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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho.— Fair.

DONT DUPLICATE THE BLUNDER.

The leviathan war-ship Dreadnaught, of the British navy, has proven unwieldy, sluggish in movement, inept for the tremendously swift action of the fleet she dominates, as well as inoperative, in point of timely maneuvering against the lighter fleets that will be pitted against her in the event of war. This is just what the best naval authorities always claimed for her. She was built as an experiment, and has proven a failure; and supplies this government with a premise for the immediate countermanning of the recent congressional provision for the building of even a larger craft than the Dreadnaught. We shall be silly indeed if we go ahead with such a program.

Captain Mahan, one of the greatest naval engineers of the day has always been opposed to the giant class of ships and has invariably recommended the cruiser class, such as the New York, the Brooklyn, and others, as the most dependable and successful. The crucial test of the effectiveness of a naval vessel is not centered in its bulk and weight so much as in its celerity of movement and its fighting equipment, the latter quality being enhanced by the superb manning of the ship.

It is the ship that can make the rush, the turn, an dinc re-attack, in the least possible time, that is to be feared by the enemy and nursed by the fighter. The nimble, alert, easily handled, swift moving craft that gets there, and comes again, before the breath of the enemy can be caught, is the ship that brings home the laurels and leaves but little behind her of her own, but piles up the reverses for the vessels under attack.

The Dreadnaughts are to be dreaded, but not so much because they are overwhelmingly dangerous and invincible, as because they are frightfully costly failures as engines of war. They may be alright as floating fortresses but even that is yet to be established.

ASTORIA'S BUSY SEASON.

The city is on the verge of her busy season and all her energies are alive to the prospect. She will soon have her hundreds and thousands of fishermen, their boats, nets, and gear, flocking over her wharves and waters, Clatsop's magnificent court-house will be started in a few days; the year's work on the great jetty is about to be taken up for the final stretch of work that shall cease only with completion. she has a splendid hotel in near view and good men and lots of capital behind it: she has all the reservations usually pending in the matter of home and house building, that eventuate in the spring, summer and fall, and this year they exceed anything in her history.

Beside this, she has her new Chamber of Commerce well headed in for reorganization and the doing of a hundred practical and beneficial duties, all for the common good of the city and county, and taking all, in all, she has nothing to wait for, nothing to retard, defect, nor disparage her cheerful anticipations; nor to discount her capacity for the doing of these things. With these achievements accomplished, and the Port of Columbia Commis-

"Socialism Is Not One Thing, but a Bundle of Things."



By Professor FELIX ADLER, Famous Ethical Culturist.

SOCIALISM is very nearly the bad in democracy existing today GENERALIZED AND ENLARGED. It stands for half a dozen things, from theoretical anarchy through Marxism and co-operation to Christian socialism. Socialism as a term is illusive, scattering, diversified. IT IS NOT ONE THING, BUT A BUNDLE OF THINGS.

Not long ago as I was leaving a hall in which a very extreme Socialist had been talking I met a very rich woman whom I knew and of whom I asked how she liked it. She was enthusiastic, bubbling, and her eyes shone. She was permeated with the doctrine of the speaker. She left, got into her automobile and was driven to her beautiful palace east of Central park, which shows that ONE MAY BE A SOCIALIST AND YET BE RICH.

The rich have taken up socialism in some measure—have made it their fad to end the ennui of their lives. They toy with socialism as the French aristocracy did with the doctrines of Rousseau and Voltaire before the French revolution. The type is not to be taken SERIOUSLY.

Socialism is baffling because of the diversity I have mentioned. For instance, most people think that their brand of socialism is THE ONLY BRAND. Take what is termed municipal socialism—the proposition of the municipality owning railroads, waterworks, lighting facilities and the like. THAT IS NOT SOCIALISM. It is an expedient, a business proposition, and therefore is the purest individualism. It is true it is an extension of the powers of government, but not in a socialistic way, and it is to be taken as an example of the HORRIBLE CONFUSION entering into these discussions of socialism.

I do not believe that socialism is PRACTICAL. Wherever the Socialists have come into power, as in France, when they have taken up the reins of government in any measure they have dropped their doctrinaire theories.

Socialism would tend toward LACK OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, and the heavy conservation of the masses would rule. That would tend to discourage human progress. Socialism would act as a damper in distributing human talent.

