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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

While at peace the wise man devises ways and means of perpetuating peace.

Early in November the wise ones of many nations of the earth will gather together in Washington. They will talk peace in an effort to prevent further wars. Disarmament will be their principal theme.

Japan, it is stated, will send two hundred of her ablest statesmen and international experts. Apparently Japan does not propose to allow anything to be "put over" on her, if numbers and brains can prevent. The Japanese delegates will be suave and polished while in Washington, but they will be in deadly earnest. Not a word or a gesture will escape them. It is with the demands of Japan that we of America are most vitally concerned.

England, France, Italy, Belgium, China and other countries will send their shrewdest and craftiest of men to safeguard their own particular interests at the meet. Every sleeve will be full of cards ready to be played at the psychological moment.

It is with men of this stamp and calibre that the secretary of state and his delegate-aids will be called upon to cope, and it is no reflexion upon their mentality to state that their strategy will be taxed to the limit. We are assuming, of course, that Secretary Hughes will head the American delegation.

Undoubtedly, as has been our custom in the past, the American cards will be laid upon the table, faces upward. But they will hardly be joined by the cards of other nations. That is hardly to be expected of men who have been trained in an atmosphere of secret diplomacy. The American delegates will skirmish in the open against adversaries who are concealed in a fog of doubt and uncertainty.

Then there is another influence—a sinister one—which will harass the American delegates, and may even attempt to fog the issue among the foreigners. Munitions manufacturers and others who profit from warfare do not want perpetual peace. International financiers of Wall street are of this class. If the conference puts an end to warfare it also puts an end to billions upon billions of fat profits that would otherwise flow into the swollen pockets of these fellows. They will do their utmost to prevent a lasting peace.

But they are not the only ones who will "butt inn." The woods are full of senators and congressmen and notoriety-seeking politicians who will be button-holing delegates by the wholesale. Some will be lobbyists for the "interests," while others will see in it a means of creeping into print. The whole gang will be there with bells on.

Again, this is a "dry" country and presumably our friends from abroad will bring their "liquid refreshments" with them. The government could hardly object to this without being discourteous. This puts another temptation in the way of our American delegates—such a temptation. A parched throat gets mighty dry, and its owner will often do very queer things for "just a little nip." When a fellow is "properly mellowed" he is easy to handle, and the "mellowing" process will undoubtedly be worked to a finish by the astute gentlemen from over the seas.

Truly, the American footsteps will be beset with both thorns and roses, and it will require the wisdom of the ancients to successfully sidestep them.

In the meantime we will read the reams of stuff that will be heralded broadcast by the Washington correspondents and believe a fair bit of what we see. Even that may be too much.

TOO LONG SIGHTED

There is a great tendency on the part of the American people to make a close study of conditions in other parts of the world. This in itself would be wise and praiseworthy, were it not for the fact that in so doing we consume much time that should be devoted to the scrutiny of affairs nearer home.

The haphazard manner in which many of our public affairs are conducted is evidence of this fact. If the public at large would make a sincere and determined effort to widen its scope of knowledge upon national, state and local representatives to Washington who would work in harmony with our desires, and not at random as is now too often the case.

In this way we would have a congress more representative of the true sentiments of the people, a congress more devoted to the welfare of all of the people as a whole and less so to certain interests that work while we sleep.

Long sight is a desirable possession, but only when it does not obscure the vision at closer range.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Here is another "feeler" for your consideration.

A story has been sent out from Washington to the effect that an alliance has been suggested between the United States, England and Japan. Apparently the administration would like to know what the American people think of such a proposition.

No doubt such an alliance could readily be formed if our government would indicate its willingness to become a signatory.

But much would depend upon the conditions imposed. As matters stand now we are constantly facing the possibility of war with Japan. If there is no chance in international relations we must inevitably fight them at some future time. The whole world is practically a unit in this belief.

An alliance between the three countries, based upon terms acceptable to each, would undoubtedly prevent such a war. Furthermore, such an alliance would serve to prevent any other country attacking either England, Japan or us.

But would terms acceptable to us prove equally so to Japan? It is doubtful. Our interests are too widely divergent. And yet all things are possible when nations make a sincere effort to live in peace and harmony.

Before expressing a decided opinion for or against such a proposition we would want to know more of the details. The fellow who leaps in the dark never knows where he will light. You, as a citizen of this community, are as vitally interested in this suggestion as any other person in the United States.

What do you think?

