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ASTORIA'S IDEAL SUMMER.

We do not like to boast, and rarely do so but we cannot withhold the assertion that no more perfect summer day than yesterday ever gladdened the sense of humanity anywhere on this earth, as we of Astoria experienced it. It was simply ideal. And there is nothing to urge that it will not repeat itself a hundred times before the season shall close. For this section is, beyond doubt, in the very heart of the favored area of the northwestern summer. The dawn was crisply cool and cloudless, and as the sun rode into the heavens his rays were met by the fresh seawinds laden with the wholesome tang of the main and, of just the temperature to soften their heat to that degree of equity qualified by no other term than balm; and all through the long, brilliant day, the delicious interchange progressed above and around us, compelling the instant realization of its perfect charm and voiding every element that might make for discomfort. Life was worth the living; every pulse was animate and eager, charged with the tonic of the perfect air that swept from the ocean to the mountains, and back again; lit to absolute clarity by a sun that burned softly through the shifting sheen of the winds, yielding only the acme of delight as we humans understand it. And when night fell it was necessary to resort to handy summer wraps, and later to the genial warmth of blankets that ensured the bliss of sound, unbroken slumber, no mean counter-pleasure for so alluring a day.

SAILED FOR EUROPE.

Second Annual Milk Congress to be held in Brussels, September 12.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Nathan Straus, merchant and philanthropist, has sailed for Europe to attend the Second Annual Milk Congress to be held in Brussels, from September 12 to 16. Four hundred scientists, medical experts and philanthropists have indicated that they will be present during the sessions of the congress.

"Fifteen years ago I said that the time was coming when it would be considered criminal to feed young children on milk which had not been pasteurized," said Mr. Straus. "The agitation for pasteurized milk has spread to Buffalo, Boston and as far west as San Francisco. Besides this, Surgeon General Wyman of the public health service, at the direction of President Roosevelt, has taken up the investigation of the whole milk subject with the view of the enactment by Congress of a pure milk law that will compel the eradication of tubercular cattle in the dairy herd and require the pasteurization of all milk that cannot be certified as free from germs of disease."

DIRIGIBLE BALLOONS FOR ARMY.

PARIS, July 19.—Le Petit Parisien says that it understands that the budget committee intends to increase the grant for dirigible balloons for the army, which is now only 60,000 francs, to a sum which will allow every fort on the eastern frontier to be equipped with a balloon similar to La Patrie. More powerful balloons, it is possible, will be constructed for the headquarters.

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LAWYER SUICIDES.

SAN DIEGO, July 19.—James A. Taylor, a lawyer of this city, committed suicide in his bungalow on Robinson street by taking carbolic acid late this afternoon. He was found dead at 6:30 o'clock. Deceased came from Iowa, where he has a wife and family. He has a brother living here. Despondency is the supposed cause of the suicide.

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WEATHER.

- Western Washington—Fair, except showers in extreme northwest.
- Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho—Probably fair.

EIGHT MONTHS AWAY.

Word comes, well hedged with authority, that the Portland & Seattle Railway will be running its trains into the metropolis of Oregon on or before the first day of next March, just eight months away. This is an item of essential value to this city since that line, so completed, will reach, unbrokenly, from Pasco to the sea right here. It will be the line that holds the future of Astoria well within its grasp, and as it shall develop its potential purposes, so will the destiny of this port be made unmistakably manifest. We should be preparing right now to adapt ourselves to the exigencies inherent in this system and bend every known energy at our command to make it the cardinal aim of its owners to declare this city and port its Pacific terminus and its exporting depot. There is much to do in this behalf and time is of the essence of its accomplishment; therefore, the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, and every man and institution here must find its best place in the scheme of endeavor. Astoria cannot sleep on this issue, nor withhold anything that will contribute to the everlasting success of this program; she must be instantly at work and keen to note every sign, good and bad, and swift to employ her best agencies to win out against the powerful arguments and allurements that will be set in motion for her defeat. Unless it shall be, and is, the preconceived purpose of the Hill interests to make this city their rail-and-sea terminal, with this line from the northwestern wheat belt, we shall have to fight for the supreme distinction and advantage, and we must get in harness and scrap our own scrap to the very end.

