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Bible Thought For Today

AN END TO WORRY.—Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanks, giving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Philippians 4:6, 7.

Pacific Fortifications

Fortifications also are armament, and costly. With a holiday in building battleships, it is natural to extend the idea to fortifications.

Little objection can be found to the agreement of the Pacific powers not to build any more forts on their Pacific islands during the next decade, especially as "coastal islands," including our own Hawaiian group, are exempted. As long as there is any defensive strength in forts, the United States will doubtless want them in that western outpost, just as Japan will on the islands near Nippon. But with such an agreement the various powers might start a general scramble to fortify their distant island possessions all over the Pacific, for defense against seizure. That could bankrupt the world, there are so many of them. It could also lead to war. It is better to stop such madness before it starts.

It may not be giving up much, either, in the way of defense. It is doubtful whether any fort now existing is good for much against present high explosive shells and air bombs. Future forts may be little more than moderately bomb-proof shelters for fighting planes.

That Russian Trade

The world has heard much of Germany's effort to monopolize Russian trade, and the fear has been frequently expressed that this peaceful, post-war invasion holds a threat to the world's well-being comparable to that of the conquest which the Kaiser's armies almost achieved. There may be menace in the situation, but it is hardly evident as yet.

Germany's 1921 trade with Russia is hardly half that of Great Britain and the English has enjoyed but 32 per cent of the total. The United States is a fair third, with a recognized 104 per cent, but most of our exports have gone by way of Siberia, Sweden, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Holland, Denmark, Finland and Poland and have also had extensive dealing with the territories under Soviet control.

The Baltic states of Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are even now attempting the negotiations of a joint trade treaty to facilitate the marketing of their commodities in Russia. Italy, too, is interested, and a senate committee has just been designated to consider ways and means of resuming Russian trade, if not diplomatic relations.

The fact of the matter is that, despite Russia's financial and industrial ruin, her trade is worth anyone's effort. There is money to be made there, for all the risk of dealing with the Soviet. Civilization and trade are inseparable. Who knows but that commerce rather than political philosophy, or hunger, or force, may yet redeem the land?

International Education

If plans now being formed are completed, it is likely that the United States will be host to an international education conference in 1923. It will be held under the auspices of the National Education Association. President Harding has already been asked to extend an invitation to all the powers represented at the arms conferences, and other nations will be invited later.

The Association aims to follow up the work of the arms conference by developing among the children of each nation right attitudes toward the other nations.

The possibilities for good of such a conference are great. The civilized world, with all its boasted progress and advancement, has barely begun to work in the field of true education. Right education should develop an appreciation of the value and the inherited gifts of other nations. It should foster a greater tolerance of the rights and privileges of individual nations and an appreciation of the common good of all. It is just these things in the lives of individuals which make for peaceable friendly neighbors.

Some of the means proposed to believe these goals are obviously

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



Hero Disarmed



There was a young lady who studied batik,
To make her an evening gown tea chic;
She painted a gunny sack
Red, blue, yellow and black

Oh, Golly, she looked like a freak!
She—"How do you like Batik?"
He—"Aw, them Russians is too gloomy."

The array of the unemployed are not all drafted men. Some are volunteers.

President Harding wants \$800,000,000 for the Army and Navy. He talks like a councilman.

MARRIED LIFE A LA MODE.
Husband (angrily)—"What's supper ready? That is the limit, I'm going to a restaurant."
Wife—"Wait just five minutes."
"Will it be ready then?"
"No, but then I'll go with you."

THE OFFICE CAT



A BIRTHDAY JOY RIDE.
Just ahead is another mile post bright
Along old life's highway,
Through the valley of the shadow of death at night
We drive as we do by day.

The headlights' gleam shows the way to go,
That we turn not left nor right.
For at the end of the journey we know
Are the hills of life and light.

Sometimes the gasoline gets low
Sometimes the oil runs dry,
Or a punctured tire shouts out, "Go Slow!"
While others pass us by.

The pistons heat and the knocks grow loud,
As over the hills we creep;
And the brakes all slip or groan or crowd,
As into the valley we sweep.

Over a boulder and into the grass,
Breaking a spring or two,
We slide wipe another trying to pass
There's nothing else to do.

In toting the other fellow along
Our differential groans
Then snap goes the spider! Every-thing wrong!
Gears, bearings and housings moan

So onward we go over life's highway
In stormy weather and fair;
Sometimes we are sober and some-times gay,
Passing things common and rare.

Mile posts go by us more rapidly now
Than when we were kiddies, you know;
But as they approach us we make a new vow,
Pull open the throttle and GO.

We humbly suggest that the cities who roll their own, batik their knee caps. There exists a great need for this.

Prof. Einstein says American women are lovely. How much easier it is to understand the professor when he cuts you a heavy and gets down to common sense.

