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NO ARMIES AFTER TEN YEARS.

Carl Diestach and T. R. MacMeichen, writers in McClure's, speaking of Zeppelin's flight of 36 hours, covering 850 miles, call attention to the fact that such a flight would have carried the airship from German soil to either London, Paris, Stockholm or Vienna and back.

"This means," says these writers, "the end of armies in 10 years."

Since the article was written Louis Bleriot has crossed the English channel in his little plane.

Is such a thing possible? Are we really entering an era in which the armies of today will be as useless as the ships of Pompey or the war engines of Archimedes, or the bow and arrow of the Saxons, or the flint-locks of Washington?

The modern army is just a mere fighting tool. Fighting tools have been superseded from time to time in the past—superseded and thrown away. Why should the army—the man carrying a gun, the battery of huge cannon operated by men so as to shoot huge projectiles or deadly showers of small ones, the fortress, open at the top but strong against missiles shot from the ground, all the modern military equipment the making of which is bankrupting the world—why should this equipment be regarded as any more a permanent thing than the old Macedonian phalanx, the Roman legion, or the Persian chariot?

Germany has three warships of the air now. She has nearly completed a plant with four docks for assembling airships, with two more to be built. When she gets these done she will be able to turn out from 50 to 60 ships a year at an expense of a quarter of a million dollars each, as against from \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000 each for battleships. A fleet of 500 of these airships could be maintained for \$15,000,000 a year.

Our army and navy cost us \$200,000,000 a year. This sum would keep in commission 70,000 Zeppelin airships!

Each of these ships could carry machine guns which could simply wipe out armies as Kitchener wiped out the Fuzzy-Wuzzies with such guns at Omdurman—as a line of insects could be wiped out with a hose throwing carbolic acid.

This is no pipe dream: The Germans have already used such machine guns from the decks of their airships.

Forts and battleships could be blown up with dynamite torpedoes which the present airships are quite capable of carrying, and either dropping or shooting.

Ought we not to consider the matter of making our military forces of the new sort instead of the old? We know what happened to the nations that used clubs and bows and arrows and spears after gunpowder came in. Ask the historians of Mexico and Peru if you don't happen to know. Aren't we doing the same thing?

The great armies will be disbanded before long. The new army will be only a small body of specialists. When war ceases to be a great business, in which huge sums of money are invested, the glamour of it will be lost and men will no longer be interested in it.

The French airation commission wired Bleriot as he rejoiced at Dover, "Hosanna for the peace of the world!" Here's a fond wish that it may really mean that.

A JURY SENSATION.

The temporary acceptance of the first talesman in the new trial of Pat Calhoun created a sensation. It was discovered that he is a member of the Good Government league. He believes in clean administration of municipal affairs, in honest officials, in impartial execution of the laws. Lord! this isn't the sort of men of which juries are made, and you just watch the defense lawyers rush him off that panel back to his honorable private citizenship, "for cause!"

What! Try a fellow for buying a city administration before a juror who has an opinion about good government, who even gives his time and money to an organization formed to keep scoundrels out of office and get a fair show for the people before the law? What a foolish idea!

Our lawyer-made laws demand and will only put up with jurors who make answers to examination like these:

Have you ever had or expressed an opinion?
No.
Are you related to anybody in the county?
No.
Ever read anything about public matters?
No.
Can you read and write?
Yes. But I don't.

Summons a man who has brains, who takes any active part in citizenship, who is capable of deciding between right and wrong, and legal talent and legal procedure will run him out of a jury box so quick that his hair will curl with the heat of his dismissal.

For the trials of our Calhouns we get men whom sharp lawyers can "work." We sometimes get honest men in such, but always the biggest part of their honesty is their honest stupidity. Never a man who is honest enough, wise enough, patriotic enough to take a personal interest in good government and the conservation of common justice.

A COINCIDENCE.

It is merely a coincidence that Robert Bacon, the new United States ambassador to France, was a member of the J. P. Morgan firm, and got his job as ambassador after Pierp failed to get the Paris stock exchange to list United States Steel corporation stock. It will be just another coincidence if, with Bacon in Paris on Uncle Sam's business, Pierp has better luck next time.

The Tables Turned



A CRAZY LOG.

AS LISTENED BY FRED SCHAEFER.



