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### AN OPPORTUNE INTERPRETATION.

For some time our government at Washington has been dawdling with the Japanese question, palliating, explaining, placating and promising, and had about gotten itself into an inextricable mess over the alleged problems involved, when our good friend, the riotous British workman of Vancouver, B. C., turns the trump card of his, and our relief, by demonstrating to the little brown man that, as a Coolie, he is not wanted on Western soil even a little bit.

It was cleverly and most seasonably done; and while we deprecate resort to obscure tactics and reliance upon second-fiddle alternatives, we make due acknowledgment to our Northern cousin for the favor done us so unconsciously and so thoroughly. The Japanese government is taking the whole thing mighty cool, since it was brought by his best friend and ally, and he must swallow his chagrin and recognize the inevitable. He has been served with an unequalled injunction to keep his spare population at home and not seek to thrust them into home-ground competition with the white labor of America; and if the lesson had not been given on Canadian soil, it would have been tendered him over here, sooner, or later, and with infinitely graver results to Jap and American, diplomatically.

Our people at Washington see at a glance, now, what they should have known months ago, and having got their cue, are very pronounced in their declarations as to what it all means, and will govern themselves accordingly, and what is more Japan will meet the situation, badly as he hates to, and do it cleverly and quickly.

We have never been in accord with Mr. Roosevelt's pro-Japanese doctrine, because we have felt that, wise and clever as he is, he has never understood the far western conception of the Jap, but has based his conclusions and policies upon his own intimate and agreeable relations with the brains and culture of the Kingdom of the Rising Sun, as he met and associated with it, at the National capital. He needs some coaching on Pacific Coast matters, and once he really knows what is right for us out here, he need not be feared.

We shall be glad to see a termination of the long-drawn Japanese treaty squabble and to know that the exclusion clause therein is fixed, unambiguous and impregnable, for the sake of peace with this bright nation and the common good of workmen of the United States.

### THAT COLUMBIA DRY-DOCK.

Not so very many years ago there was a governmental proposition to establish a naval station and dry-dock in the Columbia River territory, and it would have been here, today, had it not been that U. S. Senator Dolph, from Oregon, (but of Portland), ascertaining that it was the purpose of the National authorities to install it at, or near, Astoria, instantly relinquished his efforts to secure it; and, because it was not placed at, or near, Portland, permitted the project to go by default, and virtually sent it over to Bremerton. This is one apt expression of the Portland spirit when it comes to the securing of things of great importance for Oregon; and it is on the same parallel with the remark made by Mr. Wheelwright, the leading factor in the bread-stuff interests of Oregon, (also, of Portland), when he went with a party of Portland & Seattle Railroad officials to look at the site chosen by that road for its bridge-entry in the metropolis, along last spring. When he was shown the lines upon which the great structure would leave Vancouver, cross the river, and enter the city of Portland, he protested vehemently that "it would never do in the world; that the instant such a bridge from the

north bank of the Columbia River was completed, every train that crossed it would be deflected westward to Astoria direct," or words of similar import, all duly reported in the Portland press; and showing the animus that operates, and has operated for unnumbered years, in the city of Portland, against Astoria and the lower Columbia Valley.

We allude to these things because we are compelled to indicate to the outsider, the man from abroad, why Astoria, with its marvelous advantages, is denied so many essential things, governmental and otherwise. We wish it were not so. We wish Portland might adopt some more rational and conservative policy, and yet retain her supremacy in the great industries and service systems and manufacturing plants that must surely come into Oregon, and yet not direct to the metropolis. The tactics that would draw all good things into the state upon the sole hypothesis that they be finally and perpetually set up at Portland, is a doctrine that will gag itself to death sooner, or later; because it is wrong, susceptible of resentment and open to criticism of the sharpest sort, that cannot but react adversely to the great city on the Willamette.

But be this as it may, the government is looking interestingly to the mouth of the Columbia for a sit for its new naval station and dry-dock; and we want to see some very different programs unfolded at Washington, this winter, from that fathered by the late, lamented U. S. Senator Dolph, who, fine a man as he was, was not above making so extraordinary a sacrifice to his preferences for his home-city over the wide advantage that might have accrued to the great state he represented. Far too much has been sacrificed to this almost insane Portland spirit!

### EDITORIAL SALAD.

Passengers may even now travel through several states and pay only two cents a mile, but only in States which have no general two-cent-a-mile law.

It is a somewhat dubious outcome to find that all we have to show for the war on nature fakers is a strike of the Teddy Bear constructors.