Holding a Husband

A Competent psychologist says that most unhappy marriages are those in which the husband is "held" by the wife. He advocates the establishment of schools to train husbands. As a sample of the subject to be taught he offers a set of hints for "holding" a husband. Part of them follow:

- "Give your constant, whole-hearted love.
- "Allow him freedom to go and come as he pleases.
- "Say, 'John, dear,' instead of just 'John.'
- "Ask, don't demand. He'll do it quicker if he thinks he is granting a favor.
- "Let him smoke, drink and gamble at home, if he must do these things.
- "Feed him well.
- "Dress your best for hubby instead of for strangers.
- "Don't talk business at home.
- "Keep your health above all, for good health means good nature."

All of these early Victorian sentiments have a certain quaint charm, but intelligent modern men and women, married or single, will laugh at most of them. They know that successful marriage is not a matter of selfishness on the one side and sacrifice on the other, but of mutual loyalty, consideration and assumption of responsibility. Any wife or husband who has to be "held" by any device incompatible with the dignity of both parties is hardly worth holding.

Hard To Believe

In the year 1909 American farmers produced 52,583,998 gallons of cider for personal use, while the apple butter purposes, and for sale to those who had heard of its merits as a beverage. In 1919, when all the land was dry, they produced only 13,365,806 gallons—less by 59 per cent.

These are the figures of the Census Bureau. If they are correct, they mean, not that the demand for cider has decreased, but rather that the yield of the nation's apple trees is shrinking alarmingly.

It is inconceivable that home brew, with its known disadvantages and its ever lengthening shelf life, should so have wrecked the cider market. It must be that the number of apple trees diminishes as does the number of hogs and chickens on the farms and of people, too. In any event something should be done about it—the home brew, as well as the cider.

Not an Ad for Hair Tonic



Miss Vera Simpson has hair 42 inches long. If she were standing it would fall just half an inch short of the ground. She never used any hair cream or took her hair down and she never has headaches. She's a girl from Lakeview, Ore. The picture was taken at Lakeview.

FOR SALE

5-room new bungalow, built-ins, cold storage room, the location is on Oak street, just off Spring. The place has three lots. Price \$2800.

Attention Soldiers.
In the month of brides and roses, June, some of you are going to slip and find yourself under the command of a new commanding officer, the sweetest little girl in the world. Have you a home for her?

I have one 5-room bungalow that is leased until June 30th, that you can buy with your bonus and very little money. The house is in a good location and the price is right at \$2100.

If you are going to need a home before that time, come to the office and let me show you what I have that you can buy immediately with your bonus.

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Larger Than Its Size

Sometimes a business is really larger than its size, a paradox, but a fact.

Size is measured by sales; but sometimes there's a big idea which dominates the business; bigger than the volume of sales; always bigger; the sales never catch up to it, no matter how much they grow.

The big idea here is to see how much value we can give you; value in only the finest of merchandise, the fine tailoring in clothes, the smart styles and designs—and to see for how little we can sell such merchandise.

It's an idea that looks first at the interest of the customer rather than the profit of the store. It has given a widespread popularity and patronage to this store and made for it the name

THE QUALITY STORE

Our size in volume of sales keeps growing; but it will never catch up to the size of that idea.

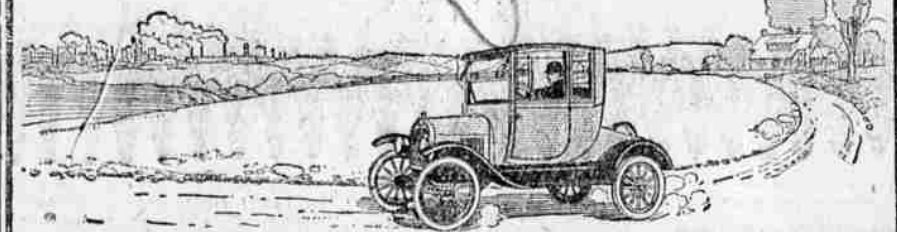


La Grande's Greatest Department Store



JUST RECEIVED—A SHIPMENT OF SEDANS AND COUPES. BETTER GET YOURS NOW AS THEY WILL NOT LAST LONG.

Hug's Garage



RAGS Wanted at the Observer

There Is No Economy In Poor Vision

PEOPLE can economize on clothing. They can pare the household appropriation. The old car can be driven another season. Improvements on the property can be deferred. But glasses must be secured when they are needed.

There is no scale of values by which the worth of good vision may be reckoned. Like good health, it is absolutely necessary for the performance of our daily duties and the full enjoyment of life itself. Such a priceless possession must be safeguarded, whatever the cost.

Delay in securing glasses for weakening eyes is not economizing but the costliest kind of folly. You are not only experiencing discomfort, perhaps suffering, and depriving yourself of your full efficiency, but every day the eyes are without the assistance they need, their natural powers are retrograding the faster.

Good vision is the most inexpensive thing you can secure. The small expense of proper lenses fitted by competent professional people makes the cost of good vision insignificant. If your eyes are not functioning properly if you have any reason to suspect that, as a matter of economy you should consult a reliable Optometrist at once.

J. H. PEARE & SON
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