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WHY NOT A CHINESE DELEGATION.

To the great majority of the American people the European war has brought a quickening sense of our own unpreparedness and a desire to strengthen our defenses so that we shall be in a position vigorously and successfully to resist aggressions by any foreign power. Yet the pacifists on the Oscar II the lesson of the war is directly the reverse. To them it seems a high moral crime for the United States to strengthen itself. Particularly do they take it as an affront that the United States should be looking to the increase of its military and naval power at the very time when they are embarked upon an expedition in the hope of carrying peace to Europe, as if our voice would in some mysterious way be rendered less persuasive and would command less respect and a more restricted hearing if it had power behind it. At the indignation meeting held over the president's message one of the speakers declared:

"We are going abroad now on a mission to stop a terrible war among nations, every one of which is prepared in a military way. This is no time to disturb American traditions and prepare the United States for war."

Why doesn't China send a peace delegation to Europe? That nation is the apostle of unpreparedness. The Chinese have not believed in fighting, they have held to higher ideals, they have been too proud to fight. If one of the requisites to a hearing for peace emissaries in Europe is that they come from a nation that believes in peace and that has consistently refused to make any preparations for anything else, that has permitted itself to be governed for centuries by an outside race that happened to be more warlike, that has been unable at any time to do anything but turn the other cheek whenever it was smitten upon the one, the logical thing for Mr. Ford to do would be to run the Oscar II around to China and pick up some real apostles of peace.

We would even suggest that it is altogether unnecessary for any delegation to be sent to Europe, for the inhabitants of Puxemburg, should be

eminently qualified to act, but for the fact that there doesn't seem to be any Puxemburg any more. That little duchy used to be the one European state that could measure up to the Bryan-Ford party standard. It made no preparations for war, but relied upon its own inoffensiveness and the pledged word of the nations of the world to protect it. But unfortunately we don't know just what has become of Puxemburg. It seems to have disappeared from the map in some way, which is unfortunate, for the pacifists could no doubt gather much moral support and encouragement from it if they could only find it.

ONE GOVERNOR'S PLAN GOOD.

If Governor Ferris of Michigan carries out his plan to have liquor and drug addicts who are sent to prison treated for those diseases, so that when released from confinement they will be able to resist the temptation to indulge in these poisons, he will have rendered humanity a service. He finds that many of the men whom he has paroled have been returned to prison because they had gone back to their old habits. It would seem that deprivation from liquor and drugs during a long term of imprisonment would have removed the hankering for them, but this seems not to be the case.

It is becoming more difficult all of the time for drug addicts to get their stimulants, owing to the rigid measures put forth by the officers of the federal government, backed by the police departments. That the illicit sale of drugs is being gradually suppressed is evident from the number of victims who are seeking medical treatment in the hope of having the craving removed.

During the past week twenty eight victims presented themselves at one of the hospitals in a prominent city, for treatment because of their inability to secure supplies of heroin, cocaine, or morphine, to which they had been addicted.

Over one hundred men and women engaged in the illegal drug trade have been arrested during the past six weeks. The chief difficulty encountered by the police in stamping out the sale of these drugs is the enormous profit made by the peddlers, to gain which they will take a chance of getting caught and of receiving a prison sentence. One ounce of heroin, cocaine or morphine contains about 160 "decks" as the little packets which the peddlers distribute are called. Heroin costs \$10.50 an ounce, cocaine \$4 and morphine \$8.75. In the New York theatrical district a "deck" of heroin has been selling for \$5, which would mean a profit of over \$800 on an investment of \$10.50. In the poorer districts of the city, adulterated drugs are peddled for \$1 to \$3 a "deck" and it is said that the peddlers often get thirty "decks" out of a dram of drug, or 240 "decks" to an ounce.

China is exporting eggs to this country so there will soon be plenty of material at hand with which to criticize theatrical performances.

Former Senator Burrows left an estate of only \$100,000, but a man's achievements in life cannot always be judged by the money he stores away.