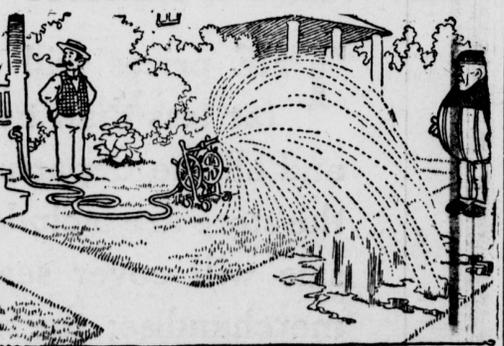
My wife is happy now. She has a piano.
She always thought it would give an air of prosperity if we had a piano in the parlor. She was right. The man who sold us the piano has an air of prosperity already.
It isn't a new piano, but one of those rebuilt ones. I think it was rebuilt from a barbed wire fence and a mahogany coffin.
We secured it at a bargain—traded a cottage organ for it with the cottage thrown in. We are paying the remainder by installments.
It is a baby grand, but it will probably be grown up by the time it is all paid for.
When we got it it had been only slightly used. If you'd ever hear it you'd know why.
They say the piano took 17 world's prizes. If they're that easy to get I'm surprised that it ever stopped at 17.
However, we are content, for somebody might have gotten it

who loves music. But there was one disappointment—the men brought it with a horse blanket belted round it, and the neighbors couldn't tell whether we were getting a kitchen cabinet or a folding bed. All of them had to come over to borrow an egg or a cake of yeast or a cup of butter to find out what it was.
And even then we had to stand a lot of criticism because it wasn't the same make as any of them had.
We refrained from telling them that was the main reason we had selected it. We flatter ourselves that is at least one in its favor.
Instead, we bragged on its brilliance of tone. 'Twas a good thing its tone was brilliant, so something dispelled the gloom when my wife played.
Another thing. It cost me \$5 to have the piano moved in. But then, I can have it moved out for nothing if I miss a payment on it.
However, I believe now that if I'd miss a payment. I wouldn't really miss the piano.

Villainy Compounded

When two persons depend upon the same alarm clock, complications ensue. Witness the experience of a young man on Fourth avenue who has kindly shared his clock with a friend rooming at the same house.
Wishing to rise early that he might catch the Sunday morning train to the lake with a certain girl, the owner of the clock turned in early Saturday night after setting the alarm for 6 a. m.
The borrowing friend also wished to wake at 6. He kept late hours, however, and, returning after mid-

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



MOST ANYTHING

"Th' man at th' top o' th' ladder don't keer how many o' th' rungs git broken."

Barber—Your hair's very thin, sir.

Long Sufferer—And you've got a bump on your nose, and one of your eyes squints.

Glass may be frosted at home. Use one part wax to 10 of turpentine and one part each of varnish and siccativ.

Mrs. Newrich—Yes, these are beautiful chairs. They are Louis Cross Eye, you know.

Guest—Louis Cross Eye?
Mrs. N.—Yes, here's the card. It was marked Louis XI.

Summer flirtations seldom last through the fall.

"What did people do on the ark to pass the time, mama?"
"Why—why—oh, they fished, dear."

"But, mama, they only had two worms."

New York man says that a doughnut will fly if you can pump the air out of the hole in the middle.

A new device has been patented to insure privacy while telephoning. It's a little box like affair that just fits the face.

AGED MAN MURDERED IN A CELL

(By United Press.)
STOCKTON, Cal., Aug. 4.—Jacob Sleeper, aged 80, arrested on a charge of drunkenness and lodged in the city jail, was murdered by one of his cell mates, a negro named Charles Johnson. Sleeper, Johnson and John Dougherty occupied the same cell. The negro was a vicious character and a knife was taken from him when placed in jail. Dougherty was taken up as a drunk at midnight and when he recovered consciousness he discovered Sleeper's battered body and called the jailers. The negro was surly and refused to talk. His shirt sleeves were stained with blood.

AT THE ART EXHIBIT.



"AN AQUARELLE"

TITLE MEN'S CONVENTION
E. P. Greene, ex-county auditor and manager of the Spokane Title Co., will attend the meeting of the National Association of Title Men at Seattle August 9 and 10 and the meeting of the state association on August 11.

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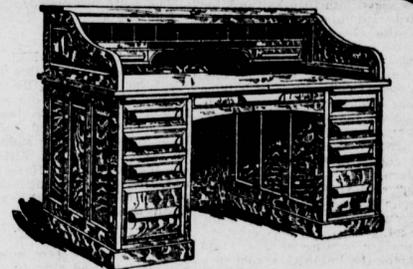
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