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### NO ISOLATION

"In the field of foreign commerce," says Secretary Hoover, "the shrinkage of our exports thunders at the doors of every home in America the warning that we have no isolation from the problems of the world."

At the meeting of the international section of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in Atlantic City last week, almost every one of the speakers touched on this same subject, to much the same effect, emphasizing the importance to the United States of restoring business stability in Europe, and the impossibility of such restoration without participation on the part of the American government and American capital in foreign reconstruction.

The report showing a drop of more than 50 per cent in our March exports from those of the previous March was an eye-opener. The reduction of the Pennsylvania Railroad's dividend rate to the lowest point in more than half a century was another. Every intelligent business man realizes now that American prosperity is inseparably tied up with European prosperity—that until the German war settlement is determined satisfactorily, the Allies cannot get back to a normal basis, pay their debts to America or buy American goods, and until they do one way or the other there can be no resumption of normal industry and trade in this country, no general re-employment of labor, no stabilization of prices and profits, no steadiness financially or politically.

The government fortunately shows an appreciation of this fact, and is pursuing a foreign policy which smacks little of the "isolation" which many Americans were but lately extolling as ideal. It becomes more evident every day that disregard of world problems and separation from world negotiations, however desirable in theory, are impossible in practice. We have to sit in council continually with foreign nations to keep them from wronging or cheating us, and we have to help them in order to help ourselves.

### LOST, 65,000 GIRLS

At a convention in Washington of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations it was stated that 65,000 young girls in the United States disappeared from their homes last year. Many of them have never been traced. The aid of the associations was asked in checking the evil which police and civic associations are unable to cope unaided. One of the first results of the appeal is to be the stimulation of the campaign against loose morals, suggestive dress and all the evil influences which tend to turn the young girl's head. That is all right as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. For every unwholesome thing that is taken away a clean interest must be supplied. Young lives will not be left a vacuum. Nature's abhorrence holds good here if anywhere. If unwholesome excitement and false standards are not to fill young minds, there must be plenty to do that is good fun and yet is clean and safe. plenty of free youthful association under kindly and understanding chaperonage. Youthful spirit can not be nipped, it can only be guided; and something is sadly wrong with those responsible for the guiding when 65,000 young girls disappear from home in a single year.

### PRESIDENT HARDING AND AERONAUTICS

In his address to the sixty-seventh Congress convened in extraordinary session, April 12, President Harding made the following reference to our present aeronautic situation:

"Aviation is inseparable from either the Army or Navy, and the government must, in the interest of national defense, encourage its development for military and civil purposes.

"The encouragement of the civil development of aeronautics is es-

### POLITICAL HISTORY

May 8, 1802. William Strong, born; Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

May 6, 1853. Philander C. Knox, born. Attorney General under McKinley.

May 6, 1861. Arkansas seceded from the Union.  
Washington and Adams, began their administrations by addressing Congress in a speech, to which Congress replied.

Jefferson addressed Congress in a written message, which Webster has been followed by all subsequent Presidents.

Garfield's first act after taking the oath of office as President of the United States was to kiss his

pecially desirable as relieving the government largely of the expense of development, and of maintenance of an industry, now almost entirely borne by the government through appropriations for the military, naval and postal air services. The air mail service is an important initial step in the direction of commercial aviation. "It has become a pressing duty of the Federal Government to provide for the regulation of air navigation; otherwise independent conflicting legislation will be enacted by the various states which will hamper the development of aviation. The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, in a special report on this subject has recommended the establishment of a Bureau of Aeronautics in the Department of Commerce for the Federal regulation of air navigation, which recommendation ought to have legislative approval. "I recommend the enactment of legislation establishing a Bureau of Aeronautics in the Navy Department of national trans-continental Navy activities in aeronautics, and removing the restriction on the personnel detailed to aviation in the Navy. "The army air service should be continued as a coordinate combatant branch of the army, and its existing organization utilized in co-operating with other agencies of the government in the establishment of national trans-continental airways and in cooperation with the states in the establishment of local air routes and landing fields."

If the purchasing power of money continues increasing, people may soon be spending times as recklessly as they did dollars last year.

All is not pacific in the Pacific. "1422 is dying!" reports a male lover. And evidently of delirium tremens.

Unscrupling a trust is nothing compared with the job of unscrupling that Paris treaty.

At last we know what we fought the war for. Yap!

