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Columnators have neither good hearts nor good understandings. They ought not to think of any one till we have palpable proof, and even then we should not expose them to others.—Colton.

GERMANY'S COLONIAL POSSESSIONS

THE ultimatum to Germany from England's ally, Japan, brings home to us the extent of the strife for territory between the great powers of Europe. They confront each other, not only along the closely guarded frontiers of the home countries, but over seas on the teeming shore of the Orient or in the dense jungles of the tropics or on the scattered islands of the Pacific.

Germany was the last to enter the field. Her colonial empire has grown up only within the last thirty years. Kiau Chiao, in the Shantung Peninsula, which Japan claims upon her to surrender, is the last won of her foreign possessions. It was seized in 1897 as a recompense for the murder of two German missionaries.

Further to the south in Pacific waters England and Germany are again near neighbors. Germany has annexed small and scattered holdings in the numerous islands to the north of Australia. A third of New Guinea is hers, the Bismarck Archipelago and the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

Africa offered the only considerable field for colonial expansion when Germany woke to the ambition to plant her flag across the seas. Bismarck, in 1884, somewhat unwillingly consented to establish a protectorate over the African regions where German traders already had extensive interests. It is a romantic story how three young and ambitious members of the German Colonization Society, disguised as mechanics, landed at Zanzibar with blank treaty forms, and a supply of German flags and pushed into the interior.

On the west coast at about the same time Germany acquired territory nearly as extended in South-west Africa, which the Orange river separates from Cape Colony. Above the mouth of the Congo, at the sharp bend of the coast line toward the gulf in the same year Cameroon, and farther west Togoland, a narrow strip running inland between the Gold Coast and Dahomey. Both these colonies are now flanked by English and French possessions.

Germany has less than a million square miles of territory while England controls, including the country nominally ruled by Egypt, 3,700,000 square miles. There is one great drawback in Germany's possessions in Africa and also in the Pacific Islands. None of them except Southwest Africa are suitable for colonization.

MR. WITHYCOMBE'S BAD ADVISERS

WORSE advice was never given a candidate than is that by "the advising politicians" who are urging Dr. Withycombe to flop on the single item veto.

On principle, Dr. Withycombe is against the single item veto, and he has frequently said so. On principle, he is against the frequent use of the veto, and he has frequently said so. He is not only against the single item veto on principle and against the frequent use of the veto on principle, but he believes in a sort of working understanding between the members of the legislature and the governor, and he has frequently said so.

There is no way for Dr. Withycombe to forget these words. They are his words. There is no way for the public to forget these words, or whose they are. When "the advising politicians" tell him to deny them or go back on them, they counsel him to a course that can bring him nothing but embarrassment and disaster.

These, too, are Dr. Withycombe's words. They show why, on principle, he is against the single item veto, and why on principle, he is against a frequent use of the veto. They show that his whole idea is against vetoes. They show that he has a deep-seated faith and trust in the legislature.

It would be the sheerest folly for Dr. Withycombe to attempt to change his position. He cannot afford to be on one side of an issue part of the campaign and on the other side of that issue the rest of the campaign. To change now would be proof of temperamental weakness. To permit the "advising politicians" to take his own words out of his mouth and put their own words into his mouth would be a pitiful surrender by Dr. Withycombe of his convictions.

These things are said in advance as sound advice to Dr. Withycombe. If he flops from one side to another on issues like a butterfly flitting from flower to flower, it will lead him to political disaster and political suicide.

He was an Irishman by birth and his first experiments in the submarine field were largely prompted by a desire to cripple England's supremacy of the sea. At first he met with the usual discouragements of the inventor. In 1876 he submitted to the United States Navy Department plans for a submarine boat which were coolly received.

He continued his experiments, however, and in 1893 received as a result of competition a contract from the navy department. Upon the failure of his boat, which he attributed to interference by naval officials, Holland organized a company and produced a submarine boat which proved to be a success in its trial at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, in 1898.

A FEW SMILES

An Irishman, an Englishman and a Scotsman were out of work. They were in search of employment, and came to a farmer's house and applied for work of ploughman. The farmer's house and ever told the biggest lie could have the job.

