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## HONORABLE PART PLAYED BY JAPAN

The late Harry B. Miller, of Oregon, who was Consul General of the United States in Japan during and after the war between that country and Russia, once told the writer that the governing classes of Japan are honest; that their word is good. He said this fact is well known among large business concerns the world over, and it is especially important because of the fact that both the family of the Mikado and the government itself is interested in a financial way and directly in nearly every big business concern in Japan.

In no other country, not even Germany, is there such a close cooperation between the government and the people; or rather the people of large affairs. This partly explains the confidence and the calmness that has marked the participation of the Japanese delegates in the Washington conference; a thing that has caused surprise in many quarters and has called forth words of praise even from newspapers that have heretofore been alarmists over the so-called "yellow peril."

That delegation has talked little—it has not breathed forth ultimatums nor rattled the saber. And its members have showed calm confidence in the fair dealing and uprightiness of the governments with which they were associated. They have worked for harmony—and they have made concessions in the face of the threats of their yellow press at home—for Japan has some of the yellowest newspapers in the world, backed by an element of fire-eating reactionaries who would, if they had the power, keep the world in turmoil.

No one can accuse them of cowardice, for the Japanese people have proved their valor and fortitude on more than one occasion. But, in the light of recent events at Washington, no one can justly accuse them of seeking to emulate the brutal militarism of the last years of Germany under the Hohenzollerns.

Her delegates have expressed their unreserved admiration for open diplomacy, as exemplified by Secretary Hughes and the American delegation. They assert that it is a policy which the Japanese government will gladly and faithfully observe.

If the agreements which the Japanese delegates have accepted are scrupulously observed by her government and people—and there is every reason to believe in their sincerity—the war clouds that have loomed at times over the Pacific area in the past will be effectually dispelled. For the American people will never ask aught of the Japanese government and people that they would not themselves grant if the respective positions of the two people were reversed. Open diplomacy proved the golden key to open the door to peace in the Pacific. Japan has met our own government half way and amicable relations have been established that give promise to the peaceful development of the natural resources of the richest territory under the heavens, the Pacific area.

Some jester says that just now it is a case of Hughes who in America.

for a long time. It is not likely that graduates from Annapolis will be affected.

With the reduction of the United States navy there will be of necessity a number of resignations of officers, and it will be possible to fully man battleships that have been short a full crew

There seems to be no doubt that the allies will make the payment of the January and February installments of the war reparations money easier for Germany. The disposition to give

the German people, who have thrown off the reign of the Hohenzollerns, a chance to turn around seems to be universal among the powers.

Switzerland has a new president, but so has the United States, and he appears to be doing pretty well, thank you.

No wonder the Japs balked at first at the naval ratio 5-5-3. The total of the numerals added up thirteen.

Congresswoman Robertson of Oklahoma says she will be a candidate for re-election. Alice has not had enough of Wonderland.

Much of the animosity against China would be dissipated if anybody knew for sure how Ambassador Sze pronounces his name.

Elmer Dover of Tacoma is to be assistant secretary of the United States treasury. Dover was for years private secretary to Mark Hanna. It is mighty hard to head off that Ohio bunch.

Uncle Sam is a mighty poor business man. He has just sold 1574 houses at Fairview, N. J. for \$3,822,000, that cost him \$11,000,000. He did not lose any more money because he had no more houses to sell.

There is this to be said about Joe Tumulty's book on the Wilson administration. It discloses the fact that what the president did it met with the approbation of Mr. Tumulty.

It is announced that President Harding will stick close to Washington for the next three months. He has a lot of things on the fire and he is afraid that some of them might burn.

AGAINST DIRECT PRIMARY (Los Angeles Times.)

Sentiment is growing in the United States against that waste of time and money, the direct primary. Here in California it has been found a nuisance and not expressive of the majority will. In other states the experience has been similar. How often have primary elections in this state been participated in by more than 50 per cent of the registered voters? It is amusing to look back upon the days when the enthusiasts were promising Californians all sorts of benefits from the introduction of the system here. They declared that, as the voters generally would participate, the primary would be a true indication of their desires. As a matter of fact, the voters generally have not taken part; thousands of them entirely ignore this process of choosing candidates for office. New York, at its last legislative session, greatly limited the workings of the direct primary and one learns that Massachusetts is likely to be the next state to act. In Maine, too, the system is coming in for condemnation. There they are recalling the fact that ten years ago Hon. William H.

Taft, now chief justice, made the prediction that the time would come when the states would generally eliminate the direct primary. Taft recognized the inherent weakness of the system, but the people were following false prophets in those days and instead on experimenting. Primary elections are enormously expensive and thousands of dollars have been thrown away for something which, after all, has proved of no particular value and against which there are decided objections.

## EXPLAINING A MURDER

Like a horse thief inquiring what they will do to him if he returns the nag to the stable and comes home, the rulers of Russia are beginning to explain the monstrous crime that civilization will always hold them responsible for—the murder of Czar Nicholas, his wife and innocent children.

