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## WHAT ARE WE COMING TO?

A change has come over the dreams of Nevada. From a state where liberal ideas found sway and everybody with a drop of sporting blood in his veins knew he would get a run for his money, Nevada has fallen into the hands of the Pharisees who are tumbling down every previously conceived idea of the rights of man. The fault is not properly placed with the Puritanical element for, when one begins sifting down the motive they will find it is the result of over-confidence on the part of the men who made the name of Nevada a synonym for letting every man have his way so long as he played the game straight and did not deal from under the table. The result has been that the lovers of sport began gravitating in this direction and the latch string was out for every newcomer who could find a ready bet for any amount of stakes. This policy established prosperity in the state. It brought millions from the hide-bound east where a man cannot turn around without asking for the right of way. These millions developed mines, they gave life to the camps of the desert and they did their share in building up cities where the coyote and sidewinder has been the sole denizens of the landscape. These mines have added over a hundred million to the wealth of the nation in the past generation and no one found fault with the fact that the game was rapid while it lasted. The saloonkeepers and sporting element were largely responsible for the activity for they were the ones who stood ready to back the poor prospector when about to venture out on a lonely and perilous journey in quest of metal mines which would repay everybody for the comparatively small amount staked on the result. Take the present activity on the Tonopah Gold Mountain Divide. Sift down their sources the money used by many of the locators and it will be seen that the money came from the men who were engaged in a business which a few sour visaged psalm singers put under the ban of the law while a large percentage of the male element, the men of Nevada, were away fighting the battles of their country. The dry law is so unpopular that it is certain that it cannot be enforced. The reason is that the people don't want it and the closing down of the legislature will show that the very men who asked for prohibition are the ones who are urging the lawmakers to modify the law so as to abate its rigorous terms. The dry advocates went too far with their bone dry ideas and they are beginning to see their mistake. The wets of the east are organizing with a view to contesting the national prohibition movement which was put over the country as a war measure and "No Beer, No Work" badges are found on every side. The pendulum has swung to the other extreme and the ranks of wets are swelling with the names of those who see that an appeal to the prejudices of a small class will not win with the masses.

## HOW THE NEXT SENATE IS SET

At least forty-four members of the next United States senate have pledged themselves to vote against any peace treaty that includes the proposed constitution for a league of nations, a number of others, notably Democrats, have signified their opposition to such a league so constituted, and still others who are backing President Wilson in the matter are supporters of the league only in a half-hearted fashion.

Thirty-nine Republicans signed their names to Senator Lodge's "round robin," said to have been written by Senator Knox. It warns the peace delegates they will vote against the league covenant. Combined with these there already is a sufficient force to spell failure for the league as now proposed, for no treaty can be ratified without two-thirds vote in its favor.

Senator Lodge's "round robin" was prepared, signed and read in the senate during the closing hours when a resolution to the same effect was denied consideration, because of the unanimous consent rule of the senate. The following Republican members of the next senate signed it:

Senators Lodge, Massachusetts; Knox, Pennsylvania; Sherman, Illinois; New, Indiana; Moses, New Hampshire; Wadsworth, New York; Fernald, Maine; Cummins, Iowa; Warren, Wyoming; Watson, Indiana; Sterling, South Dakota; Frelinghuysen, New Jersey; Harding, Ohio; Hale, Maine; Borah, Idaho; Brandegee, Connecticut; Calder, New York; Penrose, Pennsylvania; Page, Vermont; McLean, Connecticut; France, Maryland; Curtis, Kansas; Spencer, Missouri; Townsend, Michigan; Johnson, California; Dillingham, Vermont; Lenroot, Wisconsin; Poindexter, Washington; Sutherland, West Virginia; Smoot, Utah, and Gronna, North Dakota; Senators-elect Edge, New Jersey; Keyes, New Hampshire; McCormick, Illinois; Phipps, California; Newberry, Michigan; Ball, Delaware; Fall, New Mexico, and Elkins, West Virginia.

Ten other Republicans, it is predicted, will vote with the thirty-nine already pledged by signature, leaving McCumber of North Dakota, and Colt, Rhode Island, as the only ones likely to support the league, constitution. Senators Reed, King, Gore, Thomas and Meyers, all Democrats, openly enlisted to fight the league, and Senators Shields, Bankhead, Underwood and Chamberlain, also Democrats, are avowedly not in sympathy with the covenant.

