Lithuanian the right to protest against the rash acts of Poland. And it also opens a way for a Free and Independent Lithuania. The Lithuanians should not sleep on their rights but go after their representations (if they prove worthless, to remove them at once) to present Lithuania as it is.

The President of the United States would put at ease the Lithuanians if he would mention Lithuania in his stand by the rights of smaller nations.

The Star of Liberty for Lithuania is at hand.

"My heart goes to the Lithuanian Nation," says Duchess M. Radzvill in "Ziburis" 1917 Calendar. This is the first duchess to stand by Lithuania. And the first to return from the pangs of polonization to the folds of true liberty for Lithuania.

The Lithuanians are glad to learn that Mr. Chas. J. Morris, of Hanover High School, and formerly an umpire for "Lithuanian League" is coming out for the Jury Commissioner in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and they hope he gets it,

Among the busy ones at the courthouse in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania is Mr. Albert J. Emanski, a Pole, but a worthy gentleman aspiring to the office of "Clerk of Courts." The Lithuanians should lend their support and help Mr. Emanski.

JUST The truth, for that's enough;
JOIN The Boosters—that's the stuff.

I was in Scranton and fell to the hearing of Mr. Joseph Radzevichius, better known as, "Joe Rogers." Mr. Radzevichius is a meat cutter by trade and casts his lot to the helping of a certain Jim Reap, "Your Old Friend" for the high office of Sheriff. Lithuanians of Lackawanna county can forge ahead by casting their ballots for "Jim." Joe is a Lithuanian leaguer.



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