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HUNTING FOR A GOAT

The ship building program of the United States is worrying foreign governments, and Japan especially is "seeing things."

They have been so accustomed to seeing us reduced to a state of defenselessness that they can not conceive the possibility of our becoming a nation capable of kicking the pants of any country that may see fit to attack us.

The wealth of the United States and our facilities for increasing it dazes the paupers of Europe, and it is with grave concern that they view us erecting a Chinese wall around our borders in the shape of a powerful navy.

Just now they are laying great stress upon the importance of universal disarmament, but they are a unit in wanting "George" to lead the procession. The "George" in this instance is the United States.

If all countries would disarm and stop fighting it would be a godsend to the world, but certainly this country is not going to be placed in the position of "everybody's goat" by disarming while other nations retain their fighting equipment.

All Europe knows full well that it has nothing to fear from an attack by this country. If we ever fight again it will be because some other nation places us in a position where no other course is open to us.

But the increasing power and importance of the American republic is disconcerting to the bankrupt governments across the seas, and their appeals for disarmament bear the earmarks of a thinly veiled attempt to reduce us to a state where they can rob and plunder us at will, to say nothing of the ten billions of dollars some of them owe us and which they do not pay.

We are a peace loving people, with a sincere desire to be fair and just in our dealings with all of the nations of the earth.

We will never fight except in self defense, or to resent unforgivable affronts.

But we are not a nation of rich imbeciles, as some of our European friends appear to believe.

Great armaments were first created in Europe.

Let disarmament begin at the same place, and America will gladly dismantle the mailed fist at the same rate of speed.

In the meantime European statesmen would do well to bear in mind the fact that serving as an international goat does not appeal to the average American.

RECLAIMED NEW ENGLAND.

The timely article of a few years ago dealt with the abandoned farms of New England and showed dreary pictures of deserted farmhouses and bleak hillides left to their native rocks and trees. The article of today deals with reclaimed farms in the same area and shows old houses renovated and occupied, gasoline engines in action and hillides dotted with grazing stock or planted to hardy young fruit trees. A perceptible outward trend in the farming life which swept westward for so many years accounts for the change.

This outward movement is due partly to the fact that land is cheaper in the west than in the east. The accessibility of industrial markets stimulates it also. Then the farmer of today, thanks to the agencies and experiments of his forefathers, knows enough to pull his products to his environment. He will not try to raise prairie crops on his rocky hills and in his narrow valleys. He will specialize in stock, poultry, fruits and market gardening. To all his efforts to will bring the intensive methods which assure much from little.

AN UNDERSEA DREAD NAUGHT.

A recent dispatch from Berlin reads: "Much interest was occasioned here today by the report that a well-known professor, Oswald Pflaum, of the Charlottenburg Technical School, had discovered a means of attaining stability whereby giant submarines, as large and as powerfully armored as dreadnaughts, could be constructed. The Lokal Anzeiger called it an epoch-making discovery which revolutionizes sea warfare. When seen tonight, Prof. Pflaum said that the press reports were exaggerated. He said, however, that his experiments might have a vital influence on naval construction and warfare. "For old Berlin they little it has learned, if it still remains over an

epoch-making submarine! It was the German submarine as it existed in the war years that was said to have revolutionized sea warfare. It was also the German submarine on which so much of that deluded nation's faith in victory was pinned. And it was the German submarine that finally routed the fleet of the United States and sent us into the war with a rush, and thereby insured Germany's defeat.

Yet it does not become the United States to laugh at Berlin for failing for this bank—one is tempted to say film-land. So long as the United States avows a desire to possess a world-beating navy of its own, how can the less peaceable Germany be expected to go ahead constructing the biggest fleet of dreadnaughts afloat. It is a sure thing that some other nation—if not Germany—will develop another destructive force no less huge and diabolical.

DEFINITENESS FOR GERMANY.

Germany has been pleading that what she wanted most of all was to get rid of uncertainty regarding her own obligations. She wanted to know exactly "where she was at." Much of her delay and neglect she sought to excuse on this very ground, that some of the terms were vague. Now, thanks to the clear, definite policy announced by Briand, the new French premier, Germany knows where she stands. All she has to do is to do what France tells her, and carry out to the letter the terms of the Versailles treaty, with such slight modifications as have already been made. France has yielded as much as she intends to yield, and waited as long as the interests to wait. The precise amount of German reparations is still unsettled, but France insists on the main point, that Germany must start paying, and must pay as much as circumstances shall prove her able to pay, without permanently crippling her industries.

The prices of eggs and butter are coming down—but it's too late. Most of us have broken ourselves of eating them.—Klamath Falls Herald. More than half the population of the country lives in the cities, according to the census bureau, and especially lack of houses is the only reason the city dweller doesn't move in.—Eugene Register.

STOCKMEN—ATTENTION.

On the second Saturday in February, being the 12th day, the 4th Annual Convention of the Walla Walla C. B. Association will meet in Walla Walla at the Commercial Club at ten o'clock a. m. sharp. Matters of special interest are to come before the meeting and an urgent desire is requested of all the local organizations coming from the Wenatchee & Daintila National Forest to attend. C. A. WINN, Sec. Treas. Only Jan. 28-Feb. 4.

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Wash. He has not been here since last Christmas eve. But the children still beg for their mother and tell in pitiful attempts to make them selves understood of running away from her and their home in a Seattle apartment house. Each repetition of the story by little Jack garies reds, "But we are going back some day."

Both the children are golden haired and blue eyed. The man who brought them here is dark and the children in no way resemble him, says Dr. Schleicher.

The doctor has received scores of letters regarding the children, not only from those who believe they have a solution of the mystery, but from many who wish to adopt the youngsters. But Dr. Schleicher is still trying to find the children's mother and the Seattle apartment house from which they pay they were taken.

RUSSELL IN THE MAN WHO DARED? O'Kane is "in wrong" with and in love with the girl wants. This is the question in "The Man Who Dared" by William Fox phonograph. William Russell, which is the Star Theatre at 5th Sunday.

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CARD OF THANKS

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BENEFIT MATINEE—The Arcade and Sherry Theatres will give benefit shows Saturday at 10 a. m. for the starving children of Europe. Regular prices—adults, 25c; children, 10c. Entire proceeds to go to the relief fund.

MASONIC LODGE NOTICE. There will be work in Master Mason Degree Friday evening, Jan. 28, 1921, at Special Meeting of La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. By Order of W. M. ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, Secretary. 1-27-21

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