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COMPULSORY PEACE.

SECRETARY of State Knox is out with a new phase of the peace doctrine as it applies to the relations of Japan and America, which reduced to its simplest elements, provides for the compulsory arbitration of all issues and difficulties in statecraft, commerce, society and law. This idea he sprung at a banquet given at the Japanese Embassy at Washington the other evening, but upon which no formal action has as yet materialized.

We imagine that if this policy ever assumes concrete form and becomes part of the treaty-power inuring to both countries, with a court of resort to meet the engagements, that court will be about the busiest institution in the two lands. The coarse aggressiveness of the Japanese will be met squarely by the jealousy, obstinacy and pugnacity of the American, and though all these may be placated by the compulsory system suggested, it will but add fuel to the already intense differences existing, and will result, sooner or later, in the larger and more comprehensive arbitration of war. Compulsion never yet led to peace, and equanimity as between two nations, and the right of appeal from it is as inalienable for the one as the other, and the direct road to the greater clash.

We wait, with interest, the development of the Secretary's plan; perhaps in detail, it may offer more than appears from superficial review.

CHANGES IN FASHION.

TIME WAS when woman had a waist line, and that was all there was about it. There was flimsy and purpose to her equator, and there was no thought of its gallivanting up and down her major axis like a ring on a fakir's cane at a county fair. There was no "now you see it and now you don't" business at all. If a woman was dressed for company there was a general scheme about her clothes that indicated very plainly where the zero line in latitude lay.

If you surprised her in the morning hours robed in her Mother Hubbard and minus her waist line she was as much embarrassed as if she had mislaid her switch or had been caught without her false teeth.

In those good old days the feminine form was disguised with hoop skirts, and later by a bustle that took as much room to turn in as a hook and ladder truck. But there was no trifling with the waist line.

But, after the dressmaker had juggled with lovely woman's outlines by increasing the diameter and making her first the center of a circle and then the focus of an ellipse the happy idea occurred to Worth or Paquin that, by scooting the waist line up and down, another startling effect could be produced.

Therefore the midcircumference was hoisted up under the wearer's arms until it nearly lifted her off her feet, and just now has been dropped to her knees, where it dan-

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

As the sun lightens the world,
so let our loving kindness make
bright the house of our habitation.
—Selected.

A Century From Now.
If you and I should wake from sleep
A century from now

Back to the grave we'd want to creep
A century from now.

We'd witness such a startling
change,
Find everything so wondrous
strange.

We'd hurry back across the range,
A century from now.

A woman forty, fat and fair
A century from now,
May warm with grace the speaker's
chair,
A century from now.

The cabinet may be a flock
Of girlish gay of hat and frock,
Who talk, but will not mend a sock,
A century from now.

The people will all fly on wings
A century from now,
(Not heavenly, but patent things)
A century from now.

They'll soar aloft devoid of fear,
On pinions of a chainless gear,
And change their flyers once a year,
A century from now.

There'll be no restaurants at all
A century from now;
The home will have do dining hall
A century from now.

The chemist all our wants will fill
With food in tablets, and to still
For thirst we'll simply take a pill
A century from now.

—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"There is nothing sure in this
life," comments the Milwaukee Sentinel,
and it wasn't writing about the
Coos Bay railway either.

Mary Garden says this country is
nothing but a railway station. It is
very evident that Mary did not visit
Coos Bay on her trip around the
country.

The Harvard professor who has
announced that the Ten Commandments
are in need of revision should
at least wait until we have recovered
from the effects of the tariff revision
row.

Mr. Rockefeller is reported to have
said that it is a fine thing to have
money. Thousands of people in this
country ought to be thankful that
their suspicions are confirmed by so
eminent an authority.

gles like the ring about a tight-wire
performer.

