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GROWING DANGERS OF A GREAT WAR.

AT THE OUTBREAK of the present war between Russia and Japan it was rather optimistically taken for granted that it could be confined to the two nations directly involved.

It is very unwise national policy to seek to underestimate the gravity of the conditions which now confront the world. While the popular sentiment of the country is manifestly with Japan the concern of the government is to maintain a condition of strict neutrality.

There has seldom been a time in our history when broader and more conservative statesmanship was called for and the Roosevelt administration will, from this time on, be put to the severest test of its whole career.

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NEED OF MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

IT WILL BE NOTED that in all efforts to reform and save delinquent youths great stress is laid upon the value of manual training schools as one of the most effective agencies.

DELIGHT ON THE WAR.

Foresighted Preparations Which Had Been Made by Japan.

Eliza Selidmore's Nagasaki Letter in Chicago Tribune, dated Jan. 8.

The Japanese were a degree hurt by such a conspicuous defection in sympathy and moral support, when it was proved before the ships left that all danger of European protest or interference at Panama was past, and the admirals pulled up anchor slowly, expecting their orders to be countermanded.

For months past, foreign merchants have suffered with Japanese merchants from the political uncertainty and the stagnation in business, quite as much as if there were war.

America, the new world power, the great sea power, is being cruelly chafed at this crisis, since fear Columbia's white fleet picked up and tripped away across the great ocean, just as the situation promised to become acute, gone in a hurry on a moonlight excursion to Honolulu at the hint of danger or embarrassing complications, sailing yet farther away to Guam, with the certainty of war.

Much of it is due, as it always is, to the fact that they are not employed in ways which interest them. The manual training school will go farther toward settling this problem than any other plan that has yet been suggested.

There is a general feeling that so long as Portland continues without a free manual training school just so long will it lag in the rear of the progressive cities of the country.

THEY'RE AFTER ROOSEVELT.

IT IS JUST a straw yet it is not without its significance. In the Fifth Ohio congressional district the delegates to the Republican convention failed to instruct for Roosevelt.

While many influential authorities long ago proclaimed that the president would be nominated by acclamation, and while that outcome is still among the possibilities, there is a growing feeling of conservatism in various parts of the country which is breeding a disinclination to bind the delegates to the national convention.

The president is being insidiously attacked because of his lack of conservatism and there is just enough in his manner and methods to give the color of truth to what is said against him.

That they will take the greatest possible advantage of the situation there is no reason to doubt; that the president himself will spend some unpleasant quarter hours between this and the day set for the convention seems equally certain.

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TOTE FAIR.

From the St. Paul Dispatch.

The rural mail carriers are asking congress to increase their pay. A bill is pending raising it to \$720 a year as the maximum, reached after three years' service.

For these months the Japanese subsistence department has been accumulating flour to be baked into hardtack for campaign use, the service ration of balls of boiled rice not being as reliable as the American hardtack and sea biscuit.

Coal is the burden of talk among the people of the Orient, and it is as regular as comment on the weather. Coal, as the first necessity, the sinew of naval war, is pouring to the shores of the Yellow sea from every mining region in the world.

There comes the boy-man.

From the Ashland Tribune.

The Oregon Daily Journal of Portland has arranged to publish the war news from the Orient supplied to the Hearst papers.

When the scare on both sides is over, we may have a warm campaign, but at present both parties are represented as cowering in terror at the approach of some boy-man.

Health is a Potent Factor in Education

Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve university, contributes an admirable paper to Harper's Weekly of January 16 on 'How Shall I Educate My Boy?' Among other things he says:

In certain great fundamental respects of purpose, method, condition, and force, the education of your boy and mine and of all lads is to be made alike. One of these primary conditions relates to health.

A certain share of children are not well born; but even of those who are not well born, the larger share are allowed every afternoon under the supervision of the school authorities. Such outdoor play belongs to the fall and spring months.

The vigor of maturity, the energy of permanent working power, the length of service and life depend, in a very large degree, upon the growth and health of the years of the second decade of the boy's life.

Your son and my son should have as long a training as possible. By long I do not mean merely length in time; I mean length in the quality of the work.

Famous Sermon From the Bible

St. Matthew XIX:1-30.

Christ heath the sick; anwereth the Pharisees concerning divorce; sheweth unto his disciples; instructeth the young man how to attain eternal life, and how to be perfect; telleth his disciples how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God, and saith: I will give thee that which thou desirest.

And he answered and said unto them. Have ye not read that which made him and female.

And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they two shall be one flesh.

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorce, and to put her away?

He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so.

And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

His disciples say unto him, If the case of the rich man be so with his wife, it is good to marry.

But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb; and there are some eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

Then came there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good, seeing I am a man? There is none good, but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

A Woman Said to Be at the Bottom of Land Grabber Benson's Troubles

It is reported in San Francisco that Mrs. Belle A. Curtis, a widow, is the person who, more than any other, made matters worse for the Pacific coast land grabbers—Hyde, Benson and others.

One of Benson's most intimate business associates was Crawford W. Clark, a wealthy Sacramento man, who has been financing Benson's operations.

"Benson and F. A. Hyde operated together, although I cannot say they had any formal partnership. Many of my loans have been for their joint operations.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The Woman in the Case.

To the Editor of The Journal—I have been reading the articles in your very interesting paper in regard to 'unfortunate girls,' and I have been wondering why women themselves do not help them.

President Eliot of Harvard is strongly of the opinion that the public should have a legislative and judicial remedy against both employers and labor unions, and that they should be under government control.

"The process of determining what prices a given industry will bear," he says, "is now a process of combat. The weapons being chiefly strikes, boycotts and lockouts, all of which ordinarily involve bitter strife and violence, and are frequently the disastrous interruption of a productive industry."

"This is certainly a very stupid way of arriving at a determination of the best price to be got in any year or at any moment for a given product. Consider the relations between the farmer and the capitalist and the trader, whatever he may be called, are the rational modes of arriving at a practical answer to the question of price, and this would be the mode of arriving at a determination of the best price to be got in any year or at any moment for a given product.

And what was the young man doing all of this time? Why the same old thing to be sure—attending dances, tennis parties and receptions where he had been invited by 'mothers' who had failed to recognize the girl on the street, although they had known her from infancy. It was not men who invited him to these places, have heard me say he ought to be kicked out of town.

But to resume. A short time after the girl's return, an old friend of the family gave a card party. Her mother and sisters were invited, but she was not asked. But—and I am ashamed to say it—the man was there in all his curls and glory. He had been invited. And, oh, the pity of it—the woman who gave the party had daughters of her own. No sweeter, and no better behaved than this one, but this one, alas, had been spoiled by her mother.

And think, you do not know but what your own daughters may be placed in the same position this girl was. Why do you not pity the girl, and kick the man? Or if you must kick, kick both. You do not know what you are doing.

Not in South Carolina.

From the Boston Globe.

Congressman Corona, who shot and killed an editor in consequence of political differences, has been given four years' imprisonment and ordered to pay the balance of power in the east, and how we must maintain this increased prestige with an increased navy. Both

of the most peculiar of the many singular features of this transaction is said to be that when the government took the land for a forest reservation a contract existed between the owner and a lumber company, by which the latter was to take all the best timber of the area, and the government was to take the rest. The cutting of the trees would be of little value as a forest reserve. He then sold it to the government, taking lieu scrip for it.

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