

# WEEKLY OUTLINE STUDY OF CURRENT HISTORY

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Each week an Outline Study of Current History based on the preceding number of *The Outlook* will be printed for the benefit of current events classes, debating clubs, teachers of history and of English, and the like, and for use in the home and by such individual readers as may desire suggestions in the serious study of current history.—THE EDITORS.

[Those who are using the weekly outline should not attempt to cover the whole of an outline in any one lesson or study. Assign for one lesson selected questions, one or two propositions for discussion, and only such words as are found in the material assigned. Or distribute selected questions among different members of the class or group and have them report their findings to all when assembled. Then have all discuss the questions together.]

## I—INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**A. Topic:** The Peace of Vassalage; Patience with Russia.

**Reference:** Pages 5; 17, 18.

### Questions:

1. What has *The Outlook* said which tends to show that if Russia makes peace with Germany it will be a peace of serfdom? 2. For what reason is Trotsky seeking peace with Germany? 3. How many reasons can you give why Germany does not make definite proposals of peace with Russia? 4. What has Mr. Goldenweiser said (page 17) about American opinion of Russia? What does he think of this opinion? 5. For what reasons does Mr. Goldenweiser believe Russia has not lost her significance as a military force for the present or the future? 6. What do you find in this article ("Patience with Russia") as to who the Bolsheviks are and what their future influence on Russian politics will be? 7. Mr. Goldenweiser speaks of "the blessings of an orderly state organism." How is such an organism produced? What are the "blessings" of such an institution? 8. Study the cartoons on the Russian situation on page 18. Name and discuss the things that these cartoons suggest to you.

**B. Topic:** Restoration, Reparation; Alsace-Lorraine; Sense—Common and Preferred.

**Reference:** Page 5; editorial, page 11; 20-22.

### Questions:

1. What points did Lloyd George make in his speech on December 20, 1917? Of these which ones ought to receive special attention by Americans? Reasons. 2. Distinguish carefully between restoration and reparation. What, in your opinion, ought Germany to do about these two matters? 3. For what reasons would or would you not allow Germany to join a league of nations at the present time? 4. Which do you prefer, peace with Germany by negotiation or by military victory? Your reasons. 5. For what reasons does *The Outlook* (page 11) believe the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine by a plebiscite of its inhabitants would be wrong? 6. Tell somewhat at length how Germany has ruled Alsace-Lorraine. 7. What view of the Kaiser and of Germany does Irving Bacheller (pages 20-22) set forth? Is there sufficient evidence that Mr. Bacheller has kept to the facts of German history and German teaching? 8. By all means read Hazen's "Alsace-Lorraine Under German Rule" (Holt); Bang's "Hurrah and Hallelujah" (Doran); F. A. Smith's "The Soul of Germany" (Doran); Hill's "The Rebuilding of Europe" (Century); Ruth Putnam's "Alsace and Lorraine" (Putnams).

A booklet suggesting methods of using the *Weekly Outline of Current History* will be sent on application

**C. Topic:** Should Austria-Hungary be Dissolved?

**Reference:** Pages 22-24, 28.

### Questions:

1. What information do you gather about the population of Austria-Hungary from Mr. de Lanux's article? 2. Mr. de Lanux says that "each faction of the Austrian Empire wants autonomy and works for it." Why don't these various factions get autonomy? 3. According to this article, what is Germany's relation to Austria-Hungary? What is Germany's object of interest in Austria-Hungary? 4. What recommendations would you make to Austria-Hungary and to the factions there? 5. This article suggests the problem of nationality in history. What is that problem? How would you solve it? 6. Do you think Austria-Hungary should be dissolved? Discuss your reasons. 7. Books much worth while reading on this topic are Hazen's "Europe Since 1915" (Holt)—see index; "Seven Years in Vienna" (Houghton Mifflin)—author's name not given; Rose's "Nationality in Modern History" (Macmillan); Laski's "The Problem of Sovereignty" (Yale University Press).

## II—LOCAL AFFAIRS

**Topic:** Boston Comes Across.

**Reference:** Pages 15-17.

### Questions:

1. What reasons does Professor Munro assign for the defeat of Mayor Curley? 2. Should a mayor be defeated for such reasons? Discuss. 3. Do you think it is possible for a mayor to conduct his administration in a wholly non-partisan spirit? Tell why or why not. 4. Compare the merits of the mayor-council form, the commission form, and the city-manager form of municipal government. Which form would you advocate for your city? Give several reasons. 5. Read liberally in three very useful books: "The City the Hope of Democracy," by F. C. Howe (Scribners); "American Municipal Progress," by C. Zueblin (Macmillan); "The Government of American Cities," by W. B. Munro (Macmillan).

## III—PROPOSITIONS FOR DISCUSSION

(These propositions are suggested directly or indirectly by the subject-matter of *The Outlook*, but not discussed in it.)

