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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

ROASTFULNESS

I'm not given much to bragging, but I hold upon our street
We've got the finest neighbors that a man will ever meet.
An' now you've got me started, all the way I'm out to go,
I've got the finest mother that the world will ever know,
An' I'll put it down in writing that I had the finest dad
In the by-gone days of boyhood that a youngster ever had.
I don't expect my neighbors to agree about her worth,
But that wife of mine's the finest and the truest wife on earth;
An' we've got the finest youngster, bright of eye and strong of limb,
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A PROBLEM AS OLD AS MAN

THE conference on armament reduction convening today is an event of world wide moment. There are many who are very hopeful that great good will result from the gathering. Others are skeptical upon the subject. Time will show who is right.

The conference will have complicated problems to deal with. Yet the main question at stake is a simple one. It is as old as man. It is a problem with which mankind has long dealt and in the main that problem has been successfully handled.

Disarmament first began when the cave man ceased to rely entirely upon his own club for defense and began to lean upon the protection afforded by his organized tribe. The process has been carried on through all the ages. Disarmament has always come about through protection of the smaller units by a larger unit of government. The city protects its people, the state defends the cities and the nation protects its member states. But between the nations there has thus far been no effective organization sufficient to insure against danger and by such insurance permit of disarmament. The League of Nations was formed in an effort to overcome this defect in the world arrangement. The supporters of the league idea have argued that the formula that has brought about peace between individuals, cities and states can be used to insure peace between nations. They reason that human nature is the same as ever and that protection must be provided before there can be any laying down of arms. It is contended that a nation like an individual will not lay weapons aside until an organization is created upon which there may be safe reliance for protection.

Is that correct reasoning or not? The best way to answer the question is to take it home to yourself. If you had no protection through police, sheriffs or other law officers and other people were equally unrestrained would you feel safe without defensive weapons of some sort. The question permits of but one answer. The same question permits of but one answer when applied to nations. Any nation will be glad to reduce armaments if it can do so in safety. But how is that safety to be provided? That is the real problem before the conference at Washington. If that question can be solved the attempt to carry out a reduction of armaments can easily be carried out. If we are to judge by man's past experience it seems safe to assume that as a condition precedent to disarmament there must be united action by all the nations or many of them to the effect that protection will be afforded individual nations. That is not visionary. It is common sense. Nor will such concerted action by the nations mean that the freedom of individual nations will be jeopardized. Our laws and the police powers by which those laws are enforced do not destroy the liberty of the individual. On the contrary the individual is protected in his freedom, his rights and his property.

But it is visionary to expect nations to disarm unless some new plan is devised for their protection. For a nation to disarm without the condition precedent would mean for that nation to take risks that an individual under the same circumstances would not take.

If permanent peace and reduced armaments are to come will those things not have to come under a move that is in accord with human nature and with evolution?

Is the United States ready to try such a plan?

A TIME FOR SOME THINKING

THERE is a sign of a get together spirit on the part of local people in connection with the measures to be voted upon November 21. When members of the X-Club committee met with the mayor and councilmen they all found to their surprise that on the vital points at stake they were practically of one mind. The points on which they differed were not of great importance and could easily be adjusted.

This is a hopeful sign for Pendleton. This is not a time for needless strife. It is a time for people to cooperate in every way they can. It is a time when people should talk things over, get the other man's viewpoint and act according to facts, not according to prejudice. There is too much at stake to risk rash action of any sort. Sane thinking is the need of the hour.

Before this nation entered the war it was the expressed desire of Woodrow Wilson that should America have to draw the sword it would be under such conditions and with such objects that the "light of heaven" would shine upon our action. Under the Wilson leadership that is the way this country did go to war and it is one big reason why the American soldiers fought so well. In the Armistice day parade at Washington yesterday the most thunderous cheering was for Wilson and it was a generous tribute to our war president.

Long Veil Is the Smart Thing



Unless a long veil is worn from at least one of your hats you are missing one of the season's most insistent notes. Never has the veil been so important in woman's wear—even in the Orient. The hat is of black velvet turned up in the back. The heavy lace veil is draped across the back and falls below the waist.

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE SAYS CONFERENCE'S SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON ITS "ACTORS"

Delegates Believe Universal and Perpetual Peace is Possible Declares W. J. Bryan.

BY WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN (Copyright, 1921, by United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The conference which is about to assemble may prove to be the most important gathering in centuries, or it may bring the greatest disappointment experienced in generations.

It all depends upon the real purpose of the actors—a purpose that can only be revealed by acts. The delegates believe universal and perpetual peace possible, they will try to secure it; if not they will not attempt anything of real and permanent importance.

It is a conference from which any one of the nations may emerge the hero. The United States may surprise the world by offering so much that the other nations will be compelled to accept the offer and end war.

Japan may announce a willingness to go so far as to insure the success of the conference. Great Britain may step to the front and settle discussion by a proposition which will leave the other nations no alternative but to accept.

France may find in disarmament her greatest security and point the way to world peace.

Who will win the capital prize, which in this case will be the plaudits of the world and the gratitude of posterity? The United States has the best position. She extended the invitation and has the first move. More than that, her traditional policy has been to rely upon her Pacific intentions rather than upon fleets and armies. In the present instance she has a mighty asset in the debts due her.

Suppose the United States were to step forward and say: We are willing to pay ten billions for the progressive disarmament of the world, begun at once and continued until the navies are no larger than necessary to police the seas and armies no larger than necessary to preserve peace on land; could the nations refuse the offer?

Ten billions of debt cancelled on such conditions would enable the allies and their enemies to get together and so distribute the same as to bring a large measure of financial relief to every nation involved in the war, and this relief would restore friendly relations and permit a disarmament otherwise impossible. The cancellation of this debt, added to the reduction of military and naval expenses would give the world a new birth and go far towards restoring normal conditions in business.

Could the United States afford it? A reduction of one half in her military and naval appropriations would enable her to save the amount in less than twenty years; a reduction of three fourths in army and navy expenses would enable her to save the amount in less than fifteen years. It will be difficult for the debtor nations to pay the sum and the obligation to pay it is made the basis for indemnities which, however just, threatens the amity of Europe for generations and thus furnishes an excuse for military and naval expenditures scarcely less burdensome than the indemnities.

Would the American people support such a proposition? Why not? They are sentimental; they spent over thirty billions to end war by means of war; would they not spend ten billions to end war by peaceful means? And besides the American people are practical. If they can save enough on military and naval appropriations in 15 or 20 years to compensate them for giving up the debt, why should they spend two or three times that sum on army and navy while they consume 100 years in collecting the debt, not to speak of the possible dangers that lurk in the attempt to collect such a debt from nations already overburdened?

Has this nation any better offer to make? Is any other nation able to make so large a contribution towards the success of the conference?

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, November 12, 1893.)

R. S. Stanfield is in the city from Butter Creek and is reasonably cheerful. Mr. Stanfield states that within a radius of four miles at his place 770 cattle are being fed for the market next spring. When they are sold some little money ought to come and although the present outlook is rather gloomy, this is something to look forward to. Stockmen are quite well supplied with hay, and believe that they have sufficient on hand to feed four months. About 500 mutton sheep are also being fed in the vicinity of Mr. Stanfield's place.

T. A. Leavell, mayor of Adams, is a Pendleton visitor today.

Mrs. F. F. Wamsley left this morning on a visit to relatives at Walla Walla.

Mrs. J. P. Paul, of Baker City, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Bushlee. Mrs. Paul is returning from Portland where her son, Carlton, has commenced a course of study in medicine.

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