Still, the telegraph strike has not yet caused such intense inconvenience as to lead to a movement for the abolition of all whistle blowing.

Bill Ward says: "You do it when you do it, not before."

### BIG ENTERTAINMENT.

Former Residents Living In State Are Invited To Attend.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 11.—Maryland is sending invitations to her sons and daughters scattered everywhere to come to a grand reunion, and is making extensive preparations to give them a week of right royal entertainment when they come. Old Home Week covers the dates, October 13 to 19, and there will not be a moment of that time that will not thrill with the spirit of hospitality for which the Old Line State is famous.

The celebration will include a number of spectacular features in this city, such as an electrical pageant, a grand military and naval display, a gathering of patriotic societies, a parade and ball by the fraternal orders, a big concert, a night carnival, etc. There will also be a special pilgrimage to Annapolis on Peggy Stewart Day, which falls in Old Home Week.

The visitors to the capital will have an opportunity to inspect the magnificent new buildings of the United States Naval Academy and the remodeled State House of historic associations.

The New Baltimore, which has sprung from the ashes of the disastrous fire of 1904, will not be the least of the features that will afford delight and will surprise the returning sons and daughters of the State.

The Homecomers will have the benefit of special transportation rates granted by railroads and steamboat companies, and arrangements are on foot to secure for the visitors the privilege of a side trip to Jamestown without extra charge.

Every former Marylander of whom the Maryland Home Coming Association secures information will receive a special invitation to attend the homecoming. These invitations are being sent out by Governor Edwin Warfield in the name of the State. All persons who have information of the whereabouts of former Marylanders are urged to promptly forward such names and addresses as are in their possession to the Secretary of the Association, 602 Fidelity Building, Baltimore, Md.

### Stop It!

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## We Could Build Five Battleships to Japan's One.

By CHARLES M. SCHWAR, Former President of the United States Steel Corporation.



I AM convinced that THERE WILL BE NO WAR between the United States and Japan. At least the initiative will never be taken by Japan. I make this assertion from the standpoint of a practical business man and builder of war vessels and armored equipment. Japan cannot afford to war with us.

THE UNITED STATES IS EASILY ABLE TO BUILD AND EQUIP FIVE BATTLESHIPS WHILE JAPAN IS FINISHING ONE. THAT PERCENTAGE MIGHT EVEN BE INCREASED IN THE EVENTUALITY OF WAR. THE RESOURCES OF THIS COUNTRY ARE PRACTICALLY LIMITLESS WHEN THE URGENCY OF NECESSITY ARISES.

I am confident that Japan is fully alive to the consciousness of her inability to cope with us in the building of armored ships. Even now Japan, I understand, contracts for all armor plate and guns of large caliber from English, Dutch and German firms. That is where the United States would be at a TREMENDOUS ADVANTAGE and not only could preserve but increase that advantage as the necessity required.

Should the United States ever again become involved in war I feel perfectly confident in declaring that AMERICAN BUILT BATTLESHIPS, FITTED OUT WITH AMERICAN ARMOR PLATE AND AMERICAN GUNS AND MANNED BY AMERICAN TARS, CAN HOLD THEIR OWN WITH ANY NAVY IN THE WORLD.

## GOT OUR HANDS FULL

French Minister Thinks With the Philippine Islands.

### AMERICANS ARE ANTAGONISTIC

Similarity Of Spain And The Islanders Made It Possible For The Castilians To Get Along—Absolutely No Point Of Agreement With Americans.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—Senator Debaraza, the former Ambassador of Spain to Paris and a member of the peace commission that arranged the Spanish-American treaty in Paris after the war, is one of the foremost publicists in Spain. As the Minister of the Colonies he is thoroughly familiar with the situation and conditions in the Philippines.

Senator Debaraza said: "I don't think America will ever succeed in bringing order and self-government to the Philippines. Their peculiar people the very opposite to the Americans in everything. It was a very difficult problem for Spain, although the language is the same; but with Americans there is not a single point of contact, but in every point an antagonism."

"The Filipinos hate the Americans more than they hated the Spaniards. All your noble efforts to civilize them are bound to fail. They are Asiatics, and the differences between the two races are too great to be reconciled.

"As to the Japanese, I cannot see the least prospect of a war with America. They are a wise people and in no present need of the Philippines. Later, when they are well prepared, the question may assume important dimensions. Nobody can safely predict events. I, as one who has watched the history of the nations for the last fifty years, would be the last to do so.