1. It is impossible to rid American cities of corruption. 2. Democracy is government by argument. 3. The disposition of Alsace-Lorraine is a world question.

## IV—VOCABULARY BUILDING

(All of the following words and expressions are found in *The Outlook* for January 2, 1918. Both before and after looking them up in the dictionary or elsewhere, give their meaning in your own words. The figures in parentheses refer to pages on which the words may be found.)

Knouting, samovars, a mob, the Bolsheviks (17); plebiscite, "Squatter Sovereignty" (11), pneumatic, humor, afflatus (20), sentiment, infinity, flatulency, pulchritude (21); neophyte, electorate, vernacular (16).

# THE NEW BOOKS

This department will include descriptive notes, with or without brief comments, about books received by *The Outlook*. Many of the important books will have more extended and critical treatment later

## FICTION

**Wolf-Cub (The): A Novel of Spain.** By Patrick and Terence Casey. Little, Brown & Co., Boston. \$1.40.

A story of romance and adventure, with the abduction of a hidalgo's daughter by a highwayman and bandolero as its chief incident.

**HISTORY, POLITICAL ECONOMY, AND POLITICS**  
**England's Debt to India.** By Lajpat Rai. B. W. Huebsch, New York. \$2.

This author's manner is as eloquent as his matter is interesting. Readers may not agree with all his conclusions, but they will, we are sure, appreciate the wealth of information given concerning the economic conditions in India. It has been said that this largest part of the British Empire both in area and population will be the first to feel the levy in recompensing that Empire for its losses in the present war, and a discussion of this forms a feature of the book. We are also glad that it includes, as appropriate to an economic survey, a chapter on education and literacy. After perusing the volume readers will not be surprised that the author's panacea for Indian ills, economic and political, is found in home rule, self-government, and autonomy.

**Universal Training for Citizenship and Public Service.** By William H. Allen. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$1.50.

The somewhat arid title of this book scarcely suggests to the reader its really inspiring appeal. Replete with the latest ideas as to civic work, its discussion of the problems of citizenship that confront us now, and will confront us after the war, is terse, vigorous, and helpful to a high degree. Every public-spirited man and woman will find the book worth reading.

## BOOKS FOR YOUNG FOLKS

**Little Taylor of the Winding Way (The).** By Gertrude Crownfield. Illustrated. The Macmillan Company, New York. 60c.

A pretty, fanciful story for little children.

## BIOGRAPHY

**Life and Letters of the Rev. Stopford A. Brooke.** By Principal Lawrence Pearsall Jacks. 2 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$4.75.

An adequate and appreciative account of the life of the famous English clergyman and author who is best known for his fine *Life of Frederick W. Robertson*.

**Paul Jones: His Exploits in English Seas During 1778-1780.** Contemporary Accounts Collected from English Newspapers, with a Complete Bibliography. By Don C. Seitz. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. \$3.50.

**Makers of Our History.** By John T. Faris. Illustrated. Ginn & Co., Boston. 80c.

**Portraits and Backgrounds.** by Evangeline Wilbour Blashfield. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$2.50.

## ESSAYS AND CRITICISM

**Frenzied Fiction.** By Stephen Leacock. The John Lane Company, New York. \$1.25.

This is Leacock at his best, and this best is better than others of his recent books. The fun is sly and penetrating; the burlesque quality is sustained; the writing is that of a humorist, not that of a mere joke-smith.

**History of American Journalism.** By James Melvin Lee. Illustrated. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. \$3.50.

A book of prime importance to all newspaper men who take an intelligent interest in their profession, of decided interest to the general reader on account of its lively style, and of real value to the student of

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American life because of its comprehensiveness and its presentation of the ethics as well as the annals of its subject.

**Patriotism—National and International.** By Sir Charles Waldstein. Longmans, Green & Co., New York. \$1.

## TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION

**Book of New York (The).** By Robert Shackleton. Illustrated. The Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia. \$2.50.

Rather desultory, but always agreeable in its talk about associations, historical incidents, ancient houses, superstitions of the ignorant population, childishness in municipal whims, modern growth, foreign districts, and other queer or famous aspects of New York.

**Memories of Old Salem.** Drawn from the Letters of a Great-Grandmother. By Mary Harrod Northend. Moffat, Yard & Co., New York. \$4.

Miss Northend has done more than any author of whom we think to make the reader of our day familiar with certain features of old New England life, both by agreeable description and by excellent photographs. She is, as one may say, a specialist on Salem. This volume is eminently attractive, both in its physical and pictorial form and in the curious information about old times and old things in Salem.

**Our Hawaii.** By Charnian Kittredge London (Mrs. Jack London). Illustrated. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$2.25.

