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Build Up to Parity?

ANALYSES by most qualified observers of the bi-party tentative agreement arrived at between American and British representatives at London carry a general tone of disquietude. The Americans went to London with instructions from President Hoover to seek naval parity in terms of reduction. The British had been long in their protestations that they also wanted reduction. Now it appears that naval parity between the two nations is to be attained by a vast building up of the American fleet to meet the proportions of the British fleet. The estimated cost to the United States is something like half a billion dollars.

The preliminary agreement which constitutes so wide a departure from the objective as discussed by the President and Mr. MacDonald when he was in this country was first made known in a public statement issued by Secretary Stimson at London. First reaction to that statement was one of relief that a turning point had been passed and that it was a harbinger of success of the general conference. Realization that Mr. Stimson's achievement, if so it may be called, was going to be a pretty costly one for the United States followed gradually. Now there is recognition that what he has agreed to is completely foreign to what he was set by the President to do.

The British are reported as amazed at their own easy victory in their contention for navy cruisers. Once more, as at Versailles, cross-Atlantic diplomacy seems to have proved too much for American diplomacy.

The British asked a cruiser tonnage of 329,000 tons. The United States asked for 327,000 tons. Mr. Stimson agrees that Britain may build down to the United States tonnage or that the United States may build up to the British tonnage. Each nation may duplicate the fleet of the other. Since Britain has steadily contended for a large cruiser fleet it is practically certain that she will stand on her own figures and let the United States build up to it. Still more astounding is Mr. Stimson's proposal that the United States be allowed to build a 55,000 ton battleship in order to equalize the fleets in that class.

This nation in protection of its own safety is determined to be second to none in naval strength but it wants naval reduction by agreement. "It cannot be too low for us," President Hoover has said and saying it he expressed the desire of the country's majority. Mr. Stimson's announced concessions constitute a surrender of the President's contention that actual cruiser reduction be achieved. The agreement is not final. Perhaps there will be reconsideration. There should be.

Statistics

IF YOU have a flare for the perusal of statistics the following published through the courtesy of the Whaley-Eaton Corporation should be of more than passing interest:

"With 7% of the world's population, the United States consumes 48% of the world's coffee, 53% of its tin, 56% of its rubber, 21% of its sugar, 72% of its silk, 36% of its coal, 42% of its pig iron, 47% of its copper, 69% of its crude petroleum, and owns 23 of the 26 million running automobiles. It operates 60% of the world's telephone and telegraph facilities, 33% of the world's railroads, and produces and consumes more than 25% of the world's total electric power.

"This nation embraces 6% of the world's area, but it produces 70% of all the oil, 60% of the wheat and cotton, 50% of the copper and pig iron and 40% of the lead and of the coal output of the globe.

"Holding approximately one-half of the world's monetary gold, the United States has two-thirds of the total banking resources of the earth.

"While its population was increasing by 60%, its industrial production increased by 300%. The purchasing power of the 120 million citizens of this country is greater than that of the 500 million Europeans and is much greater than that of the more than a billion Asiatics.

"The 400 billions of national wealth will be 1000 billions before now living die, and they will see the national income of 20 bil-

lions doubled. The national savings may run to 10 billions a year." Concrete facts and statistics are presented in the foregoing which are of lively interest to all. Upon sober reflection this article will tend to dissipate thoughts of a pessimistic nature as to the soundness of fundamental conditions upon which rests the future national outlook.

One day's dispatches from Los Angeles say that Alexander Panagiotis is about to die in jail. The next day's dispatches tell about a vast new theatrical circuit that he is about to organize. If the latter report proves correct the reader will not have much trouble in deciding how untrue the other one is. It looks as though Mr. Panagiotis is overplaying his hand a little.

Announcement of the state tax commission that intangibles income taxes paid now will be refunded in case the court attack on the law is upheld removes that last reason against full compliance with the law and payment of the tax by those who come under it.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

Loud Clarion Call
(Medford Mail-Tribune)
There is still a lack of candidates for the legislature from this neck of the woods. Such is always way for a two-legged, two-legged, upstanding, down-sitting, very, fearless, affable, amiable citizen who can enter the political field without becoming an evangelist.

Against Breakege
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
The Rev. Mr. Payne of the Baptist church at Salem who was recently fined for cracking one of the deacons over the head with a chair, has been given a vote of confidence by his church and relieved for another year. It's none of our business and perhaps the pastor was fully justified, but we advise the church to get its furniture insured.

A Break for the Governor
(Astoria Astorian)
Governor Norblad got another fine political break when Senator Jay Upton of Deschutes county came out openly in his support. Senator Upton, who ran for the nomination at the time Governor Patterson won it, has been considered a possibility this year. He has a strong following, particularly in central and eastern Oregon where Norblad is least known. He has worked in the senate with Corbett, Norblad, Hall and Bennett. Announcement of his support by the Clatsop county man and his appeal to his supporters to transfer their support to him undoubtedly places Norblad farther in the lead.

Editorials on News

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of people. When large numbers of people feel that they have been unjustly dealt with, radicals find it easy to stir up demonstrations such as that at Los Angeles.