Shawls Came First. The shawl is the mother of all clothes. Before scissors were invented all humans wore anything at all, wore shawls. The bold or the climate the larger and heavier the shawl. In the tropics the shawl was of leaf size. The summer shawl is our sheet. The toga, and finally the clothes of today emerged from the original shawl. Even as late as our Civil war men wore shawls for overcoats.

Contents interesting. Some people don't stand idly by, they help. The hero of the story started many men as they were passing.

### THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—  
Quite Different

"Fair maid may I come out to call?"  
"I'm sure, sir, I don't getcha."  
"Or may I take you to the hall?"  
"Ah, now I hear! You betcha."

The society reporter of a New York paper chronicles that "Mrs. Soandoo has, as a house guest, Mrs. Somebody Else."

So those New Yorkers have quit entertaining their company in the garage, eh?

Fliver Wheeze No. 1234567890  
Sir: A heavy-set man with a perspiring visage was trying, with great enthusiasm and very little success, to squeeze himself under the steering wheel of a widely known, medium-priced car. The high gloss of the car indicated that it was newly purchased and the efforts of the fat person soon began to attract the attention of pedestrians who paused to watch.

The incumbent was about to abandon his efforts when an unfeeling onlooker remarked, "It serves him right for not trying it before he bought it."

Ben Bolt  
An Englishman lamenting the decadence of modern humor, declares the joke of today isn't what it used to be. Yep, same old joke—he does n't recognize it under its whiskers.

Save Possibly "Furder"  
There's nothing makes  
One's brain feel wicker  
Than hearing some  
Bloke murmur "Nearder."

When a man can sit calmly without either blushing, grinning or clearing his throat while the toastmaster is introducing him, he may be said to have poise.

The Bill Is Not Without Its Redemptive Features  
From the Philadelphia Ledger  
CONTINUOUS VAUDEVILLE-DOT-TLE CLAIRE AND MAIDS  
"Potticoast"—Other acts worth while.

Owing to the shortage of paper the government is selling post cards which it has had on hand for thirty years! We mention this merely in the interest of fair play to Mr. Hayes.

All Correct  
Men are great only as they are kind  
A smile is the same in any language  
The best way to get even is to forget.  
—Moonheart Magazine

Women and Secrets  
Their age is about the only thing women attempt to conceal these days.

To the Rescue  
We often knock what the women wear, but bless their hearts they never wear our muffs in winter.

H. C. of L.  
The great question of the hour is the canal question," said a local man recently.  
"Panama?"  
"No, Alimentary" said the La Grande. "How to keep traffic passing through it at present food prices."

How They Get That Way  
Some men use all the material they have on hand making fools of themselves.—Kansas Pythian.  
And it's marvelous the supply some of us have.

Matter of Life and Death  
A minister who guarded his morning study hour very carefully told the new maid that in no case were callers to be admitted—except, of course, he added, in a case of life and death.  
"Half an hour later the maid knocked at his door.  
"A gentleman to see you, sir."  
"Why, I thought I told you—"  
"Yes, I told him," she replied, "but he says it's a question of life and death."  
"So he went down stairs and found an insurance agent—Houston Post.  
Not For Feminine Ears  
"Why do you sit there tooting the automobile horn?" asked a passing friend.  
"My husband told me to, so that I wouldn't hear his remarks, while he is fixing the machine."—Boston Transcript.

Talcum Powders.  
Talcum Powders at 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. These prices should appeal to you. They are lower than they have been for some years.

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### MANY FLOWERS ARE STOLEN

HOMES WITH FLOWER GARDENS VISITED BY PILFERERS.  
Blossoms Clipped at Midnight from Blooming Plants—Tracks Left in Soft Earth.

Look out for a sensation in which there will be some scrambling and shuddering among friends of a certain man and woman who have lost their sense of fairness and decency to the extent that they willfully enter flower gardens of the different homes in La Grande at the midnight hour and cut the blossoms from plants which have had tender care.

Footprints in the soft earth may lead to the capture of these miscreants and when that capture is accomplished there will be no favors granted, for as prosecutors there will appear in court some infuriated woman and men who have worked hard to nurse plants and cause them to bloom.

This has been going on now for two weeks. Several homes have been visited and the measurements of the footprints have been carefully made to the end that prosecution will follow.

Sheriff Warnick has a system working, which in connection with the chief of police, is very liable to land on these parties who use the lead hour of night to accomplish their petty thieving.

Recently Steve Gardiner's home was visited for the fourth time and the blossoms from his plants taken. Charles Dunn's home has also been a victim of the thieves. Others in the city have reported losses of flowers, and all seem to have been taken in the night and in the same manner.

