

UNCLE SAM HAS ENOUGH TO DO TO LOOK AFTER HIS OWN NEIGHBORHOOD

(BY H. D. S.)

"'Tis an awkward thing to play with souls, And matter enough to save one's own." —Robert Browning.

IT IS an awkward thing to play with the souls of other nations, and matter enough to save the soul of our own republic. An element of American publicists combines extraordinary sensitiveness to the liberties and political aspirations of other races and other nations, with extraordinary callousness to the legitimate interests of our own national development.

In order to avoid any partisan coloring in this discussion, let it be said at once that many worthy and highly intelligent members and leaders of all parties are imbued with these doubtful sentiments, while, on the contrary, in all parties are to be found men who place the interests of the American people first of all.

The people and government of the United States can have no higher aim, purpose, ideal, or inspiration in this world, than to try to insure to the people of the United States the quiet enjoyment of those "inalienable rights" our declaration of independence asserts: Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The constitution states its purpose to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

There is nothing said there about it being our duty to neglect affairs at home in order to engage in a sort of knight-errantry all over the world for the special benefit of aliens.

The Herald does not wish to convey the false impression that it holds to any provincial or ignorantly selfish view of national duty. On the contrary, the Herald believes that the United States is morally bound to exert such influence as it consistently can, toward the general betterment of mankind. But there appears to be danger that the national thought and sympathy may be led far astray by the preaching of sentimentalists, who too often seem to see their higher duty "on the other side of the mountains," across the seas or among less fortunate neighbors, while com-

placently accepting something less than the best possible, for our own nationals.

The Herald can see no good in most of the plans now being so profusely produced, looking toward alliances with other powers, for any purpose. The subjects are stated to be entirely pacific—grant this. The Herald holds that the United States has nothing to gain by playing the game of other nations, and that the United States does not need the aid of other nations in working out the national destiny.

The Herald looks with suspicion on every plan involving an "international police force," or "joint armament" for any purpose whatever. This country's field of legitimate and normal development for the next few centuries is pretty well marked out; many Americans fail to grasp that truth, but that does not affect the fact. The legitimate field of the United States for intensive development and self defense against all aggression, in behalf of "securing the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," is on the American continent, with the islands strategically necessary to defense—and nowhere else in the world.

Examining the sort of preaching that we deem dangerous, in this quotation from a recent much read magazine article: "We wish to see this country enter into a confederacy with other peace loving countries for mutual protection." And from the same article, "Our national duty is not fulfilled if we protect only our fellow citizens." The president of the United States in a recent speech said:

"This government was established with a special purpose such as no other government ever avowed. This government was established in order that justice and liberty might belong to every man whom our institutions could touch, and not only that justice and liberty should belong to America, but that, so far as America was concerned, and her influence involved, they should be extended to mankind everywhere."

"And in the great voice of enthusiasm, which would be raised, all the world would stand once more, thrilled to hear the voice of our new world asserting the standards of justice and liberty."

In another speech a few days ago, the president used words that could only be construed in one way: That the United States should serve other peoples and other

nations primarily, and that whenever it should appear that the action of the United States might benefit American citizens, that action should be abandoned as immoral.

Now so far as the "thrill" goes, that the president speaks about, The Herald would "thrill" more over a vigorous assertion of American rights and ideals in behalf of the people who pay the taxes and sustain the burdens of this government, than over any amount of mawkish sentimentality over the shackled liberties of foreigners.

Influence, yes; example, yes; material aid, yes; cooperation, yes; wider contact, acquaintance, and education, yes; but a lot of talk about our "national opportunity" and our "national duty" to lift all oppressed and unhappy peoples out of the muck and mire of crowded and unlighted existence, is strangely inconsistent with the refusal of many of these same saintly preachers to sanction a decent enlargement of the navy and army for minimum protection against "accidents" that might involve us with powers not so conscientious as we claim to be.

Two things we greatly need, in order to help this nation to a normal and fit realization of its duty and destiny:

First, definite formulation of a continental and a foreign policy that will hold good in essentials for the next few hundred years;

Second, ample material provision to assert and defend that policy against all the world.

It has been said that "the poets of today blaze the way for the statesmen of tomorrow." But that is no excuse for the statesmen of today who neglect their jobs to dream things neither practical nor true, neither wise nor right.