"What does the average middle-aged American know of the amazing history of this amazing 'native' people now voting as American citizens?" Mrs. London asks, referring to the Hawaiians. Her book answers the question in vivid characterizations of the land and the people, interwoven with intimate revelations of the character of her husband, the well-known novelist. The charms of Hawaii staggered even "Jack's" descriptive powers. "Of all lands of joy and beauty under the sun . . ." he said as he left it—and could not finish his eulogy.

## RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

**Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics.** Edited by James Hastings. Vol. IX—**Mundas—Phrygians.** Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$7.

Religion and ethics being conterminous with human life from its lowest savagery to its highest civilization, one who opens for the first time this monumental work marvels at its wealth of information. All races, nations, tribes, and social groups, ancient and modern, tell the tale of their beliefs and practices. Even "Oahspe," a book-religion invented by an American dentist and followed by a tiny sect of "Faithists," is given its page. Art, biography, and history, the sciences and philosophies, contribute each its quota.

**Great Love Stories of the Bible and Their Lessons for To-Day.** By Billy Sunday. Illustrated. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. \$1.50.

**In the Footsteps of St. Paul.** By Francis E. Clark, D.D., LL.D. Illustrated. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. \$2.

This book is a boon to many unlikely to have heard of such a masterpiece as Sir William Ramsay's "Paul the Traveller and Roman Citizen." No scientific interest induced Dr. Clark to visit all the cities visited by Paul. His express purpose was to see how these look to-day, so as to reconstruct the physical background and scenery of Paul's labors. His narrative aims to awaken the vivid realism in which their storied past rose there in imagination, and with it the inspiring personality of the great Apostle, dauntless, heroic, benign, and very



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## WAR BOOKS

**Inside the Russian Revolution.** By Rheta Childe Dorr. Illustrated. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$1.50.

"I went to Russia (in May, 1917) a Socialist by conviction, an ardent sympathizer with revolution. . . . I returned from Russia with the very clear conviction that the world will have to wait a while before it can establish any co-operative millenniums or before it can safely hand over the work of government to the man in the street." So says the author of this up-to-the-minute book. It furnishes most excellent reading for the host of half-baked reformers who imagine that the world can be created anew overnight, and deserves a wide circulation both among these and among readers who take a saner point of view.

## EDUCATIONAL

**Pattou's French-English Manual for the Use of Physicians, Nurses, Ambulance Drivers, and Workers in Civilian Relief.** By E. E. Pattou. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. \$1.50.

**Principles of Mental Hygiene (The).** By William A. White, M.D. With an Introduction by Smith Ely Jelliffe, M.D., Ph.D. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$2.

**Re-Education.** An Analysis of the Institutional System of the United States. By George Edward Barton, A.I.A. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. \$1.

## SCIENCE

**Applied Motion Study.** A Collection of Papers on the Efficient Method to Industrial Preparedness. By Frank B. Gilbreth and L. M. Gilbreth, Ph.D. The Sturgis & Walton Company, New York. \$1.50.

**Short History of Science (A).** By W. T. Sedgwick and H. W. Tyler. Illustrated. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$2.50.

A vast subject is treated with breadth of view and keenness of insight in this book. It strikes a happy balance between the technical works that are meant for the special student and the works that deal so largely with abstract theories that they fail to grip the general reader. A good example of the work of specialists who know how to make their subject interesting to non-specialists.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Effective Public Speaking.** The Essentials of Extempore Speaking and of Gesture. By Joseph A. Mosher, Ph.D. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$1.50.

**Furniture of the Olden Time.** By Frances Clary Morse. Illustrated. New Edition. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$6.

A new edition of a standard work that has made itself almost indispensable to people of taste in matters of household equipment. Many new illustrations are included, and there is a new chapter about mantels, doorways, and stairs. This is a book to make the reader feel proud of the workers and workmanship of the old days.

**Surgical Operations on President Cleveland in 1893 (The).** By William W. Keen, M.D., LL.D. George W. Jacobs & Co., Philadelphia.

**Your War Taxes.** By J. Frederick Essary. Introduction by Honorable F. M. Simmons. Moffat, Yard & Co., New York. \$1.

This is a discussion and interpretation of the new War and Income Tax Law. The author had the advantage of advice and assistance in its preparation from the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. McAdoo. The law is published in full (it fills seventy-five pages of the book), and in not much more space the author tells the layman in plain language just how it affects him and what it means.

## PLAYING THE WAR GAME

BY LOWELL MASON

He is one of a hundred million  
Who are learning how to fight.  
He doesn't pretend to know the game,  
So he's studying day and night.

He isn't conceited of winning—  
The game is all new to him;  
But he's cool and he's keen and he's clever,  
And he's strong and he's full of vim.

He's brave, and he doesn't mind dying,  
He's willing to sacrifice all;  
But his sight is too clear for him simply to  
"cheer"

And then rush out to battle and fall.