La Grande thought Baker had reached the depths when people stole flowers from the graveyard, but it would seem we have some citizens equally debased right here at home.

### SHIPPING MEN WILL NOT YIELD

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The shipping men are reported to have refused to yield on the wage cuts and other questions at the conference Wednesday with Secretaries Davis and Hoover. The shipping board is also firm on the fifteen per cent cut. Davis planned to meet the union leaders later yesterday.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—DRAWS FINE OF \$15  
In Judge R. J. Kitchen's municipal court yesterday evening, Wayne Taylor was found guilty on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$15.

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FORUM  
Buying by Price or Quality?

La Grande Evening Observer: The high cost of living—who is to blame? This is a subject that has been discussed and discussed from nearly all angles, but here is a new one. "I say the consumer is responsible, to a very large extent. The consuming public must be the price as a gauge of quality, to the extent of absurdity, and the dealer is quick to find that out. Therefore, he puts on the price. What I want to say would be illustrated more fully by a few cases at point:  
A dealer bought 100 suits of clothes at \$26.00 per suit, and when unpicking them the clerk in that department suggested dividing them into three piles and pricing them \$30.00, \$40.00 and \$60.00, depending upon the cut and general appearance. The \$30.00 suits were all gone before a \$20.00 suit had been sold, and but a few of the \$40.00 lot. And, in order to dispose of the rest of them, he advanced them to the \$60.00 pile. Another case, a dealer has neckties of the same material and cost. He sorts them out and marks part of them at \$1.00 and the more flashy at \$1.50. The only \$1.00 ones he sells is when friend wife makes friend husband a birthday present. Another case that came under our observation: A well dressed young lady came into the store wanting a pair of shoes. The dealer fitted her foot with a good pair that were good goods and nice looking, and she seemed perfectly satisfied until she asked the price, which was \$2.00. She looked them over again and said, "I really wanted something better, don't you have anything better?" He said, "Yes, and went back to the shelves, got them back into the box, and looked over his stock until the warmth of her foot got out of the shoes." Then he took them down again and said, "Here is a pair of dandys, worth \$1.75, and she was perfectly delighted with them. Yes, you see, but the owners of the goods

value by cost, or what the dealer says about the goods. The first is very deceptive, and the latter not always reliable. He has the goods to sell and does not want to miss a sale on account of a low price.  
Now, on the square, do you buy where you can buy the cheapest and use your own judgement? If you find the goods at a reduced price, I say, buy them to encourage the dealer in the reduction of price, rather than to force the price up by only buying where you have to pay the enormous profit just because you cannot feel satisfied unless you pay a little more, or, at least, as much as your neighbor. If you buy where the price is right, you not only reduce the H. C. of L, but encourage the dealer that is trying to help you over a very critical period, for he must have your help in order to be able to help you.  
AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

QUESTIONS # ANSWERS  
BIBLICAL

1. Was any man in heaven or earth worthy to open the book of seven seals referred to in Revelations?  
2. When Daniel would not worship the King as a god, what was done to him?  
3. What young Jewish Queen saved the lives of her people?  
4. How did she save her people?  
5. How long were the Israelites in captivity?  
6. What prayer is found in the Sermon on the Mount?  
7. What were the followers of Jesus called?  
8. How many missionary journeys did Jesus make while on earth?  
9. Who sold something and pretended they gave all the money to God, but kept back part?  
10. What did God do to them?  
11. What is Abraham called in the Bible?  
12. How many sons did Isaac have and what were their names?  
13. Who did God show the ladder reaching up into heaven?

Answers to Yesterday's Question  
1. Four beasts were on the throne in heaven as was described in the Book of Revelations.  
2. The first of these was like a lion, the second like a calf, third with a face like a man and fourth like a flying eagle.  
3. In St. John's vision the Lord held in his right hand a book full of writing and sealed with seven seals.  
4. After binding Samson with the seven green withes Delilah said, "The Philistines be upon thee, Samson," and he broke the withes as a thread.  
5. Delilah directed her second effort to gain Samson's confidence by feeding. "Be hold thou hast mocked me, and told me lies; now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound?"  
6. Jacob was absent from Canaan twenty years.  
7. After he had twelve sons.  
8. Jacob had twelve sons.  
9. In the Bible, the child of Israel forgot God and worshipped idols.  
10. Samuel was the last judge over Israel.  
11. Daniel's friends were cast into a fiery furnace.

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