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Bible Thought For Today

JESUS SAID:—Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.—Matt. 5:8.

Public Oil and Coal

Our war debt is a trifle, after all. Aside from our national wealth as ordinarily computed, which may be somewhere near \$300,000,000,000, Secretary of the Interior Fall estimates that the public domain contains \$150,000,000,000 worth of minerals, chiefly coal and oil. If we had the stuff out of the ground at present prices, it would pay all our national debt, including what Europe owes us, several times over.

It is also reassuring as regards the fuel supply. The fluid oil known to be in the ground on the public domain, without reckoning private deposits, is estimated at 1,325,000,000 barrels, and the shale oil, obtainable by extraction, 30,000,000,000 barrels more. Apparently neither this generation nor the next need worry about the gasoline supply.

When the oil gives out, there will still be 110,000,000,000 tons of coal, to use after privately owned mines have been worked out. That should last several hundred years.

One little detail likely to be overlooked is the estimated profit to the government from all this wealth. Secretary Fall figures that the government will realize from it, in royalties, rentals, etc., \$12,287,500,000. That seems rather small compared with the total value. Why should the owner get only 8 per cent?

The New Entente

The arrangement provided by the four-power treaty which the Washington conference has adopted is described by some newspapers as a "quadruple entente." That is not a bad name for it. It is not an "alliance," as that word is usually understood, because it does not bind the signatory powers to use either arms or economic weapons, offensive or defensive. It is an "understanding," by which the four powers agree to deal fairly with each other in regard to their various rights and possessions in the Pacific, and in case of dispute among themselves or aggression from without, to get together and talk things over, making whatever decision seems wise through of major interest to America, as each case arises. Incidentally—at least—the Anglo-Japanese alliance is dissolved.

What it amounts to is that America, Great Britain, Japan and France decide to work together to preserve peace in the Pacific—the quarter from which many statesmen have said the next big war would come.

This is only common sense. Public approval in this country and apparently in the other countries involved seems strongly in favor of the plan. It is hardly conceivable that the Senate will refuse to ratify the treaty.

And having joined with other nations, primarily European, to preserve the peace of the Pacific, it is hardly possible that the United States will stop there. It is but a step to similar understandings to help preserve the peace of Europe, with which the United States today is more intimately concerned. The next war might come from Asia, but the last war came from Europe, and the consequences of that war are still vitally affecting this country. There, too, friendly cooperation is capable of wide extension without incurring the obligations of any dangerous alliance.

Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation at Washington, says that July 4, 1776, was "the greatest day in human freedom." There's one good thing about the English. They can learn "most anything if you give them time enough."

The arms conference may renounce "chemical warfare," but the women will still insist on their war paint.

A New York hotel announces that it has installed a "thinking room." New York certainly needs it.

Well, if Brothers Hearst and Brisbane ever do get that Japanese war they seem to want so much, we can fight behind a barricade of "Americans" and "Examiners."

The theory of the Irish treaty seems to be that England and Ireland will both feel so good about getting rid of each other that they'll want to start right in snuggling up to each other.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIOR—



POME ON XMAS.
Oh, let us be happy,
And full of good cheer—
For Christmas comes
But once a year.
But spare us, St. Nick,
From the well-meaning friend
Who slips us a gift
When we've no more to spend.

OUR DAILY SPECIAL.
Early closing of The Mouth would also help some.

HE "WENT WEST."
This marks the grave of Ezra Mains, Who said he had no use for chains; An icy road—a fearful slide—
And earth of one more clump was rid.

PART OF HIS DUTIES, PERHAPS.
Elynd Davly, foreman of Danberg Sheep ranch, had a narrow escape from serious injury when a team he was hitching to a woman became frightened and dragged him several hundred feet, the two wheels running over his chest. His actual injury was slight, however, and he is again able to attend to his duties.—Reno, Nev., Evening Gazette.

He should have hitched the brutes to a wagon. We understand that the women who take up residence in Reno do not stand hitched.

The movement to have the boys write home oftener would make a

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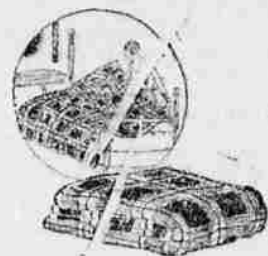
Does the Home Receive A Gift?

Christmas memories will remain long after if you buy something for your home. Why not select things for its comfort and beauty—Linens for the table, bed, floors, aprons, shirts, etc., blankets and comforts, Indian robes and many useful articles for the home that make pleasant gifts. Best selections may be made at this time.



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