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NOT FOR ARBITRATION

If the Washington Administration means to arbitrate the legal principles involved in the Ancona horror this will be the last straw of our burden of national ignominy...

GRIP DANGER SIGNALS OUT

An epidemic of grip which has been lurking in places north and west of this city is fast getting a hold here and unless preventive measures are observed and obeyed the dangerous ailment may become general in these parts.

The gist of the preventive measures recommended by health authorities is:

- 1. Don't sneeze or cough in your neighbor's face. 2. Keep out of crowds. 3. The Christmas crowds at the festivities, parties, shopping, and in crowded trains have caused the present outbreak of grip.

There is no specific cure for the dangerous grip. Prevention is the thing. So look out!

RURAL SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Among the most difficult problems that educators in this country now are working on is that of rural schools. In cities vocational education has been emphasized, and so much has been printed on the subject that the fact is apt to be overlooked that, in rural districts, the problem of affording children an elementary academic education has not yet been solved.

How changing social conditions are reflected in educational life was aptly illustrated in the address of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, before the American Civic Association yesterday. One unexpected handicap under which the rural schools now labor is the difficulty of getting places for the teachers to live.

VILLA TO THE BRUSH AGAIN

Francisco Villa, in a characteristically grandiose pronouncement, announces that he has changed his mind. He is not going to give up fighting, leave Mexico, and allow Carranza a free hand to reorganize the country.

OUR GROWTH IN SHIPBUILDING

The New York chamber of commerce, investigating the shipbuilding industry in this country, finds that we have been doing quite a lot of construction for a country that imagines itself without a merchant marine. In fact, the yards have been turning out about 1,300 vessels a year in normal times; but there has been a great variation in annual tonnage construction; in 1908 the figure was 614,000, while in the year ended June 30 last, it was only 225,000.

of the heap, Carranza down, and all signs indicating early triumph of Villa. In Mexico, which Americans are quite incapable of understanding, these sudden shifts of fortune go on and on; there seems no end; the fermentation subsides in one part of the mass, to redden its energy in another.

REIGN OF LAW, OR ANARCHY?

No man in the world is better postured to discuss the international consequences of the war than Elihu Root. His attitude is that of detachment and calm consideration. He knows his theme; knows the difficulties and the possibilities of the effort to establish a reign of international law; knows the attitudes of many governments toward it.

Just a little while ago the idea of a parliament of man seemed but the fantastic vision of a poetic dreamer. Today the world recognizes that after this conflict there must almost inevitably be either international law, strong and enforceable, or international anarchy. Which shall it be?

If international anarchy shall win, the world will undertake to impose international tyranny on the countries. There will be revolt against such terms, and chaos will result. If on the other hand the supporters of order and law shall prevail they may be expected to take steps that will insure the future against militarism running amuck in this world.

The menace of unbridled ambition coupled with unrestrained audacity and unlimited privilege to build the machinery of conquest, has been proved. The world has been shown small enough and feeble enough to face a very crisis in its civilization because a little group of megalomaniacs conceived their destiny to rule a universe.

Mr. Root rightly insists that there can be but one protection against such a menace; and that is the rule of world-law backed by world-power consolidated and controlled sufficiently to insure that the crime shall never again be dared. Mr. Root states the case thus: "The war began by a denial on the part of the great powers of the treaties which are obligatory when it is no longer for the interest of either of the parties to observe them."

Yes, there is "some reason to think" that after the war there will be a tendency to strengthen the law of nations. There is exactly as much reason to think that will happen, as there is to think that the powers which are fighting for the overthrow of militarism and terrorism will prevail.

Perhaps the American people do not quite realize that approximately one-half of the Jewish population of the world lives in Poland—or did before the war. That is, in the various German, Austrian, and Russian provinces which made up old Poland before the partition.

THE SUFFERING HEBREWS

Secretary Redfield has approved the following changes in the personnel of the Department of Commerce forces: Promotion of William E. Greenwald and Edward J. Gardner; transfer of Marcus C. Lee from the Department of Commerce to the Interior; Department resignation of Revoe C. Briggs and promotion of Charles Shaw in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

U. S. CALLED TO INTERVIEWERS

State Department, However, Will Not Hold Aviators Here From France.

Secretary of State Lansing today received second telegram from German sympathizers in New York demanding the internment of Lieut. William Thaw, Sergt. Elliot Cowden, and Sergt. Norman Prince, three Americans who are members of the French flying corps, and who are in the United States on furlough.