"BUT," you say, if you are an intelligent and observant reader of the papers, "there was a similar demonstration in Portland on the same day; and Portland is certainly not a piggy city. What does THAT mean?"

It means, in all probability, that there is an organized effort to stir up communist troubles in the United States. There is plenty of evidence of that, all over the country.

PERHAPS you ask: "How shall we deal with these demonstrations?" That, in this writer's judgment, is a significant question. It will be answered in many different ways, the answers varying according to the outlook, the mental make-up and the breadth of vision of those who give them.

IF YOU are an extremist on the conservative side, you will say: "Put them down ruthlessly. Throw the demonstrators in jail. Show these crazy cranks that this isn't Russia."

If you are an extremist on the radical side, you will say: "Down with the rich! Away with capitalist government! The world owes us a living, and if the rich won't give it to us, we will TAKE IT BY FORCE!"

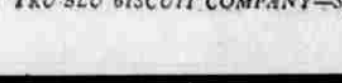
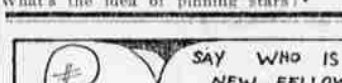
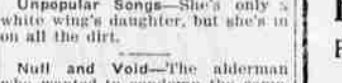
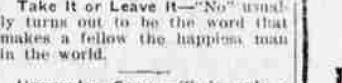
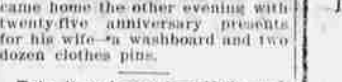
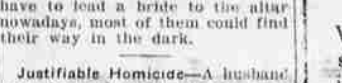
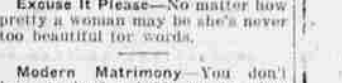
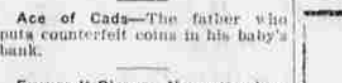
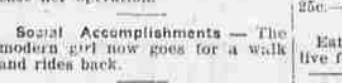
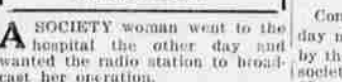
IF YOU are one of the great body of intelligent, reasonable people, who do not build with the extremists on either side and who provide the balance wheel of common sense in this country, you will say:

"We must restrain foolish and wicked efforts to destroy BY FORCE our government and our institutions. That goes without saying. But if there are genuine evils in this country, which cause people to rise in indignant protest, we must use all our energy unselfishly to CURE these evils."

THIS writer has ample faith that if the sensible, reasonable, right-thinking people assert themselves and demand reasonable, fair policies, we shall never have much occasion to worry about communist uprising.

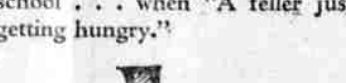
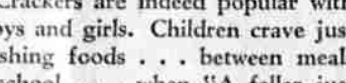
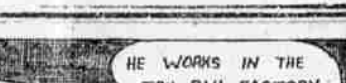
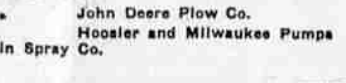
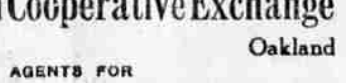
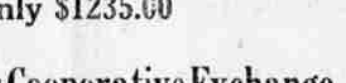
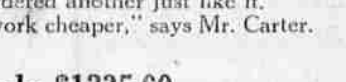
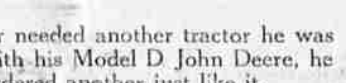
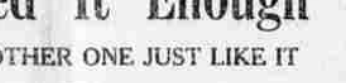
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By Geo. McManus

I HOPE SO



NEW IMMIGRATION BILL GIVEN O. K.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The revised Johnson bill to restrict western hemisphere immigration to an annual total of about 65,000 was approved today by the house immigration committee.

Drafted after lengthy hearings, the measure would set a limit of 55,556 on the number of native born Canadians entering this country each year and a limit of 2,900 on Mexicans.

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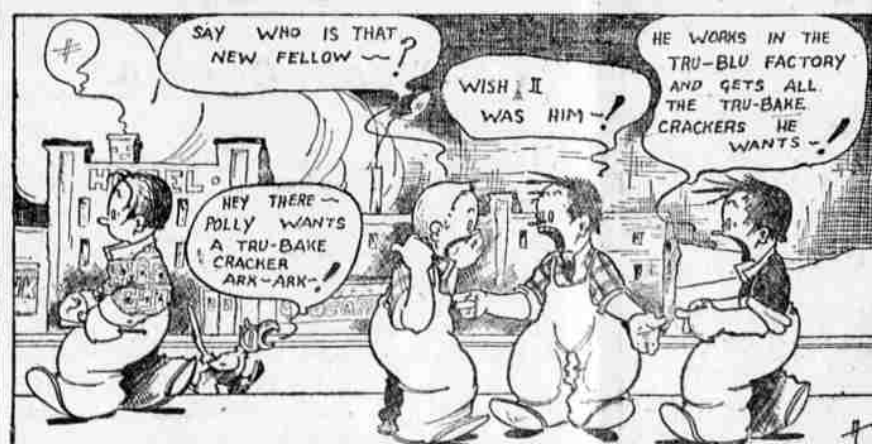
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