"Well, Pat, what's your lie?" "Begorra, sir," said Pat, "I believe these lads." Pat got the job.

A section foreman on a southern railway heard the following conversation between two of his dusky laborers. "Jim, you bettah come here ah' he'p me. I's talkin' up fer you."

A philosopher stepped on board a boat to cross a stream; on the passenger list the ferryman if he understood arithmetic. The man looked astonished.

The boatman smiled and replied: "No." "Well, then," said the philosopher, "another quarter of your life is gone."

The Ragtime Musc. Obsolete views and outworn creeds. Selfish actions and foolish pride. Hates and rancors and cruel greeds. Acts that the doer would seek to hide.

Evil courted and good defied— Into the scrap heap with them all! Motors driven at reckless speeds. Then shouted the ferryman, "your whole life is gone, for the boat is going to the bottom."

For a People's Harbor. Banks, Or., Aug. 19.—To the People of Portland. The statement of the municipality of Portland having failed to protect the public right in the shores of the harbor of Portland, particularly for those interested in this harbor, and that the pierhead line be changed.

AN UNSEEMLY EXHIBITION. A SIMPLE, kindly man is dead in Rome. From every corner of Christendom prayers go up for the repose of his soul.

Prohibition in North Dakota. Lebanon, Or., Aug. 19.—The Editor of The Journal: I have been here for only one year, I am greatly interested in the future of this state, North Dakota, my native state.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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Oregon Sidelights. Twenty-nine dogs were electrocuted at Medford Tuesday by the health authorities. Their owners had failed to muzzle them within the limit required by ordinance.

Tolstoi's Vision of a World War. The following is an interview with Count Leo Tolstoi in 1910, written by his grandniece for the Chicago Record-Herald, in which he predicts the present war.

Letters from the People. (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, and should exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.)

Christ's Teachings and War. Portland, Aug. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal:—In your issue of August 17, W. J. Garrison of McMinnville takes exception to statements from a sermon by me, which were published recently in Portland newspapers.

Suspended Fame. CONNECTION with the general European war it is interesting to note the recent death of John Phillip Holland, who contributed much to the solution of the problem of submarine navigation.

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IN NON-EUROPEAN MARKETS. By John M. Oskison. Everybody knows that England and Germany have fought a bitter struggle for the markets of the non-European countries.

Writes About Emma Goldman. Gervais, Or., Aug. 19.—To the Editor of The Journal:—We do not uphold Emma Goldman if she is an anarchist, but since the days have used her as an argument every minute. Why should she be expected to live forever?

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

Following are some of the illustrated features that will supplement the news reports in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL for next Sunday.

WITH THE MAKANAS ON MT. BALABAC. A photographic and word story that records the essential happenings on the Makanas recent expedition to the island of Balabac.

GERMAN GENERAL FORNOLD WAR. General von Bernhard of the Kaiser's army wrote a book more than two years ago in which he declared that the German army was Germany's only hope lay in aggression on land and caution on sea.

THE MEN AROUND THE KAISER. Frederick William Wilke presents interesting studies of each of a group of German military men who have played leading parts in shaping the destiny of the empire.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE FAITH. An illustrated story by Robert Herrick that represents the best in modern fiction.

FOUR WOMEN READERS. Four pages of THE SUNDAY JOURNAL Magazine are devoted exclusively to subjects of interest to women. Features covering a wide field are prepared by specialists.

POPULAR SUPPLEMENT. Two pages of photographs from near and far, including a full page reproduction of Webster's "The Pillars of the Desert," two unconventional photographs of Mt. Hood that draw closer attention to what this snow-clad peak has to offer the tourist and a group of snapshots of people and places you have been reading about in the new columns.

HOO'S HOO. By John W. Carey. Who guards your Uncle Sam's health and shines as bogie man to hoo-worms and bacilli all from York to Yucatan?

Who goes to Vera Cruz and makes of same a Spotted Town, as spick and span as Mary Ann in bran new Sunday gown?

Who makes things so unpleasant for the yellow fever germ, it beats it and does not come back to seek a second term? Who, just to be consistent, has fought off that love bug, too? Step upon, unmarried ladies, and meet Surgeon-General Blue!