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THE ONE THING NEEDFUL

Europe, which necessarily must continue to lean upon the United States while it recovers from the wounds of the war, is paying us honeyed compliments.

Writers who used to think the sun rose and set in London acknowledge that the financial center of the world is now New York.

They declare that the United States is indisputably the richest and most powerful country in the world.

Americans are quite content to agree with them.

Our people never believe in hiding their light under a bushel and they have always been possessed of the belief that their country is supreme. Moreover, they intend to do their utmost to keep it in the lofty position which it has gained by its own merit, aided by Europe's folly.

It is obvious, however, that to maintain the lead the United States must cling closely to the policy of protection which has been of paramount help in building up the country. This being presidential election year, the voters will do well to bear this fact in mind. They should not forget that the Democrats are free traders who would dearly love to make our markets the dumping ground for European manufactures.

The League of Nations will not be the issue at the November election.

There is no doubt that the United States will join that League, with proper reservations.

The question is not one to be fought at the polls.

That fight will be between Republicans and Democrats over domestic policies. The Democrats have been in office eight years and their record is not an admirable one. They are now desirous of letting down the bars to Europe at the expense of American industries.

Right now Japanese shirtings and silks are coming into the American markets fast; as are many other articles manufactured in the country of the little brown men; and they are being sold at prices lower than the stuff can be made here. There is nothing like high domestic prices to give the foreign competitor a foothold.

And he will surely maintain his foothold, and improve it steadily and rapidly, unless protective tariffs are levied against him.

That is the one thing needful.

That is the only thing that will save our manufacturing industries against the cheap labor of Japan and China and India, and of Europe, too, after the people of the continent get down to work.

The people down in the Brooks neighborhood propose to have electric lights on their farms. They will without doubt succeed, in one way or another. And this will show the way to other farm communities. It is a part of the program that will extend Salem's city limits, for all practical purposes, nearly all over Marion county and a goodly portion of Polk county. Some of the other parts of the program are paved highways, rural mail delivery and telephones.

Last day of the corn show.
You must not miss the corn show, if you have not already attended it.

Begins to look as if Hoover has only to say the word.

The administration is worried about the high price of coal. How about Wood?

"More corn, more cows, more clover, more hogs, more money," is the proper slogan for the corn show. You must see the corn show today, if you have not seen it.

Americanism is sweeping the whole country. Not even during the war did the people of American realize the intensity of their own Americanism as they are doing today.

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the advance of 1200 per cent. in the price of muskrat skins. We thought the boost in bread and milk was bad enough, but here is a perfectly stupendous increase. Not long ago states were paying bounties for the destruction of this pest, which wrought havoc with their levees, but now the natives are raising them for their pelts and are praying for large families.

Some amiable profiteer has found a way of making up their hides into moleskin cloaks for movie queens.

BE JOLLY ABOUT IT

Crying over spilt milk is foolish; crying over spilt booze is foolisher; but the foolishness of all is to cry because there isn't going to be any more booze to spill.

The new dry law is an amendment to the constitution of every citizen whose liver has been enlarged by beer and whose nerves have been frazzled by whisky. Therefore it is a double amendment to the national constitution. For which reason it should be doubly welcome.

Pan, not Bacchus, was the real god of merriment.

There are corking times to be had under prohibition.

All the good spirits of the nation were not confined in bottles. All the effervescence has not disappeared with the champagne bubbles.

The season is still open for the merry heart. Prohibition has not dried up the fountain of joy; it has merely taken the "vial" out of convivial and the "spit" out of hospitality.

Indeed the United States has not gone dry at all—it is still superbly, abundantly and ecstatically wet. Only the brand of wetness has been changed. He was a poor picker of words who first coined the expressions "wet and dry campaigns."

Water is wetter than alcohol. It doesn't dry up so quickly.

The real "drys" are the whisky drinkers.

Who will not rejoice that the good old American beverage, cider, is coming into its own?

Who will not have delight in that higher form of the juice of the king of fruits—Applejuice, the cider with a college education?

Who will not have gustatory satisfaction with Pheez loganberry juice, that delectable drink that would have satisfied the tastes and slaked the thirst of the gods of high Olympus?

What chances unfold for the inventor to concoct healthful drinks for freshly-formed palates and heroically cleansed stomachs?

The "good-fellow" in particular should rejoice in the changed order of things. Now he has been given a chance to justify his title. Now he can prove that it was he who put the joy into the wine cup, not the wine cup that put the joy into him. He can conquer the American Sahara with a smile. And these smiles will do himself and his friends far more good than did the old ones he used to take over a bar.

