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THE TREATY-SHANTUNG

It is not presumptuous to say that the thinking people of this country have read the speeches delivered by the president in the beginning of his tour in the interest of the peace treaty, the main controversial feature of which is the league of nations.

President Wilson lacks all the essential qualifications of the platform demagogue. He makes no appeal to the emotions of his audience, nor does what he has to say bear out the charge that he is the champion of an impracticable and visionary agreement.

The man who opposes the league of nations because he does not want the children he is rearing to be involved in the future quarrels of Europe is as far wrong as the man who accosted the president and told him that he had lost two sons, and was in favor of the league of nations because he didn't want his only remaining boy to have to go to Europe and sacrifice his life also.

The league of nations is not going to change the ordinary impulses of humanity. It is not going to convert greed and selfishness into altruism, nor make it so there can never be another great war.

But the league of nations will make ambitious rulers very careful about precipitating wars in the future.

The league of nations will render secret treaties inoperative, and as such treaties, which because of their very nature must be secret to be effectual, cannot stand the light of publicity, it may be said with confidence that the league of nations will put an end to the danger from hidden pacts.

The benefit of this feature alone is sufficiently apparent to warrant the ratification of the treaty. It is reasonable to assume that had Germany known of the treaty of Great Britain and France guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium, and pledging their utmost resources to protect her from invasion, that Germany would not have plunged into that unhappy country and precipitated a war which, from the outset, if right was to endure, could be regarded as an omen of failure.

What the world has passed through in the last five years is sufficient explanation of sections 10 and 11 of the treaty guaranteeing the territorial integrity of the members of the league against external aggression, and pledging the members of the league to take any action that may be deemed wise to safeguard the peace of nations.

Without these clauses Poland could not remain free, and all the world believes that Poland has the right to exist as a separate entity. Without these clauses there would be no authority to compel Germany to respect the independence of Austria or any small nations.

The opponents of the league of nations have made their strongest attacks upon the disposition of Shantung. A Chinaman at Columbus, O., made a demonstration during the president's speech and wanted to know "How about Shantung?"

Well, here is all there is to Shantung: Germany acquired Shantung on March 6, 1898, by virtue of a treaty with China, England and France entered into a secret treaty with Japan by which it was agreed that Germany should be compelled, in the event of the favorable termination of the war, to transfer all her rights, title and privileges in the territory of Kiauchau to Japan.

This war was precipitated largely because of disregard of treaties. Japan insisted upon the carrying out of this one. It was not the ideal settlement, but there was no reason why those nations that had made the name of Germany anathema because it regarded a treaty as "a scrap of paper" should proceed to tear up the one with Japan.

The allies did owe something to Japan, but they owed nothing to China. China was willing to go along for 11 years without protest while Germany controlled Shantung. China had voluntarily ceded her rights and privileges to Shantung. If A deeds his property to B and B loses it to his creditors, A has no moral or legal right to set up a claim to it.

But President Wilson was insistent that Shantung should not become a permanent possession of Japan and succeeded in securing an agreement from Japan that the former German possessions eventually should revert to China.

China never could have secured the return from Germany, and while she is protesting against the section of the treaty giving Shantung to Japan she should not overlook the separate agreement by which Shantung reverts to her.

In the long run China gets a good deal more out of this agreement than she otherwise would had Shantung continued in the possession of Germany.

The president seems to have abundant evidence to justify his statement that the opponents of the treaty either have not read it or they do not understand the English language.

BILL SHALER

In the fourteen years Bill Shaler was head of the mechanical department of The News Scimitar perhaps nobody ever told him how dependent we were upon him, but he must have known it, because nothing went wrong in the business office, the editorial department, the circulation department, the composing room, stereotyping room, the pressroom or the mailing room that "Bill" wasn't called upon to remedy it, and he never failed.

When machinery was breaking and men's overwrought nerves were on the verge of snapping, along came "Bill" and repaired the damaged parts and smoothed out the ruffled tempers with his genius as a mechanic and his unfailing good nature.

