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**LOVE SONG.**

From the Armenian of Nahabed (Koutchak.)

Thy face is like a moon that shines on earth,

Lake's thick night thy clustering tresses be;

Apples of paradise thy temples are,

And thy deep eyes were lent thee by the sea,

Thou hast arched brows and dark, dark eyes, my love;

Fearless art thou among the earth's countless girls,

Thine eyelashes are arrows to my heart;

Thy mouth is a moist lily, full of pearls;

—Trans. Alice Stone Blackwell in The Armenia.

### LODGE'S STAND

FOUR years ago Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, talked in favor of world peace. Today that same senator is the bar to the door which needs only the unrestrained hand of the United States to open. In four years this man, leader of his party, has swung from the olive branch to the implacable oak that big sticks any plan such as the league of nations covenant provides.

In 1915 Senator Lodge said: "The great nations must be so united as to be able to say to any single country, 'You must not go to war,' and they can only say that effectively when the country desiring war knows that the force which the united nations place behind peace is irresistible."

One week ago today he said: "Leave the United States to march freely through the centuries to come as in the years that have gone."

And again his words of four years ago are recalled when he said: "It may seem utopian at this moment to suggest a union of civilized nations in order to put a controlling force behind the maintenance of peace and international order; but it is through the aspiration for perfection, through the search for utopias, that the real advances have been made. At all events, it is along this path that we must travel if we are to attain the end we all desire of peace upon earth."

An old adage says that only fools and the dead never change their opinions. The senator from Massachusetts may prove to be the exception to that truth, for a man who can see advantages in war when the tool for the ultimate fashioning of world peace is placed in our hands is either dead to the centuries-old desire of peoples or guilty of the most exaggerated folly.

Senator Lodge has turned a mental somersault. It looks now like his head is below and his feet above and, like an ostrich, his head has found a hole in the sand and is buried there.

### FOR NEXT YEAR

FORESIGHT is the quality which makes achievement possible and big deeds easy of accomplishment. A glance at the future is always enhanced if pages of the past are familiar and so, with a summer rapidly nearing the "gone" class, it is not too early to jot down a few things to look forward to for the next summer in Pendleton.

Among municipal problems which might well be settled during the sun's next trip northward are the securing of grounds for children's play, finance and equipment for them; purchase by the city of sites for park or permanent auto camping grounds, a budget and mu-

nicipal control for the band and better means of garbage and sewage disposal. These propositions have had their pros and cons threshed out sufficiently that there need be no argument for their need. They require only bearing in mind and an early start toward completion next summer. For most of them, this summer is too far gone.

### OREGON'S TEACHERS

ONE hundred and forty persons in Polk county took the state teachers' examinations at Dallas last June and 16 made passing grades. On such a basis, between 11 and 12 per cent of those available for teaching material in one of Oregon's important counties meet requirements.

So long as Oregon continues to sit by with one small normal school, located, by the way, in an old fashioned town in Polk county, there will be more or less such a condition throughout the state. The state board of education has heard the cry of the people for advancement in education and has made requirements strict enough that only very few other than normal graduates can qualify.

The legislature, however, has failed to see the light and seems content to essay supplying the state with the product from one normal school in a veritable village. Pendleton has worked long and hard to have a normal school established here and offers everything that could be asked. If the legislature wants something besides the suffrage amendments to consider in its proposed special session, for heaven's sake turn it loose on the state's teaching problem.

### WHILE WE WAIT

SO long as the United States senate continues its present policy of sampling this and sampling that and leaving dirty dishes the people whom those 96 men represent will pay the bill and pay dearly. The quibbling over the peace treaty is the finest opening in the world for the many agencies of opposition to organized government to get in their work and it is showing in the almost daily outbreaks throughout the country.

Closing up the books of war will allow the United States to start on a clean sheet. While this country is held up by a group of political hagglers, the other nations are reestablishing trade routes, aligning rich commercial relations and reconstructing at home. The industrial condition of this country is a chaos today more hopeless than lack of preparedness found it at the opening of the war.

Under the present administration America has been provided with a merchant marine. It cost a huge sum because of its being built in war time. What will pay for that merchant marine if all the commerce of the world is absorbed by the other nations while a handful of men haggle over reservations and other technicalities?

The United States does not need to tell Great Britain how to run Egypt and Ireland right now. The people at home must be provided food, clothing and other necessities at a reasonable cost. Shantung is

not quite as important as how the nation's transportation system shall be run. The words which the big five spoke in the peace conference are not what requires ratification so much as the document which evolved from those words.

A multitude of sins await ablation by the restoration of a signed peace. A ratified treaty will result in fewer strikes, better labor and producing conditions, less unrest in the country. The senate would do well to finish the one big job it has and then, if the others reappear, settle them.

### POPULATIONS

THE fashionable family of the English speaking peoples is an automobile and a poodle dog, according to definition by a free lance commentator writing to a Portland newspaper. His rather pointed statement sums up a dissertation on race suicide among the white peoples.

While the American family is small, compared to that of the colored races and some white peoples, it is by no means a passing institution. Race suicide has not yet come to the point where the American people are a decadent one and the proof that American youths are strong and virile was furnished a plenty when they matched strength and brains with their German foes.

Germany is an example of the nation which has a high birthrate. By a system of eugenics comparable to that in vogue in the animal world, Germany essayed to develop a race of supermen that would rule the world. Large families, however, meant lesser opportunity for development of the children and ere long Germany found itself so crowded as to be forced into expansion of some kind.

American families are small because of the standard of living and the advantages given the average American child. The lower animals have multitudes of offspring because their chance of survival is slight. The higher animals and man are subservient to that same law of nature and reproduction is limited because the mortality is low.