Elihu Root has resumed the practice of law. It is presumed he is reading up on how to draft a constitution the state of New York will accept.

Germany is reported very hostile to Henry Ford's plan. Kaiser Bill is probably too busy to bother with automobile agents.

There's no Christmas rush at The Hague peace tribunal.

The Torch of Civilization.

In the history of civilization first one nation arises and becomes the torch bearer and then another takes the torch as it becomes stronger, the stronger always pushing the weaker aside and becoming in its turn the leader. Each nation that has borne the torch of civilization has followed some path peculiarly its own. Egyptian, Syrian, Persian, Greek, Roman, Frank, all had their ideal of power—order and progress directed under supreme authority. We Anglo-Saxons bear the torch of civilization because we possess the principles of civil liberty, and we have the character, or should have the character, which our fathers have transmitted to us, with which to uphold it. If we have not, then be sure that with the certainty of a law of nature some nation—it may be one or it may be another—already knocking at our doors, will push us from the way and take the torch and bear it onward, and we shall go down.—Thomas Nelson Page.

Classification of Stars.

In classifying stars astronomers recognize six degrees of magnitude, but the term relates to radiance or brilliancy rather than to size. Although the classification is somewhat arbitrary, yet each degree of magnitude is approximately two and a half times as brilliant as a star of the next magnitude below. Then, too, each magnitude is about three times more numerous than the one which precedes it. Beginning with the brightest, there are visible without a glass about twenty stars of the first magnitude, about sixty-five of the second magnitude, nearly 200 of the third magnitude, over 400 of the fourth magnitude, about 1,100 of the fifth and over 3,000 of the sixth. The total number of stars that can be seen by the unaided eye is about 5,000, but not all at one time. This takes no account of the millions, perhaps hundreds of millions, in regions of space that cannot be reached by the unaided eye.

Hot Winds.

The sirocco blows hot from the highlands of north Africa and falls on the Mediterranean as far as Malta. The salano jumps like a windy fireball from the heat of the Sahara desert and lands flatfooted in Spain. The harmatan blows hot Sahara dust far into the Atlantic and gives nosebleeds and makes skin and lips parch and crack, while furniture and ship timbers groan and crack and scream in an agony of droughty despair. The khamsin blows Sahara's ancient dust into Egyptian eyes every fifty days. The pampero periodically blow down into Buenos Aires out of the unexplored desert highlands of Brazil, and the blowing causes suicides and murders to be more common and wounds to break out afresh, with a heavy death rate. Pamperos pass away in a second, leaving the air fine.—Exchange.

2,363,872 BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

European War Has Slightly Affected Growth of Capital Institution.

The Library of Congress at the close of the fiscal year on June 30 last had 2,363,872 books on its shelves, according to the annual report of Herbert Putnam, the librarian. The library also owns 143,553 maps and charts, 727,808 volumes and pieces of music and 385,757 prints, besides many valuable pieces of correspondence and many rare prints and documents.

The European war, the report says, has served to prevent the growth of the library to some extent, but the addition of books nevertheless was almost as great as in former years.

WED TO DEAD SOLDIER.

Government Will Recognize Ceremony and Grant Pension to Widow.

The custom of marriage by proxy, which has come into vogue during the war, has placed a young Parisian woman in a curious situation. She was married by proxy on Nov. 17 to Sergeant Joseph Conduche. On Dec. 1 she was informed officially that Sergeant Conduche had been killed at Souchez on Sept. 28, several weeks before the marriage.

Although the marriage is invalid in law, the authorities, taking account of Sergeant Conduche's intentions, will give a widow's pension to the bereaved woman.

Hope For Hairless.

Dr. Robert B. Clark of Monroe, Wis., insanity expert, says hairless domes indicate sanity. He said: "I have examined several hundred patients as to their sanity. I have had the opportunity of studying many hundreds of others, and in all my experience I have yet, with a single exception, to see an insane man who was baldheaded."

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If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

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