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AFRAID OF THE LEAGUE?

While the treaty fight drags on in the Senate, and every conceivable objection to the League of Nations covenant is amplified and made most of by enemies of the treaty, and partisan passions tend to obscure facts more than ever, it may tend to calmness and sanity on this subject if quarreling factionists will note the present attitude of the world's leading neutral nations toward this League.

Three important Latin-American republics have declar-ed their adherence to the League "unreservedly." They are Argentina, Chili and Paraguay.

At the same time Spain, the most important neutral in Europe, votes "without reserve" to enter the League. Norway, Sweden and Switzerland do the same thing, and so does Persia.

None of these nations seem to be afraid that they are assuming improper obligations or forfeiting their national sovereignty. All of them agree to play their part, without evasion, in helping to preserve the world's peace. Their action seems particularly bold, because they are going to have little to say in shaping the League's decisions-it is the big allied powers that will determine policies and obligations

It is all right, no doubt, for the United States to qualify its adherence to the League by such explanatory reservations as make perfectly plain what part this country can play, consistently with its history and traditional policies. But has not all this reservation business been carried to quite unnecessary lengths? When a Uruguay or a Denmark or a Switzerland steps forward and assums the burdens and responsibilities of the League without fear, does not the recent attitude of the United States-which can virtually dominate the League when once in it-appear rather cowardly and shameful?

-0-NOT EXCUSES, BUT SERVICE

For several years the principal activity in the railroad business has been "passing the buck." Before the govern-ment took over the roads, the railroad executives were always explaining that transportation imperfections were due to governmental restriction. Under government operation, the federal operators never permitted the public to forget that they were handicapped by a system that had "broken down" under private ownership and control. Now the owners are busily complaining that the public need not expect much from them for some time to come, because of the depleted condition of the property as it comes back into their hands

There has been plenty of truth in all these contentions, and there is no question that the railroad men are now facing serious difficulties, many of which are not of their making. But the public is tired of excuses, and little interested in past history. What the people want now is service.

No doubt the people are expecting too much of the roads. This, however, is largely the result of the lavish promises made by the railroad men themselves, when they were pleading for the return of their property. They will now be held to those promises, and judged by performance. The public will not expect a miracle all at once. No doubt the private executives will be allowed, in the mind of the ordinary citizen, a reasonable time to make good. But make good they must, if they are to retain the public confidence that they now seem to enjoy. If railroad service is not improved all along the line, in both freight and passenger departments, before the end of the year, there will be a

revulsion of sentiment, not necessarily in favor of public ownership, but certainly in favor of a much larger measure of public control.

The Senate Agricultural Committee has voted to eliminate from the annual agriculture bill the \$240,000 voted by the House to continue the custom of distributing free seeds to constituents. Of course the new secretary of agricul-ture recommended this move, but if such sensible recommendations are followed too closely how will congressmen get themselves re-elected?

Comments of the State Press

eeds a Maid-

A Nebraska women is asking for a divorce because her husband won't wash the dishes. She doesn't need a husband. She needs a maid .-- Columbian-Astoria

Laying on of Hands-

Laying on of Hands-Now we have a man who claims o get away with all ills of human beings by the "laying on of hands." This is no new wrikle. Many a youngster has been completely "cured" by the "laying on of hand" process and some o fithe older heads are here " write and " " Events tave been "swung around."-Evening News Roseburg.

Naval Officer-

Admiral Sims says he has shown up mistakes in pavy politics because he considered it his duty to do so Most people will agree with him as against Secretary Daniel's stand that naval officer should keep his nouth shut, no matter with: happens .- Oregonian.

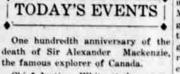
Article 10 or Fight-

In his statement yesterday Presi-dent Wilson proved that sick man or well, he is still the clearest thinking. rondest visioned man who ever sat in the white house. His explanations why article 10 must not be destroyed re clear cut and masterufl. cannot be refuted. They make the words of senate obstructionists sound like contemptible drive!-East firegonian.

Dog Meat-

The federal department of justice has solved the high cost of meat and ays that hereafter every family can have cheap meat. All it has to do is to ask for the cheaper cuts. If it is till not cheap enough, no doubt the attorney general will urge them to cat dog meat, -Gazette Times.

charged with law violation in Port-land. It is only a step after all i om democracy to anarchy, and the trouble is that the many half-baked intellects cannot discern the line of demarkation .- Eugene Guard



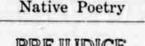
Chief Justice White today compreme bench of the United States. Gen. John J. Pershing is to be the

of the Southern Society of Washington, D. C. At Indianapolis today Gen. Leon-

to his presidency candidacy.

