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WE ARE NO PROPHET

WE ARE bad prophets. The other day we said that having arranged to borrow five hundred million American dollars our friends across the sea would touch us in about 90 days for another half billion.

We can't brag on that as a piece of prophecy, because as a matter of fact Lord Reading broke the news to us in the same instant during which he had affixed his signature to the final papers for the first half billion dollar loan, that preparations were already being made for the second loan.

A prophet who can't get closer than three months on a half billion-dollar item has nothing to brag about.

USELESS STRAIN ON REDFIELD

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE REDFIELD issues a four-column statement, in an endeavor to show that the La Follette seamen's act was blameless for the sale of the Pacific Mail line's ships and consequent disappearance of the American flag from the Pacific.

It's rank waste of effort on Redfield's part and smacks, somewhat, of toadying to the hurt feelings of big business.

If the American flag cannot fly on the Pacific

ocean save over Chinese crews at starvation wages, it ought to quit flying on the Pacific ocean, as a matter of conserving the reputation of the United States and of the United States flag, and any act that leads to this should be stuck up for, not apologized for.

But, a bas to all the twaddle about the American flag on merchant ships! It's on such because it pays, every time. The amount of money invested by our corporations in patriotic sentiment couldn't be found with a 50-inch microscope. The Pacific Mail had a deficit of approximately \$10,000,000 and sold out because it got its price. It didn't ask or get two cents for its flag.

IT IS most important of all that we prepare for peace, declares Geo. W. Perkins. We guess that Perk has either thrown Teddy cold, or is getting ready to cork-screw the beneficiaries of high protection a la Marcus Aurelius Hanna.

TWO YEARS ago, you wouldn't think that Greece and Rumania would quietly look on while Bulgaria was being helped to chew up Serbia. But a whole lot of views have changed in two years.

"PRESIDENT WILSON is teaching his fiancée golf" says a Washington dispatch. Gee! but that man's got nerve. But maybe he never tried to teach a woman golf before.

SOMEBODY'S SURE STUNG

BETHLEHEM STEEL sold at 500 on the New York stock exchange Tuesday. In January of this year, it was quoted at 46 1/4. Conditions in January were fairly normal, from a standpoint of the earning capacity of Bethlehem stock in the manufacture of steel for commercial purposes.

Assuming that the price of 46 1/4 was based upon an interest return of 5 per cent, for purpose of argument, then the Bethlehem concern, at present quotations, must be raking in about 54 per cent upon each dollar invested in its capital stock. Either the manufacture of war munitions is profitable to an undreamed of degree, or there has been a great big, rainbow-hued bubble blown that is due to burst sooner or later.

Looking at the proposition from a safe distance, we opine that Europe is already stung or America is about to be.

SOUNDS RIGHT

THE suggestion for new government military and naval academies on the Pacific coast is prompted by good sense and an understanding of the necessities.

The Pacific coast is the exposed part of our country. Making war in this region would differ

radically from operations in Eastern or Middle Western parts, just as war in the Russian swamps differs from war in the Alps or Caucasians. If there is any virtue in actual drill and practice, stuffing the West Point and Annapolis academies and neglecting the vast territory west of the Mississippi will be a mistake.

TACKLE SOMETHING EASIER, ALF!

ONE Alfred Bryan, author of that touching ballad, "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," is engaged in, or attempting to start, a controversy with Theodore Roosevelt thru the columns of the New York World. The last public letter Mr. Bryan authored was real pungent—we might almost say, rude.

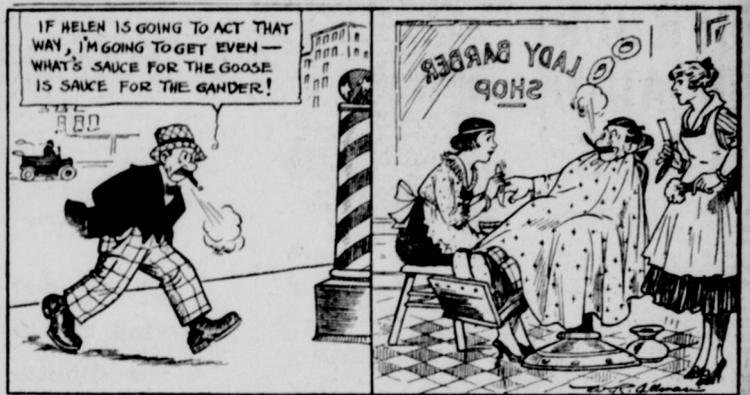
We haven't much sympathy to waste on either side, but if Mr. Bryan will not take it amiss, we would like to proffer the suggestion that he is engaging in a most ticklish business for any boy who wasn't raised to be a soldier. That Roosevelt man is bad medicine. If you don't believe it, ask Barnes, of New York.

"ON THE food a child is fed the first 10 years of its life depends its moral nature," says Luther Burbank, the famous plant wizard. Still, some of the meanest men on earth have been well fed for 60 years, or more.

