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backbone of the covenant. The main purpose of the league is to prevent or combat wars of aggression, and an attempt on the part of any nation would meet with strong opposition, though limited to a fixed number of years might be accepted.

Preparation of a series of reservations which would meet the objections of all except the irreconcilable senators without provoking counter objections of other nations should be within the capacity of senators who sincerely desire to bring about agreement on adoption of the treaty. The worst hindrance is the men who set adherence to their own opinion above the early conclusion of peace.

A POOR ALIBI. The Eugene Guard is emboldened by an intense and unthinking partisanship to offer a defense of the national administration for its share of responsibility for the present carnival of profiteering, with its unpleasant concomitant, an epidemic of strikes. It offers the entirely original theory that "most of the complaints are the outgrowth of a military system built up by the republican party during peace time, and which the democrats have not had time to change."

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More Truth Than Poetry. You'll gain success at some stage. Who seeks strange seas to cross. Discover that a rolling stone Don't gather any moss. And that is odd, because, forsooth The verse best suits my fits. And furthermore, home keeping youth Have ever homely wits.

In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From the Oregonian of August 23, 1894. Washington.—A strong report favoring the rigid exclusion and deportation of alien anarchists has been made by the house judiciary committee.

FINISH THE JOB THIS TIME. Carranza's demand for withdrawal of the American troops who are pursuing the captors of American airman threatens a repetition of the fiasco of 1916. In that year Pershing's army advanced more than a hundred miles into Mexico, Villa's host halted, then stopped and caught nothing. After the treacherous attacks by Carranza's troops at Parral and Carrizal the state department wrote some fierce notes which pointed clearly to war, the national guard was sent to the border, but it did not fight, negotiation and the return of Pershing's army empty-handed.

Not had time? Well, they had time to decline to change, as witness their consistent and defiant refusal to do anything but their worst, between 1914 and 1917, and the almost universal characterization of far-seeing men and newspapers that wanted to be ready for war as militarists and munition-makers.

GENIUS MISUNDERSTOOD. The death of Ralph Blakelock, the artist whose genius was not found to be of commercial value until he had been immersed in a hospital for the insane, is being employed to point a moral for many tales. Each observer according to his fancy is inclined to discover a special hidden meaning in it all.

Slackers. The slacker has found his way into American life, but not into any American dictionary—not the slacker who is defined in terms of American contempt as the shirker that sneaked out of his duty during the war. The slacker is a new breed. True, one or two lexicons of American words have admitted him to their columns, describing him as one who "shirks work."

LESSON OF H. L. PITTOCK'S LIFE. How the Late Oregonian Publisher Worked, Spoken and Throve. Spokane Spokesman-Review. An appraisal of the estate of the late Henry L. Pittock, of Portland, Ore., that the pioneer publisher amassed property to the value of nearly \$7,000,000. Mr. Pittock began life a very poor boy in a very poor place, and it was a little time to turn Oregon by automobile. While in Portland he will go up the highway. The return trip is made by California coast, Crater Lake and Klamath Falls, Mr. Gage stopping to fish and hunt on the way. "This is a very profitable year in the fruit industry," said Mr. Gage yesterday. "Rice is also making great headway."

German Philosopher Held to Have Made Darwinism Thinkable. A VANDOVER, Wash., Aug. 21.—(To the Editor of the World.) You are a fan of my heroes (Haeckel) and I feel it my duty to come to his assistance. Haeckel was by far the most illustrious philosopher of the last century. He was a philosopher and an untangled an old man of with which the theologians had been playing for some 10,000 years. He rendered Darwinism thinkable.

LAFAYETTE'S MEMORY REVERED. Observance of Day Set Apart by Governor Enjoyed on Citizens. ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Lafayette day, September 6, is worthy of observance, and the governor's proclamation in that behalf I consider highly commendable. The name of Lafayette should be intertwined with that of Washington. No two names, down to the present day, are more fresh in the love and gratitude of the American people.

DIFFERENCES NARROWED DOWN. The White House conference has reduced the difference of opinion between President Wilson and the senate majority in regard to the German treaty to a narrow proportion. There should be no difficulty with delay in reaching an agreement, given a reasonable, conciliatory spirit on both sides. The president concedes that interpretations of certain clauses of the covenant, as we understand and interpret them by the senate, are permissible, though he maintains that they are unnecessary because the men who drew the covenant understood the clauses in question to mean what they mean. Yet he objects to inclusion of the proposed reservations in the resolution of ratification on the ground that it would cause delay by making occasion to obtain assent of all the other signatories.

UNIFORM MARRIAGE LAWS. It is a rather big contract that Dr. Katherine Bement Davis, of the bureau of social hygiene of the Rockefeller foundation, has undertaken on her return from a tour of inspection of social conditions in Europe under the auspices of the Foundation. She has invited a conference of leading women of the principal countries of the world to discuss needed reforms in marriage and divorce laws. Her desire is for greater uniformity of laws throughout the civilized world.

Greater frequency of use of the word "compromise" gives promise that the senate will act soon on the treaty. Just when the people begin to show lack of interest and signs of being bored, the senate gets down to business, which shows that statesmen are much like other performers.

Business is always booming with Lee L. Gilbert, one of Salem's live operators. His club was responsible for the first annual automobile show inaugurated in the capital city last spring and has the state agency for the sale of automobiles. He is taking a brief vacation with his family at Seward yesterday on his way to Seaside.

PLEA FOR FULTON PLAYGROUND. Need of Protection Grows With Increased Number of Factories. PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Why has Fulton no playground? The population of this city has increased so rapidly that it has never been provided with playground facilities.

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DIFFICULTY MIGHT ARISE IF THE RESERVATIONS PARTOOK OF THE NATURE OF AMENDMENTS SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGING THE TERMS OF THE COVENANT. In that event the president's consent to his approval and pigeonhole the treaty, which would necessitate negotiation of a new treaty, or he might invite assent of the other powers to the amendments. If the other powers should accept ratification on the condition that that fact might be taken as assent.

There's just enough smoke tempering the glare of the sun to put a brunet bluish on the golden skins of the apples now ripening. No pair grown can beat the Rogue river article, and that Medford is getting better than \$4 for them is no cause for wonder.

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