An automobile and a poodle dog may be characteristic of a good many American families, but the prevalence of such a condition is not alarming as yet. Better a population which can exist on the products of its own land, maintain itself and keep peace than a population growing so rapidly that in its despair to find room to live and food to eat it is imbued with the spirit of conquest by war.

### CIVILIZATION'S HOPE

IS civilization due for a crash or are the world's peoples evolving into a new state, neither savage, barbaric or civilized? The evidences of civilization as known to the present generation are rapidly vanishing in almost every part of the globe. What is to be the next development is interesting matter for conjecture.

Greed is becoming one of the ruling passions of the world's populace. It appears in nations, reaching out for lands to exploit commercially. These exploitations often take on the form of conquest, if not by actual warfare by means almost as deadly. Greed is also a personal or group characteristic growing upon people. The profiteer is an example of this. A few persons would hold the destinies of their nation or the world in the palm of their hands.

Distrust and suspicion, envy and aspiration are growing. Nations are binding together by pacts and secret treaties and peoples crying for self determination are threatening civil war to obtain their freedom. The heritage of the recent war is a struggle of commercialism,

and a wave of unrest never before surpassed.

Crimes of every variety are on the increase. Politics is being blamed for the failure of remedial measures in many ways being taken. The future of the whole world looks dubious.

The United States is still the most enlightened of nations. It was looked to by the defensive nations as a deliverer from the Hun curse and it delivered. It is now looked to as a keeper of the peace as a part of the League of Nations. While the United States allows the ultimate peace to be juggled at the finger tips of a few wilful men, the bright hopes for the world's future remain veiled.

Civilization is in a defensive fight for its life and the United States senate can be its right arm if it will. The League of Nations covenant is the hope of the world and that hope rests with the senate.

### A GREAT INDUSTRY

TWO million passenger autos, 400,000 trucks and about an equal number of motorcycles represents the total output predicted for the motor industry in the United States for this year. Twenty years ago the automobile industry was less developed than is that of commercial airplanes today.

One car is being produced for every 50 of this country's population, according to the figures. Umatilla county has one car for every seven of its population, or seven times the average of production this year. It will probably not be long before airplanes are just as plentiful.

In spite of the great production of motor vehicles this year, the country is 100,000 autos short of the demand today. It is no wonder that in 20 years the industry has grown to be the country's third greatest.

### EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS

IN view of the agitation over the high prices for food it is interesting to note that in the month of June, according to the figures of the Department of Commerce, 40 per cent of the total exports for June, amounting to \$898,000,000, was food. Sixteen million bushels of wheat and 3,500,000 barrels of wheat flour were exported during the month, besides 17,000,000 bushels of rye, 6,000,000 bushels of barley and other grains and grain products valued at \$17,000,000. More than \$174,000,000 worth of meats and dairy products were exported, the principal items being 270,000,000 pounds of bacon and ham, 117,000,000 pounds of lard and 115,000,000 pounds of condensed milk.

In addition to these were raw materials of various kinds, all food products. It is useless to boast of a large increase in foreign trade as a sign of prosperity when our own people cannot buy and consume sufficient to keep them from want.

CAN and will the treaty, if ratified, bind the United States to interfere constantly in European affairs with its army, navy and money? Hardly, unless public opinion approves of intervention. The treaty undertakes to separate millions of people from their nationals and place them under the jurisdiction of new states of different racial strains. The treaty multiplies the number of potential Alsace-Lorraines by ten. If these forcibly created racial minorities have their rights properly safeguarded, if they are treated as equals before the law, if they are given linguistic and religious freedom, the wound will heal in time and the different races will get along as well together as the French, German and Italian elements of Switzerland.

But if the dominant race tries by force to denationalize the minority, as the Germans

did in Alsace-Lorraine and Poland, as the Serbs are doing right now in Montenegro and Croatia, then new conflicts are inevitable. — September Sunset.

The dove of peace has not nested yet. Of four headlines topping a Portland paper yesterday, the words "battle," "intrigue" and "civil war" play feature parts in three of them. The fourth story related to New York's street railway strike.

Little Brother Mex needs about one more move to draw a good healthy slap from Uncle Sam. The greasers have almost reached the end of their rope and when they do they'll likely find a noose at one end and the other tied to a tree.

The gap until Round-Up is four weeks wide. Better take stock of the unoccupied space on your roof, it'll be in demand.

### UNNECESSARY NOISES TABOOED BY COUNCIL

If your cow bellows and insists on bellowing despite your admonitions, beware. If you have a mule who brays and doesn't care when or how loud he brays, take care. When you ring the bell for the maid, if you are fortunate enough to have one, do it gently. If your young lady keeps you waiting with the engine running and the gas bill mounting, don't hank for her. The council has said no, no!

Unnecessary noises have been listed as taboo by the city fathers. Persons keeping raucous voiced animals within the city limits are liable to a fine of \$10 upon conviction for maintaining such nuisances. Ringing of bells, howling of whistles or horns, shrieking of sirens and such noises in excess except for the purpose of calling persons to church, school or to work isn't proper. Running motor vehicles with mufflers cut out so that the burr of the motor makes music for the driver's ears, is also good for a \$10 fine upon conviction.

Ten dollars is not all. That is for first offense. Subsequent offenses require a fine of \$25. The city recorder may use his judgment and make the first a jail sentence of five days and the maximum a jail sentence of 12 days. The latest law passed by the council has long sharp molar and there is likely to be money pouring into the city treasury unless a Philadelphia attorney persuades the Pendleton night air.

### PREZIDENT OF FRANCE IS GOAL BEFORE PAMS



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