Shaler was the moving spirit in the Goodfellows, if we may say so, now that he is dead, and his spirit cannot protest against the publicity that he shunned in life. No man could make a dollar go farther than Bill Shaler when he went out to buy fruits and toys and clothing for the needy and neglected. Not only did he give his days, but he gave his nights to this work, and he helped to make it possible for no child to miss the Christmas visit from Santa Claus.

The sympathy of every member of The News Scimitar force goes out with a peculiar tenderness to the bereaved wife and to "Little Bill." This loss of a valued employe and of his association is a tragical thing that has come upon The News Scimitar.

The Republicans may be hard put to find a suitable candidate for president, but so far they have not shocked the country by the mention of the name of Big Bill Thompson, of Chicago, as a possible nominee.

Misfortune teaches that the atmosphere of the world is largely regulated by "hot air." The Mexican bandit seems to think it always open season for shooting Americans.

That Guiltiest Feeling—By Briggs

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On the Spur of the Moment by Roy K. Moulton

THOUGHTS OF SUMMER. Long ago, another year, when the summer last was here, I was much too small to know how the summer came to go! But the next time I shall see The first leaf on any tree. The first warm that's in the air I shall feel when it is there; I shall know the country through First the world has summer in it! —Josephine Van Dolzen Pease.

STEPHEN LUZANNE, OF LE MATIN.

A prominent Paris editor says the United States is short-sighted. Well, we may be short-sighted, but it was a good thing for Paris, including this editor, that we were not short of cash, courage and conviction. And if we remember the work of our gunners correctly, our sight—well, it was pretty fair.

An actress in the average musical show has a good chance to see most of the country and the country has a good chance to see most of the actress.

In Mount Pulaski, Ill., where 1,500 persons reside, not one of them had a bath for 48 hours. A citizen of the town left his faucet open all night. Morning found that the town tank was empty.

At a picnic of the Good Housewives' club one of the members shot his wife. The problem of finding out just what a good husband is has been experimented upon by every sober sinner in the country through married life stories, but the mystery seems to be growing deeper and deeper.

Why is it a woman who expects a telephone call from a man fixes her hair before the mirror, or before she answers the phone, when the bell rings?—Dixie Wallies.

THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE IS TO READ THIS COLUMN EVERY DAY.

Dear Roy—I was on my way to the river to throw myself into its enveloping tide, when I stopped and bought a copy of the paper and read your column. It saved my life. It gave me hope. I got back home and started life afresh, and since that day I have made \$147,000. Gratefully, I. J. T.

Dear Roy—I am 97. Two years ago the doctors gave me up. Then, upon the advice of a friend, I began reading your column. Today I feel like a man of 50. How can I ever thank you? B. D.

Dear Roy—I understand a movement is being inaugurated by a number of prominent ex-soaks throughout the United States to make Memorial day June 30 in memory of the departed spirits. BOBBY SPEC.

LOVE LAUGHS AT LOCKSMITHS, WHAT?

When Rev. Miller and his bride returned to the parsonage for their wedding trip late Thursday night they found the lock on the parsonage could not be forced. By getting Charlie Thomas awake and Mrs. Thomas, they arranged for accommodations with them.—Mercyville (La.) Banner.

Twice Told Tales

SEPTEMBER 6, 1902. New York bankers have promised Memphis merchants and banks that they will furnish all the money necessary to market the cotton crop this year.

The Memphis National bank has entered suit against B. M. Stratton, W. A. Collier, M. M. Gilchrist and the Appeal Publishing company, seeking to collect certain sums of money on promissory notes.

The striking machinists and shopmen of the Southern railway do not seem to hamper business any as all trains are running on schedule time. Mrs. Margaret M. Hughey, wife of Justice W. H. Hughey, is dead at the residence in Buntyn.

Miss Marie Lee Stewart is at the World's fair in Chicago. Miss Celine Barnes has returned from a visit to the southeast and will leave at once for the World's fair. Mrs. Thomas Day and Miss Louise Day, Mrs. Stetson Jones, Sacre and Master State Sawrie are en route to the World's fair.

