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WHAT'S BEHIND IT?

Japan in sarcastic notes to the state department of the United States has emphatically refused to surrender the island of Yap in the Pacife over which she was assigned mandate by the supreme inter-allied council.

The United States has protested the award, maintaining that although she was not represented in the peace council due to the refusal to ratify the peace treaty and the teague of nations covenant, she still retains rights to the fruits of victory which her army and navy made possible

The United States has further represented to Japan that inasmuch as Yap is a strategical point in the Pacific ocean, it should be internationalized as a cable station, thus aiding world communication.

Japan, according to the correspondence, not only defied the American protest against the mandate over Yap but has summarily rejected the proposal by the United States that even if Yap should be assigned under the mandate to Japan, all other powers should have free and unhampered ac cess to the island for landing and operation of cables.

The action of Japan of course has precipitated a crisis. What does Jap an plan to do? It is evident that the Japanese government proposes to hold Yap, excluding all other nations therefrom. Why should Japan propose to exclude other nations, especially the United States?

Does Japan propose to use Yap as a base of operation in some future. say against the United States? ! oes Japan plan to erect strong fortifications on the island?

It is evident that Japan in secur ing the island doesn't propose to work for world benefit. The Nipponese don't propose to give landing and cable rights to foreign nations. Apparently Japan is selfishly working to make the island serve Japan-the world not at all.

There's been a good deal of talk about an impending war in which the United States should battle against the yellow men from across the sea. The Japanese have come to this coast in veritable hordes, settling here and there, running our American farmers out of business and gaining control of the richest and most valuable land. The Japs were enabled to do this because of their low standards of life and the fact that the Japanese man in the field is assisted by his wife and by his children, be they ever so weak, his children ever so young.

We know that Japanese do not make good citizens since they lower the wage and living standard America. Their religion is not our religion, their ideas are not western ideas, their ideals are not ours.

One case in point. They are impe rialistic, we are democratic. They hold might the great power, whereas we force in the world. Read the constitution of Japan and the constitution or the United States, if you doubt

knows how the Jap has been unable able to do (the internal urge proves

and water will not mix,

There have been intimations the Japanese were coming to west coast in force in order in time to convert the Pacific coast into a suburb of Tokio. Persons addicted to figures showed how this would be the inevitable result. The islands of Japan are overcrowded now. Population increases, enormous among the Japanese, are literally crowding hundreds of thousands into the sea or across it to the United States. Japan must have more land for Japanese. Is the nation looking covetously to the western seaboard of the United States?

While we have realized that the coming of the Japanese had upset economic and industrial standards in America, we were loath to believe that Japan contemplated a warlike demonstration against this country.

But our puzzlement is vastly in creased now. What means the bulldog tenacity with which Japan clings to the island of Yap? What means the absolute refusal of Japan to con cede landing and cable rights to other nations on the Key to the Pacific over which she rules?

___ MISSING.

Missing. The word holds a deal of pathos, Gone. Where, no one knows He just dropped out of sight and his identity was lost forevermore. Sometimes a man or a woman drops out of sight deliberately to hide his or her life-to clear the record and begin again amid new surroundings new friends as somebody else,

Others following the rainbow to its base to claim the pot of gold meet with disaster far from home. Their fatal misfortune is not known by any one who can tell loved ones what be-

Bones found under buildings, in des ert wastes, in mountain fastnesses all tell a story of someone missingsomeone who never came home. Perhaps to this day, someone, somewhere awaits word anxiously.

The finding of human skeletons at ways arouses interest. The other day workers on the Columbia River highway near the Deschutes, unearthed six skeletons, apparently those of white men and women. Their skulls were crushed and the theory is that they were set upon while they slept and foully done to death.

They were let lie where they fell or were buried in a shallow grave to hide the evidence of the crime. The region in early days was infested with bandits who murdered if they believed money could be obtained through snuffing out of a human life But these six human beings, there after, never were heard of, it would appear. They dropped out of sight. They are missing.

The loved ones back home to this day know not what befell, Perhaps some one tonight wonders what be came of Jim or Tom or Nell or Betty Missing. The word holds a deal of pathos. Gone. Where, no one knows.

CRIMINAL WASTE.

Practically every human being is criminally wasteful. Oh, you may save and skimp and plan. You may spend as little as possible and squeeze the eagle until it screams in anguish. But regardless of this, you, 10 chances to one, are wasteful - criminally

You are going this way only once. You have but one life to live. It is a short one at its longest. Yet scarcelys FOR SALE Large and small form a day passes that you do not waste precious time out of it.

Relaxation after hard work is not waste. But misdirected effort cer tainly is waste. It gets you nowhere, accomplishes nothing. And the sands hold right the greatest actuating in the hour glass of your life are falling. They can never be reclaimed. No minute can be lived over.

You are criminally wasteful of your life when inside you promptings pro-But enough. Every dweller in the pel you to attempt some new venture. Pacific coast lands knows the story of You are afraid to do so. The fact that Japanese colonization. Every dweller you delay doing the thing you are

to mix with Americans, just as oil you have the power) indicates that you are wasting talents which you should be developing and devoting the good of mankind and your self. How do you know that you have the power just because you want tremen dously to do something? Listen: God never gave you intense desire to do something, a desire dearer than very life, unless he gave you talent to do that thing. God does not mock his children.

> And many of us are lazy. We slide through life the easiest way. We do exert ourselves. We do not speed up. Thus we are criminally wasting our lives-lives given to us that we might make them count for some-

Criminal waste-most of us are practicing it one way or another with the most precious thing we have-our

LOOKING BACKWARD

(Frof The Chronicle, April 19, 1896.) Various schools in the country gave a fitting celebration on Arbor day. Ten Mile school, Omah Smith teach-

er, had a lengthy program. No trees were planted, as all past efforts to make them grow have proved fruitless. This is the fault of the ground not being improved. The following pupils took part in the program: Lil-

lian Krause, Miss Emma Dras, Laura left the country for ever, disgusted for trains to take them home from Pennington, Malcolm Southwell, Ne'lie Foss, Mace Fulton, Lena Deckert, Nellie Pennington, Julia Smith, Herbert Pennington, Miss Edith Krause, Nellie Deckert, Miss Clara Benson

FLANDERS FIELDS, CRADLE OF SEPARATIST MOVEMENT

By R. H. Sheffield

(United Press Staff Correspondent) BRUSSELS, (By mail.)-The warorn "fields of Flanders" have become the cradle of a separatist movement, similar in some respects to Sinn

In this howling wilderness of shell torn battlefields, the Flemish peasants, a taciturn, undemonstrative race, have come to hate the name of government.

I was through the desolation of Flanders last week and talked with half a dozen small holders whose lifework was snuffed out in the autumn of 1914 and who have not regained their feet yet, even though two years and more have elapsed since the work of reconstruction started.

These men explained the causes of present discontent.

"No end of officials come around and tell us they are going to see that we are fixed up," one Flemish peasant declared. 'But we have been living more than a year in ramshackle huts that let in rain, and working all day trying to get crops out of a field full of shell holes and spent bullets. Meanwhile we hold out our hand for war compensation that never comes." Thousands of Flemish people have

with official dilatoriness. Those that remain do so for very love of the soil.

Numbers of government huts have been erected at a cost of something over \$1,600 each. But the peasants do not want huts; they want cottages or houses such as they had before the war. Train service is unsatisfactory. Here in Belgium it is the custom for farmers to live in villages some miles from their fields. Wherefore they do not relish waiting two or three hours | muth.

their day's work at "reconstruction."

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