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What Would Happen

The Hughes navy limitation plan, to be solid, needs adequate insurance of peace in the Pacific to take place of absolutely American naval dominance.

This means that England must meet us half way in the Far East issue. But England cannot meet us at all while she has an exclusive Japanese alliance, or any other private and exclusive alliance.

However, if England gives up the Jap alliance, and the bulk of her navy at the same time, she, too, will need insurance for the sake of Canada, Australia and New Zealand. These two "insurance policies" may become the arms conference problem.

Constitutionally, America may not be able to make an "alliance" with a foreign power. But one diplomatic stroke that America has made stand for the last 20 years and that England, with the rest of the world, has been able to bank on, was the Hay doctrine of the "open door" in, and the integrity of, China.

Also the Hay doctrine was evolved primarily on the "American first" principle. It opposed domination of China by any one foreign power.

America today is just as vitally interested in the security of Canada, Australia and New Zealand as she was 20 years ago in the integrity of China, and on the same grounds.

Could not, then, the two insurance policies spoken of above, be combined into one if Mr. Hughes would restate the Hay doctrine so as to include Canada, Australia and New Zealand as well as China as countries the invasion of which America would resist?

Great Britain solemnly publishing a similar "doctrine" for China and the dominions, would make a pledge as binding as our open door doctrine has been.

These two would constitute the required insurance making possible reduction of armaments by America and Britain. And the ending of the British-Japanese alliance. The Japanese, then, could make a third, dovetailing proclamation or not, as they chose.

At all events the Pacific and the interests of all peaceful people interested would be as secure as outspoken diplomacy can make it. That is all the American people want.

Mr. Hughes, who has already taken one bold step, may be sure the country will back him in another, if he takes it in the open so that they can know it is along the road they want to go—the road away from war.

The particular "road away from war" discussed above was not discovered in a newspaper office. It is the basis of much talk, official and otherwise, in Washington today.

World's Driest Spot

The driest place in the world is Payta, Peru. It expects no rain until at least 1923. If it rains often than once in two years down there, the natives get scared. Last February it had its first shower since 1913.

Despite the dry climate, seven different kinds of plant life manage to exist around Payta. Life, the greatest mystery, is remarkable for two characteristics—

FIRST: Its stubborn and tenacious fight against death. SECOND: Its power to adapt itself to almost any kind of environment.

Lives there a man with clothes as worn, who never to himself doth mourn, this is my own, my only coat.

Many of our future convicts are driving autos.

Nature's Balance

The hop aphid has 100 children 13 times a year, says the Smithsonian Institute. If all these lived and multiplied at the same rate, in a year's time the 12th generation of children would total 10 sextillions—10 with "000" written after it seven times. But they don't live. Birds eat most of them.

Nature keeps her machinery of life finely balanced, one preying on another, each form of life with another form of life constantly attacking it.

Winter may come and winter may go, but skirts get shorter forever.

When your shirt comes back with buttons gone—there's the rub.

A man has never gone to the devil until he is dead.

About the only thing the new Wirth cabinet passes is crises.

It is hard to get a woman to one of these big shoe sales.

Poems for your ScrapBook

One or two local loafers are trying to get into the navy now. They overheard someone talking about that "ten-year naval holiday."—Lynden Tribune.

The learned man who discovered the race is growing taller may have been watching his small son.

Broadway chorus girls have started making their own tights. It seems they were almost out of them.

Senator Watson says he is outspoken. We can't imagine who did it.

Our platform is fireproof stogies.

Next: Rubber Pavements

The next step forward in road building may be rubber pavements, suggests the London Times. A rubber pavement would enable autos to run without tires.

Sounds like an impossible suggestion. But all revolutionary changes seem that way when first proposed.

Inventors should, at least, try to perfect rubber sidewalks. That would be a boon to human nerves, daily getting more highly strung in civilization.

"After international disarmament what?" asks the Digest. We would say "local disarmament."

How We Americans Talk!

The telephone wires in United States would make 100 unbroken telephone lines from the earth to the moon.

Over those wires, Americans daily carry on 33,000,000 phone conversations. Yet it is only 45 years since the telephone was invented.

The only arguments some people listen to are their own.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

The Community Chest

Editor The Star: They say that the Community Chest is unfilled, and I am offering a suggestion which I hope may be of use.

