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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

MARSHA L FOCHI

"Why do they cheer for Marshal Foch?"
A small boy asked his dad.
"Why do they wave their hats and shout?"
Why is the town so glad?
"Why are the flags hung out for him?"
Why is the music played?
Why do they cheer for him?"
And soldiers all parade?
"He looks to me like men I know,
Take you and Uncle Jim,
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AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE

It was something more than a striking phrase which the French premier used yesterday when he complained that what was lacking in the world was "a general atmosphere of peace." Nor can exception be taken to M. Briand's philosophical conclusion that "a moral disarmament" is no less necessary than material disarmament.

But how is this moral disarmament to come about? It will certainly not be promoted by statesmen who are willing to sacrifice anything or anybody to selfish national interests. It cannot be promoted by national policies that in themselves make a general atmosphere of peace impossible.

M. Briand was referring specifically to the relations between France and Germany, but the question is much broader than that. The conference which M. Briand addressed is an example of what can be done toward creating a general atmosphere of peace. Time may prove that the measure of moral disarmament which comes out of the Washington conference is of vastly more importance to mankind in general than the measure of material disarmament, valuable as that must be.

Unquestionably the greatest benefit of the League of Nations lies in the opportunity it creates for the nations to assemble around a council table and thresh out their questions frankly and fully. That is what they are doing on a limited scale in Washington. The weakness of the league lies in the fact that three of the most populous countries in the world are outside the field of its deliberations, the United States, Germany and Russia; but crippled as it is, the league has demonstrated the advantages of common counsel, and the Washington conference has also demonstrated it.

There will always be national differences and national rivalries and national jealousies and national misunderstandings. Statesmanship has no more responsible function than to bring them into the open where they can be examined and discussed. The inability or reluctance to do this was the tragic failure of the old diplomacy.

Even France, in spite of all the fears that M. Briand catalogued has found that she can cut the term of military service from three years to eighteen months, which will mean a substantial reduction in the size of the French military establishment, even though it be attended by an increased use of colonial troops. This is an example of both moral and material disarmament, and the fact that the premier should have regarded the Washington conference as the best possible forum in which to make the announcement is further evidence of the progress that can be made toward an "atmosphere of peace" by providing means for full and frank international discussion.

There is much cynicism and much pessimism in Washington, no small part of which is the affectation of the oversophisticated, but nevertheless there is emerging from the conference a better understanding, and it is only through understanding that the moral disarmament for which M. Briand pleads can come. That much at least will have been accomplished, however numerous the questions about which diplomacy and politics are unwilling to reach an agreement.—New York World.

If the people of the Yakima valley wish to reach Portland by auto through this region they can do so now as usual with perfect ease as far as Eastern Oregon roads are concerned. There is a perfectly good road from Yakima to Walla Walla via Pasco and a paved road from Walla Walla to Pendleton. The only trouble is on the river road between The Dalles and Portland. Under present conditions a cutoff aerial or subway, might be desirable on the middle Columbia but we need nothing of that sort up here, thank you.

This newspaper hates to mention such a trying subject but it is only a few months until men will have to be nominated for important county and state positions; in these days of normalcy a regular job even at low pay should look good to people and so perhaps we will not have the usual difficulty inducing men to run. Let us hope.

To a man up a tree the future of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is more important than the arithmetical problem as to whether the ratio shall be 5-5-3 or 10-10-7, especially if you don't know what those figures mean.

PLANT TREES ON BIG SCALE IN WEST CANADA

ESTEVAN, Sask., Nov. 26.—(U. N. S.)—Tree planting on a gigantic scale is in progress in Western Canada. Nurseries are providing millions of seedlings for transplanting around farm houses and along the roads of the "yellowed" and "burning" prairie provinces. One nursery near the coast, which covers 100 acres, grows 2,000,000 "variegated" seedlings this year not only varieties of trees, but also in addition to several million Manitoba maple and Russian larches.

provinces started an exporting business. A nursery established only a few years ago for the purpose of relieving the sky line of the fertile stretches being settled by farmers, today is furnishing stock to nurseries of British Columbia and Ontario and in the last year sent to the United States 140,000 Caragana and 80,000 Manitoba maple seedlings. It is also shipping large orders as far north as the Peace River country. A beautiful new hotel, built on the site of the old, has been a farm house and along the roads of the "yellowed" and "burning" prairie provinces. One nursery near the coast, which covers 100 acres, grows 2,000,000 "variegated" seedlings this year not only varieties of trees, but also in addition to several million Manitoba maple and Russian larches.

Foiled Again!



New York women have turned to fencing, rowing and wrestling as a means of keeping in physical condition. Here Mrs. Edgar Leake is fencing with her instructor, Arthur A. McGoover.

MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN INDIA'S GREATEST EVIL, SAYS FUTURE HIGH PRIEST OF PARSEES

Student at Columbia Tells of Present Conditions Eastern Land and Explains Causes.

BY MARGERY BEX (Written for International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—(Marriage) vows at ten years of age. Little boys and girls and beautiful boys exchange words that bind them together in a state of matrimony which they cannot understand. Ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen—these are the years of brides in India whose parents still subscribe to the old idea of child marriage. This is one of the greatest evils existing in India today. Yet it had its origin in a desire only to protect women. The observer is led to believe from reports that such an institution must have had its beginnings in those dark days when men sought to shut away women from the world and place them in a safe if dubious position.

It would like to see established schools where our own venaculars could be used and retained. All these tongues have their roots in Sanskrit. Though Hindustani is the common language. "The idea that these thirty native venaculars keep the people apart is wrong. All are able to speak the one common language. "But castes do keep people alienated from each other. And the Hindus have so many castes. The Parsees and the Mohammedans have none. The Brahmin caste among the Hindus holds sway over many depressed peoples and they constitute a great menace to India's political institutions. They have no sympathy for their own people and do not regard them as equals, hence they cannot do much real good. "I want to break down caste. "Up until lately the Hindus and the Mohammedans were united, but after political troubles and the massacres at Amritsar, they have been thrown apart. "The Parsee should be organized—there are so many existing abuses of the priesthood there. I want to study system and organization in America—you people are masters of it."

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, December 1, 1893.)

A fine girl baby was born Wednesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson. This happy event lends additional warmth to Mr. Jackson's smile when he meets his friend the voter.

Mr. Wm. C. Schultz and Miss Jessie Nye were quietly wedded, Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nye, on Water Street. Only members of the family were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. W. E. Potwine. Mr. Schultz is one of the best known and most popular railroad men in this section. He was formerly passenger conductor on the Union Pacific division from Pendleton to Huntington, and is now running a train between Tekoa and Colfax. The bride grew to womanhood in Pendleton where she has long been a favorite in society and enjoys the esteem and admiration of a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz left on Thursday's train for their future home at Colfax, followed by the general wishes of that many blessings may attend them. The newly married pair were the recipients of a number of handsome and useful wedding gifts, sent by friends as tokens of their regard.

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