The postage stamp is 76 years old this month. The Englishman who first had the idea was hooted at for saying it would be possible to buy a little sticker any place in England and by putting it on a letter prepay the carriage of that letter to any other place in England. The idea was too ridiculous 76 years ago this May. Now we stick a bit of red paper on a letter and put it in a box on the corner and never think it wonderful.

Strive Mightily, But—

Our national good temper in politics and in world affairs—the essence of it—could not have been better expressed than in the oration given Joe Cannon on his 80th birthday. Politics in this country is much like a running game of football, we strive mightily and while striving we strive every effort. We want to win more than anything else in the world, but at the end the winners and losers shake hands and there is no bad temper over losing and no mean triumphing among the winners.

In all the political struggles that have been going on during Uncle Joe's 20 terms of congress, he has been in the thickest of every fight. He has been the red hottest of Republicans, he has been a hard hitter, a merciless opponent, he has been soundly roundly abused as any man living; but congress stopped everything for an hour on his birthday to congratulate him and themselves, that long life is given him.

His dearest foes were among the first to greet him. The most partisan of Democrats crowded up to give him a birthday wish, and it was all as honest as the day is long. Political friends and enemies alike sincerely wished him many happy returns.

Uncle Joe, as rosy and straight as a 20 year old, made a graceful, happy little speech—himself that can fight like a tiger can run as pretty a word as a poet.

It is one thing that convinces us that our national spirit is not dead or sickening, and that we continue to be a free people worthy of freedom and able to govern ourselves, when we see how little the bitterest political animosities affect any but their passing moment, or any action but the action of that moment.

Where it used to be alchemy, and the power to change other metals to gold, that was the favorite fraud and swindle, and then the elixir of youth, that men paid fortunes for, to prevent and turn back, today the favorite fraud is gasoline substitutes. Little tablets that will turn a bucket of water into as good as gasoline are sold to those who believe.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

The Italian press wonders why we don't go to war with Germany. Why doesn't Italy—Columbia State.

Germany apologizes to Switzerland for unintentional intrusion. How changed—Grazioso Post-Standard.

Washington needs only the beam to be the port-and-beans center of the world.—Philadelphia North American.

An international court of bankruptcy seems the biggest future development at The Hague—Wall Street Journal.

Of course there's nothing in it, but it just happens that the troopers who got in that trouble in Farral belong to the 13th cavalry.—Chicago Herald.

The municipal council of Paris will preserve the hole made in the subway-roof by a dynamite bomb, utilizing it as an aperture for ventilation.—New York World.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg says that there must be a "new" Belgium at the end of the war. That's the way the Allies feel about Prussia and Germany.—Chicago Herald.

The Carranza government is arranging to buy up all of its paper money. They must have heard of the high prices being paid for scrap paper in America.—Nashville Southern Lumbar.

Albermarl Klaus, of Chicago, wants to change Chaslerre avenue and the police station thereon to boulevard avenue and station. More appropriate for a stockyard city.—New York World.

Mr. Roosevelt says that president Wilson is the friend of Mexican bandits. But Gen. Villa probably thinks that he has an odd way of displaying his friendship.—Nashville Southern Lumbar.

Disarmament theorists who depend for defence on those "3000 miles of open sea between America and Europe" must find interesting reading in the account of the Russian army's voyage to France.—Philadelphia North American.

Dr. Spahn, leader of the Centralist party in the reichstag says that "Americans of German descent have indeed endeavored to create a sentiment for our view, unfortunately without success." Why not also give due credit to the German submarine commanders?—New York World.

The Pig Is a Coarse, Illiterate Animal Has Long Pedigree And Short, Useless Tail

By HOWARD E. RANN

THE pig is a coarse, illiterate animal with a long pedigree and a short tail which cannot be used as a fly-swallower. One of the most cruel acts which nature ever performed was to equip the horse and cow with long, flowing tails and leave the pig without anything but a feeble, tightly-curved initiation. This is why the average pig is so disagreeable a companion during fustine and has to be mollified with a pitchfork.

The pig is purely a commercial venture. Nobody ever reared a pig in order to enjoy his society or to watch the workings of his mind as it developed from playful infancy to adult manhood. In fact, a careful search for the mind of the pig has resulted in a blank page. No great poem was ever written on the pig, and he is never asked to sit for his portrait, except just prior to some auction sale. If American literature had to depend upon the pig for its inspiration, it would not occupy the proud eminence which it does by the state of Indiana.