Miss Marie Ed Bourne, accompanied by Miss Alice Bruce Starke, are making an extended tour of the North and South. They will spend a year at school in Washington.

Ye Editor Nods Joits and Jest's Skipped Past The Blue Pencil

HONEST CONFESSION? "Weighing around 300 pounds, Police- man W. H. Huber, Jr., of Berry street is assigned to the traffic violating squad."—News item in the esteemed C.

TILL HE QUIETS DOWN. "I reckon I'd better speak to your paw tonight, Zallie," said the young swain who had won the heart and hand of the eldest daughter of "Gib" Johnson, of Rumpus Ridge, Ark., and was desirous of obtaining her father's consent.

WARE MR. HUBER. Pity the fliover that hits Mr. Huber. The driver who'd do it could be made the very best of a man. For a smash at the mass of young Mr. Huber would crush any Liz as a squirrel would a goober.

MAY I NOT POINT OUT? A news item says that Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, was educated in the Louisiana state penitentiary. We didn't know that about Pat, but we'll bet the boys in the penitentiary that some Republican senators would be benefited by a six-year course at such a university.

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STARS INCLINE DON'T COMPEL HOROSCOPE FOR THE COMING DAY

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Although Mercury rules for good, there are many adverse influences, according to astrology, which make this day uncertain. Mars, Neptune, Uranus and Saturn are all in evil place.

It is a fairly fortunate way for ministers and speakers, who will gain attention easily, although they may be subject to criticism. Letters are under the best sort of planetary government, although business communication should be avoided.

Newspapers have the forecast of great gain through advertising. There appears to be also, indicating that new journals will be founded in more than one large city.

Neptune is in a place making for suspicion and distrust, which is likely to extend to churches and other organizations. There is a sign today making for skepticism and severe analysis of motives and principles that govern all welfare movements as well as religious organizations.

Uranus seems to give warning of an increase of nervous maladies, and many cases of mania or insanity. The death of a queen or woman who has a place representing power will take place in November, the seers declare.

Again warning is given that the West Indies will come under sinister planetary influences this autumn. Earthquakes as well as other calamities may cause serious losses.

Novel amusement centers that will take the place of those popular in the past are foretold. Some of these will be revivals of ancient recreation ideas.

There is an ominous aspect in the horoscope of the king of England, who may have many anxieties that will culminate in sensational events. Persons whose birthdate it is should beware of speculation in the coming year. Intrigue may cause losses.

Children born on this day are likely to be impetuous and full of life. The subjects of Virgo usually have eventful lives.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8, 1919. (Copyright, 1919, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate) According to astrology this is not a fortunate day for most human activities. Uranus and Mars are strongly adverse.

The conjunction of Mars with Neptune, which takes place on this date, is of ominous portent, denoting religious troubles in France and Italy. Storms and floods are foretold for 41 degrees west longitude and there may be disasters to shipping.

During this planetary sway the army and navy are likely to be subject to influences making for discontent and bitter rivalries. Great honors are to be bestowed on more than one military man, but none of these will be political, the seers assert.

Whatever is mechanical is most likely to suffer under this rule, and for this reason inventions accepted and manufactured by the government will be much condemned during this month in all probabilities.

While this configuration prevails persons are easily inclined to be abrupt, brusque and sarcastic. For this reason self-control is counseled. It is not a kindly way for domestic happiness. Increase of divorce is again prognosticated. There will be also efforts to change marriage laws and these will involve religious controversies.

All those who read the stars give special warning that the spoken word should be guarded, for the contagion of thought will be more rapid in the future than ever before. This is one of the signs of the new era.

Stic has the best possible planetary direction, making for widespread popularity. Bands will take the place of stilettoes, astrologers predict. Persons whose birthdate it is may meet with trouble and worry in business, but by discretion they may succeed.

Children born on this day may be restless and impulsive. These subjects of Virgo usually do not like to be held down to routine work, but they have brilliant possibilities.

WHEN HE RESIGNED. A certain judge could not control his temper, and consequently could not control other people. One day there was unusual disorder in court, and at last the judge could endure it no longer.

