

The Japanese Problem. No Arbitration on That. Three Kinds of Girls. A Soldier Talks.

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The Japanese have been negotiating with Mexico for fishing rights. Fishing rights off the Mexican coast would naturally include harbor rights.

That would mean the right by Japan to land ships and any crew they might contain a little south of our border. We like Japan, and are reasonably free from suspicion.

But our prayer is "lead us not into temptation," and we don't want the Mexicans to lead Japan into temptation.

To prevent that, the Monroe Doctrine exists. While universal peace and arbitration are discussed in Paris, our State Department issues a warning against selling Mexican land to Japanese.

An American company controlling a vast tract on the lower California coast of Mexico was about to sell to Japan a small principality on this continent.

The Government does not intend that Japan shall acquire, just below California's southern border, land on the American continent that might be as big as the State of Rhode Island.

It is fortunate that this question has come up before the permanent establishment of a league of nations that might compel us to submit such a matter to outsiders.

No American presumably would care to arbitrate the right of Japan to establish herself, with her wonderful energy, aggressiveness, and capacity for increasing population, next door to us.

WE RESPECT JAPAN'S POWER TOO MUCH TO WANT HER AS A NEXT DOOR COMPETITOR. Seven thousand miles away across the Pacific seems better for both America and Japan.

In the peace league this country would have one vote against six votes for England. Suppose the question of Japan colonizing and owning part of Mexico should come up?

England might say, quite sincerely, and very likely, WOULD SAY TO US:

"You don't want the Japanese in the United States. Our colonial sons absolutely refuse to have them in Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. Why wouldn't it be a nice compromise to admit them to Mexico? If Mexico does not object, you should not, England casts her six votes for the sale of Mexican lands to Japan."

That would make the one single vote of the United States look rather silly. The arrangement suggested would be nice for England. It would give Japan an outlet into the American continent, with the United States conveniently located as a "buffer state" between Canada and the Japanese colony.

But the arrangement wouldn't suit the United States. No peace league that questions the right of this country to uphold the Monroe Doctrine in its fullest sense would be accepted by the people of the United States.

If you could pick up in your hand one drop of water from the ocean and make it talk, you could learn all about the ocean, which is only so many drops of water gathered together. A drop would tell you:

"I have been at the bottom of the ocean and on the top of the highest waves. I have been in the mouth of a whale and shot out again through its nose. I can tell you something about that Jonah story, etc."

You can't make the drop of ocean water talk or tell of its life up in the clouds, its trip over Niagara, its experience as a dew drop on the leaf of a rose, or a tear in the eye of the miser robbed of his treasure.

But as you drive to town in your automobile, you can pick up every day at least one soldier or sailor—a drop from the ocean we call our army and navy. And you can learn from that man's talk how three million young men look at the world, what they saw across the water, and especially what they THINK. For what those three million young men think NOW is apt to be expressed in legislation later on.

Yesterday one young soldier, for instance, consented to ride with this writer, and he, PRIVATE LESLIE ROSE, resident of Montclair, N. J., attached to the Tank Department of the army, is filled with interesting observation and comment. For instance:

"When you're in France," said he, "you must remember that there are only two kinds of French girls, good girls and bad girls. In America we have three kinds—good girls, fair-to-middling girls, and bad girls. You get into trouble in France if you mistake a good girl for the fair-to-middling kind. Some of our boys that couldn't speak the language got in bad that way, and that hurt the reputation of the others."

"You change a lot of your ideas in France. I don't drink anything, and I was for prohibition when I was over there. I suppose you don't know much about France. It (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

Austria Orders Former Emperor Karl To Leave Country At Once

WEATHER: Fair and warmer Sunday and Monday. Northerly winds. Temperature 42 degrees.

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PRESIDENT TO BE BACK BY MAY

Revision of Eight Articles of Covenant Said to Have Been Agreed Upon. German Peace Delegates Expected to Be in Paris by April 10

JAP EFFORTS TO BUY LAND FROM MEXICO ARE CHECKED

The plan of the Mexican Land Company of Los Angeles to convey nearly a million acres in Lower California to a Japanese syndicate in clear violation of the principle of the Monroe Doctrine is regarded by State Department officials as already effectively scotched, if not actually killed.

Harbor Rights Sought. From what is gathered already by officials, it is plain that the ultimate object of the syndicate, under suggestion from its home government, is to acquire tracts of land under the guise of agriculture, but with the real intention of getting harbor rights for either commercial or military purposes from Mexico.

CHINESE WANT KIAO-CHAU BACK

KOREA ON STRIKE AS JAP PROTEST

FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE AND 20 U. S. AUTOS

ATLANTA, Ga., March 23.—Fire at Camp Jessup, near here, yesterday destroyed a garage and between fifteen and twenty automobiles owned by the Government.