It must be admitted that intelligence in a creature disappointed than grand opera in English, but as a



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business proposition the pig makes the showing gum industry look like the sale of icecream cones in Labrador. Almost alone and single-handed the domestic pig has dotted our fair prairies with beautiful homes, electric washers, mechanical shovels, windmills, self-playing pianos, mechanical milkers, back-firing automobiles, and sweet content. Every time the farmer ships 32 chubby faced pigs to market, some real money is put into active circulation and the country merchant feels more like advertising and contributing to the church.

The pig never used to know his ancestors from a hole in the ground, but nowadays every pig that amounts to anything has a family tree with more branches on it than a cranberry bush. A starwart pig that can trace his ancestry back to the reign of James K. Polk will oftentimes sell for more money than a serial story by Robert W. Chambers, which shows that as a people we are coming to a higher appreciation of literature. Refined people who have never owned a pig sneer at him on account of his uncouth ways, but this is because they have never seen him lift a mortgage or remove a shifter from a red bar.

ABE MARTIN



Some of our girl painters seem 't be mighty liberal in their views on art. 'But th' only office that seeks th' man these days is Taker Down o' Decorations. (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service)

New Mexico Guardsmen Make Snappy Showing Autos Instead of Hacks For The Editors

THE Union depot was certainly a scene of activity Friday morning and afternoon when something like 600 members of the state militia of New Mexico passed through there en route to Columbia. Said R. C. Hart, "Early in the morning the northern and western contingents arrived, and San Francisco street was the scene of marching soldier boys bound for the border to help defend their cities against Mexican bandits. In the afternoon the crack (Lawell) battery arrived, together with companies from Portales, Clovis, Carlsbad and Artesia, and the red artillery units mingling with the infantry light blue made a pretty scene. All of the militia like the El Paso boys appear to be well conditioned and anxious for active duty."

"After about 10 years El Paso will again entertain the Texas editors," said A. P. Coles. "Undoubtedly among those in attendance at the coming convention will be some of the veteran editors who were here at the other convention. I remember that I was on the reception committee for the first convention, and we showed the pen-joshers around the city in hacks. This time they will ride in automobiles, and those who were here 10 years ago will see not a little border town, but a modern city."

of the New Mexico state national guard, I shall not stop working for the interests of the rifle club. The El Paso rifle organization is attracting a great deal of interest in the southwest, and I am sure that if continued under the present management within a short time it will be one of the substantial sports and a credit to the city."

"I was extremely surprised to note the excellent hotel facilities El Paso has," said Ed R. Downs, of Los Angeles. "There is no question but this is the most substantial city in the whole southwest, in some respects in advance of Los Angeles. El Paso doesn't seem to be overdone with small unprofitable business establishments like the coast cities are."

"Merchants in Chihuahua city are offering goods for three prices," said C. L. Stambaugh. "They quote you in pesos fuertes, paper peso and American dollars and you take your choice in making payment. Commercial men here are sure that they will not be pessimistic feeling in Chihuahua that one would imagine during these days of rumor and alarm."

COTTON USED DURING APRIL SHOWS INCREASE OVER 1915

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Cotton used during April amounted to 531,714 running bales, exclusive of linters, and for the nine months 4,769,296 bales. The same bureau announced today. Last year 514,889 bales were used during April, and 4,922,942 bales during the first nine months of the season. Cotton on hand April 30 in remaining establishments was 2,064,512 bales, compared with 2,038,973 a year ago, and in mill storage and at compression, 1,114,931 bales compared with 1,145,932 a year ago. Cotton bales used during April, 1915, numbered 521,121,411 compared with 48,993,599 a year ago. Imports of foreign cotton during April amounted to 57,418 bales, against 54,478 a year ago and for the nine months 231,232 bales, against 231,234 a year ago. Exports during April amounted to 115,842 bales, against 97,887 a year ago, and for the nine months 1,624,378 bales against 1,561,611 a year ago.

PICNIC AT CLINT.