It is impossible to allow this persistent contempt of court to go on. He said, and I shall be forced to go to the extreme length of taking the one step that will stop it.

There was a long silence, then one of the leading counsel rose, and with just a trace of a smile inquired: "If it please your honor, from what date will your resignation take effect?"

FIGHTING NOT ENDED. "Do you believe that fighting is an end?" asked Mr. Dolan.

"Yes," replied Mr. Rafferty. "We're going to live peaceable hereafter."

"Well, I don't want to spoil any pleasant little meetings I'd like to have had before they changed the rules."

INDOOR SPORTS TRYING TO DECIDE A POINT IN A POKER GAME JUST AS MOORE IN THE MIDDLE OF A SWELL POT.

GENERAL AGENT OF CIRCUS IS BUSY AS WELL-KNOWN BEE

Agents of the Sells-Floto circus have been passing through Memphis for several weeks now, preparing for the coming of the big show on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Circus men have come to town and contracted the show grounds, feed, supplies of all kinds, to say nothing of city licenses and bills for transportation facilities for the long trains of the show. Now comes the first of the press agents, to be followed by the three advertising cars, filled with bill-posters, lithographs, banner men, country route and rail billers.

The noon day the general agent of the show came to town quietly and studied local conditions and business prospects. He hasn't much to do except route the show, order tons of billing sent to different points every week, command the activities of the 75 men of the advance, study crop reports, smooth

out railroad movements each day, receive reports of advance car managers, brigade managers, route riders and disbursing agents and keep shipments of paper by freight on their way, even if he has to get them through by airplane or wireless, for, be it known, there are no airplanes or airmail in the advance of the big show. Outside of that, the general agent of the Sells-Floto circus has nothing to do except visit cabarets and picture shows. But in due course of time, the show trains roll in, the great stretches of canvas arise on the left, and the two-mile gold and silver street parade, with its bands, its glittering, flashing cages and costumes, its floats and tableaux comes down the street. The big show is here and you and I will be there. We owe that to the men of the advance, don't we?

Wolf River Bridge Scene Of More Than One Tragedy

Last Friday night's tragedy in the dark bottom of Wolf river, where the New Raleigh road bridge crosses that sluggish and murky stream, was not the first one witnessed by the slobbering trees which stand guard on the far side of the stream from Memphis. Had Dumas lived to know of the other one he would have painted a word scene on the English churchyard at Memphis, the Milady at the Bethune ferry—the scene of so much human carnage for the Hung and the French.

By the same name—or he would have outdone the horror of Mordant's death in the English churchyard at Memphis. It was years ago that the other tragedy occurred, which witnessed the last and one of the few summary executions by the Ku-Klux. Two men from Tippah county, Mississippi, who had been scawlings during the war in a section where there was no end of free-boating at that period, had come up to old Shelby Depot, now Brunswick, and stolen a horse. The loss of the horse made it impossible for its owner to make a crop that season on which to feed his family the following winter, and there was scarcely a horse to be had in the country had the owner possessed enough money to buy one.

At any rate the Ku-Klux local of that section caught the men and sent word to others toward Memphis that they would be brought to Memphis that night by the New Raleigh road. When the party reached a "hogging" tree which overhung the road just before they reached the bridge the Ku-Klux Klan from Raleigh met them. The case was stated and three men voted "aye" on the motion to hang. One end was tied around the neck of one man as the two sat upon one mule, the line was passed

over the bending tree and made fast around the neck of the other. A man from a switch and the mule jumped from under them. As much under size as the other was above normal weight. As a consequence the midget was drawn up while the heavy man stood squarely upon both feet in the road without enough tension on the rope to disturb his breath or circulation.

But the Ku-Klux were not to be cheated by a difference in weight of a few pounds. One of them who died but a few years ago after having held public office for some years, clambered up the bending tree, folded his arms about the neck of the dying suspended man, swung off the tree and his added weight raised the heavy man from the ground.

When both souls had drifted away through the dark shadows of the deep forest to somewhere, the man released his hold and the Ku-Klux Klan departed as silently as they had gathered and operated.

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