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## SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR

The report comes from Washington that there is now agreement on the Peace Treaty, including the League of Nations, excepting as to Article 10 and the one concerning the Monroe Doctrine.

The spokesmen for President Wilson insist that the wording shall remain unchanged in these articles.

Senator Lodge insists that there must be such changes as will precisely define the Monroe Doctrine, and that as to Article 10 there must be added language stating specifically that our Constitution makes our Congress the sole power to declare war.

There are many people in the United States who think these two corrections, or interpretative reservations, should be made, for safety.

President Wilson says the original articles mean the same things. So, on the part of the people who are supporting the President, it is a matter largely of quibbling; of contumacy; of bull-headedness.

However, Mr. Taft and many thousands of good and wise Americans think that the original articles are plain enough to leave little danger of misconception or misunderstanding in the future.

So, Senator Lodge and his followers in the Senate may also be justly accused of bull-headedness.

In the mean time, the disgust of the American people with both sides grows apace. What the United States needs is the ratification of the treaty; and the rest of the world needs it still more.

## SAFE AND SANE

(Los Angeles Times)

Avoid crowds and badly-ventilated places.  
Practice deep breathing.  
Get all the sunshine and fresh air possible.  
Keep dry and warm.  
Walk to your work if possible.  
Keep the body clean.  
Sleep nine hours a day.  
Eat and drink in moderation.  
Keep your temper—don't worry.  
Mind your own business.

These ten brief commandments are recommended as a sensible code to stave off an epidemic of influenza, but they are also urged as a reasonable programme at any old time. If they were observed by all mankind there wouldn't be any scare over the flu or anything else.

Attendance at the Metropolitan museum of art, New York, was the largest last year of any year in the museum's history except in the years of the Hudson-Fulton celebration and the exhibition of the J. P. Morgan treasures. There has been a good deal of instructive seeing of America first in the past few years.

This is the last day to tell The Statesman what you know about celery.

You will be again surprised, by the showing made for the celery industry, in the Salem slogan pages of tomorrow.

E. T. Meredith, publisher of "Successful Farming," Des Moines, Iowa, who is to be the new secretary of agriculture, is one of the big men of the country in his line. It is a good selection.

New low records on all foreign exchange. The American dollar looks like 30 cents here; but it looms up like a light house when viewed from England, France, Italy, Germany and the rest of the world.

Even with the highest success of the Salem Homebuilding association, and all other home building agencies, there will not be enough houses in Salem. Not for four or five years, anyway. If we should

announce a surplus, people enough to fill the vacant homes would come from other cities and towns.

Irregular habits and hard work is the longevity secret of Samuel Gompers, who was 70 yesterday. That's what he himself says.

It has already been figured at some of the big city hotels that the less people spend for drinks the more they are willing to spend for something to eat, indicating that prohibition is not the calamity it was supposed to be.

## CHINA'S PATRIOTISM.

There can be little doubt that the Chinese government had officially instructed its delegates to the peace conference in Versailles to sign the treaty, recognizing though it did the Japanese appropriation of German rights in Shantung. National sentiment was, however, tremendously aroused. If Japan had set out to instigate a new national spirit which

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should overwhelm the old local provincialisms she could not have proceeded in a more effectual way to accomplish the purpose.

The people took the matter out of the hands of the government. By cablegrams to Paris, by telegraph to Peking, by mass meetings and agitations, finally by a strike of students and then of the mercantile guilds in the large cities they made it clear that national sentiment would regard as traitors all those who should take part in signing the treaty. It was an extraordinary impressive exhibition of the existence and the power of national feeling in China.

It was all the more impressive because it had to work without organized governmental agencies and, indeed, against the resistance of deeply-intrenched pro-Japanese officialdom. If there still remained anywhere those who doubted the strength and pervasiveness of Chinese patriotism the demonstration was a final and convincing lesson.—John Dewey in Asia, Journal of American Asiatic Association.

## SAFETY FIRST.

As General Pershing is head of the army and is being pressed by many admirers as a presidential candidate he declines to talk either about the army or politics on his tour of inspection. We don't know as we blame him much, but there are a lot of people who would like to commit him to something without being sure as to what it is. The general, however, wisely prefers the photographer to the interviewer.—Los Angeles Times.

## THE ENDLESS CHAIN.

A member of the federal trade commission presents the figures to prove that for every dollar which the government collects on its excess profits taxes on business the ultimate consumer pays between \$4 and \$5 in overcharges.

Business passes the tax onto the next person even before it is levied.

