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Just Folks
by Edgar A. Guest

THE HARDER PART

It's mighty hard for Mother—I am busy through the day
And the tasks of every morning keep the gloomy thoughts away.
And I'm not forever meeting with a slipper or a gown
To remind me of our sorrow when I'm tending in the town.
But with Mother it is different—there's no minute she is free
From the sight of things which tell her of the joy which used to be.
She is brave and she is faithful, and we say we're reconciled,
But your hearts are always heavy once you've lost a little child.
And a man can face his sorrow in a mainly sort of way.

For his grief must quickly leave him when he's busy through the day.
But the mother's lot is harder—she must learn to sing and smile
Though she's living in the presence of her sorrow all the while.
Through the room where love once waited she must tip-toe day by day.
She must see through every window where the baby used to play.
And there's not a thing she touches nor a task she finds to do
But it sets her heart to aching, and begins the hurt anew.
Oh, a man can turn from sorrow, for his mind is occupied,
But the mother's lot is harder—grief is always at her side.

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BAKER VS. PENDLETON

OVER at Baker there seems to be an impression that it is a mistake to cater to the tourist trade, for the present at least. The mayor of Baker is quoted by the Baker Herald as doubtful about an improved camp ground and the idea is expressed that what suits the tourist best is a grove somewhere out of town.

"A grove somewhere out of town" must also provide the tourist with water, with firewood and with sanitary provisions. Where are such groves to be found between Portland and Baker? Only in the Blue mountains and there the watering places are few. But such camping places when used over and over again without regulation become unfit for use. They are also remote from stores where supplies may be had.

Laying theories aside and facing conditions as they exist it may be said that there is one way and one way only to provide for the tourist camper—through regulated and decently equipped camp grounds. Pendleton has a camp ground of this character and by virtue of improvements now under way is making it more satisfactory than it has been. We can go much farther and find the investment profitable. It is a pure and simple question of business getting, not a charitable affair at all. Is it good business to provide a tourist party with ten cents worth of comfort in order to get \$10 in business from that party. That is the problem in a nutshell and it permits of but one answer. The tourist traffic is worth a lot to Pendleton and the benefits are for everybody because every person profits, directly or indirectly, when outside money is brought here. If you have not yet grasped this point you will soon get it if you take the trouble to investigate.

What Baker wishes to do about a camp ground is for Baker to decide. Thankfully Pendleton people are quite well committed to the idea that it is worth while to cater to the travellers. Motor tourist travel now brings more people here than do the railroads and the motor travellers stay longer. This is the logical first days stop out of Portland and out of Spokane. When the Oregon trail construction work is completed it will be a day's trip from southern Idaho to Pendleton. We now have several hundred travellers here each night. The time will soon come when we will have a thousand or more each day, if we look after them. They will leave a perfect trail of silver behind them. It is needless to say we will not drive this business away by refusing to provide them the accommodations they have a right to expect. Whether we provide a free camp ground or not where a charge is imposed is not the main question. The big thing is to see that they find acceptable camp conditions on their arrival here.

WE HAD THE KEY AND DID NOT KNOW IT

THE chief chance of trouble between the United States and Japan arises not in the orient but in this country. Our people of the Pacific coast are imbued with the idea this region is a part of America and they intend to see it remains American. They do not intend to stand idly by and see it overrun with oriental laborers or small farmers. There is necessity for alertness as all know.

Had Uncle Sam joined the League of Nations the problem would have been solved. The league covenant grants to each nation the right to regulate its domestic affairs and that includes the subject of barring or permitting immigration. Hence under the league covenant we and we alone would have had the right to say whether Japanese should be admitted to this country.

Furthermore, the covenant undertakes to guarantee a member country against external attack. Therefore had we joined the league and excluded the Japanese as we saw fit, Japan would have been helpless to object because she could have made no attack on America or American possessions without aligning all other members of the league against her, under the provisions of article 10.

By rejecting the treaty of Versailles and the league covenant this country has thrown away its best bet as far as the Japanese issue is concerned. No man can view the subject with unprejudiced eye and deny the fact.

Secretary Hughes is now working to make up for our present handicap by trying to include the Pacific question in the disarmament conference. He is right, because the Pacific question should be treated as a world subject. But as we are not in the league Japan can refuse to discuss the Pacific question at the disarmament conference if she wishes. Were we in the league Japan would have no choice in the matter and to all intents and purposes there would no longer be any Pacific question. It follows then that the nearer the Harding administration gets to the Wilson idea of peace and disarmament through the league covenant, by whatever name it may be called, the sooner will we arrive at the destination desired by all. President Wilson had a key that absolutely fit the door to oriental peace on American terms and in the mixup of partisan strife the country failed to see it. Secretary Hughes is a good man to recover that key and he will do it if given a free hand.