GREAT MORAL OBJECTIONS STAND AGAINST THE SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA. I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE SORT OF MORAL EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY THAT SOCIALISM PRODUCES.

Socialism has rendered an immense service in calling attention to the equality of men IN THE ABSTRACT. It does not stand for that conception of men advanced by the senator from South Carolina, who said that the white man is baked of better clay than the negro. That was a horribly blasphemous statement. In the same way I know a man who owns a glass factory and who works little Hungarian children within its walls and at night. When one called his attention to the children working in the glare of the furnace he said, pointing to their dulled faces, "THEY ARE NOT OUR EQUALS."

Socialism means promiscuity. I LOATHE IT. Morality, like culture, demands segregation. Socialism promises great peril to the family. Its highest standard is devotion to the mass. It tends to wipe out patriotism too.

THE FAMILY IS GOING TO BE THE STANDARD ABOUT WHICH THE ETHICAL AND MORAL FIGHT WILL WAGE, IS WAGING. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SOCIALISM IS ON THE NONETHICAL SIDE. WE CANNOT GIVE UP THE FAMILY. IT IS THE SEED POD OF MORALITY. WE MUST STOP PLAYING WITH THE FAMILY.

tion legally nullified, and the common point rate on grain extended either upon the ordinance of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, we'll be all right.

ROOSEVELT, ARBITRATOR

The California-Japanese incident is closed. President Roosevelt has done his work thoroughly, and the Japanese youngsters are free beneficiaries of the school privileges of the Golden State; and the usual string of polite and agreeable things are passing between Pacific metropolises and the national capital, by wire and by letter, galore!

But the Jap adult is barred from the privileges of the primary department of the California schools. He must acquire his "early education" from other sources and stay away from the tots that must have shamed him had he been capable of such humiliation in the first place. The disagreeable incident is closed, thanks to the diplomacy of the president and the good sense of the San Francisco authorities: But, all the same, it has left a bad taste in the mouths of the people out here that will not soon pass away, and the memory of it will linger in the popular mind here, to the discomfiture of the Japanese if they shall provoke some less successful plea for recognition, and that will lend emphasis to the reprisals that will be then invoked.

IENA AND BENNINGTON.

The horrible disaster that has overtaken the French navy in the blowing up of the battleship Iena, in the harbor of Toulon, on Tuesday, adds one more tragedy to the naval records of the world; and the world responds

with the broadest and deepest sympathy for the families of the men and officers sacrificed in the passing of a single moment, and with the government that bears the brunt of the loss and discomfiture. The one poor merit attaching to the fearful incident, so far as we are concerned, is that it helps us out in carrying off the load left us by the Bennington, at San Diego, last year. A poor premise, to be sure, but not entirely unacceptable, and certainly opportune, if one dares to put such a construction upon so hideous a blunder as ours and the resulting censure to which we have been subjected.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

We will see how the two-cent railroad fare works out without delay. It is in force in Nebraska and the railroads are retaliating by cutting off all half-fare permits, excursion rates and other advantages. That will injure some, but the general result will be to the advantage of the public in cheapness. The only question is, has the time arrived for this rate—can the roads in ordinary times operate successfully with it in force?

Novelist Connolly can congratulate himself by the reflection that the best sea stories are written by men of no experience with the sea, anyhow.

There is one thing tolerably certain, that if James J. Hill leaves the carrying trade of the Pacific to the Japanese the goods will be delivered.

It would be well to remember in passing that there is not in all probability

a single railroad official in the United States who would not willingly stay up day and night to prevent a wreck on his line.

Mr. Rockefeller is herewith advised against the easy interview. Nothing will sweep him off the first page and into the middle of the paper among the pure nonsense and advertising matter quicker than that.

We ought at least to collect enough from the Sultan of Turkey to pay for street repairs in front of our embassy.

Everybody possesses one of Mark Twain's literary qualifications. We can all write in bed.

Bernhard Shaw's plays are still being staged, but they are not new ones.

At any rate no Russian general who ever won a victory over the Japs has been mean enough to cro wover the others.

Still it looks, even more than in the late Mr. Boffin's day, like a decline and fall off over in the Rooshian Empire.

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