## PEACE TIME AIRPLANES

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY DANIELS is going to Europe to study the burning question of airplanes as a commercial adjunct. After the country spent \$650,000,000 exploiting the heavier than air machines one would naturally think this country was supplied with all possible data regarding the construction and operation of such vehicles. There is no accounting for this particular fad on the part of the secretary of the navy, especially in view of the fact that the navy is advertising almost half a billion dol-

lars' worth of airplane material for sale to the highest bidder on the ground that the war is over and that there is no further use for birdmen or flying machines of any kind in the government service. A sound business principle would be for Mr. Daniels to call a halt on this sacrifice sale until after his return from abroad where he may absorb ideas calculated to render available the raw material assembled in such profusion and at such an enormous cost. The reader may well inquire what is the object of indulging in this escapade at this particular time when, during the war, the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy refused point blank to have anything to do with foreign built machines or with the experienced designers who cheerfully volunteered their services to the United States in assisting this country to hurry the construction of airplanes that never materialized from this side of the Atlantic notwithstanding the boast of Mr. Baker, the pacifist secretary of war, that we would have 20,000 fully equipped machines in France by the first of last July. This prediction was akin to his promise to furnish the American troops with American artillery when, as everybody knows, there was only a single American-made high powered cannon on the firing line when the armistice was signed.

## MEXICO OPERATORS MAY CLOSE MINES

MEXICO CITY, March 17.—Fearing that the mining crisis now threatening Mexico will result in the closing of mines in various parts of the country, and idleness for thousands of miners, representatives of this trade will meet in Mexico City to consider remedies for presentation to the government. The great decrease, since the ending of the war, of the prices obtained for metals mined in Mexico, has, it is claimed, made it impossible for many companies in Mexico to operate at a profit and there is imminent danger that the workings will be closed until metal prices rise.

## CONDEMNATION SUIT FOR CAMP LEWIS

TACOMA, Wash., March 17.—What is claimed to have been the largest condemnation suit in the history of United States courts was concluded when the 60,000 acres of ground on which Camp Lewis, the army camp, is located, was turned over to the country.

The case involved the expenditure of \$2,000,000 for land and court proceedings, the money being raised by bonding Pierce county.

Nearly 5000 persons were interested in the land, which is the country's gift to the government, and 2200 separate plots were affected.

Thirty-nine men, members of three juries, handled all of the jury work incidental to the condemnation suits which began September 24, 1917, when the first 33,000 acres were condemned.

Fifty-six attorneys assisted in choosing the first jury and 28 attorneys, representing defendants, help try the first case. Three attorneys, J. T. Lyle, Scott Henderson, and Robert Davis handled all the legal end for the county.

## BRITISH RECRUITS HAVE FARES PAID

NEW YORK, March 17.—American and Britishers residing in the United States discharged from the British army who made trouble aboard the transport Tolosa because they were not put ashore and were sent to their homes from Halifax, arrived here on the Tolosa. They will be dispatched to their homes with transportation furnished by the British consul in New York.

## W. W. IN MEXICO AGAINST MILITARY LAW

MEXICO CITY, March 17.—Members of La Casa del Obrero Mundial at Tampico, the form in which the I. W. W. exists in Mexico, have sent a memorial to President Carranza, protesting against the military instruction which now forms part of the curriculum of Mexican public schools.

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## ALASKA SUFFERED FROM LOSS BUSINESS

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 24.—(By Mail)—Alaska's imports and exports for the year 1918, according to the annual report of the collector of customs just issued, totaled \$127,049,132. The year's total of imports decreased over the total for 1917 by more than seven million dollars, and the decrease in exports amounted to more than eleven millions. Imports last year were \$41,825,564, as against \$44,431,600 for 1917. Exports for 1918 were \$85,223,568 as against \$82,617,532 for the year previous.

## HUNTING BUFFALO AT SALT LAKE CITY

SALT LAKE CITY, March 17.—A herd of between 300 and 400 buffalo, all of them said to be as wild as when they roved the western plains, are rulers of Antelope island in Great Salt Lake. Antelope island contains approximately 26,000 acres and is the estate of the late John Dooley, western pioneer.

According to officers of the Dooley estate between 30 and 40 buffalo were placed on the island about 40 years ago. Occasionally, at the invitation of one of the Dooley legates, friends have been permitted to "hunt" the buffalo. The sport is said to be exciting. Reports that the animals on Antelope island are tame are met with invitation to journey to the island and attempt to get close to the herd.

Only the old bulls are allowed to be killed, and less than ten of these annually, say the estate officials. The estate officials say they are willing that the government take over the buffalo and place them in some national park. They said that the buffalo eat much feed that could be more profitably devoted to the use of cattle. Although located in the middle of the Great Salt Lake, fresh water springs supply water the year round.

## FISHERY COLLEGE ON PUGET SOUND

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—The first college of fisheries in the United States has just been authorized by the board of regents of the University of Washington, and John M. Cobb, a former government fisheries expert, named as professor of fisheries and director of the college. He began work March 1, although the fisheries courses will not be offered to students until fall.

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