Outbursts of Everett True



A Married Man's Troubles



By Allman

DO FLOWERS FEEL PAIN WHEN PICKED?

Are flowers hurt when we pick them? Gather the flowers while you may, and don't worry about the pain they may feel, for the flowers are not hurt when you pick them. That is, they do not feel pain as you would feel it if someone pinched you or scratched you with a pin. But botanists, who study plant life say that when a flower is picked some part of the plant feels, but what that feeling is like, even the wisest botanists cannot tell.

O. W. R. & N. to spend \$800,000 for rail renewals between Portland and Huntington.

Scientists have determined the cause of humpback deformity, and predict the humpback will be a curiosity a hundred years from now.

HERE and ELSEWHERE

Rev. J. D. O. Powers will speak on the United States as a factor in world peace at the Democratic club luncheon Saturday noon.

Jap liner Yokohama Maru arrives at Victoria with silk cargo valued at \$1,225,000.

DON'T BE A MATCHMAKER. A funny old duffer named Rick, sat down and thought out a trick. He matched Saddle Spongy With Little Bill Boug— Now Bill's after Rick with a stick.

There was a big night Wednesday for a big knight. The Pythians entertained Gus Meese of Spokane, the grand chancellor of Washington.

Judiciary committee of council, after discussion, postponed to next Thursday plan to abolish board of

public works and create a chief of works.

F. A. Miller, Chicago, traffic manager of Milwaukee line, is visiting here.

Roosevelt urges New York to adopt woman suffrage.

STELLA SORGHUM SAYS: Many people who speak a dozen languages can't say anything in any of them to interest people.

H. G. Dahiby of Kirkland elected president of fourth-class postmasters of state. Resolution passed favoring eight-hour law.

F. L. Pratt, 714 W. Prospect st., pilot of launch, arrested on charge of stealing boom of logs worth \$250.

Dr. A. B. Cunningham elected president King County Osteopathic association.

TOO CLEVER "That Mrs. Smartie is getting too clever," growled the butcher. "What's the matter?" asked his wife.

"When she came in just now she told me I ought to rename my scales the Ambuscade brand."

"Well, why?"

"I've just looked up the word," went on the infuriated man, "and the dictionary says that ambuscade means 'to lie in wait.'"

Steamer Iwalani ordered back to Port Townsend for failing to report for quarantine inspection before proceeding to Seattle.

Who lost a launch? Port Warden Paysse found two of 'em drifting in Elliott bay.

George Lee, released from Walla Walla after serving two years on bigamy charge, arrested and taken to Colorado on arson charge.

Clarke Mansel, 17, of Hobart, Okla., injured in football game Saturday, dies.

Three injured when J. F. McDermott's auto turned twice over near Golf club, on Pacific highway.

BITS OF INFORMATION

A Whitehead torpedo runs 6,000 yards, part of the distance at 50 miles an hour.

A French scientist once spent 45 years of his life and about \$50,000 in attempting to produce a blue rose by artificial culture.

Ants have the faculty of crossing water by means of the surface tension of the liquid, but they resort to it only under great necessity.

Conrad Duboski, a 21-year-old Russian, who is working on the farm of J. Polokof in Lebanon, Conn., is seven feet two inches tall.

Dresses

for Dancing and Theatre Wear.

Dainty creations in charmeuse, crepe de chine, French tulle. Some embroidered, others trimmed with fur. Prices ranging from

\$18.50 to \$60.00

New Suits

A new shipment of \$30.00 and \$40.00 Suits has just arrived. Models in broadcloth, gabardine, poplin and serge. Plain and fancy linings.

Redelsheimers
FIRST & COLUMBIA W. H. FISHER, MGR.

SATURDAY IS THE LAST DAY

\$2.00 Heavy Union Suits cut to 75c	\$3.00 Men's Beaver Hats in all colors and Fall styles, cut to \$1.48	\$3.50 Men's Rough Neck Sweater with 2 pockets, cut to \$1.40	\$2.00 Eagle Brand Wool Shirts and Drawers, cut to, garment 89c	\$1.50 Boys' Rough Neck Sweaters cut to 75c
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GOOD THINGS DON'T LAST FOREVER

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Of Our Very Successful Fall Opening Sale

—AT—

HIMELHOCH BROS.

625 FIRST AVE.—FOOT OF CHERRY

We've saved our biggest bargains for the last day. How's this for a snap:

MEN'S DOUBLE LIFE SUITS

—One coat, one vest, two pair trousers, in all newest styles, models and colors, consisting of blue serges, worsteds, tweeds and cassimeres—and all for—

\$9.50

After receiving over 1,000 Children's Suits we are quitting the children's department, and are giving bargains that can never be equaled. They go at \$1.95 and up.

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50c Boys' Golf Shirts cut to 10c	25c Boys' Suspenders cut to, pair 9c	10c Canvas Gloves, 3 pairs for 10c	\$1.00 Boys' Corduroy Knickerbocker Knee Pants cut to 48c	50c Police and Firemen Suspenders cut to 16c
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