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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 10.—Recent news from Europe is of an encouraging nature. After being suspended for several years the freedom of the press and other constitutional rights have now been restored in Spain and general parliamentary elections have been ordered. Instead of trial by battle and reform by revolution the peaceful methods of representative government are being adopted.

The well wishers of the German people also have seen their faith justified by the support which Chancellor Brueening is receiving in the Reichstag. It is silencing Germany’s critics and strengthening the hands of her friends. Opposition is less in France to extending German credits and continuing a friendly policy. These developments increase the possibility of a naval agreement between France and Italy.

The people of the world have a reserve moral power which cannot be ignored in estimating the action they will take in emergencies. Before we conclude that the orderly processes of governments are to be entirely broken down, that the business of the world is prostrated beyond recovery, it is necessary to consider this recuperative power of the people themselves. This great constructive force has no known limits. Silently and almost imperceptibly it moves, forever on the side of right.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Nearly a century and a quarter has passed since Abraham Lincoln was born. No other man in our history has so touched the heart of the people. In him they saw a reflection of themselves. They knew he sympathized with their sorrows and understood their aspirations. He surpassed all others in those attributes which men feel are common to them all. In him they find the pure and unmixed basic elements.

It is necessary to look beyond his intellect, profound as that became, for the true source of his greatness. He was endowed above most mortals with conscience. A compelling sense of obligation held him. An all embracing intellectual honesty saved him from deceiving himself. From that source he derived the unsurpassed power to express his thought in clear and simple terms. In him also was a faith that moved mountains. He declared that right makes its own might and he dared to act accordingly.

Not only because he was the leader of those who saved the Union, but because of the man himself, his humanity, his sincerity, his devotion, the whole nation joins in observing his birthday and the whole world looks on him as a friend.

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