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THE SACRIFICE FOR PEACE

"Scrapping of Navy to Cost America Half a Billion," reads the newspaper headline—

And this at first glance sounds like a colossal monetary loss; but it is only a beginning, considered in that respect; for with the scrapping of the ships will come the disbanding of the personnel of those ships, and the many thousands of men whose livelihood is gained through the construction of warships, warship armament, warship supplies.

Civilization seems to have no adequate substitute to offer for this craving to admire the bold and heroic. Perhaps it is too much to ask the public to be thrilled with wide-eyed admiration at the ease and skill with which the young warrior keeps a neat ledger down at the gas company.

The love of money is the root of all evil, indeed, when such consideration can weigh against the welfare and happiness of nations. Yet throughout history we have seen how valiantly men will fight and die for a mere pittance in war, whereas in peace they would have valued their commercial services much higher.

In the interest of these new ideals of peace, for which a whole world is clamoring, nations and individuals everywhere will be called upon to make great material sacrifices. There will be countless victims whose personal material losses must be very tangible, very genuine, but they will be as nothing to the dread and bitter array of war victims.

We are in the throes of another great war now, a war for peace, a war demanding the personal altruism of a vast army of interested men to whom war means profit perhaps; but to whom war also means the victimization of their whole country, as well as, in many cases, the loss of their lives.

But the greatest good for the greatest number lies in these measures of disarmament which ring so large, so generous, so practical in the program of Secretary Hughes. It is the era of new and worthier sacrifices from which nations and individuals alike will reap a glorious inspiration.

Yes, Geraldine, the Far Eastern problem is gradually drawing nearer.

It still seems to be a game of show-up or show-down between Valera and David Lloyd George.

It may be none of our business, but why not submit to the Washington conference the settlement of the question as to who won the war?—Exchange.

A local man is supporting his divorced wife, her husband and two children on his weekly salary. There is no purgatory worth speaking of for such a soul.—Los Angeles Times.

Democrats have an excellent chance to carry Ohio next year. The majority for the Republican candidate for mayor in Cincinnati was cut down to a measly 30,000 votes.

There are indications that the Democratic party would like to make a political issue out of the arms parity. That would be another thing they could not finish. Haven't they had enough experience along that line?

THE COUNCIL OF AMBASSADORS is worrying about the annual allowance to be given former Emperor Charles of Hungary. Such matters are weighty ones in countries used to looking up to royalty. An American would suggest that they recommend him for a job as chauffeur and let it go at that.

GUSH ABOUT GARDNER Now that Roy Gardner, the mail thief and escaped thug, has been caught and caged, it is possible that flapper journalism may take up some other and slightly less nauseating hero.

people in this world who have to shed dramatic tears. It might as well be over escaped convicts as over divi-sected dogs or fractured heels of art. But there is also a practical side. These escaped fugitives get so much limelight and imitation glory that respectable citizens somehow find themselves helping in the race to baffle the police and become willing volunteer assistant crooks.

There is no question that army discipline was hateful to most of the men of high spirit who had to undergo it. To some it was an indignity and a humiliation. To budding genius it seems to have been an agony and an insult.

It is a question whether "discipline" is necessary to the conduct of war. There are military men, even, to whom it is a supreme conviction that army discipline destroys, instead of promoting, the ability of men to fight.

Such theorists point out that two of the greatest military achievements in the history of warfare were the campaigns of the Boers against the British in South Africa and the long running fight of the Apache Indians under Geronimo against the United States army.

The Roy Gardners of this world slap every honest person in the face when they commit crime. The police are not a parcel of hired fighters in whom we have no interests, and upon whose efforts we can look with academic detachment. We are the police ourselves.

PIONEERING IN PEACE

Other nations might be a bit peevish over Secretary Hughes' frank pronouncement for a naval holiday and wholesale junking of fleets. The diplomats could say that Uncle Sam might at least have tipped them off. They might think that America wished the glory and limelight that goes with pioneering.