Many of our best citizens are giving their time and money to this cause and still it lags. So I am addressing this letter to those who would give if they could be SURE, and this is my suggestion:

Do not permit your suspicion of any one of these organizations represented to stifle your impulse toward helping. If the record of any of them is such as to leave a doubt in your mind, designate your subscription to any of the other organizations you do favor.

The doctrine of Confucius failed because it merely condemned sin. It was negative; that of Christ is positive.

It was the vital activity of His

teachings in comparison with all who had gone before that "made all things new," and those who are stunned and sickened by rumors of graft and abuses in any certain agency should give as they see fit. But give it! For the principal thing is to alleviate want and suffering. Then we shall be in a position not to judge the accused organizations unheard, but to make inquiries that will serve to lift the shadow from the fine men and women who really are blameless and to punish those, if any, who are at fault. If the Community Chest proven to be a practical means of distributing help to the needy, it will (given time) prove itself and win the approval of all.

In the meantime, let us all be more concerned with giving our mite than with the doubt and rumor occasioned by rumors.

Lincoln on Port Business

Editor The Star: I want to commend the committee consisting of Capt. O. A. Johnson, Capt. Harry R. James and T. A. Roberts, representing the Tax Reduction Council of Seattle, on their report of the operation of the Port of Seattle.

This committee made a study of the port's affairs over a period of several weeks, and I believe have arrived at a fair conclusion. However, I hardly believe that \$150,000 per year could be saved; also, I do not agree with them on the abolishing of the purchasing agent. To my knowledge the port of Seattle has saved many times the purchasing agent's salary by conservative buying. However, I am ready to give this a fair trial, inasmuch as my two colleagues have abolished this position and lost to the port the service of one of the most loyal and efficient men that has been with the port for a number of years.

Its criticism on the engineering department, to my mind, is absolutely correct. This department has employed men and expended much money from the public funds that was unwarranted. Positions have been created and filled by politicians and it cannot be shown where they have earned one single dollar for the port.

At the present time we are paying \$460 per month for three agents on the South End terminals when there should be only one at \$250 per month. At other places reductions could be made accordingly. There is just one thing to do and that is to hire an experienced general manager and pay him a salary commensurate with the services to be rendered. He must be a man who will not stop to feel out the political situation before making a move. He must also be big enough to not listen to every little whim of the commissioners regarding putting on political henchmen. It would possibly be better to obtain the services of some man from some other port, the same as Portland and Astoria have done. We can afford to pay from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year to the right man and this man would not only save his salary many times per year in eliminating deadwood and useless positions, but would be big enough to take matters up with the railroad companies, the steamship companies, brokers, etc., to make this port an institution that the people would be proud

and manager of the institution, or do they choose a man who has grown up and had years of experience in the different departments before giving him a position in which he would control the finances? It seems to me that the busi-

ONE FESTIVE DAY



BY DR. WM. E. BARTON I have an increasing number of national holidays. If we take warning from European countries, we shall have occasion to remind ourselves that it is easy for a nation to load itself up with

more holidays than it can really afford. It is easy to proclaim a holiday in honor of almost anybody, and there are in every country great numbers of people who wish that all days were holidays. As yet America has not too many of them, and they are sufficiently distributed and diversified to insure their permanence.

If only George Washington and Abraham Lincoln had been content to be born in different months, we should have no congestion of holidays in any part of the year. But we must have both Washington and Lincoln.

Of all our national holidays there is just one that is given over to festivity, and that is Thanksgiving. There is nothing festive about Memorial day, but something quite the reverse; it is a day of tender and solemn memories.

Christmas is a day of gift-bestowal and the New Year is supposed to be, and ought to be, a day when men resolve to be better, for we need such days. But Thanksgiving is a day of feasting and good cheer.

Now, the Puritans were little given to holidays. They did not observe Christmas or Easter, and they had no Washington or Lincoln to commemorate, and they had no Independence day or Memorial day. But they created one holiday, and to it gave full expression of their character.