When you regard it in the light of pure reason, the devotee of Bacchus who grows peeved and disgruntled and provocative at the forced change in his habits is simply furnishing a last clinching argument against the regime which he wishes to retain. He is proving that the joy and mirth and inspiration he would have associated with the vineyard and the hop or corn field is mere treacherous and artificial, since they have had no true effect on his temperament, but have shown him up to be without them a morose and unsocial creature.

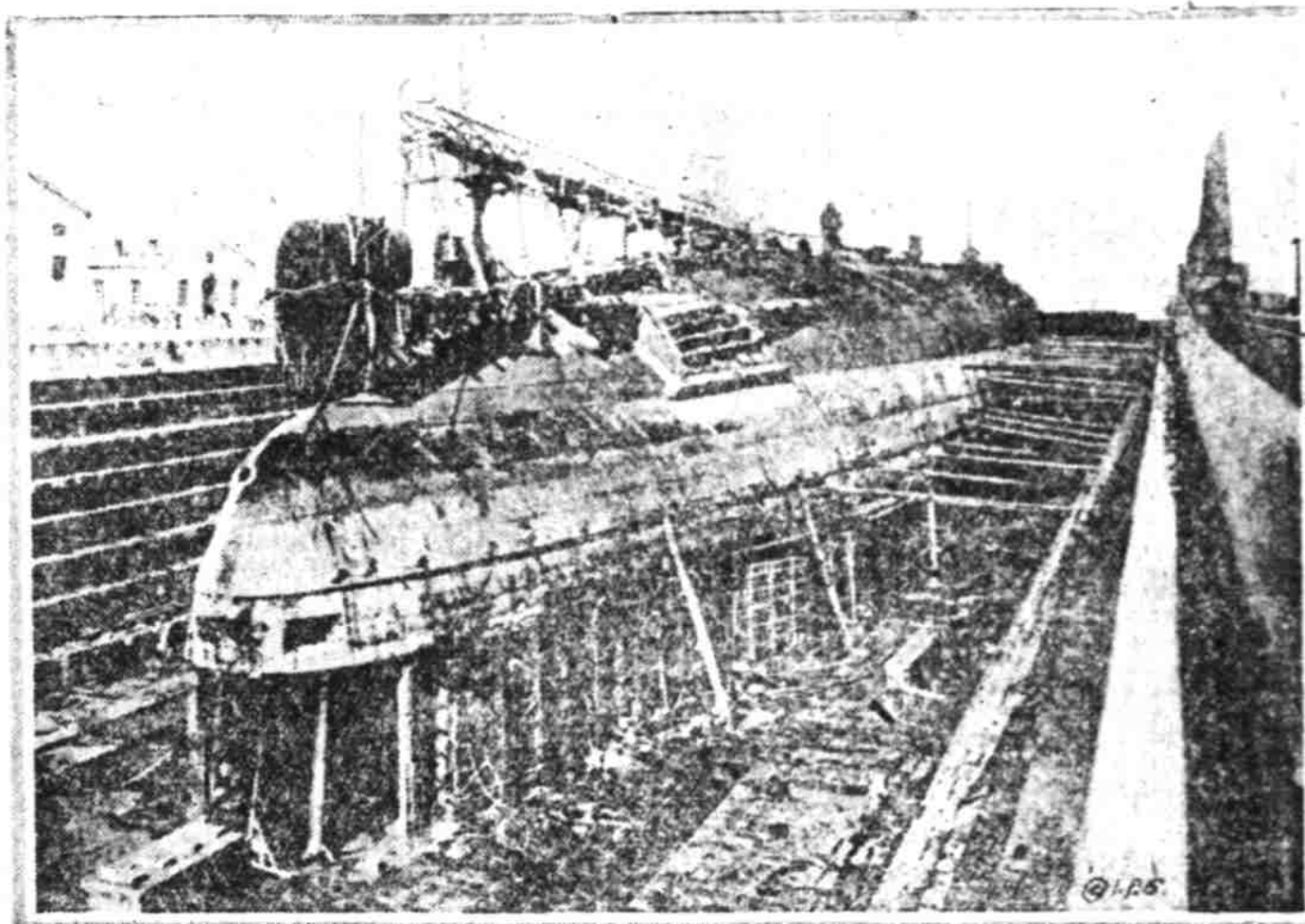
On the other hand the truly jolly fellow, who once found in the goblet and the flagon romance and poetry and rich sentiment, will simply transfer that sentiment and poetry to the cider cask, the loganberry juice, the orangeade, the tea, coffee and cocoa cup and through them still vision the orchard and field and tropical verdure where these beverages had their birth.

There is as much poetry in an apple blossom as in a grape leaf, as much romance in a tea plant as in a hop vine.

And when you come to inspiration you can obtain it still more cheaply.