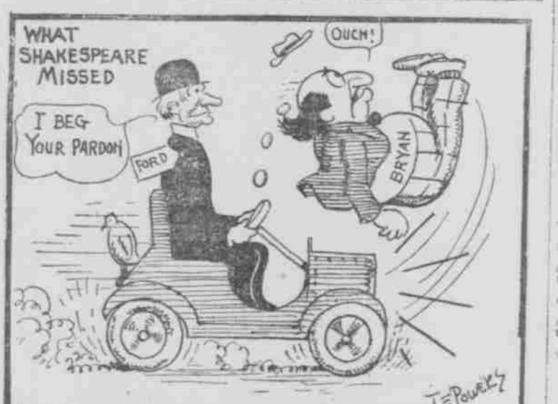
The annual Sunday school picnic of the Clint M. E. church was held Thursday at a pretty grove near Mr. Scott's ranch. There were about 65 present. The day was spent playing games, running races and shooting at targets. A lunch was served at noon and all present had a most enjoyable time.

Michigan is still leading all the other states in the production of automobiles. The fastest trains in Germany run at the rate of 52.15 miles per hour.

PIERCE URGES MORE CAUTION

Stronger Regulations To Keep Diseased Mexicans Out, is Planned.

Austin, Tex., May 12.—Dr. C. C. Pierce, senior surgeon of the United States public health service, with headquarters at El Paso, and Dr. E. C. Hall, quarantine officer at Laredo, reached here today and had a conference with Dr. W. J. Collins, state health officer, relative to a more concerted plan for the prevention of refugees from Mexico entering Texas, who might be affected with typhus or other diseases. It was decided that the state and federal governments will cooperate in every possible way to prevent the entrance into Texas of undesirable. It was pointed out that the present disturbed conditions along the border has rendered it imperative that a more rigid quarantine be maintained.



THE GUILTIEST FEELING BY BRIGGS

THE COURTS.

4TH DISTRICT COURT. P. R. Price, presiding. W. E. Arnold vs. Spencer H. Dove, 10 cents; judgment from title; filed. Virginia Camarinia de Diaz vs. Jose Apodaca et al, injunction; on trial. Yencelia Camarinia de Diaz vs. Jose Apodaca, et al, injunction; on trial.

5TH DISTRICT COURT. Dan M. Jackson, presiding. Pauline Stevenson vs. T. J. Stevenson, divorce; filed. State vs. Arlino Rios, theft from person, with jury. State vs. Ballasar Chavez, robbery by assault, given five years in the penitentiary. Address Rouse by next friend, to Alvaro Gonzalez, suit for \$2000 damages; filed. State vs. Pedro Rodriguez, theft over \$50, and receiving and concealing stolen property; instructed verdict of not guilty. State vs. F. L. Swartz, master, instructed verdict of not guilty.

6TH DISTRICT COURT. Ballard Caldwell, presiding. Wm. H. Swanson Film company vs. Southwest Film company, company, suit on account; on trial. Maul Parland vs. O. R. S. A. et al, suit for \$25,946 damages for personal injuries on trial. Wm. H. Swanson Film company vs. Southwest Film company, suit on account; verdict for plaintiff.

COUNTY COURT.

Adrian Pool, presiding. State vs. Joe Arell, receiver, and concealing stolen property; filed. State vs. Charles Conner and J. H. Carrigan, selling liquor without license, and selling on Sunday; both defendants pleaded guilty to selling on Sunday and were fined \$20 and costs each.

J. H. Heater, presiding. State vs. Juan Galindo, Gerardo Galindo, Eduardo and Jose Diones Galindo, threats to take human life; filed. State vs. Juan Lopez, burglary; filed. State vs. J. J. Murphy, presiding. State vs. F. C. Crutchen, speeding; not guilty. State vs. J. Albo and F. W. King, speeding; both defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 and costs each.

Since the beginning of the European war the United States has exported approximately 600,000 horses, 150,000 mules and 100,000 automobiles.

David Corkey, of Wayne, Neb., has eight sons, all of whom are ministers. The ordinary cost of a Want Ad in The El Paso Herald is 25 cents. It reaches an average of about 100,000 readers each issue.

UNIVERSITY CLUB'S FIRST "PIPE SMOKE" A SUCCESS

The University club had its first "pipe smoke" Friday night at the club rooms of the Paso del Norte hotel. These "pipe smokes" are to be made regular monthly features of the club's social activities. Each member of the club is to do some stunt and the program Friday night proved especially pleasing.

MESSANGER BOY HAS BICYCLE SMASHED BY JITNE AUTO

Thomas Clancy, a 14 year old messenger boy, sustained bruises about the body Saturday morning at 7:45 o'clock, when he was struck by a touring car, owned by the Jitne company, at Dallas and Montana streets. The bicycle ridden by Clancy was demolished by the wheels of the heavy vehicle. Clancy was taken to the police station in another automobile and a complaint charging the driver of the Jitne company car with reckless driving was filed.