Has it ever occurred to you that our only really festive holiday, in a list otherwise rather formidably dignified and solemn, is a legacy from the Puritans? They were solemn people. Anybody would have been solemn in their situation, and they were solemn by conviction and habit. But when they ordained a holiday, they made

ness and administration of a port should be conducted the same as any other business involving the use of as large a capital. I have been connected with the Port of Seattle almost since its creation—months before the first pile was driven, and when I say that at no time since the creation of this port district up to the present time has the port operated as loosely and inefficiently, I believe I know whereof I speak. W. S. LINCOLN, Port Commissioner.

A LETTER FROM AVRIDGE MANN

BELLINGHAM DANCING ORDINANCE

"The partners shall walk three steps forward, then make a proper turn. They shall be a respectable distance apart, their bodies not touching, the arms held straight out, not bent."

Bellingham, Wash. Dear Chief: I spent a day or so in Bellingham a while ago, and in your local papers saw a copy of your dancing law; I thought I'd like to have a dance, but wondered—should I take the chance?

For I'm a law-abiding guy, and hold our legislation high, but even so, I must admit, I broke your law a little bit—a breakage which they tell me pays a hundred bucks and thirty days!

My own intentions all were good, I really did the best I could; I took three steps and then I found I couldn't turn myself around, and so I took another one—and then the awful crime was done!

And thus it was the die was cast, I was a criminal at last! And after that, I blush to state, my forward steps were six or eight; besides, before the dance was thru, I bent my arm a time or two!

The law says "hold 'em far away," and as to that, I'd like to say, if you yourself should ever go and "trip the light fantastic toe," I'll bet a twenty-dollar lid, you'd hold 'em just the way I did!

Avridge Mann

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This department accepts contributions for charity in any amount. Appreciation of your help, Avridge Mann will send you a special letter—signed 'n' everything—which calls a membership degree in the "Loyal Brotherhood of Man."

All undersigned contributions will be sent to the Seattle Community Chest fund. Those who prefer make a direct contribution to a specified charity, rather than thru the Community Chest, may so specify and their contributions will be sent as directed.

Previously acknowledged: Community Chest fund \$30.25, Washington Children's Home 1.50, Salvation Army 2.00, Ryther Home 7.00, Humane Society 1.00, Today's subscribers: Community Chest fund—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carpenter \$2.00, Mrs. Mrs. Noble 5.00

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Don't stick with the prunes MY DAD'S favorite yarn. WAS THE one about THE OLD storekeeper WHO WAS playing checkers IN THE back of the store, AMONG THE coal oil, AND THE prunes. WHEN THE shortie WHO HAD just jumped his kind SAID "Si there's a customer, WAITIN' OUT front" AND SI said "th-h-h-h IF YOU'LL keep quiet, MESSE HELL go away." NOW HERE'S the big man, WHEN A good thing HAPPENS ALONG. DON'T LEAVE it to George, TO GRAB the gravy, FRINSTANCE IF YOU HEAR of a smook, OR READ about h smoke. THAT REALLY does more. THAN PLEASE the taste. THERE ARE no hooks on you. THERE'S NO law against YOUR STEPPING up. WITH THE other live ones, AND SAYING right out IN A loud, clear voice. "GIMME A pack of THOSE CIGARETTES, THAT SATISFY."



Wonderful for Dessert Another New-Flavored Ice Cream for Special Week-End Sale After the big Thanksgiving dinner and its usually heavy dessert, you will find Snoqualmie Brick, the new-flavored special of the Seattle Ice Cream Company, a delightful change for dessert. Snoqualmie is different from last week's special—different from all other Ice Cream flavors. Only a limited quantity is made for week-end sale. Better phone our nearest dealer and reserve a brick for tomorrow or Sunday. If you don't know our dealers, phone Main 6225 for the name of one. SEATTLE ICE CREAM COMPANY For More Than 20 Years Producers of Seattle Cream of Quality ICE CREAM 60c A BRICK Sold by Our Dealers Only

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VENICE BY GEORGE GORDON BYRON I stood in Venice, on the Bridge of Sighs; A palace and a prison on each hand; I saw from out the wave her structures rise As from the stroke of the enchanter's wand: A thousand years their cloudy wings expand Around me, and a dying glory smiles O'er the far times, when many a subject land Looked to the winged Lion's marble piles, Where Venice sat in state, throned on her hundred isles!

Try This on Your Wise Friend These letters, properly arranged, make a popular proverb: aaaeeehloorrssawwy. What is it? Answer to yesterday's: A man is always nearest to his wife.