Yet some people say he's a slacker,  
And ask why he isn't in France.  
But it's brains that will win, and he knows  
it,

And all that he asks is a chance!

So he's learning the game from the bottom;  
He's learning each trick and each  
"stunt;"

And I surely do pity the Germans  
When this fellow gets to the front.

He is one of a hundred million  
Who are learning how to fight.  
He doesn't pretend to know the game,  
But he's studying day and night.

## NEW YORK—THE CITY OF CONTRASTS

We quote from Robert Shackleton's "The Book of New York," just published:

No part of the world is more busy, and at the same time more thronged, than the district of lower Broadway and Wall Street and the wholesale district during the day; and nowhere in the world is there a business district so deserted, so silent, so without life except for the solitary and infrequent policeman, as the mile after mile of this district at night. Nowhere in the world are there such lofty business structures and apartment-houses, yet these are bordered and interspersed with buildings of ordinary height; there are two-story buildings that have held their own while business has mounted to the sky beside them, and there are even vacant lots. There are the most expensive specialists in medicine and surgery, and there are hospitals with the most expensive and modern equipment where surgical and medical aid is given free.

There is the greatest and most reckless spending in the world, and there is the most pinching economy. You may stand beside some wealthy woman who negligently orders furs or gowns costing thousands, and in a few minutes may be in a shop where you will hear a poor child, who is buying a loaf of stale bread and a penny's worth of cheese, say to the clerk, "Mother wants you to cut it with the ham knife to give it a hammy taste." . . .

While the number increases of those who with difficulty find ways to spend their money, the number also increases of those with no money to spend: I have seen the policeman, after midnight, moving stolidly from park bench to park bench, effectually rousing the homeless sleepers by blows upon their feet; I have seen the derelicts disappear doubtfully into the darkness; one cold morning at City Hall Park I saw two poor fellows, pathetically anxious to keep up their appearance, wash themselves at the fountain, wipe themselves with grimy handkerchiefs, and then step into the post-office to dry the handkerchiefs on a radia-

tor in the corridor. And I have heard rich New Yorkers boast offensively of their riches. . . .

I have seen an archbishop of New York, at his silver jubilee, the central figure of a magnificent service in the Cathedral, with hundreds of the priesthood and of churchly dignitaries of this and other cities in his train, with pomp of silk and purple and cloth of gold, with the sounding of great bells and the triumphant pealing of the organ and the sound of singing voices and the music of the horns and cymbals and strings of a great orchestra, and with a mighty congregation packing every inch of the edifice; and I have seen the same archbishop conducting a service in the chapel on Blackwell's Island, looking with tears in his eyes at the massed array of paupers and prisoners and crippled and blind, but dressed in his splendid robes, in cope and surplice and stole of cloth of gold, and with a mighty golden miter upon his head, and in his hand a golden crozier, to show that High Mass on Blackwell's was the same as on Fifth Avenue. Instead of great reverberant bells, a little bell in a little green-slatted cupola rang forth its summons; instead of splendid organ and orchestra and choir, there were a crippled player at an old melodeon, and a choir of four blind and crippled derelicts; and I noticed that the tin vessels, just inside of the entrance, for the holy water were soon dipped empty, and it was pitiful to see the late comers groping eagerly in the dry vessels for the water which they could not find.

## COUNSEL TO A YOUNG SOLDIER

The letter which follows was written by Mr. Thomas E. Clarke, until recently General Superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad and now Assistant to President Truesdale. Mr. Clarke served for two years in the Civil War, and saw hard fighting in Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas. Toward the close of the war he was attached to General Sherman's staff. His one regret to-day is that he cannot go out to fight at the side of his young relative for the freedom and the principles of democracy.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, Office of Assistant to President.  
T. E. Clarke,  
Assistant to President.

Seranton, Pa., August 15, 1917.

My dear —:

I believe that you will do your bit by a complete and conscientious performance of duty; my thoughts and my prayers shall be with you constantly, but I do not mean by this that the occupation of soldier places you in greater need of divine protection than obtains with all mankind. "Preparedness" is the saving word. Warfare is surrounded by many other dangers than those of the firing line, and indomitable courage is no less a requisite for safe emergence. To be brief and plain, I will merely cite my own experience. As you know, I entered the service when four or five years younger than your age to-day, and correspondingly immature. My youth may have been my safeguard, but my inclinations, which I believe I see personified in you, were to avoid all the habits which cause social, mental, and physical depravity, namely: gambling, use of intoxicants, profanity, obscenity, vulgarity. And yet I would not have you imagine that my associates were of low degree nor that the service is, on the whole, degrading. On the contrary, I believe it compares favorably with our educational institutions in forming character, and, owing to peculiarity in discipline, regularity, seriousness, and the cosmopolitanism of their formations, I believe there is more real uplifting of men in