But the edict has now gone forth
that the waist line is to be slipped
back into place, and it won't be very
long, 'tis said, until a woman can
stoop to pick up a pin without crack-
ing all the varnish off a \$40 gown
and crinkling it up like an elbow of
a stove pipe.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The president is opposed to "pork
barrels," but that will not deter Joe
Cannon's friends from trying to hog
everything in sight.

The Kentucky preacher who said
there will be no politics in heaven is
doubtless convinced that the Ken-
tucky brand is fit only for the other
place.

A Brooklyn democrat celebrated
his hundredth birthday the other
day. That ought to demonstrate
that not all democrats are letting
their disappointment undermine
their constitutions.

A Peoria man wants a divorce be-
cause his wife assaulted him when
he refused to buy her a \$1,750 piano.
We presume it was not so much the
price of the instrument as it was the
dread of her playing that made him
refuse to make the purchase.

Stilas Garrett of Columbus, O., no
longer believes that honesty is the
best policy in all cases. When the
preacher asked him if he would al-
ways love and cherish the woman
who was about to become his wife,
he said, "I don't know," and the
parson quit the job. Lucky woman!

During their efforts to get rich
quick, few men care how many folks
get poor quick.

It's a slow football game in which
the half-back or the full-back doesn't
finish with a broken back.

The attempt to find out who owns
the air is likely to result in a great
outpour of the hot variety.

The marriage of two deaf mutes
in Jamestown, N. Y., last week has
started considerable talk in that
town.

A New York man died in a bar-
ber's chair the other day, and it
seems the barber was not even talk-
ing at the time.

Mrs. Loveless of Chicago, who is
suing for a divorce, is probably sor-
ry she ever married a man with a
name like that.

Strange to say, the new Taft cock-
tail does not have a plum at the
bottom of the glass in place of the
customary cherry.

The theory that limburger cheese
is a good cancer remedy ought to
please those who for years have been
making use of it internally.

A Chicago woman asserts that a
cat will quiet the insane. We have
known some cats, though, that near-
ly drove a whole neighborhood crazy.

A Texas man was thrown into jail
for calling a policeman an "encyclo-
pedia." There are some things that
Texas policemen simply will not
stand for.

The bank cashier who attempts
suicide when there is nothing wrong
with his books arouses the suspicion
that there is something wrong with
his head.

A Philadelphia paper reports that
a plumber held up by a highwayman
had only 7 cents. Evidently the
plumber had not been holding up
anybody that day.

An exchange reports that "17,227-
350 bits of coin were executed at the
mints of the United States during Oc-
tober." Still, the coins probably
would prefer execution to life im-
prisonment.

A Chicago youth who is recover-
ing from a broken neck in a hospital
has informed the surgeons that he
had his neck broken before. If he
isn't careful he may have it broken
once too often.

A cablegram from London brings
the news that Richard Withers, at
the age of 104, saws wood. We are
willing to bet all kinds of money
that Stephen Rogers will beat that
record if he lives long enough.

According to the Ladies' Home
Journal, a man cannot wear braided
seam trousers with his dinner
jacket. We pass this information
along for the benefit of the men who
do not read the Ladies' Home Jour-
nal.

LITTLE TALKS

ABOUT TOWN

A GRIST OF COOS BAY GOS-
SIP GATHERED HERE AND
THERE ABOUT THINGS OF
PASSING INTEREST.

"I have known for many years
F. A. Haines who has charge of the
survey of the Coos Bay and Boice
railway," remarked C.
Knew M. Conner, a recent
Haines arrival from Dead-
In the East, wood to a Times
porter, "and know
him to be a man at the very head
of his profession in the middle west.
He was in charge of all the new lines
built by the Chicago & Northwestern
in the west for years. While he will
not commit himself I am of the opin-
ion that it is the Northwestern that
is Mr. Haines present backer, for he
enjoyed their confidence to a marked
degree. Anyway, if Fred Haines
says this new road will be built the
people may count upon it that it
will be for Haines, is not given to
idle boasting."

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