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THOU ART A GOD ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Nehemiah 9:17.

We are sometimes inclined to the view that civilization defeats its own ends by making it easier for weaklings to survive.

Union county's share in the national endowment drive of the American Legion is only \$1800—just one dollar from 1800 citizens (or \$10 from 180 citizens) who want to see the orphan children of World War veterans given pleasant homes and a fair chance for happiness. When the solicitation starts Monday, May 25th, every person in the county should have a part in making it a success.

MAKING WAR "HUMANE."

As America's representative at the international conference for control of traffic in arms Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, has condemned the use of poison gas for war purposes and urges the world powers to agree by treaty to ban the exportation and employment of poisonous gases for war.

In peace time there is probably not one civilized nation that does not condemn the release of poisonous gases against human beings for their destruction or maiming, mentally or physically. It would be the simplest thing in the world to get a treaty with a score of national "signatures" affixed prohibiting gas warfare. But in time of war treaties are so many scraps of paper and there is not one of the score of nations which might agree to the gas treaty in time of peace that would not violate its terms in time of war if facing defeat or gas tactics from the enemy.

What Congressman Burton recommends for poison gas has been urged for the aeroplane. Because aircraft is destructive of life and property in time of war the ultra-pacifist would have it abolished even as a commercial conveyance.

Would the peace quacks have the public believe that war can be abolished by the simple process of abolishing the instruments of warfare? Before gunpowder, cannon, warships, rifles, airships and poison gas were invented wars waged almost incessantly over the populated areas of the earth. As the appliances and munitions of war increased in number and deadly effectiveness wars have decreased in duration and frequency. Might not science do much toward establishing perpetual world peace by making war still more terrifying and destructive than it proved to be in the last war?

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SOME LATE SONG HITS
"Her Birthday Cake Was Heavy, but the Candles Made It Light."
"My Horse Never Misses the Sunshine, Because He's Used to the Rain."
"Bring the Potato Masher, There's a Fly on Baby's Head."
"We Feed the Youngster Onions so We Can Find Him in the Dark."
Haban: "Why do you call your new home 'The Court?'"
"Corpus." "Because all the furniture's on trial."
As an encore to a girl singing "Kiss Me Again" the song "Hot Lips" can be appropriately used.

Tourist (to village constable): "Anything in this town worth stopping to see?"
Constable: "Wa-ah, we got the oldest livin' jaywalker."

Obituary

FUNERAL YESTERDAY
Little Alice Underwood, aged eight years, who passed away May 11th, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the Odd Fellows cemetery following funeral services at 2 o'clock at Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel with Reverend Elmer Grant Keith, of the Methodist church, officiating.

CLAYDE COURTNEY
Clayde Courtney, eleven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Courtney, died last evening at seven o'clock, at their home at 424 Palmer avenue, after an illness of some time with whooping cough. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock at the Bohlenkamp chapel, conducted by Reverend O. W. Jones of the Christian church. Interment will take place at the Odd Fellows cemetery.

ROAD PROJECT REVIVED
PENDELTON, Ore.—The question of building the road usually referred to as the Wallata cut-off was revived when a delegation from Hermiton appeared before the board of the Pendleton Commercial association and asked that provision withdraw its opposition to the project.

HARRY
"They named the baby Bob."
"For his father?"
"No, for his mother's hate."
A Sheik rarely has any sand and sometimes gets his desert.

Many a man has such a high opinion of himself that he thinks it is hopeless for him to try to live up to it.

INQUIRER—The oldest advice on record is this: When a woman

EDITORS WILL MEET IN JUNE

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Made of manzanilla wood from California and bound with hands of solid gold, the gavel with which President George W. Martie, of the National Editorial association, will call the fortieth annual convention of the association to order here June 1, has been in use for 33 years. It has passed through the hands of many of the most prominent men in American journalism. The gavel was presented to the association when it met in San Francisco, May 24, 1892, while W. S. Chappeller, of the Mansfield (Ohio) Daily News, was president. It was the gift of the California State Miners' association. The gold used in the hands was worked out of the Gold Run mines of Dutch Flat, Placer county.

Inscribed on the band which encircles the handle are two mottoes: "A Drop of Ink Makes Millions Think"—"An Honest Paper is the Noblest Work of Man."

U. S. Gold in France Arouses German Envy

BERLIN (AP)—German hotel-keepers in the smaller resort centers would like to have it known among tourists that they have lowered their rates. The country needs foreign money to help keep exchange at par and to lessen the burden of reparation payments and the gold left behind by foreign visitors helps to these ends. Hence rates at many hotels have been reduced, and published tariffs have been issued which make it possible for touring companies to resume business in Germany on much the same basis that they worked before the war.

Visa rates on American passports also are lower, and the tax on foreigners has been removed in practically all German cities. There have also been changes in police regulations which make it unnecessary for travelers to appear personally before police officials to register.

Railway rates are high in comparison with many European countries, but there has been a decided improvement of the service. Taxicabs and the hire of motor cars still are relatively expensive.

Generally speaking, however, the foreign traveler is now welcome in

Hits Democracy



James Pershing, brother of General John J. Pershing, has launched an attack on democracy as opposed to representative government. He claims it is impossible to "make the world safe for democracy, as for autocracy."

Reports of rich gold strikes in the Cassiar were confirmed at the start of winter. Canadian police placed a ban on adventurers making the journey, for fear of starvation during the severe winter and the possibility of freezing to death if an attempt was made to return to civilization.

A strange assortment of dogs composed the teams arriving at Wrangell, Alaska, preparing for the rush. The huskie type, bred in the North, predominated. There were also Irish setters. A German police dog led another team.

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Germany, and has little difficulty in making his way around in comfort, even without knowledge of the language. Sight-seeing autos are operating in all important centers and travel bureaus have guides available and are ready to provide rooms and meals at whatever price tourists want to pay.

Announcement in German newspapers that 125,000 Americans visited France last year and are supposed to have spent over \$200,000,000 in that country, have attracted wide attention and provoked much comment about the desirability of getting more of these Americans to come to Germany.

Autos killed 19,000 last year, not counting those who worked themselves to death paying bills.

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