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There is one thing that is extremely odd; "forging" and "steel" are invariably closely associated.

Walter Stokes and Frank Hart are now privileged to "but in." They are full-fledged Mazamas and as "mazama" is derived from a species of goat, the significance of the foregoing is obvious.

Japanese correspondents with Baron Komura's party believe that at the conclusion of the war, Japan having established herself as a world power, will advance her present ministries in the capitals of the powers to embassies and further than Baron Komura will become a caunt and that Minister Takahira will probably be advanced to the office of embassador. It is undoubtedly Japan's privileges to make these changes in her ministerial corps. However, it will be a poor policy to encourage this proposed reorganization. It is difficult to determine how far the Japanese wish to proceed in their fight for supremacy. We believe that in these various proposals Japan has an ulterior motive; that in these overtures, ostensibly made in an effort to gain the good will and confidence of the powers, she contemplates a strategic move with the object in view of upsetting the much coveted worldly equilibrium. A gun in the hands of a small boy is a most dangerous weapon. That time-worn maxim slightly transcribed may be applied to the Japanese; power in the hands of a yellow race will prove dangerous, even admitting, that the Japanese have made wonderful progress morally, intellectually and commercially. The mere fact that Japan has made this progress, at once, makes her a greater enemy to the peace of the world than the Chinese may ever become.

The Zionist organization at it seconvention in Basle declined Great Britain's proffer of land for the establishment of a Zionist colony in Africa. This was a wise move. Uganda, where Great Britain proposed that the colony should be located, is hardly in a desirable climatic zone and offers poor habitation for whites. The establishment of the colony there would undoubtedly have resulted in much of the deplorable ravages of disease so characteristic of that particular part of Africa. And then we can not help but admire those Hebrews for the loyalty they have shown to the founder of their order, Dr. Herzel and for the love they hold for the fatherland, which is evidenced by their desire to place their a colony in the Palestine.

President Roosevelt continues his policy of probing. Yesterday, it is believed, he was in consultation with Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture. It may be surmised that the topic was directly relative to the recent developments in this branch of the federal government and may result in a startling announcement of further graft and the fall from grace of another trusted official. We are heartily in sympathy with this crusade which found its inception in the pure mind of our fearless chief executive and we hope the good will continue, with the same strenuosity that has marked its past progress.

Czar Nicholas assures his people that he will never consummate a shameful peace or a peace unworthy of great Russia. M. Witte says he shall certainly not entertain demands from the Japanese based upon military successes expected in the future. The czar's note will undoubtedly be accepted with great demonstrations by the deluded people who love the "Little Father" but as to whether or not he will consummate a shameful peace remains to be seen. To continue the war would be suicidal A peace universally accepted as most desirable may easily be conceived in the perverted Russian mind as shameful. Japan is unquestionably the victor; she is entitled to demand an indemnity sufficient to cover the costs of the entire war, the return of Manchuria to hina and the cession of the island of Sakhalein, but it is to be hoped that Japan will not belittle her success by offering onerous terms for the consummation of peace. We can only construe the interviews with M. Sato, spokesman for the commission, to mean that Japan contemplates jumping on the under dog rather severely. Coupled with this is the intelligence that Great Britain is practically obliged to support her ally in any demands that may be made. The entire civilized world should join with President Roosevelt in soliciting magnanimity from the Japanese. While the general policy of the Russian bureaucracy can not be misunderstood and there are no extenuating circumstances that would possibly induce clemency official Russia is sadly in need of finances and the payment of the indemnity will naturally devolve upon the people of this unfortunate country. The war has been the plaything of the czar and the mikado; the blood of the masses has paid the cost to far.

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Unique Experience Related in Baker City Serio-Comic Recital.

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"Don's believe I've had any hard luck, eh? Well I have, and I lost the best job I ever had through it."

"Let's have it," chimed the chorus.

"Well, I wouldn't marry my employer's daughter, a lady of 37 against my 27 years. She was below the average woman of 37, to put it mildly, so the proposition didn't look good to me. That's how I lost my job and I've been up against it ever since.

"It happened in Dubuque when I was employed in a planing mill. By jumps I was raised to the position of 'estimator' at a salary of $75 a month. In the office was the daughter, an 'estimable lady,' in her father's words, but another lady had a prior claim on my affections, and, try as the old man would, he could not shake it.

"The wires for my capture were laid eighteen months after I was given my position as estimator. I was figuring on a bank roll, and had cut out all save necessary expenses. There was reason for looking upon me as a model young man after such a session, but I did not 'get next' until the old man had asked me to dine at the family mansion on the hill. This happened so often that I soon had to give the excuse of a prior engagement. This excuse took on a chestnut flavor and so one morning when the boss and I were talking over some business in his office, he crossed his thumbs and fired his shell:

"'Jim, how'd you like to settle down in Dubuque for life? There's Amy and she thinks piles of you—piles of you. I got cold feet immediately, and I was practically put out. I told him my mother was a cripple and I could not marry; and as he did not know any better he let it go for awhile at that. There were more invitations to dine refused as soon, although business was as good as ever, two months after the question was popped I was released. I drifted out here to Oregon and tried any number of jobs, but have made no progress financially. The lady, however, now has Mrs. tacked to the other man's name."

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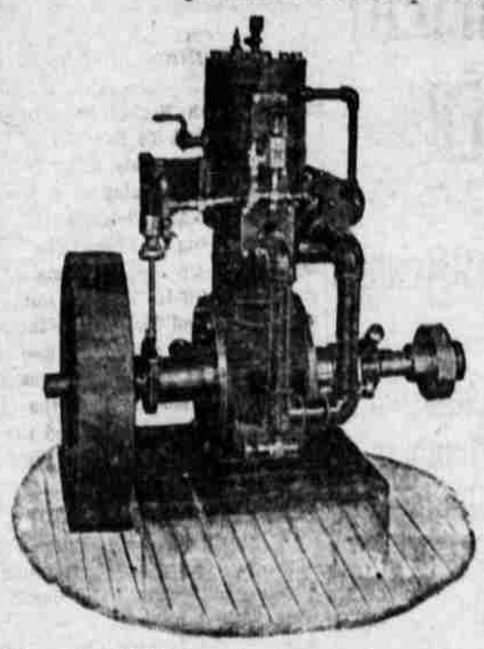

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The old lady was at her best on this festive occasion, and at a pause in the wedding-breakfast her young relative looked over at her with a beguiling smile.
"Tell us why thee never married, Aunt Prudence?" he said, teasingly.
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