THE LAW AND THE LADY Certain young women in a neighboring city are forming a Barmad's league. In England this would be considered a union of lady bartenders, but in this case it is an association of girls who are employed in law offices.

THE BIG DOINGS Congressman Fordney says that the United States is now levying the highest surtax on incomes of any country in the world. We also have the highest incomes in the world. Therefore we are getting more money in taxes than any other country. And we have

MUCK-RAKING THE WEST POINTERS The young authors who gnashed their teeth and did kitchen police in the ranks of the A. E. F. are having their vengeance. F. Scott Fitzgerald, that brilliant and exuberant young discoverer of the flapper, recently

pour forth his scorn upon the politicians who can spend it. 'Tis a great circle.

BITTS FOR BREAKFAST

Hope you enjoyed it. Now for a long and strong pull till Christmas.

Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority, says the immediate saving in money from the disarmament program would be about \$250,000,000 a year for the United States.

But he says the ultimate benefits to business would be far beyond this; as for instance the avoidance of the dangers of war with the expenditures that naturally grow out of such dangers, and the avoidance of unproductive enterprises of various kinds.

And he says this phase of the limitation plan is already commending itself by affording one of those broad optimistic elements "which make the difference between depression and prosperity."

JOHN BULL AND UNCLE SAM

From many lands across the seas The delegates have come, Invited by our Uncle Sam To meet in Washington.

While some are decked with medals bright That sparkle in the sun, They'll find medallions are a joke In plain old Washington.

The brightest men they have on tap, No doubt they all have sent To throw a great transcendent light Upon disarmament;

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investment funds is illustrated by the enormous oversubscription to the offering of New York Telephone bonds during the past week," and says the supply of funds in New York banks is "in excess of the demand." This is the first time such a statement could have been truthfully made since 1914.

This demand for good bonds ought to make it easy to sell the issue of Marion county road bonds for the 1922 program. It is not too early to begin to look forward to this program.

In view of the 1925 fair, every male of paving possible should be completed in the next four years. Oregon must put her best foot forward, in order to get the largest possible benefits.

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They'll find John Bull and Uncle Sam Will regulate the score. No brag or bluff or "told you so" Will come from Uncle Sam. Nor peacock strut by Johnny Bull To frighten Peter Sham;

But when the talk is rounded up And screened to superfine They'll find John Bull and Uncle Sam Have held the plummet line.

So we are glad and here rejoice, (Though we've not said "you must") That Johnny Bull and Uncle Sam Are men that we can trust.

So let them all deliberate 'Till each has vent his spleen, Then Sam and John will go and blow The ships to smithereens.

And when in ages yet to come They celebrate the day When delegates in Washington Cast battleships away.

They'll spread the glory over all With praise for every man, But underscore the names of two: John Bull and Uncle Sam. —W. T. Rigdon, San Diego, Cal., 4605 Campus avenue.

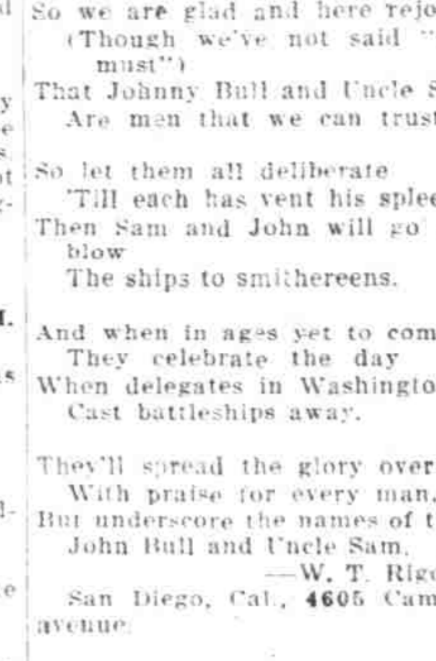
State Music Teachers Are in Convention

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—The annual convention of the Oregon Music Teachers' association will be held in Portland tomorrow and Saturday. The business sessions will open tomorrow and a number of concerts will be given by the attending musicians.



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