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SETTING THE PACE

Secretary Hughes placed his cards on the table at the opening of the disarmament conference. There can be no accusation of insincerity as far as the United States is concerned. The Harding administration has formulated a policy at the very inception of the conference which must place the other nations on record for or against disarmament.

The plan probably will not meet the approval of the extreme pacifists. Under it the conference nations would retain sufficient navies for all legitimate purposes of national defense.

To date the net result of the conference has been to put in concrete form a policy for discussion. Secretary Hughes has reduced the idea to certain positive factors. For the purposes of this conference at least, the issue of disarmament ceases to be academic. It has been boiled down to a concrete program and places the responsibility upon Great Britain and Japan who are the chief contestants in the race for greater armaments and most concerned in proclaiming a naval holiday.

ODD

A mountaineer, Zeke Anderson, escaped from the convict road camp at Rockcastle, Ky., last spring. He went home, raised a crop on his farm to feed his family this winter. The crop harvested, he returns to prison voluntarily.

A man with that sense of social responsibility is not a criminal at heart. Prison reform is worth while when it reclaims men like Zeke Anderson. Unfortunately, they are in the minority.

RELATIVES

George E. Bider, 44 years old, is trying to figure it out in his home at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. George is the step-father of his former wife and the grandfather of six of his own children. This is the result of his marrying his mother-in-law, after getting a divorce from her daughter who is mother of his six children.

Remember Bider when your brows are knit solemnly, trying to figure out what relation you are to some one.

FIREMEN

Cleveland man saw no reason for wanting to live 150 years. He slashed himself in the heart, which doctors sewed up. Blood transfusion might save him. An S. O. S. was sent out for those willing to help a total stranger.

Four firemen responded instantly. Why is it that firemen nearly always are the volunteers in blood transfusions? Do they lead in courage? Apparently so.

1874

An old-time tourist guide, printed in 1874, is brought to light by M. E. Hill, Southern Pacific brakeman.

Here's one of its hints to travelers: "Before starting out, provide yourself with at least one-third more money than your most liberal estimate would seem to require."

That holds good today, as travelers will vouch for. Also, it holds good for everything in life. Whatever you do requires more money, strength or time than you originally figured.

DEATH

Father Time's scythe was active in 1920, the deaths of 1,142,578 Americans being officially recorded, says the government's annual report. That, compared with the year before, was an increase of 13 deaths for each 1000 population.

To make the statistics human, picture a funeral with 1,142,578 hearses traveling into the sunset, with a longer procession of baby carriages coming out of the sunrise.

Life is just a journey. Caboose is more attractive than the locomotive.

RAINBOW

Total income of all Americans was about \$61,000,000,000 in 1918, says the National Bureau of Economic Research. No one knows what it is now. Probably, wage cuts have reduced it a third, to \$40,000,000,000. In 1913 it was \$34,400,000,000.

Figures with a lot of ciphers after them do not express much. What these figures show, though, is that the national debt is equal to about eight months' income of all Americans in normal times.

If everybody pitched in and worked for nothing for eight months, it would wipe out the debt. That is a lot, but not as bad as some imagine.

BUCK

During the period of sugar profiteering, a favorite way of passing the buck was to blame it on high prices charged for raw sugar in Cuba.

Henry A. Rubino, big sugar man in Havana, checks up and finds that two-thirds of the Cuban sugar industry is owned by Americans. This gives Cubans a clean bill of health. It teaches you something about alibis.

GERMAN

The Frankfurter Zeitung says that prices in Germany expressed in marks, now are 20 times higher than in 1914, but wages are only 12 to 15 times higher.

The difference explains why Germany can undersell the rest of the world in the export trade. German exporter is having smooth sailing, but it is tough on German labor. Standards of living are lower, beyond the Rhine.

COOKING

Planning meals—and doing it to satisfy every member of the family, also keeping the diet balanced—is the housewife's most difficult job. Often she is puzzled, what to prepare, wishes there was something new to cook.

Pick up an egg. Turn to the cook book. You find that an egg can be prepared at least 30 different ways. There is variety for you. Few women get the full possible value out of their cook books, which are, to homes, what time-tables are to railroads.

USEFUL ORGANIZATION

Here is a very useful organization, standing out among many worthless ones, like a blackberry in a bowl of milk. The American Association of Engineers! It has 24,000 members. Hopes eventually to enroll the 176,000 engineers not yet in the fold.

Lucky, that we have so many. In grandpa's day, the best brains went in for law and other professions. The best brains these days go in for engineering.

Engineers build our Panama canals, railroads, sewage systems, water supplies, flood controls. They lay out better cities, reclaim land, build highways, originate giant industries—master minds of electricity, chemistry, hydraulics, machinery and higher science.

Without engineers, no civilization; also mighty few jobs.

