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A MONKEY BITE AND THE WORLD'S PEACE

The joke is on the powers which gave to Greece all that the most ardent Hellenic nationalist could hope for, on the theory that the greater kingdom would serve as an outpost of western European power in the near east—only to have the whole situation changed in the twinkling of an eye by a monkey bite which put a supposedly non-sympathetic monarch on the throne. Many of the consequences of imperialistic intrigues along the Aegean would be laughable if it were not tragic. Tragic because it led to the menace of the renewal of the savage struggle which has kept the soil of the Balkans drenched with blood for a decade. With the shadows of war again hovering low over the Golden Horn, the European war is back where it started. The Balkan war of 1910-14 were only curtain-raiser for the general European struggle. The late Vice-President Fairbanks upon his retirement from office in 1909, made a trip around the world. He had an extended conference with the old King Constantine, who for seven years had ruled over the Greeks. The king told the distinguished American with prophetic vision that a general European war was inevitable (that it would start in the Balkans and finally involve the entire continent). Asked for his reasons for so believing, he said: "Because every great European power has been for years preparing for war, and every power now believes it is better prepared for what it believes inevitable than it ever will be again." In relating this incident, Mr. Fairbanks continued: "Everywhere in Europe I saw, not war but armies, not fighting but fleets and it was pressed home upon me what the old king had said was right and that Europe was only awaiting the moment for the clock to sound the hour of fate."

TEXAS ALSO OBJECTS

Those Texans down in the Lower Rio Grande valley have evidently learned from California's experience what it means to a rural community to let Asiatic farming colonies get started. Anyhow, they are politely but firmly inviting the Japanese agriculturists not to linger among them. Concurrently it is noted that Chilean rural workers are voicing emphatic protests against the plan of some of the great land-owners there for the wholesale immigration of Japanese farmers.

FIXING RESPONSIBILITY

It is altogether likely that on account of the rush of work in the present short session of congress and the certainty that the president will veto any kind of a protective tariff bill, the senate may not pass the emergency bill now before it. In that event, responsibility for the present situation rests squarely upon the party that enacted the present law, the Democratic party. When the Wilson-Underwood bill was pending in congress seven years ago the Republicans predicted the results which have experienced. The Democrats insisted upon passing the bill, and a slump came, checked however, by the war trade which began in the latter part of 1914. After five years of war protection the channels of trade were again opened and the American producer began to feel the destructive competition of foreign commodities—the farmer the first to suffer. Let us overlook the fact that the trade bill is due to the Wilson-Underwood law, and to the deflation method of the Democratic federal veto board.

SOMEONE HAS FIGURED IT OUT THAT—

the states north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi now control congress and that we may therefore expect legislation to be in the interests of that section. If that conclusion be maintained, it will have to be through legislation in the interests of the whole country, north-south, east and west.

INSIDE INFORMATION

In view of the announcement from the White House that Mr. Tumulty has received numerous offers of large sums for articles relating his experiences during the Wilson administration, it is appropriate to speculate as to the probability of his beginning with a full recital of the facts concerning the famous "leak" of information which brought millions to the bank accounts of certain Wall street operators.

SOUNDS FISHY

It was recently announced at the White House that the president refused a large sum for an article to be written by him, giving as his reason that no man's literary product is worth as much money as he is alleged to have been offered.

ASHURST ON RAMPAGE

When Senator Ashurst, Democrat, became impatient over delay at the White House, he stormed up and down between the president's executive offices and the president's personal residence at the White House, for eight years the general public has stood that sort of delay with rare patience, neither giving way to anger nor making unseemly demonstrations. Mr. Ashurst should have done his storming while Wilson was up for re-election in 1916. Then he might have rendered the public a service.

THEORY AND PRACTICE

Jacob Margolis, alleged anarchist, has filed an appeal from a decree to strike him from the Pennsylvania roll of attorneys, on the ground that no man can be disbarred for his theories alone. But what if he advocates putting his theories into practice?

WHEN THE KAISER BUILT A MOSQUE

(By Associated Press) WUENSDOF, Germany, Jan. 13.—A reminder of the time when the former Emperor William attempted to pose as a leader in the Moslem world remains here in the form of a Mohammedan mosque, which was erected by the Kaiser in the first years of the world war. Eight hundred orthodox adherents to the teachings of the Koran regularly worship in it. It is the only mosque in Germany and William II built it for the benefit of the Cossack and Kirghis Tartar war prisoners who were captured while serving with the Russians and French. An internment camp surrounds it. Under the law of the Koran, the mosque must never be destroyed. There has been considerable criticism of the former emperor for having erected it and for the present government in maintaining it. In reply, the officials declare it is their duty to give the interned Tartars an opportunity to worship according to the dictates of their faith. They point out that destruction of the mosque would be a serious offense in the eyes of all Mohammedans.

GEN. GEORGES NIVELLE



The latest photograph of Gen. Georges Robert Nivelle, former commander in chief of the French army.

CHINESE ADOPT WATER SLIDES

(By Associated Press) SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 13.—By means of the hydroslide, which the British used successfully in Mesopotamia during the war, another effort and one wholly novel to China is to be made to conquer the rapids of the Yangtze gorges. At places there the current attains a velocity of more than 30 miles an hour. The ordinary head of navigation for steamers on the Yangtze is at Ichang, 1000 miles from the coast, but Saichuen, China's most populous province, and one of its richest, lies nearly 400 miles further up the river, beyond the wild beautiful country of the gorges. Steamer navigation by means of specially constructed vessels of high power is possible for seven months in the year. In the other five months products from Saichuen and Tibet, and imports of pepper, are carried by native junk. Boats bound upriver commonly are laboriously dragged by hundreds of coolies. The use of the hydrosides on the upper Yangtze is the enterprise of a French company with headquarters in Shanghai. A number of these crafts were sent up the Yangtze from Shanghai in December for trial runs.

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD TO ESCORT HARDING

(By Associated Press) CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Troop A of the Ohio National Guard and the Cleveland Grays are preparing for the inaugural parade of Warren G. Harding, Ohio's last president. Troop A has escorted every president elected from Ohio since and including Rutherford B. Hayes, while the Grays boast of having escorted President William Henry Harrison from Fort Meigs to Cleveland 80 years ago and since then Presidents Garfield, Benjamin Harrison and Roosevelt. Troop A is cavalry and the Grays infantry.

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