Even an inheritance tax on the estates of the dead is made a drag upon the living who are of no kin. An extra tax of \$1 on a producer becomes \$2, \$3 and \$4 as it is passed on through jobbers, wholesalers and retailers. Each must not only be reimbursed for the tax, but for the trouble of collecting it, and so it swells as it travels. Finally the government itself must have a flood of high priced officials charged with its collection.

Unless there can be a reduction of national expenditures there can be no reduction of prices.

## ON THE ROAD.

An eastern inquiry showed that farmers traveled an average of 34 miles to make important purchases—and it was in a rather thickly-settled district, at that. This demonstrates the value of having good roads radiate from every large town.

## FLYING HIGH.

They had an aviation show in Chicago and the various exhibitors sold nearly ten million dollars' worth of their wares, including nearly 1100 planes. People are so used to being up in the air these days that they feel as if they must have a machine of their own.

## A SLUMP IN IDEALS.

Sweden is anxious to participate in the operation and conduct of the league of nations, but its foremost statesman has said that the absence of the United States deprives it of "the incomparably mightiest power in the world."

This has "disarranged international feeling, depriving the league of

an essential factor in its worldwide prestige and practically reducing it to a European understanding."

Without the unselfish participation of the United States it is almost impossible to restrain the petty demands of Italy and the old-time war alliances are revived or invoked.

Next to the war itself the greatest tragedy to Europe has been the delay and procrastination shown by the United States in the matter of clearing the road for peaceful progress.

Our ideals seem to have been merely paper angels, fit to hang on a Christmas tree, but for not much else.

## MY DEAR GASTON.

Lucy Page Gaston indicates her intentions of becoming a presidential candidate.

Will Mr. Wilson please stand up and give the lady a seat?

Presumably Lucy would run on the strength of her being a founder and head of the Anti-Cigarette league, which to her is vastly more important than any puny and half-baked league of nations. Her platform would declare for a smokeless world—that is, except for smoked ham and tongue. The fact that the United States used two billion more cigarettes last year than the year before merely emphasizes the importance of electing a reformer like Lucy who is pledged to curb this iniquitous trade. The United States must be freed from the damnable domination of nicotine and it seems to be up to Lucy to take charge of the crusade.

Why not begin by occupying the white house?

That is at least a coin of vantage. Now that we are so dry we must 'ware of the smoke. But if we are to have Lucy Page Gaston who will page Alphonse?

## FIGHTING FOR IT.

Some of the army and navy recruiting stations in their quest for volunteers are advertising that neither France, Germany, England, China nor Siberia is dry.

At a station in Salt Lake the sign reads: "Enlist and Have a Drink." The army doesn't seem to be particularly proud of national prohibition.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Red hog day in Salem.

It will be next Wednesday.

An armistice in the ratification war in the senate, till tomorrow.

The Salem district is the best celery district in the world. You will note the proofs of this in the Salem slogan pages of tomorrow.

"The Republicans are going to hold a convention as soon as they find a city large enough to hold all their presidential candidates," remarks a cynic at the writer's elbow.

"Those Democratic conventions are held to give Bryan somewhere to go every four years," remarks the same grouch.

A Salem man says the best way to take the census of this city would have been to count the automobiles parked on the streets here on a Saturday afternoon.

There will be some new houses built in Salem; but there won't be enough.

And it used to be that if a young man conducted a young lady to a cafe an old-fashioned waiter led them to a table bowing and scraping obsequiously. It isn't necessary any more.

## Hole Made by Sinn Feiner's Bullet in Viscount French's Armored Motor Car



How nearly the attempt to assassinate Viscount French, lord-lieutenant of Ireland, succeeded is shown by this photograph. Although the body of the vicerey's automobile was reinforced with steel plates, bullets fired by the Sinn Feiners pierced the car. One bullet passed through the back of the auto.

## BEFORE BURLESON AND BAKER I GN



## MRS. M. C. HAROLD DIES, AGED 92

Native of Sweden and Resident of Oregon Since 1876 To Be Buried Friday

Mrs. Marie Christine Harold, 92 years old, died yesterday afternoon at her home near Quimby. Mrs. Harold was born in Vienosken, Swe-

den, on September 22, 1828. With her husband and family she came to America 51 years ago and lived for a short time in Iowa. In 1876 they came to Salem living south of town for a short time before going to the place north of town where they have since lived. Her husband died 27 years ago. She is survived by five children, one daughter, Miss Marie Christine of Salem, and by four sons, Alec, Frank, both of Salem, Gus of

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