TWO YEARS IN SENTENCE IN MARTIN FORGERY CASE

C. J. Martin, charged with having a forged instrument in his possession, was sentenced Saturday in the 24th district court to serve two years in the penitentiary. He is said to have had a check for \$22, drawn in favor of C. G. Houston and signed by John Ford. Martin was recently convicted on the same charge and given the same sentence but was granted a new trial on the ground that one of the jurors was disqualified.

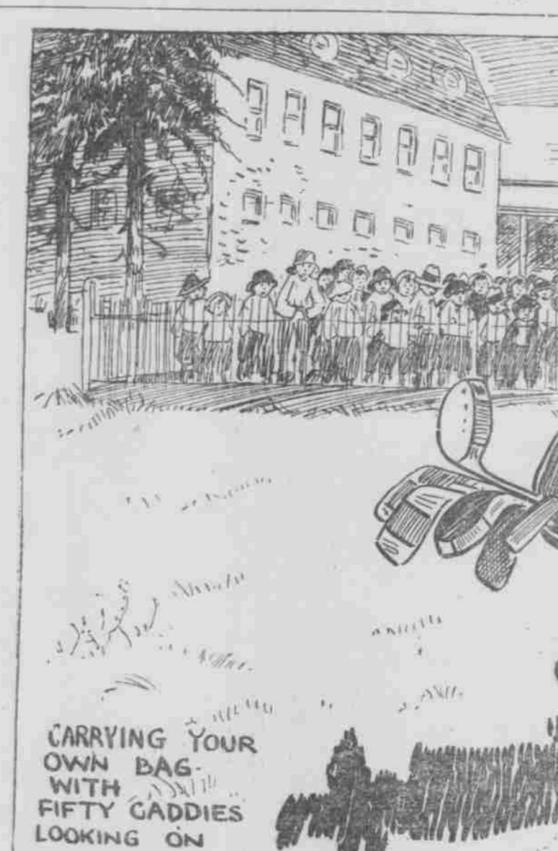
COLQUITT AT BIG SPRINGS.

Big Springs, Tex., May 12.—H. B. Colquitt addressed a large audience here last night in the interest of his candidacy for the U. S. senate.

BASE BALL UNIFORMS FREE

The El Paso Herald will supply Base Ball Uniforms to any Base Ball teams in El Paso and the Southwest absolutely free in exchange for a small number of new subscribers to The Herald. Considering material, workmanship, wear and general appearance, the El Paso Herald's uniform has no equal. For full particulars call in person or write to H. B. Price, Circulation Manager, El Paso Herald.

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MOTHER

(These simple little verses, appropriate to "Mother's day," were sent to The Herald with the notation, "It is not a masterpiece, but it comes from the heart of an 18 year old girl.")

O thou, the kindest one that I have known,
One who to me all tenderness hath shown!
Live thou forever.
Thou who wouldst smother shame with thy sweet love!
And looked for sympathy only from thy God!
May thou live ever.

I know not of the burdens thou hast borne;
I only know thou borest them all alone.
O live forever!
O what a blessing it would be to me,
If I could only learn to live like thee,
With thy sweet nature.

Thanks, thank to thee for all thy kindness,
And may God bless thee for thy faithfulness
In guiding me.

Here on this earth there's no reward for thee,
But in the heavens may it thy pleasure be
To rest forever.
—B. L. W.

Blowing It In

OF ALL the divers brands of joy that make our journey sunny, of all the bliss without alloy, there none like spending money. It's well to put away a wad against the rainy weather, it's well, when hard times are ahead, to have some coins together. But when you've sailed down a roll of twenties and talents, then, to invigorate your soul, go out and blow the balance. Don't let the savings habit grow, until you are a miser; salt down a part, a portion blow—that policy's the wiser. I like to toddle to the bank and put some henny in pickle; I like to save, but I'm no crank on saving every nickel. I like to take the extra plank, and to the mart go flying, and buy a lot of useless junk, just for the sake of buying. I like to whisper to the clerks, "Get busy, boys, get busy! I've come to buy the whole blasted works, and make you fellows dizzy!" Of all the standard brands of bliss, that fill our lives with honey, there's surely nothing equals this—the blowing in of money!

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