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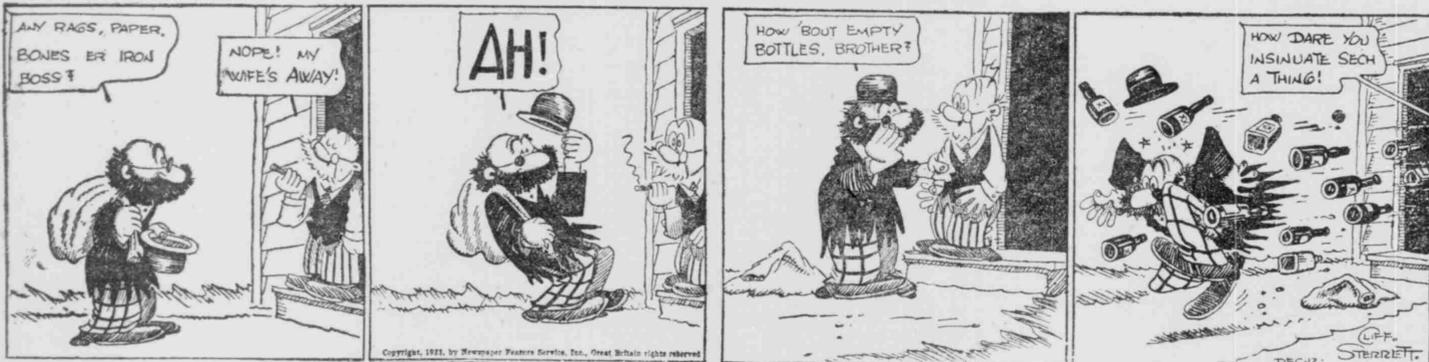
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ABOUT THIS TIME O'YEAR

THE GIFT ORIGINAL

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PLOTTERS FIRED BY CALLING OF WORLD PARLEY

Capitals of Europe and Asia Are Hotbeds of Intrigue and Conspiracies.

(By International News Service.)

The opinion is advanced in Germany that England is ready to withdraw from her Japanese alliance if she can reach a naval understanding with America. German political writers are following the course of the conference closely and the belief is held by one writer in the reactionary Deutsche Tageszeitung that Old World diplomacy is playing its part in the moves and counter moves that go on beneath the surface. The article in question follows:

By WERNER VON HEIMBURG. (In the Deutsche Tageszeitung.)

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—From the moment that Pres't Harding issued his sensational invitation to the Washington conference the capitals of Europe and Asia became hotbeds of intrigue designed to set the stage as favorably as possible for the respective interests of the participating nations. Even now that the conference is under way, moves and countermoves are still in full swing, not only at the scene of the world-momentous discussions, but also in the various capitals. The initiative for this conference emanated from Washington was bound to make Japan suspicious.

Japan is the power which is most immediately interested in the questions concerning the Pacific ocean—considerably more so than the United States, who have an Atlantic coast as well and who possess in South America a tremendous economic reservoir, while the American interests in the Far East are not such as to involve America's future weal or woe in the degree as is the case with Japan. The Japanese know the weakness of their position. England and America both are interested in restricting the Japanese expansion efforts. They see in an over-strong Japan a menace to the freedom of commerce in the East and at the same time a future danger to their respective Far Eastern possessions.

Fear for Philippines.

The United States fears for the Philippines which form a continuation of the Japanese chain of islands.

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The English dominions, Australia and New Zealand, are no less suspicious of the Japanese, and Canada goes hand in hand with the United States in the defensive measures against Japanese immigration.

Japan knows that her alliance with England derives material benefits from that alliance, as she did first in the case of Russia and then in the case of Germany. England must play Japan against the United States. But if she should succeed in coming to a naval understanding with America, in other words, if an Anglo-American entente, even though it be unwritten, should be brought about, then the English not only could dispense with Japan, but might in certain circumstances find the Japanese "too much of a load to carry."

England Needs Agreement.

England imperatively needs such an agreement with the United States. She will not have a free hand in European politics until she has it. Naturally Japan is deeply interested in seeing to it that no Anglo-American naval agreement comes about for the Anglo-American rivalry at sea is a pillar in Japan's policy. France logically takes the same position. England, on the other hand, has no reason to wish for an elimination of the tension and of the points of conflict between America and Japan.

The war has incalculably increased the self-confidence of the Americans which by nature is strong enough. Nothing now seems beyond the Americans' power of achievement. The United States lost no time in talking over Germany's heritage on the sea; they went further—they immediately set themselves the task of building a fleet of at least equal strength to that of England.

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