Take a brisk hike one of these fine January mornings up the side of any foothill paradise. Walk and climb and clamber till the blood races through your veins and the sweat trickles down between your eyes. Follow the shining trail up and up

Sunken Italian Battleship, Salvaged Upside Down, Which Naval Engineers Say Will Right Herself When Launched Again



Italian engineers are confident that the dreadnought Leonardo da Vinci, which sank on August 2, 1916, following an internal explosion of the munition stores, will be perfectly serviceable when she has been re-launched from drydock at Taranto. The battleship turned turtle when she went down and she was raised upside down and taken in that position to Taranto. This photograph shows her, still upside down, in drydock. Naval engineers say she will right herself when she goes into the water. The port side of the Leonardo da Vinci is seen here as she rests in timber supports, the stern being in the foreground.

and up till near the snow line you find a clear, deep pool among the rocks of the racing stream.

Plump down on your stomach and sup up direct from nature's cellar a generous draught of the finest vintage ever brewed for unregenerate man. It, then, you are not filled with romance and poetry and inspiration God has been wasting His efforts to make this world a better place for such men and women as you. Then, indeed, is prohibition a failure.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Hereafter the classic remarks of the governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina will be enshrined in the constitution of our beloved country.

HARMONY ON HOT WATER

It said that potatoes are dear because the cars needed for their shipment are being used to haul pianos. People simply have to have pianos to keep harmony in the family, while potatoes are only fit to eat.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

In ancient days, when a potentate desired more territory, he frankly grabbed it. Later on public opinion objected to the word "grab," so such extraneous real estate became a subject for annexation. In time the word "annexation" passed under the ban and was replaced by spheres of influence. In the new born zeal for democracy spheres of influence have acquired a harsh sound to diplomat ears. So now mandatories are all the rage.

Does this mean that Shakespeare is again confounded—or is a grab merely different from a rose—it smells sweeter by another name?

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Don't overlook the corn show.

This is the last day, and it is important that corn growers should have every possible encouragement. Part of Salem's prosperity in the future will depend upon the raising of more corn in this district.

Getting worm, the efforts at compromise on ratification in the United States senate. That is hopeful news.

The Willamette valley is going through the driest January for a number of years. The webs of a lot of us are beginning to crack.

Dr. Steiner, who has been temporarily in charge of that institution, has put the affairs of the Oregon state penitentiary in very good condition, with a harmonious and competent organization, and many minor betterments finished or under way. L. H. Compton, who is to take over the institution as its head on the first of the month, has been an able assistant to Dr. Steiner in bringing good and strenuous working conditions into play, and he will without doubt carry out every progressive policy that has been put into action, and keep things moving on an upward grade. "Lou" Compton has made good in every responsibility that has been his, and he will not fall in the most important responsibilities which he is to undertake.

Mr. Compton will push the flax industry at the prison, and secure every acre possible to be sown to flax this year. And that is very good news, too.

Officers captured 2344 quarts of booze in the shadow of the capitol, and now we understand what caused that epidemic of hot air last fall.

With national prohibition it will be impossible for a housewife to buy a yeast cake without raising a lot of neighborhood gossip.

RUSSIANS KILL TWO AMERICANS

Soldiers in Siberia Shot in Clash With Semenov Forces on Jan. 10

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Two American soldiers were killed and one severely wounded in the clash with a Russian detachment of General Semenov's forces on January 10, near Posolsakaya, while five Russian were killed, one wounded and 55 captured, including one general and six other officers who still are held.

In reporting the clash to the war department, Major General Graves, commanding the American expedition in Siberia, said the Russians, in an armored car, made an unprovoked attack on the Americans who were in a similar car. The Russian attack was repulsed and the Americans then captured the car and its occupants.

General Graves said he believed the incident could be peacefully adjusted with General Semenov "who could not have been responsible."

A Smooth, White Skin That Defies Weather

During the month of biting winds and intense cold, you who would keep your skin smooth, white and velvety, should turn your attention to mercolized wax. Nothing else will so effectively remove a chapped, roughened or discolored surface. By gradually absorbing the weather-beaten cuticle, the complexion is kept in perfect condition, and even the beauty of expression appears more pronounced.

If your skin is blotchy, pimply, coarse, over-red or sallow, why not shed it. One ounce of ordinary mercolized wax, to be had at any drug or department store, will completely transform the most unsightly complexion in less than a fortnight. Use the wax nightly, like you use cold cream washing it off mornings.

Dallas Home Is Seriously Damaged by Recent Blaze

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Black, Levens and Academy streets, was seriously damaged by fire shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Black were eating breakfast at the time and were unaware of the presence of fire until notified by nearby neighbors. The fire department made a hurried run and with outside assistance succeeded in saving most of the furniture. The flames were confined to the upper part of the dwelling and the roof and were extinguished with little difficulty.

The origin of the fire is believed to have been in a defective flue. The damage to the property is amply covered by insurance.

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