Kerensky, who became dictator of Russia after the downfall of the Romanoffs, has written an article for a Paris newspaper in which he excitedly lays all the blame on England. He says that, at a critical moment, the British government refused asylum for the royal family.

Kerensky claims that, in defiance of the Russian mobs who had tried to kidnap the imperial family, he had made all arrangements for their removal to England when the intimation came that the passage of the Romanoffs to any point within the boundaries of the British empire was impossible.

He says that the czar was then removed with his family from Petrograd to Tobolsk because that was considered to be the safest place in Russia, just then.

Doubtless there was some justification for this reported action of the British government.

Just after the Russian revolution in 1917, a very dangerous spirit of unrest was sweeping over Europe. Kings were being mowed down like over-ripe wheat. Not a royal house in the world was safe. There were even uneasy feelings in Japan. In England the Labor party was behaving in a dangerous manner. A very strong attempt was being made to stir up a Bolshevik uprising in London.

In these circumstances, the British could not afford to endanger the safety of their own royal family by taking any wandering royal fugitives to board.

It almost goes without saying that royalty is an absolutely essential bulwark of the British empire.

If Great Britain ceased to be a constitutional monarchy and became a republic, the East Indians with their 300,000,000 votes would bring the days of Anglo-Saxon power to a sudden close. The president of the British empire would be Rajah Gunga Din or somebody of Gunga Din's race, although with, perhaps, a few more clothes.

It's no use for any Russian party by accusing England to at-

tempt to dodge the blame for this monstrous, cruel and fiendish massacre of a weak, inoffensive little man and his wife and innocent children.

The present cause of their unreasoning doubtless is that Maxim Gorky recently arrived in Stockholm with a manuscript written by Prof. Fodoroff, who was the czar's physician, which manuscript Gorky declares to be "of the greatest historical value."

## UNDERNEATH THE GROUND

Engineers are figuring on a subway system for New York that will be 400 feet under ground. It would be in bedrock, beneath the surface of the Hudson and East rivers and could be constructed by a simple boring process on direct lines. High speed elevators would carry passengers to and from the surface, and it is claimed that in the long run such service would be cheaper and more effective than any plan now obtaining for the care of traffic. Speeds of 60 to 100 miles an hour could be indulged without any material hazard. There would be only one-way traffic in each tube and head-on collisions would be made impossible. It is believed that the project will fully materialize.

## GAS FOR MOONSHINERS

They are using gas grenades to hunt down moonshiners who hide in caves in the Kentucky hills. It isn't safe to try to follow a mountaineer into his pet cavern, but by flooding the hole with tear gas the fugitive is either put to sleep or driven to the light. It beats smoking him out. Some things can be learned from the Germans, after all.

## THE BALD HEADS

Dr. Hubbard of the New York health department, one of the greatest authorities on scalp since the days of Sitting-Bull and Big Thunder, testified in a case in court the other day that when a man is bald there is no drug, dope, wash, tonic or other preparation that will restore his capillary adroitness. He is bald and might as well make the best of it. He should accustom himself to viewing his dome with pride rather than alarm. That is the only system.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Welcome, gentle rain.

Down in California, Jupiter Pluvius has been working over time.

A party of Salem people traveling in the southern part of our neighboring state to the south has had rain every day for two weeks down there.

Around Los Angeles the floods have been so great that a number of lives have been lost. When it rains in southern California, it pours.

No damage has been reported to the broccoli crop in the Salem district from the recent freezing weather. The crop was not far enough along to be in serious danger.

If the weather conditions are

## CHICAGO STOCK YARD STRIKE RESULTS IN MANY FATALITIES.



The stock yard strike in Chicago which has resulted in serious riots was instigated by the strikers and strike sympathizers. Many have been injured in the riots, some seriously. The outbreaks have resulted in such violence that four mediators—two from the United States Department of Labor and two representing the Illinois Industrial Commission—have been sent to restore order and bring the strike differences to deliberations between the packers and strikers. One of the pictures shows women riot leaders under arrest at the stock yards police station, while the other shows Frank Budnicki, one of the strikers wounded during the rioting. His wife has her arms around him as an officer is about to place him under arrest.

favorable from now on, the Salem district is going to have a lot of broccoli to ship in February and March—possibly over 100 cars of it. With the prices prevailing last year, this would bring in a nice sum of money, at a time when little else is selling from the farms.

Japan differs from other countries in not being in a hurry to get its pay. China's proposal to pay for the Shantung railway in three years is met by the counter-proposal of 20 years. No doubt both countries feel that in 20 years much may happen.

## NEW CORPORATIONS

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the Adelsperger White Cedar company of Marshfield, capitalized at \$25,000. The incorporators are A. E. Adelsperger, W. J. Conrad, E. K. Booth and W. L. Forsythe. Articles were filed by the Rosenfeld Hat company, Inc., of Portland, capitalized at \$40,000. The incorporators are Ben Rosenfeld, D. L. Rosenfeld and H. D. Simon.