On Peaceful Mission. It was definitely stated today, however, that in no event will the United States order the internment of the three aviators. The State Department takes the position that the three aviators, although serving in the armed forces of France, are in the United States on a peaceful mission.

Called "Gross Offense." Secretary Lansing is told in the telegram today that the escape of Thaw, Cowden and Prince under the circumstances, would "constitute a grave international offense" and that "the United States will be responsible for the damage that may be caused by their flight."

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POLICEMAN SHELBY TO SPEAK AT SCHOOL

Will Open Course Monday For Closer Relationship Between Pupils and Bluecoats.

William S. Shelby, of the Metropolitan police, detailed in the office of the chief of police, Police Chief McGinnis, will on Monday morning at Morgan school, deliver the first of a series of lectures designed by Major Pullman to bring the guardians of the law and the school children of the city into closer relationship.

Encouraged by Government. Since the war in Europe started it has become known that some foreign governments take measures to encourage their citizens emigrating to America.

Negro Academy Will End Meeting Tonight

The final session of the nineteenth annual meeting of the American Negro Academy is to be held tonight in the M. C. A. building, in Twelfth street.

Santa Claus Visits Fort Myer Children

The children of the military reservation at Fort Myer were visited by Santa Claus yesterday at the Christmas celebration of the enlisted men at the post.

Answers Boy-Ed. The Providence Journal, which was attacked by Capt. Boy-Ed in his farewell statement as a sample of the irresponsible press in the country, wireless its answer to the captain on board the Rotterdam. The Journal denies that it fabricated any of its statements.

Educational Campaign Organized to Hasten Naturalization in U.S.

Federal Bureau Would Make 'New Citizens' Literate And Intelligent—Alarming Tendency of Aliens to Remain Aliens Is Prevalent in All Sections.

By JUDSON C. WELIVER.

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On the other hand, a citizen is subject to jury duty, which an alien is not; likewise to military service, which an alien is not. In States which impose a poll tax on voters the alien escapes it.

MANY NOW ACTUALLY VOTE. Finally, there are a number of States in which an alien may actually vote, if he has taken out his first papers; that is, declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

Better Chance in Kansas. Thus it appears that in Kansas City one out of every 153 persons of alien birth took citizenship papers in the last fiscal year, while in Cuyahoga county one out of every 108 took such papers.

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DELIVER PEACE TALK IN NEW YEAR ORDERS

ALLIES CONTRACT FOR CONTINUOUS DELIVERY FOR TWO YEARS. \$200,000,000 CONTRACT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Large additional war orders—most of them placed with an injunction of secrecy—have been received in the past month or six weeks by those American corporations whose operations are all but indispensable to the allies.

These new and largely increased orders have impressed officers of big munition companies as of the highest significance, for the reason that at about the time the negotiations for the \$200,000,000 Anglo-French loan were in their final stages, there was a lull in the placing of orders, and this inactivity continued for some time after conclusion of the negotiations.

\$200,000,000 Order. An idea of the amount of these new war orders may be derived from the fact that one company has secured an aggregate of \$200,000,000 in new contracts in the last few months.

Reasons for placing orders for delivery in two years are that, even in the event of a termination of hostilities before that time, there is the contingency that the peace would be little more than a truce, and Europe a camp which still must be armed, and that the mobilization of workers in the British munition factories has not been attended with complete success because of a scarcity of skilled labor.

Many Plants Increased. Most of the big orders of the past month have been for arms, ammunition, motor vehicles, railroad supplies, rubber, copper, steel, and pig iron. For munitions the orders have been so great as to necessitate further additions to the large plants at East.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation, already pushed to its capacity, has war orders on its books for 570 years' straight delivery, to say nothing of its business in fabricated steel, particularly structural steel, for domestic delivery.

Midvale Has Big Orders. Next to the Schwab plants, which have been so necessary to the allies that Mr. Schwab could charge his own price, the biggest of the recent orders are understood to have gone to the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company.

WHAT'S THE PROGRAM CAPITAL TODAY

Luncheon, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Raleigh, 12:30 to 2 p. m. Christmas tree celebration to poor children and their parents, Shiloh Church, I street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets northwest.

Friends of Merritt O. Chance, Postmaster of Washington, who was learned today, are hopeful of his confirmation despite the activity of his opponents.

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Redfield Approves Department Changes

One Year Ago Today in the War

Grand Duke Nicholas made a frantic effort to check the German onrush through Poland. Italy gave Turkey forty-eight hours to release the British consul at Hodeida.