SAYS WILKINS QUARRELED WITH WIFE ON FATAL NIGHT

MINEOLA, March 23.—Dr. and Mrs. Walter Keene Wilkins, socially prominent in Manhattan and Long Island circles, "quarreled in the Jamaica station while waiting for a train to take them to their country place the night of February 27, but an hour or so before Mrs. Wilkins was beaten to death with a hammer," according to a man who claims to have witnessed the quarrel.

Story of Artist's Model. Detectives are still running down clues and new "leads" to establish the motive which lay behind the physician's alleged act. A report hinted that Dr. Wilkins had displayed an unusual interest in an un-

REFUSE SINN FEINER PASSPORTS TO U. S.

Austria Bids Deposed Emperor to Quit Country At Once

COPENHAGEN, March 22.—The Vienna assembly has decided former Emperor Charles must abdicate and leave the country at once, according to a report received from the Austrian capital today.

Will One of These Experts Be First to Fly Across Ocean?



Here are the men appointed by the Navy Department to arrange for the trans-Atlantic flight by a naval hydroaeroplane. From left to right they are Commander J. H. Towers, U. S. N., officer in charge; Commander H. C. Richardson, construction corps, in charge of experimental work; Lieut. Comdr. P. H. L. Bellinger, U. S. N., officer in charge of operations; Major E. L. Smith, U. S. N., in charge of materials and equipment; Lieut. Comdr. G. de G. Chevaller, U. S. N., officer in charge of liaison and assistant officer of operations; Lieut. Comdr. R. E. Byrd, U. S. N., navigation officer; Lieutenant (junior grade) Barret, U. S. N., R. F., officer in charge of aerographing.

N. J. CHILD DIES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

NEWARK, N. J., March 23.—Sleeping sickness caused its first death in New Jersey, when three-year-old Helen Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Michael Thomas, of Arlington, is dead here, after having been in a state of coma for the past twelve days.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.—In a report to the State health department, Dr. Simon Flexner says it is too early to define the disease and its incriminated relation to influenza is merely conjectural. Dr. Flexner has been making a study of the disease for some time past.

DANVILLE, Va., March 23.—Hugh Hester, a merchant, forty-three years old, is suffering from sleeping sickness. He has been somnolent for a week. He will be taken to Baltimore for treatment. This is the first case here.

MYSTERY MALADY IN LANSING, MICH.

LANSING, Mich., March 23.—Twelve hundred of the 2,300 employees of the Olds Motor Company were absent from the works yesterday, as the result of a mysterious sickness believed to be due to contamination of the city drinking water.

May Advance Date of Trans-Atlantic Flight Because of Rush of Work

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Acting Secretary of the Navy, announced that the press would be given at least three days' notice before the start across the Atlantic of the American seaplanes.

It was intimated by one of the officials directly in charge of the overhauling of the seaplanes N C 1, N C 2 and N C 3 that the date of the flight would be advanced because of the rush work that has been done.

ROOF GARDENS ON AEROS, HE PREDICTS

ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.—Addressing the conference of commercial organizations here, Augustus Post, secretary of the Aero Club of America, painted a rosy future for aerial travel.

KILLS FIANCEE WITH HER OWN REVOLVER

RICHMOND, Va., March 23.—Miss Europa Clifton is dead as the result of a bullet from a revolver purchased with her own money and fired by Lawrence Smith, her sweetheart.

MUCH-WED MAN IS HELD AS BIGAMIST

NEW YORK, March 23.—Julius Kruger, fifty, contractor, was arrested yesterday on a charge of bigamy. District Attorney Ryttenberg alleges Kruger has had five wives since 1884.

OFFICIALS ARE JUBILANT AT EARLY RETURN OF PRESIDENT

LONDON, March 23.—German peace delegates expect to leave for Paris by April 10, and on Exchange Telegraph quoted from Copenhagen today.

Leaders Are Jubilant. Administration leaders were jubilant at the word when informed. They take it to mean that he has "ironed out" all the vexatious wrinkles in the peace covenant, and that his mission abroad has been achieved.

U. S. RECOGNIZES LITHUANIA, REPORT

NEW YORK, March 23.—Sweden, Denmark, and Switzerland have recognized the Republic of Lithuania and accepted the credentials of the ministers from the nation, cabled messages from Minister J. Savickis, at Copenhagen, to the Lithuanian national council here state. The United States has unofficially recognized Mathew Vilnius, newly appointed as consul at Washington, it was stated.

PRUSSIA VOTES MINISTRY OUT

COPENHAGEN, March 23.—The Prussian assembly has passed a bill provisionally repudiating the government, a Berlin dispatch reports. Premier Hirsch immediately resigned, but consented to remain in office until a new ministry can be formed.