## Farmers at Corvallis

For Annual Institute CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 27—Farmers and their problems from all sections of Oregon are here for the first sessions of farmers' week. Others are expected to arrive by every incoming train during the next two days. A program has been prepared intended to interest any type of farmer. General assemblies are scheduled for each evening.

## SOLVE THIS PUZZLE

WIN A BIG CASH PRIZE

Table with 3 columns and 3 rows of numbers: 123, 456, 789. Text: First Prize \$200.00. And twenty-seven big prizes totaling \$300.00 Cash.

Rearrange the figures in the above square in such a manner that they will count 15 every way and send us your answer, together with your name and address, and if it is correct, we will send you a magnificent three-color puzzle. This condition is very easy and need not cost you one cent of your own money—it is merely a matter of securing two annual subscriptions \$1.00 each to the PACIFIC HOMESTEAD, the old and best weekly farm magazine published in the Pacific Northwest.

How to Send Your Solution: Use only one side of the paper that contains the solution and put your name and address on the upper right hand corner. Three independent judges, having no connection with this firm will award the prizes, and the answer gaining 250 points will take the first prize. You will get 100 points for solving the puzzle, 40 will be awarded for general appearance, style, spelling, punctuation, etc. 10 points for neat writing, and 100 points for fulfilling the conditions of the contest. The announcement of the prize winners and the correct solution will be printed at the close of the contest, and a copy mailed to each person sending in a solution. This splendid offer will only be good for a limited time, so send in your solution right away—now—

Fazale Conant, Editor THE PACIFIC HOMESTEAD

## WOMAN JAILER OUTWITS THUGS

Prisoners Are Treated Well, But She Can Use Iron Hand When Required

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Dec. 27—Kindness toward prisoners is shown by Mrs. Pat Conway, jailer of the Tom Greene county jail in San Angelo, but Mrs. Conway uses force, if necessary, to control her charges. She is the only woman jailer in the country.

For more than 12 years, Mrs. Conway has had charge of all kinds of criminals, including the real "bad men" of the west, cattle rustlers, house breakers, yeggs and petty thieves. Care is given by Mrs. Conway to her charges and in case one becomes ill, she feeds the prisoner with specially prepared food from her own table. So far as possible,

she tries to make her charges forget they are in prison and to make the surroundings as comfortable as possible.

On one occasion, Mrs. Conway was tipped off that a big negro prisoner and others had planned to overpower her and make their escape at meal time. Calmly she began her duties of giving them supper. The negro edged toward the door of the cage and ignored a command to move back into his cell. Mrs. Conway had the bunch of big keys in her hand and with one blow rendered the prisoner unconscious and forced the others back into their cells.

Mrs. Conway has been a resident of San Angelo since the days of old Fort Concho. Her husband, Pat Conway, jailer at the Tom Greene county court house, was a soldier at Fort Concho when it was a frontier post.

Knickerbockers for women are not making much headway. Nobody is fighting them.

## FUTURE DATES

January 2, Monday—Open house at Y.M.C.A. January 2, Monday—Legal holiday. January 3, Tuesday—Public schools open. January 4, Wednesday—Salem Symphony orchestra concert, armory. January 19-21—Elks' Mardi Gras.

# The Junior Statesman

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## EASY JUGGLING LESSON 6



Rasso, one of the most widely known professional jugglers, has prepared a series of ten lessons in easy juggling, especially for the readers of this newspaper. This is the sixth lesson. Another one next week.

Tricks in Balancing Years ago circus clowns had a feather balancing trick they often used to amuse their audiences. It is an easy one to do.

Obtain a mailing tube about two feet long. Or, if you wish, you may make a tube of heavy paper. It should be about an inch in diameter.

Also obtain a feather about a foot long. A peacock feather is just the thing. Place a bit of putty on the quill end. Put the feather into the tube. Then with a deep breath blow the feather, quill end first, high into the air. The weight of the putty will cause the quill end to come down first. It is a simple matter to catch the quill end on your forehead and

## ONE REEL YARNS

"You must wear your rubbers to the party," said Dick's mother, as he started toward the door. "Aw, Mother, I don't want to wear those old rubbers. I'm too grown up for that. None of the other fellows will come to the party wearing rubbers."

"Never mind, son," said his mother firmly. "Here they are." Dick put his rubbers on sulkily and went on. His dog, Rastus, followed him, and Dick had to chase him back, making him so much later. Half way to the house where the party was to be held, Dick had an idea. He looked around to see that no one was watching. Then he took off the hated rubbers and slipped them behind a tree near the parking.

Next week we shall take up another phase of juggling—plate spinning.

## TODAY'S PUZZLE

"The occupants of the room began to nod; Nolan saw his chance to get away." Hidden in the above sentence is the name of an English city. Answer to yesterday's: Laura, Irma, Natalie, Cecil, Olive, Lena, Nellie. Primals spell "Lincoln."



## JOES SHOPPING IN CAPITOL

Capital pedestrians had a glimpse of Mrs. Oriko Komatsu, wife of the private secretary to Vice-Admiral Kato, head of the Japanese delegation to the ar-