Few in number, they are the stilts on which civilization stands.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

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MERE TALKERS

Speaking to a Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers at Altoona, Mrs. Alice Carmalt of the Pittsburgh board of education said that the best type of woman in public life is one who does not talk too much and does not leap to conclusions.

Mere speech without sober reflection is at a discount nowadays. An audience demands not merely that an orator shall be audible, but that he shall have something to say.

Col. Carty of the American Telephone company describes the new amplifier as an invention which will help "the man with gray matter, possessing a low-speaking voice, to get his thoughts into the minds of as many auditors as he may want to reach."

As soon as such a man is placed on an acoustical parity with the one whose utterance is merely a sonorous reverberation, the speaker, who is not a thinker too, will find it harder to capture and command an audience. "Heretofore," Col. Carty somewhat cynically observes, "orators have been chosen largely for their loud voices." They will have to bring more than voices to the rostrum in days to come.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

RIISING LIBERTY BOND PRICES

The most notable financial fact of the day is the recovery in prices of the Liberty war-loan issues. All of them save the 3 1/2's of the first loan are now about 90 and still going strong. The gains from the low of the year have amounted to \$4 and \$5 on the \$100 for most issues on heavy buying.

This is a highly encouraging symptom for the general business outlook. Some of the strength in these bonds is no doubt due to treasury buying for the sinking fund. But the major causes are larger and deeper. As the low prices had resulted from the federal liquidation of individuals and corporations in more or less distress for want of cash, so the present sharp turnabout in the market indicates that liquidation in that quarter is well over.

Money is cheaper all around. This is another cause of the strength in Liberty bonds. Even at the present higher prices for the best security in the world, the yield on these bonds of maturities five years or so away, if held to maturity, is above 6 per cent, while railroad equipment notes are easily floated to yield less than 6 per cent.

But money is cheaper all around for the reason that liquidation has been extending all around. And if liquidation is over in Liberty bonds it is inferable that it is about over in other markets.—New York World.

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



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TO THE PRAIRIES

(Florence Bonner.)

Roll on, oh, ye prairies, so boundless and free, From lowering mountain to turbulent sea; I look on thy beauties untouched by man, As they were on the morn when creation began.

Here is room for the thousands who want for a bed, Here is food for the people who now must be fed; Here is health, hope and beauty, a home for oppressed, And, when they've grown weary a solace for rest.

Blow on, oh, ye zephyrs from skies blue and clear, And speak of the beauties awaiting man; here; Tell him of the prairies in green garments dressed, And he'll rally at once to the call of the West.

GIVE FARMERS PURCHASING POWER! That Will Boom Business, Says Farm Bureau Head

BY J. R. HOWARD.

President of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—What is behind joblessness and general depression in industry? The fact that a year ago the farmer had his purchasing power taken away from him.

In June, 1921, the price of corn was 9 per cent of its pre-war average and the general price level of all commodities was 151 per cent of the pre-war average. A bushel of corn will buy just 61 per cent what it could before the war.

If the farmers cannot buy, cities cannot sell, and unemployment results. Neither industry nor agriculture can progress until supply balances demand and exchange value of agricultural and manufactured commodities is equalized.

The farmer must not stop production. Not so long as there are hungry people in the world should he stop raising bread. The other industries must speed up. They must be willing to trade their products with the farmers. When the bottom was knocked out of farm prices, the retailers were loath to come down, too, people quit buying. The wholesalers lost out and the factories had to slow down.

Co-operatives Solution. The farmer can help himself, I believe, by organizing into co-operatives. The farmer can produce individually, but he needs co-operation in distributing his products.

Farm organization in the south is already beginning to reward the cotton planter. He was the first to be hit by the decline in agricultural prices. Cotton, which sold in 1920 for 40 cents, decreased rapidly to 11 cents. Production fell to less than 50 per cent of normal. With this scarcity in sight, the price of cotton has advanced sharply.

And now, within a few weeks, the south has changed from a spirit of depression to one of optimism. With cotton at 20 cents the banks now are able to collect on notes long past due. The purchasing power of the south consequently has been restored, and merchants are placing orders for goods that will result in relieving the situation in the north.

Business men of the south feel that the reduction of railroad freight rates should be the next step to restore prosperity.

What has just recently occurred in the south proves that once the farmer receives fair prices and gets his purchasing power back again, general business will come to life. The farmer is anxious to see industry and labor prosper. Give him back his purchasing power—a proper price for his products—and both will follow.

PRIMAL GLAMOR

BERTON BRALEY'S DAILY POEM

There is a little lake I know. A lake of azure, cool and clear. Where slim canoes slip to and fro With rippling music, sweet to hear: At night the silver moonlight gleams On wavelets crinkling over sand, It is a spot of drowsy dreams: But somehow, blown across the land From far, far off, there comes to me The great green magic of the sea.

