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EDITORIALS — FEATURES



On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

Hold On, Mr. Veteran!

With preferential rights to ex-service men, the opening to homestead entry of 360,000 acres of land in Western Oregon, formerly embraced in the Oregon and California railroad grant, has been announced by the government. Steady! As you were! Before pawing your croix de guerre, tin hat, swagger stick, iron cross and tailor-made O. D.'s, listen to what James O. Conwill, civil engineer and member of Portland, Oregon, post of the American Legion, has to say regarding Uncle Sam's magnanimity to the war veterans: "Congress has not done a thing for the ex-service man in giving him so-called preferential rights in settlement on the Oregon and California land grants, and congress knows it! Mighty few acres in the grants are worth a whoop and the squatters have the pick of those that are valuable. It is an outrage to permit the average service man to put any money into these lands. And it will cost money, too. There are few men who could successfully take up a claim with less than \$2,000 cash to draw on, or \$1,000 as a minimum. "The real preferential right goes to the squatter. The land is not a gift to the ex-service man, by any means. He is obliged to put up 50 cents an acre or \$80 on a quarter section, pay a \$15 filing fee, and other items totaling about \$106. Then, after seven months on the land, he must put up \$2 an acre more. "Too many men are likely to go into this proposition without knowing what they are up against. Some of that land would not support a buzzard."—Pacific Legion (American Legion publication for the Northwest.) As a result of the representations of Conwill and other investigators, American Legion posts in Medford and Portland, Oregon, and Elmer J. Noble Post, Seattle, have gone on record discouraging veterans from taking up claims unless well-financed, experienced, and prepared to take a chance. Alisaid Pasha, military governor of Constantinople, has been arrested by the British. Alisaid too much.

Japan's Bad Move

Japan's forcible seizure of Vladivostok has followed immediately upon France's occupation of Germany's trans-Rhine cities. So quickly does one act of imperialism breed another. Russia has done nothing to warrant Japan's action. The explanation issued at Tokyo that danger to Manchuria and Korea necessitates the occupation of Vladivostok cannot stand examination. Manchuria does not belong to Japan. And a Japanese army in Vladivostok cannot possible influence events in Korea. Japan has consistently shown an ability to deal with Korean affairs in Korea itself. The truth is, in such matters as these, Japan's civilian statesmen must give way to the militarists. The Japanese war department has a status of its own, beyond the control of the prime minister. Behind the war department, in the present instance, are Japanese militarists, as a matter of logical necessity. The people of Japan have begun to fight for their political rights. Japan's inevitable social revolution is now in the making. It may be a peaceful revolution, or a bloody one. Militarists in every country think they can overawe nations for charters of liberty and freedom by a display of the power of the military machine. By seizing Vladivostok, the Japanese (imperialists) hope to distract popular attention from social and political reform. It is an old game. But it cannot succeed. The military party at Tokyo has seized a moment for its plan when France's trans-Rhine adventure makes a peremptory protest from France and her European allies difficult. But in this matter America's hands are free. Vladivostok, Russia's only valuable Pacific port, will not become a Japanese possession.

A Dayton physician says the old-fashioned nightcap is the best way to prevent flu—the wool cap, not the eye one.

Swat the Clods

The good gardener does this: Pounds the everlasting daylight out of every clod he finds in his garden. Clods interfere with garden food production. This is why—and how: If the clod is on top it hastens evaporation of moisture, and this stunts growth of plant and fruit later on in the dry season. If the clod is under the surface, it interferes with the root growth. Roots will not go thru a clod. They go round it, a waste of effort, and they never are as sturdy as roots unhampered by clods, or stones. Clods and stones spoil the shape of such root crops as radishes, potatoes, carrots, beets. The best gardening advice is to smash the clods when spading. Then do it more thoroughly with hoe and rake. A garden can't have too much breaking up of clods. This isn't time wasted. And—remember this—you don't solve the problem by merely swatting the clods on the surface.

Statesmen talk of a flat income tax. The present one leaves the average fellow flat enough.

Air Piers

Airship towers are being built in England by Vickers to make the mooring of dirigibles simpler. The towers are 50 feet high and built of steel. Each one is equipped with rope lines to convey inflating gas, gasoline and oil and water from tanks below to the ships. An airship intending to moor at the towers will send a wireless message ahead announcing its coming. A cable hung from the tower head to the ground will then be manned and a second cable dropped by the airship and weighted with sandbags attached. Then a winch can draw the airship down and it can be moored to a swivel turret on the top of the tower. This swivel will permit the big ship to turn with the wind. The towers are to be equipped with elevators for the conveyance of passengers. Flexible gangways will connect the dirigible with an anteroom in the tower. The advantages of the new towers include the elimination of wind hazard to airships moored on the earth.

Washington, "the city of magnificent distances." You should see how far an official can pass the buck.

So far no politician has charged that socialists bribed the New York assembly to make martyrs of them.

EVERETT TRUE

—By CONDO

MISTER PROPRIETOR, SEE THAT'S ON THE OUTSIDE IT LOOKS LIKE CORNBREAD, BUT LOOK AT THE INSIDE — A MASS OF DOUGH!! THAT'S A FAIR SAMPLE OF THE SO-CALLED FOOD YOU SELL HERE AND CHARGE JUST AS MUCH —



YOU CAN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!



THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, AND I'M ALSO GOING TO MASSAGE THIS SOGGY HUNK OF DISPEPSIA IN AND AMONG YOUR HAIR AS A SOUVENIR OF THIS OCCASION!!!