Through a combination of democrats and insurgent republicans, with timely aid by President Harding, the idea of putting a duty on oil has been killed. Now and then Special Privilege comes to the bait expecting a home run and gets fanned.

**NAVY PLANES NEWER METHODS OF DEFENCE
DESPITE TALK OF DISARMAMENT AND
CONTROVERSY OVER PLANE VS. BATTLESHIP**

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The ex-battleship Iowa will be used as a moving target for the guns of the Atlantic Fleet in maneuvers off the Virginia capes during the joint army and navy aerial bombing tests scheduled for July 20. The Iowa will be attacked also by the guns of the Atlantic Fleet. The ex-German battleship Ostfriesland will serve as a target also in the joint tests. Should aircraft bombs fail to sink her, she will be used as a target for the guns of the fleet. Terms of the treaty require that the Ostfriesland be destroyed by August 9, 1921.

By DAVID M. CHURCH,
(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 18.—With the nation talking disarmament and the controversy as to the value of the aeroplane against the battleship still raging, in high naval circles here plans are being made for new methods of naval defense.

The bombing tests which the navy has made off the Virginia capes and which are still in progress have developed a very well defined sentiment among naval men that the navy's strategy must be changed. This is in respect of their conclusions as to the value of the aeroplane in naval warfare. It is generally admitted that whatever opinion may be held of the aeroplane, it is a weapon which will be used in naval warfare in future and a defense must be provided against it.

Whenever it becomes necessary to increase the strength of the navy against new weapons the first thought is of added armor. There are those who have already advanced the theory that battleships may be more completely armored against air attacks, but this theory does not find great favor among the thinking naval officers, for they are of the opinion that the modern battleship is carrying about all of the armor that she is capable of wearing and still maintaining speed necessary for battle.

Aerial Warfare in Infancy

The submarine is probably the only vessel which is capable of adding a defense against the aeroplane by additional armor. Plans have been submitted for a heavily armored submarine, a vessel which might be considered as defended against the aeroplane but these plans are not endorsed by the naval experts, and there is considerable controversy as to the practicality of a heavily armored submarine.

There are many changes in construction of the new battleships which will lessen the visibility of the vessels from the air and there may be some

short additional armor added but it is generally believed that the modern navy must be defended from the air in some other manner than by the addition of armor.

While naval officers as yet are unwilling to admit that an aeroplane could sink a modern battleship under battle conditions, they do admit that the aerial warfare is still in its infancy. No one should believe that the navy is sitting tight and laughing at the aeroplane. The navy "sisset" at things that way. While the navy discounts the statements of air service enthusiasts that the aeroplane will displace the battleship, the navy scientific manes preparations to defend itself against this new weapon, but which they now believe to be a weak weapon, but which they admit may become a most important factor in future naval warfare.

2800 MINE WORKERS IDLE

SEATTLE, July 19.—(U. P.)—Following the refusal of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America to sanction wage reductions in this state, the Alport commission, attempting to settle the miners' strike which closed down all the mines in the state, have failed. Two thousand eight hundred men are idle.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, July 19, 1893.)

Kenneth Melton, a successful young farmer of Cold Springs, was at Albee on the Fourth and while shooting a pistol loaded with buckshot at a tree one of the balls rebounded, striking him on the bridge of the nose. It lodged in the orbit of the eye against the frontal bone, and has since occasioned him some trouble. This morning he came to town and had the shot re-

JOINGS OF THE DUFFS A GOOD INVESTMENT. BY ALLMAN



IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE'LL HAVE TO SPEND THE DAY ON THIS PORCH!

WELL, IF WE DO I HOPE THAT JANE DON'T KEEP UP THAT SINGING ALL DAY!

I'M NOT MUCH OF A JUDGE ON SINGING BUT THAT GIRL OUGHT TO BE—

OH, YOU LIKE IT? THAT'S MY DAUGHTER SHE HAS STUDIED SINGING FOR FIVE YEARS!

FIVE YEARS? THAT MUST HAVE COST YOU A LOT OF MONEY!

YES, BUT I GOT IT BACK—I BOUGHT THE HOUSES ON EITHER SIDE OF ME FOR ALMOST NOTHING!

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All inquiries should be addressed to the undersigned.
FRANK PATTON, Treasurer,
Port of Astoria, Astoria, Oregon.
Dated at Astoria, Oregon, July 15, 1921.