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WONDERFUL AND FAR REACHING WORK OF THE WASHINGTON PEACE CONFERENCE

The Washington conference having adjourned sine die: the period of deliberation having ended and the hour of action having arrived, it is fitting that a review be had of the wonderful and far reaching accomplishments of what has been termed the most important gathering in all the long record of the world's history.

The work of what has been called the arms conference, but which will come to be more appropriately termed the peace conference.

President Harding very truly said in his closing address to the assembled commission that "it is hazardous sometimes to speak in superlatives and I will be restrained."

But the President also said, with equal clearness and truth, "the faith pledged here today, kept in national honor, will mark the beginning of a new and better epoch in human progress."

Senator Lodge said that the conference had succeeded in doing something real and practical because it had not attempted to accomplish the impossible, to do too much. Its scope was limited to the Pacific area, including the Far East.

These three objectives were won, and other things were accomplished which were not believed possible when the conference convened. There was nothing in the agenda concerning the return of Shantung to China by Japan and the surrender by Great Britain of Wei-Hai-Wei.

At its final session a supplemental agreement was written into the four-power treaty which excludes the main islands of Japan from the "insular possessions" of the signatories in the Far East.

Five treaties were negotiated by the conference. They may be summarized as follows: (1) Quadruple agreement between America, Great Britain, France and Japan to mutually respect each other's insular possessions in the Pacific and providing for a quadruple conference in case the peace of the Pacific should be menaced.

(2) Five-power pact between America, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy providing for a limitation of naval armaments and scrapping about 850,000 tons of battleships.

This pact is more destructive to existing navies than was the World war.

(3) Five-power treaty outlawing the use of poison gas in warfare and making the undersea attack on a merchant vessel an act of piracy.

(4) Three-power agreement between America, Great Britain and Japan to preserve the status quo on naval bases and fortifications in the Pacific area. No new fortifications are to be erected on the islands of the Pacific and there is to be no extension of naval bases.

(5) Nine-power agreement, establishing the policy of the "open door" in China. This agreement is a genuine triumph for American diplomacy, for it is a policy first promulgated by our government and which every Republican administration has supported since.

Supplementary treaties were negotiated by which Great Britain and Japan return Wei-Hai-Wei and Shantung to China. An agreement was also reached between our country and Japan concerning Yap and Pacific cable stations.

Equally important, perhaps, is the declaration of principles embodied in the treaties and resolutions, for they place international relations on a higher and nobler plane than they occupied before the World war.

No other conference of nations was ever conducted with so little friction. Threats of force were never uttered. There was no rattling of the saber, and justice, not power, was the dominating spirit.

President Harding yesterday laid before the senate the treaties agreed to and signed by the Washington peace conference, and in person urged their prompt ratification.

The community chest campaign in Portland is having hard sledding. That looks like the ideal way to provide money for the support of civic activities. But in most cities it has not proved the most successful way.

Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and other leaders of the American people were considered among the high priests of the race, but neither one of them had an offer to manage the moving picture business at \$150,000 a year.

Mayor Baker of Portland has ordered the police force of that city to wipe out the underworld. A worthy commission, but a good sized job, which it will take some generations to complete.

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THE VALENTINE DAY COSTUME PARTY



A Valentine party I'm giving. A fancy dress-up party, too! So come in a suitable costume— it won't be complete without you.

"There," said Beth, "I think that makes a nice invitation." She and her brother Roger were so near of an age that they always gave their parties together.

"We can have a grand march first," suggested Beth. "We'll make as many cardboard hearts as there are couples and cut each one in two. We'll have one basket of halves for the girls and one for the boys and they can match for partners."

"Well," said Beth, "I don't know exactly. Either I'll wear a queen of hearts costume, just a plain white dress of talatan and hearts pasted on it, and a red crown, or I'll be a fancy valentine. For the valentine costume I'd wear a very full white dress and wear a soft stuff like cheesecloth and then I'd cut like two big card-

board hearts, one for in front and one for in back, with a hole in them to run a red sash through. Then I'd fasten loops of ribbon to the sides of the dress and put the loops on my wrists, just like a frilly valentine."

"I guess I'll go as the Jack of Hearts," Roger decided. "I'll wear that old opera cape of mother's on my shoulders, and a crown and everything, just like the Jack in a deck of cards."

"It sounds like a regular party," said Beth as she ran to get her wraps to go with Roger to the post office.

ONE REEL YARNS

FU YEN AND THE TWIN LIGHTS Fu Yen's father was a priest in the great temple. Ever since he could remember, Fu Yen had played about the great building filled with his wonderful carved images.

"Every morning Fu Yen polished and filled the lanterns. Then one lovely unshiny day he lingered in the garden, playing with his favorite flowers. The sun shone brightly and he grew sleepy. Next thing he knew dusk was falling. He ran to the lanterns. One of them was out.

"Oh!" cried Fu Yen. "What shall I do? I must light it immediately. If my father knew—"

It was a great day in Fu Yen's life when his father announced that he was going on a journey of several days, and that he could not be entrusted with the solemn duty of watching the twin lanterns. "Every morning," said Fu Yen's father gravely, "you must fill them with the oil. I

do with the plight of the people where they find themselves the highest taxed people in the West.

Of course, not a word dared be said about any future candidate for a state office or the legislature, because Oregon City is the home of the immaculate direct primary and direct legislation system under which we are paying three dollars taxes where ten years ago we paid one dollar.

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STAGE TERMINAL TO BE OPENED TONIGHT (Continued from page 3)

The Terminal has exclusive parking space frontage and will use it in connection with their own business.

A large Chaser electric sign will dominate the front of the building as soon as delivery can be made. Two Western Union clocks are placed at each end of the terminal and will show the time of those leaving and will face also those coming.

This company has also terminals at Eugene and Corvallis. The Eugene terminal is now in operation and is proving a big success. This company has a long lease on the Elks temple at Eugene and it has been adapted to the Terminal service so as to make it a wonderfully attractive place.

Never Wants Anything Else "I tried many different kinds of cough medicine," writes Mrs. E. K. Olson, 1917 Ohio Ave., Superior, Wis., "but I never want anything else than Foley's Honey and Tar. I used it for all my children and also for my grandchild. It has always done fine work."

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FUTURE DATES

Boy Scout Week—February 8 to 14.

February 11, Saturday—Divan of Al Kader temple to be entertained by Salem Shrine patrol.

February 12, Sunday—Lincoln's birthday.

February 13, Monday—Professor M. E. Peck lecture at Waller hall, Willamette university.

February 14, Tuesday—Cherians meet.

February 14, Tuesday—St. Valentine's day.

February 15, Wednesday—Company F smoker at Armory.

February 16 to 19 inclusive—State Christian Endeavor convention.

February 20, 21 and 22—Convention of State Retail Dealers association at Roseburg.

February 21, Tuesday—Convention of Oregon Retail Clothiers' association in Salem.

February 21, Tuesday—John D. Mickle to address South Salem Parent-teacher association at Leslie Methodist church.

February 21 and 22—Tuesday and Wednesday Apollo club in concert with Golden Hicks and Gertrude Handley Green, pianist.

February 22, Wednesday—Washington's birthday.

March 2, Thursday—Annual Elks Election.

March 17-19—Meeting of county Sunday school convention in Salem.

March 17, 18 and 19—Marion county Sunday school convention, Salem.

April 16, Sunday—Easter.

May 19, Friday—Primary election.

June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marsh field.

July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday, State convention of Arizans at Woodburn.

September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton roundup.

TODAY'S PUZZLE

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