"It appears though in the future the Philippines may belong to Japan. Little by little they will drop into Japanese possession either by purchase or otherwise. The cost to America of the Philippines must always be enormous without any commensurate results. I read in some American papers that the United States of America needs the Philippines from a strategic point of view, but I fail to see it. Believe me, Japan will never be able to enter your golden gate. I hold San Francisco to be the strongest and best defended seaport in the world.

"As for Spain she is much better off without the Philippines. Giving them up was like pulling a bad tooth. It was very painful, but better in every way for the patient. Spain's finances are no longer strained, and the lives of thousands of my countrymen are spared. The Philippines were a white elephant to Spain and will always remain one to the United States."

### Talking Machines.

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### MAIL CARRIER SANDBAGGED.

Cowardly Attempt Made to Rob Mail Wagon.

STEVENSVILLE, Sept. 11.—A cowardly attempt was made a few days ago to rob the rural free delivery wagon between Victor and Corvallis. The attempt was made upon Ellen Cowan, substitute carrier for W. S. Jones, while she was crossing the island east of Victor. She was found lying in an unconscious condition by the roadside, with a large bruise on her head, indicating that she had been sandbagged. The cash box, which contained nothing, was found open in the road. The mail was scattered about the road as if ransacked. The victim of the assault does not seem to be able to throw any light on the matter and does not know any of the facts leading up to the attack. She lay in an unconscious condition by the roadside for about an hour, and a half.

Yesterday two carloads of brick arrived here for use in the new store building of the Stevensville Mercantile Company. In the two cars there are 25,000 brick and the company expects to secure the rest of the 400,000 at an early date. It also has on the road a car of cement. The building, when completed, will be one of the largest in Western Montana.

Within the next 10 days the Burnt Fork Rural Telephone Company will have the circuit of its telephone line completed. The line on the north road up the Burnt Fork is strung and the company is nearing town on the other road with the wire.

The Stevensville town council held a special meeting last night, it being called for the purpose of deciding upon holding an election to vote upon an electric light franchise. The franchise is asked for by J. C. Hodge, of Tacoma, Wash., who intends to put in an electric lighting system for Stevensville and Victor. The council ordered the election, which is set for Oct. 1.

Mrs. David Morehead, of Dunlap, Iowa, arrived here last week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Franklin, who is quite ill. Miss Ida Spencer, of Butte, a niece of Mrs. J. B. Franklin, is also here.

Five of the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrington, on the west side, are ill with diphtheria. Some of the children were in a serious condition, but it is believed at this time they are out of danger.

### AMERICAN WEDS GREEK.

Evelyn Palmer Adopts Grecian Dress As Well As Husband.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Sept. 11.—Miss Evelyn Palmer, daughter of Mrs. Robert Abbe of New York was married here today to Angelo Sikellianos, a Greek, who has won recognition in this country for his poems and philosophical writings. Possessed of an independent fortune in her own right, Miss Palmer has traveled much.

She returned from Europe August 31, on board the Loraine, clad in a house robe of Tyrian purple, cinched just above the hips with a loose belt, and wearing sandals on her bare feet. Miss Palmer had to bear constant curious scrutiny from her fellow passengers. She told friends that she had adopted her unusual attire principally because of its comfort, and her belief that it was most healthful.

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### WRECK GERMAN TRAIN.

Believed to Have Planned Death of Russian Grand Duke, but Failed.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—A railway express train disaster, which is supposed to have been caused by anarchists, occurred yesterday, 20 miles from Berlin. No lives were lost but six persons were injured and the greater part of the train was destroyed by a fire which broke out in the wreck.

The train, which was on its way to Berlin from Eglthunnen, the station on the Russian frontier, left the track near Strassburg. An examination showed that the bolts that held the rails had been loosened for a distance of 30 yards. The authorities have offered a reward of \$500 for the discovery of the perpetrators of the crime, and an official inquiry is in progress.

The persons injured were inhabitants of Berlin, postal clerks, commercial travelers, and two army officers. It does not appear that any Russian of high rank was a passenger on the train but the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolavitch, with a staff of six officers is expected to arrive here tomorrow on his way to the Germany army maneuvers, when he will be the guest of Emperor William.

### SAN DIEGO FIGHTS PLAGUE.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 11.—The bubonic plague stands little chance of getting into San Diego, so strict are the quarantine regulations. All vessels from San Francisco must be fumigated before they are allowed to leave the station here, unless they have undergone this process before leaving the Golden Gate. All vessels are kept at a distance of six feet from the wharf, and hawsers leading ashore are fitted with shields, which prevent rats from passing either way.

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