Mountains with peaks of dazzling white That rear themselves against the sky

Wake in my heart a bower delight; Forests of pine trees towering high Stir me with wonder and with awe, And desert stretches hold a thrill Of color, barbarous and raw; But there's a spell beyond them all, A lure of space and mystery, The great green magic of the sea!

The sea, the cruel, tender sea Eternal, yet forever strange, Restless and turbulent and free, With mighty moods that shift and change

From rage to calm, from love to hate; The sea, that surges round the world, Calling to high empires and great, Where long waves spar and tides are swirled;

Oh, glamor that man may not flee! The great green magic of the sea! (Copyright, 1921, N. E. A. Service)

SHE KNOWS AFTER 21 YEARS

A cold, even when it has developed a hacking cough difficult breathing, sleepless nights, raw throat and sore lungs, — even then a cold yields quickly to Foley's Honey and Tar. Mrs. Milton Waite, Fox 32, Azalia, Mich., writes I have used Foley's Honey and Tar for the past 20 years and find there is no other cough or croup remedy like it. You may use my name. It gets right at the seat of trouble. Children like it.

ADVENTURE OF THE TWINS

By Olive Barton Roberts

Away went the Twins to hunt for Mr. Hermit Crab. First they peeped into all the holes in the rocks, and nearly got into trouble when they discovered Mrs. Butterfish's eggs in one of them and Mr. Butterfish standing guard.

"Oh, we beg your pardon!" they exclaimed, backing out in a hurry. "We're only looking for Mr. Hermit Crab."

"Well, he isn't here" said Mr. Butterfish shortly. So they went on. They blundered into Mr. Stickleback's house in the coralline sea-bush, and stumbled over Mr. Goby's house under the cockle-shell by the popweed tangle, and went through the oyster bed, and they asked Lop Lobster and Tub Terrapin and Cackle Cotton-Spinner and Silvery Shrimp, and oh, everybody nearly under the water, but nobody knew where Mr. Hermit Crab was. There were loads of "whet-shells" around; but all of them were as empty as drums. Mr. Crab had been there and gone, and so, of course, had the dweller of each shell gone with him, inside of him. I should say.

And then something happened. Suddenly the Twins came upon a strange person, a queer Wigglespin person he was, and he was very busy. He was busy building, or rather remodeling, his house. And although he himself was most peculiar-looking, having about a dozen arms and a pair of queer looking wings, his house was the most beautiful thing the Twins had ever seen. It was made of mother of pearl and shone with all the colors of the rainbow. It was about as large and round as your porridge-dish, with spirals and curves like a large snail-shell.

"Oh!" cried Nancy, clapping her hands. "How beautiful!" "Thanks!" answered the queer looking Wigglespin person with a bow. "I'll send you my photograph."

"Oh," said Nancy. "I meant your house."

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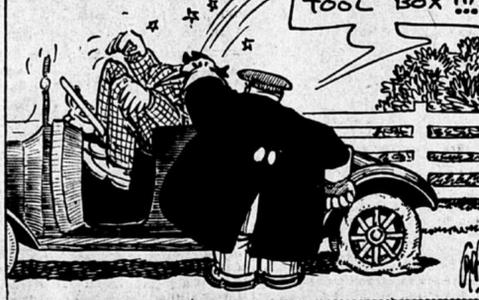
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A BLOW-OUT!! NOW THAT MEANS WE LOSE A LOT OF TIME AND WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE MEETING!! BY GEORGE, I NEVER KNEW IT TO FAIL — WANT TO GET SOMEWHERE, AND BANG GOES.....



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MILE A WHILE With TOM SIMS

If many more shake hands with Foch he will be the first disarmed.

Senator Watson says he is outspoken. We can't imagine who did it.

The popular doctor's advice on "How to keep well" is "Place in cellar and don't tell friends."

Our platform is fireproof stogies. Broadway chorus girls have started making their own tights. It seems they were almost out of them.

It isn't what a man stands for as much as what he falls for.

"We will never take another drop" is a bad resolution for prices.

The learned man who discovered the race is growing taller may have been watching his small son.

It is unlawful to shoot a hotel proprietor unless he wears a mask.

Sometimes a girl thinks to be a little dear she must be a little bare.

Wonder if plumbers sleep under the sink in their own homes?

With so many autos, it is no longer a joke when the chicken crosses the road.

Our flaws are checked by a number of laws, and our laws are checked by a number of flaws.

To throw a little light on the subject, X-rays take a high voltage.

Shooting stars is what some movie fans would like to be doing.

"Back to nature" is a movement, not a fashion.

When writing was carved on blocks of stone it was hard to break the news.

Chronic kickers are requested to try it at the well known bucket.

Confessionally speaking, the devil finds work for idle arms.

The planet Mercury has a year 88 days long, making Thanksgiving come every three months.

They must call it the almighty dollar because it is almighty hard to get.

It once was used for good—sham-poops, but now it's used as bad—shambooze.



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