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GERMANY RESISTS

The refusal of the German government to sign the peace protocol presented by the allied council brings a sharp shock to Americans who have fancied that the war was entirely over. As long as Germany continues her present attitude, there can be no peace.

Germany has passively resisted fulfilling many of the terms to which she explicitly agreed when she signed the Paris pact, but this is the first instance of outspoken refusal. It is openly admitted in Germany that the courage for this defiance of the Allies comes from the failure of the United States to ratify the peace treaty. It appears that treaty may be merely another scrap of paper, so far as Germany is concerned, unless it is given force by the backing of the United States and the establishment of permanent machinery, such as the treaty provides, to administer it.

In the face of such a disturbing fact, the Senate should take up the treaty again and dispose of it in the shortest possible time. Two-thirds of the Senators have shown themselves not opposed to the general plan and purpose of the treaty. The extremists have differed mainly on matters of interpretation, regarding which it should be possible now to reach a compromise if they go about it sensibly.

Germany, licked for her sins and the world's safety, must stay licked. No partisan controversy should be allowed to interfere with that consummation.

SUBMARINE EAVESDROPPING

An occupation which might be considered among the quieter sports by some people is listening to a fish. Lucas Malet has drawn in the story of "Little Peter" a wonderful picture of the charcoal burner who "could hear the grass grow," and the Greeks had a system of divination by means of parts of fishes, but even Isaak Walton, if memory serves, gave no interpretation of piscatorial conversation.

The fishermen off the coast of Norway, however, have developed the seemingly occult art of hearing the fish for commercial purposes. They lower a microphone from the fishing boat, connected by wire to a telephone. The fisherman listens at the instrument, and when they come to a place where the fish are enjoying their constitutional rights of freedom of speech and assembly, the listening device records the fact and the story is continued in the next ichthyic incarnation.

TWENTY YEARS OF UNREST

A Dutch delegation to the recent international labor conference held at Washington reminds Americans that after the Napoleonic wars there were "thirty years of groping" before the new level of industrial progress was reached, and says, "We expect a similar groping for 20 years now."

That sounds dreadfully discouraging. Nineteen years more of the unrest, controversy and confusion that we have experienced in the United States since the armistice was signed? Nineteen years more of quarrelling capital and labor, of political bickering, of unsettled policies regarding industry and trade, of inadequate production and chaotic distribution of wealth, of rattling, banging, squeaking economic machinery, of class envy and prejudice, before we get things straightened out and the nation gets its stride?

There is not much in the present situation, it must be admitted, to arouse any great amount of optimism. But 20 years Surely the country cannot wait that long—and will not.

Though things look bad everywhere, somehow one can't help believing that there is more power here than elsewhere to get out of the slough of despond—more confidence, energy and constructive ability.

Kipling realized this when he wrote, of the American—
"While reproof around him rings
He turns a keen, untroubled gaze
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and the results are likely to show in a good deal less than 20 years, however long it may take Europe to recover.

Without a Kick in It
Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo
By H. & A.

Comment of the State Press
Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN
"Sir—Please give me an unfailing remedy for the man who whacks your cold shoulder and says: "How's this? Cold enough for you?"
Ans.—Turn the other cold shoulder.

No Difference—
In Berlin the other day the Huns were shouting "Down with President Wilson." In congress Senator Lodge and his followers were endeavoring to do the same thing by killing the treaty of peace. What is the difference between the two? asks the Unpqua Courier.

MRS. B. GAINED TEN POUNDS
From Zxlthc, Anam, comes the following: "Sir—Since taking your kickless column I have felt much better and have had to make all my old clothes over. I now feel Bully.—Yours, Mrs. B.—"

They All Live in Corvallis—
Ima Nocker is worrying his head off about the unusually cold weather we are having, the Gazette-Times says. Ima finds his job as prop to various buildings on Second street is too lonesome to be pleasant with most of his pals home warming the stove.

THE I. C. L.
The cost of inflated living never bothers slim people, like the Obstinate Two-Thirds.

International Parade—
Mexico is liable to awake some of these fine mornings and see U. S. soldiers, flying machines, etc., start on a practice march for Mexico City, says the Tribune.

HERE'S TO RAM
The travel picture at the Globe theatre last night depicted Ramyses II, as the first "Colyumist." Ramyses second had a rarey, charey wit;
Old Ramyses was quite a, quite a man;
O Ramyses married a merry, bearie chit;
Ramyses, how could you, O Ram, Ram, Ram?

How Can This Be?—
The British government having on its hands two great shipyards constructed during the war, recently offered to sell them to the federation of engineering and shipbuilding trades upon very favorable terms. It was a chance to secure not only steady wages, but the profits of management, and to demonstrate that high compensation to capitalistic managers was unnecessary. The federation, however, declined the tender. comments the Brownsville times.

Between them and between them they turned out clever scrit;
Their colyum was a spire of adaman;
Between them and between they raised children, it is writ;
O Ramyses, how could you, O Ram, Ram, Ram?

One Deschutes Resource—
One thing Bend will never lack and that's lava rock, says the Bend Press. A visitor lady upon arriving in Bend the other day cast her eyes upon the surface of the ground and quoted: "Oh, how firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." She had visualized our splendid resource of lava rock, which serves as the ready-at-hand concrete wall, and also makes a wear-ever stone fence, which for cheapness and durability cannot be excelled.

O Ramyses, O Ram,
Here's to you, Ram Ram,
In the van, van, van,
Of the colic col'mn man;
Here's to you, old Ram,
Old Rammy, Rammy Ram,
Here's to you
Old manny, canny Ram.

Happy Thought—
If you awake tomorrow and hear the raindrops pattering on the roof the first instalment of winter has passed, a the hope the Oregonian holds out.

The Same that Killed Cock Robin
"And who," spake the O. T.-T., through a discretionate crack in the door, "Who, by the way, got Ram's goat?"

He Predicted It—
Will someone please bring forth Indian George so we can hang him, asks the Register.

BULL CON CARNE
Sir: My bull that cost me \$456.79 plus war tax, stays out late at night and won't come up to the pasture bars as of yore. What shall I do?
Ans.—Tell it to the cows.

LEAD KINDLY CURRENT
The real cause of the present cold spell—or misspell—lies in sunny Nippon. Peeved at the picture bride controversy, and taking advantage of the coal shortage, they have turned off the Japanese Current.

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