NEARING THE END.

The whole country will be glad when the grave and important legal inquiry so long drawn out at Boise shall have closed, and we shall have heard the decision that means so much to so many. The issues, as laid, are, to the world in general, no nearer solution than they were when the cause first went to bar; and even when the jury shall have rendered its verdict, we doubt if then they will have been settled finally. There is an immense scope of interest in the Haywood trial, and it is of two very distinct types, equally intense; the state has woven a wonderful story out of the fabric of Orchard's confession, but the warp and woof of the fabric is not of the kind that carries conviction to the minds of men who are used to cleaner testamentary stuff; and upon this hypothesis alone, we are prepared for the hazard of a disagreement in the jury box.

The range of the testimony covered so wide a field of time, people and circumstances, all more or less, surcharged with evil done or evil intended, that it is a difficult matter to segregate the atoms of truth and decency upon which to predicate a line of structural fact from which to evolve a wholesome conviction or acquittal. The shadow of wrong is very dense in the history upon which this crime is founded and it is not confined to one side by any manner of means; there is much to quicken a perpetual doubt, even when the unravelling shall have been attained; hence our doubt that there will ever be a justifiable agreement, save as to the manifest guilt of the main witness.



When War Will Disappear.

By W. S. SCHLEY, Rear Admiral U. S. N., Retired

THE profession of arms is one of the oldest in history, honorable and useful alike to the state. As a member of that profession I could not be expected to have much sympathy with those who misrepresent the value of its work or who DECRY THE USEFULNESS of its duties. In these days we hear much of peace congresses. In behalf of those of my cloth, I would say that it has been my privilege to meet and know some of the great soldiers and sailors of my time in most of the countries of the world. It is only just to them to say that they were uniformly gentle and UNIVERSALLY HUMANE. They were in no sense fond of war because the study of their life had better equipped them to wage it, but when brought face to face with the fact that their nation was unable to find common ground upon which to stand in adjusting differences with another they were ready to step into the breach, with all that might mean of SACRIFICE FOR HOME AND COUNTRY.

No one appreciates more than I do the motives of peace societies or the credit due THEM FOR THE GOOD they WOULD do, but the day is distant when the lion and the lamb can lie down together, and when they get up the lamb can be certain that he is not in the northwest corner of the lion. It is hardly too much to say that the era of a thousand years of peace is almost too far off to hope that any of us now living may ever see its beginning, but in the meantime might it not be well that we should constitute ourselves a living force for the protection of law and order against those other forces within the state which are DESTRUCTIVE TO ITS PEACE AND QUIET?

I would welcome such conferences as that at The Hague. All men who look upon war as a calamity will rejoice to know that there is a spirit of willingness prevalent among nations TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF WAR, or to eliminate from its code some of the causes which now lead to it and to substitute for these the method of arbitration. If no other good results from such conferences than to strike from its code a few of the causes which now lead to that misfortune, the effect will be to lessen its possibilities and to make resort to it more and more rare. I know of no nation today, however, that, UNDER THE PRESENT DISPOSITION OF HUMAN NATURE, can afford to discard her defense while there is so much class restlessness under restraint or class impatience of authority as we see in every country around us. No, it is a far cry to the day when liberty will be able to hold footing without the protection of arms in the hands of men who are TRAINED TO USE THEM in her defense.

I AM AMONG THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT WHEN THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD SHALL BECOME VERITABLY THE KINGDOMS OF CHRIST ON EARTH, THEN, AND ONLY THEN, WILL WAR DISAPPEAR AND THE RUMORS OF WAR CEASE AMONG MEN.

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