Maine Statchood. Organization of an inter-allied commission to investigate conditions in Russia is expected to be taken up by

the League of Nations Council at a meeting to begin today in Paris.



PREJUDICE

(By Guy Fitch Phelps)

It has no eyes, no ears, no heart, No brain, no soul, this thing called Prejudice.

But heavy lipped and with obdurate

jaw And eyes obfuscate it walks the round Of martyr's pyres. Nor obsecrate pire. It is the intention to make this the highest structure in the Far East.

Which plead for pity its dark breast

may move To it there is no beauty truth or love. No praise for virtue and no pride in

worth; But dead to these, and dead to God and right.

With brutal brow and squallid shufflings

It hovers at the van of all progression And with ape arms and fist of wickedness

Strikes every angel of advancement down

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MISFITS --- HIS COLUMN

BY F. P. NUTTING

Timely Comments and Gleanings of News from Here, There and Everywhere by a Former Editor of the Democrat

By F. P. Nutting

Married March 10,1870, at Monmouth, Ill., Jas. Mitchell Pollock and Miss Lida Shaw, lived ever happily together. Last Wednesday evening, at East to Oregon in 1891, locating in their pleasant home in Rose Park the Albany, where they resided until 1899, golden anniversary of the event was making many friends for themselves

remembered in a delightful manner, and family. They have two children, enjoyed with the worthy couple by a number of their many friends, of land fire department, and Miss Mae pletes his twenty-sixth year on the su- whom the writer was a fortunate one. Pollock, a graduate of Albany Col-The rooms were tastily decorated with lege, then a teacher in the Albany the season's best golden flowers. In schools, afterwards going to Pletprincipal guest at a reception tonight keeping with the golden affair a pleasing ceremony was performed by Rev. Seeley, state missionary of the Presbyterian church, full of wit and good ard Wood is to hold conference with cheer. During the evening a poem Grove, before settling in Portland Indiana Republican leaders favorable written by a relative, in the east, was about seven years ago. read, suggestive of the event. Miss

Governor Milliken, Senator Hale and Olive Baltimore, of the Washington other eminent sons of Maine are to be high school, formerly of Albany, read guests of the Maine Society of New a bright poem in honor of the affair. York at a dinner and dance tonight The "Golden Days" song, composed by writer certainly hopes to be able to in celebration of the centennial of J. C. Irvine, of Albany, was sung by attend their diamond anniversary Dr. and Mrs. McMichael and made a twenty-five years hence, and promises hit.

> Mrs. Olive Miller Nutting, an old will do his best to be on hand with friend of the family, was heard in a another kiss for the bride.

seconds

Do You Know That

sent number of centenarians in proportion the whole population, one person in every 2,260 lives to the age of 100 years. In Denmark and Swilzerland, on the other hand, the average is less than one to a million of

couple of songs in keeping with the

Mr. and Mrs. Pollock came from the

land, where she has taught for many

years, one of the city's best teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Pollock afterwards re-

sided in Junction, Dallas and Forest

Splendid people, active in good

works, they deserve many returns of

if they will remember the event he

Delicious

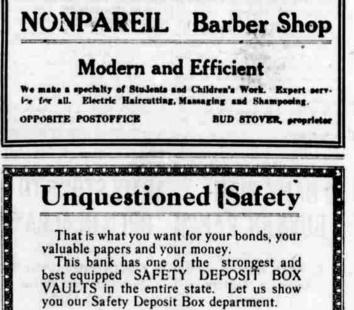
anniversary celebration.

refreshments were served.

population. The muzzle velocity of the shells that the German's fired into Paris is believed to have been about one mile a second. It is calculated that a shell with a muzzel velocity of five miles a second, if fired at the correct angle would become an attendant satellite of the earth, and would go round it in less than one and a half hours. If the speed were increased to seven miles a second, the shell would go off into space altogther, and presumably could be sent to the moon if correctly

Nowadays it has become a figure in billions, yet few people are able to visualize the amount which the term "billion" symbolizes. Some idea, however, may be had from the statement that a person 32 years and nine months old has only lived a billion Japan is preparing to build a pyramid for the first emperor, Jimmu Tenno, somewhere in the suburbs of Tokyo, and for this purpose a com-mittee of prominent men will collect a stone from every subject of the em-

Serbia is the land of centenarians. In that country, figuring on the preaimed.



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