Conducted Under Direction of Dr. Rupert Blue, U. S. Public Health Service

TREATMENT OF ECZEMA

The general objects and principles in local treatment of eczema may be summarized as follows: 1. Exclusion of all sorts of irritation of the skin. 2. Relief from itching, burning and other abnormal sensations. 3. Antiseptic dressing. 4. Reduction of local congestion in acute eczema, and stimulation of the circulation in chronic eczema. 5. Repair of the skin in acute eczema and destruction of the thickened and abnormally modified skin in chronic eczema. Eczema is entirely curable, but there is no certainty regarding the duration of an attack and the probability of relapses occurring. Acute eczema is more readily relieved by proper treatment than are the chronic forms of the disease. Eczema of the very young and of the very old is sometimes particularly stubborn in the face of treatment. A person suffering from eczema should at once consult a reputable physician, and if the treatment at the hands of his family physician has not yielded satisfactory results, he should ask the physician to refer him to some reputable skin specialist. Q. I become ear sick very easily. Is there anything I can do? A. Some of these cases are due to trouble with the eye muscles, or to some disease of the internal ear. It is suggested that you consult a competent eye and ear specialist, to see whether or not your condition can be helped. Q. At one time I wore the clothes of a person who had consumption. I was nursing my baby at the time. Will that affect him as he grows up? He is now nine years old. A. If your baby is healthy now,

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WE'LL SAY SO

Greetings! You should know first of all that Frank is the captain of The Star's office boys.

Now that that important fact is set forth, we can proceed.

Something like 3,000 people voted in The Star's recent Daylight Saving Voting contest. But it was Frank that really put the kibosh on the thing of turning the clocks ahead.

Frank packed those 3,000 ballots into a large wicker waste basket and carted them down to the city council rooms.

And while the council was in session, it was Frank, captain of The Star office boys, who hoisted that waste basket up onto the desk of Councilman Tindall and said:

"Take it or leave it! There's 3,000 votes, 7 to 1 against daylight saving. I guess that'll hold you."

And it did. And now Frank can sleep as late as 5:30 every morning instead of having to get up at 4:30 to get to work on time.

Wood and Harding orators all over Ohio are saying the meanest things about the opposing candidate that they can think of. But should either candidate be nominated the men now abusing them will be delivering eulogies in praise of the man they are now denouncing.

Some folks don't know whether to believe the Wood orators or to believe the Harding orators. We believe both.

DAN TELLS IT WITH FLOWERS

Mr. Dan's Probat of Cedar Park sent the editor and family a choice bouquet of hyacinths. Thanks! When we get out of patience with the mad rush and selfishness of the world, we turn our thoughts to such of nature's solace as

my punch in my pocket."

Mr. Probat and retain our confidence in masking.—Sunner (La.) Gazette.

But, as the street car conductor remarked: "Some day the prohibitionists will be after me for carrying

"Miss Oloosh Burner is national student secretary of the Y. W. C. A.," says the San Francisco Chron-

icle. Try that on your piano. And Minnie Dice of Quincy, Ill., is suing Jerry Dice for divorce. Shaking him?

The Good Loser

BY DR. FRANK CRANE (Copyright, 1920, by Frank Crane)

You have heard how nothing succeeds like success, and how the world loves a winner, and how a successful man finds everybody ready to help him to further triumphs, and it's all true enough; but there's something truer and not so generally known, and that is that the world loves a good loser.

Look about you among your acquaintances and note the ones that are the most popular and the ones you yourself like best. They are, I venture to say, not the fellows who are luckiest or cleverest or most capable, or those who draw the most pay, but they are the boys that don't get grouchy, those that lose and keep good-natured, those who, when they fail, get up and brush off the dust and go at it again as jolly as ever and don't lie in the mud and whine.

The language of the street has a word which compresses all this feeling into one syllable—"sport." When President Roosevelt told the boys in Cheyenne that he liked Western men because they were good sports, he meant just what I am trying to express here. "Sport," like some other words, has room for a lot of meanings; it may signify a profligate, a drunkard, and a spendthrift, just as the word "love" in some base mouths may stand for shameful things; but, rightly understood, a "sport" is just a real man—a man who can take defeat and not get soured.

But some one may say: "Oh, I can stand

a licking, all right, and I don't mind losing out if it's a square deal. But what makes me hot is injustice. When some miserable shrimp that doesn't know beans is promoted over me I can't help being disgusted. When trickery and toadying and little meannesses sneak in and carry away the prize from fellows who are straight and honest, then is when I grow warm under the collar."

But why? You don't understand. That is not the time to swear. That's the time to smile. Life would not be funny if virtue were always rewarded at once. To see the jackdaw with peacock feathers stuck in his tail, to see the peanut thinking it is a cocoon, to see the frog swelling up till he thinks he is the size of a cow—all this is the comedy of existence. It is to laugh.

You'd just as well be a philosopher. You feel much better, and certainly those around you feel much better, than if you fume and fret.

There was a deal of sense in the man in the story, who was attacked without reason by a drunken Irishman, who knocked him down and rolled him into the ditch, exclaiming: "There! Lay there, you dom Swede." The man arose laughing. As the Irishman passed on, wondering and muttering, the man still laughed. Some one who had seen it all asked him what he was laughing about. "That's a good yoke on that fellar," said the man. "He thought I bin a Swede—and I bin Norwegian!"

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