SEND THEM BACK

In one of our large cities a feud has broken out in the foreign quarter and is raging with relentless fury. Already eight murders have been committed and the police have been unable to obtain even a single clue to the perpetrators. The foreigners simply shrug their shoulders and refuse to answer.

This leads a police captain to recommend the enactment of a law which would enable the deportation of any foreigner who so refuses to divulge such information as may be in his possession.

It would be a good law, and it would be even better if it were rigidly enforced.

Our loose immigration laws allow these assassins to come into our midst and disgrace the better class of residents from their country.

The man who withholds knowledge of a murder is guilty himself in the eyes of the law. He should be punished and then deported.

We have not invited such people to come to us, and we will not weep if they leave us.

If they will not leave of their own accord, they should be helped along by the governmental foot.

The world is getting wiser every day. Most of the foolishness is now pulled off at night.

QUATRAINS

By Walter Evans Kidd

Revelation
When Sorrow entered thru my door,
'Twas then I knew the starless night

Thru which all troubled souls must go
To gain the dawn's celestial light.

Nature's Gifts
The voiceless cliff and meadow-sod
The mountain-stream and boundless sea

For toiling man shall always be
The winding roads to health and God.

COMING EVENTS

Northwest conference Methodist church, South, Portland, August 31.

Lane County Fair, Eugene, September 13 to 16.

Clackamas County Fair, Canby, September 14 to 16.

Northwest Hay and Grain Show, Pendleton, September 19 to 24.

September 22, 23 and 24, Pendleton Roundup; fast relay strings, lively young steers, bucking "brons" whose deviltries will try the mettle of the cowboy.

Multnomah County Fair, Gresham, September 19 to 25.

Columbia County Fair, St. Helens, September 21 to 23.

Oregon State Fair, Salem, Sept. 26 to October 1.

Linn County Fair, Albany, October 3 to 8.

Wasco County Fair, The Dalles, October 4 to 7.

Oregon Methodist conference, Forest Grove, October 5.

polk County Fair, Dallas, October 6 to 8.

Royal Arcanum, grand council, Portland, October 13.

Knights Templar, grand commandery, La Grande, October 13.

National Grange meeting, Portland, November 8-18.

Pacific International Livestock exposition, Portland, November 25, 26.

A LINE OF COMMENT

Most people fall in love at sight—with the dollar.

When a run runner gets caught he is something of a bum runner.

It keeps some parents busy gathering up the beans their children spill.

If others knew us as we know ourselves possibly they wouldn't know us.

Never speak harshly of the one who is absent. Some one may tell him.

Perk up, fellows! Dresses are to be lowered again this season—from the top.

The fellow who hits the pace today may be looking for what he missed tomorrow.

Man pays for his sins here below, but the devil doesn't give him any credit on account.

Never abuse a man from whom you borrow money. He may still have a little left.

Very few people "die with their boots on" in this generation. Most of them wear shoes.

Some people find no difficulty in getting rid of an unwelcome guest. They begin to sing.

There are lots of good people still left in this world—but they are accustomed to being left.

The wise man knows a foolish thing when he hears it, but he doesn't always recognize it when he says it.

The honesty of some people is dependent wholly upon what they can get away with without getting caught.

If a fellow punches you on the jaw you are perfectly justified in pasting him one before turning the other cheek.

King George is hard up for cash, and the British public will cough again. We'd admit it, too, if it were not for the fact that our wife would be in at the coughing.

We can not understand why so many parents object to their children bobbing their hair. It effects quite a saving in soap.

Once we heard of a married couple whose married life was a dream of bliss to the end. They died on their honeymoon.

When a bachelor hears an unmarried woman say she is wedded to her work he immediately suspects her of having designs upon his meal ticket.

If the newspapers keep on grinding out "heroes" at their present rate of speed it will soon be a distinguished honor to be referred to as deficient in courage.

Do as you would be done by and you won't "do" anybody else.

If some people were required to think before they spoke they would never say anything.

Warning has been sent out that a nihilist drive is on in the United States. If so we hope they keep driving until they hit the ocean and then forget to stop.

Half the world is hungry and the other half is acquiring indigestion.

Some critics might aptly be described as people who talk about one thing while thinking about another.

Possibly the doctors never take their own medicine because there is no one to pay the bill.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department.

In the Matter of the Estate of Carolina Johnson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the last will and testament of Carolina Johnson, deceased, has filed his final account as such, in the above entitled court, and that Monday, Sept. 19, 1921, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., and the court room of said court has been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the discharge of said executor.

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