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LIFE IS STILL SWEET

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Song and sunshine! and life is still sweet—
Sure, there was never a sorrow, my dear;
See how the red blooms are rained at your feet!
They are wreaths you shall wear!

Song and sunshine! And life is complete;
Hope is too radiant now for a fear
To blight any blossom that falls at your feet:
Love has kissed back the year!

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ARRANGE FOR PEACE OR ARRANGE FOR DEFENSE

WHEN it comes to discussing the subject of disarmament it is wise to pay strong heed to the words of men like General Pershing who faced the war problem first handed and are therefore in position to talk from a practical standpoint.

General Pershing favors disarmament by the nations but he made it clear and explicit before the house military committee yesterday that it would be a blunder for America to cease work and turn pacifist before such an arrangement has been brought about. "None of us wants war; but we do not want to be caught unprepared if war comes," the general declared.

That is the sane view. The subject of disarmament should wait until the new administration takes office and fully develops its foreign policy. That policy once formulated should provide by world action for a guarantee of peace, such as can be given by the League of Nations, or else for a continuance of preparedness operations by the United States.

Uncle Sam can gain nothing by trying to play ostrich while other countries are improving their gatlings.

To express the point in another way, we should either have a fire department or make our own house fireproof.

LET US STOP THIS COLOSSAL WASTE

THERE is engineering authority for the statement that the most perfect steam engine working under ideal conditions seldom found will consume six tons of coal per horse power in one year. On the Canadian roads it is said the consumption ranges from 20 to 30 tons per horse power for a year.

Assuming that 25 tons per horse power is a fair estimate in railroad operation it can be shown that the minimum available horse power at Umatilla rapids, 120,000 horse power, when measured in terms of coal at \$8 per ton makes the colossal sum of 24 million dollars annually going to waste. On the other hand we can figure the problem on a basis of the maximum engine efficiency of six tons of coal a year per horse power and we still have a waste of \$5,760,000 annually through failure to make use of the power available just above Umatilla on the Columbia river.

This vast economic loss is occurring continuously because in this, a region blessed with great hydro, electric advantages, our railroads are using imported fuel which should logically be conserved for future use by industries dependent upon coal and oil and for the maintenance of human life in regions remote from water power advantages.

The use of coal and oil by our railroads is from an economic standpoint a mistaken policy. It is a policy that some day must be corrected. The sooner the better, not only for this region but for the nation at large. People everywhere suffer from the high price of fuel. It is a big factor in the cost of living and people demand relief. One substantial method of relief is to develop the water power of the northwest and stop the use of coal by railroads and other industries that may be electrified.

The federal government would be justified in developing power at Umatilla rapids not only because of the reclamation feature and in order to improve navigation but for the further reason the move would help relieve the nation of a fuel cost burden that is increasing in severity.

THE GRAIN GRADING BILL

FROM the facts as they appear, and the case seems plain, it is difficult to see how there can be opposition to the bill providing for a new system of grain grading. Much of our wheat is sold in the export market and therefore it should be graded here on the same basis it is graded when sold by the exporters. To require the farmer to face a 60 pound test for No. 1 wheat when the exporter can sell 58 pound wheat as No. 1 is grossly unfair. It simply penalizes the farmer unjustly. The logical way will be to have a grading system under which wheat may be appraised at its true value.

Two Los Angeles men who kidnaped a woman and held her for ransom bemoan the fate that has sent them to prison for terms that will extend from 10 years to life. "We were fools" they say. That is correct and it is likewise correct to say that the one safe place for this brand of fools is the penitentiary.

MOTHER!

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NATION'S CRADLES ARE EMPTIED BY FULL PAY ENVELOPES TO WOMEN

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—(U. P.)—A full pay envelope of women in industry has emptied the nation's cradles, Bishop Palfox, of the reformed Episcopal church, said today. "Women used to do housework, saving the way to become wives," the Bishop said. "Now they have become co-partners in politics and business and take little thought of marriage."
He said neglect of home life by women is the leading fault of the age, and is becoming a serious problem. "Even when many women marry, they insist that they be allowed to retain their place in industry," he said. "The full pay envelope is a greater temptation than the sacred duty of motherhood."

"SHOWBO" STILL WRITES

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(A. P.)—The police announced that more letters from Showbo had been received by two Portland mechanics identical with the letters received recently.

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