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A Portland man is suing for divorce from his wife, now in Eugene, on the plea that she and her friends got him drunk, kidnapped him and had the ceremony performed before he knew what was going on. That is a slight variation from the well-worn plea of insanity.

It had begun to look as though the world's supply of iron and steel was going to run short some of these days. The "scraping" of a lot of battleships will allow a great deal of it to be diverted to more useful purposes.

No matter how much any one may rejoice at the prospect of the destruction of the warships he ought to be glad to see the utmost care taken to have every bit of that good iron and steel turned to the best use possible.

### LOOSENING CHINA'S BONDS

China's appeal to the arms conference for relief from some of the restrictions imposed upon her liberty, ostensibly for the general good, are likely to have

a measure of success. Among these are a class of impositions called extra-territorial rights or privileges: Such as foreign postal service, for foreign subjects; foreign courts, to try cases affecting the interests of foreigners; railroad concessions, carrying with them the right to police the railroads with considerable military forces; mostly a Japanese aggression.

Another manifest injustice is a restriction on China's right to levy a tariff on imports, imposed many years ago by some of the other powers, under England's lead. The rate she could levy was limited to 5 per cent. It would seem that China has as much right to lay a tariff on imports as England or France. She is in urgent need of all the revenue she can raise from every legitimate source. To cramp her in this respect is to prolong the period of her financial impotency and to hinder her progress towards self-dependence and complete independence.

There is no denying that these aggressions have been invited by the fact that there is no unity of authority or action in China.

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There has not been for a long time any such thing as a united China. There are two rival governments now, one at Peking and one at Canton. There has for a long time been a sharp cleavage between the north and the south. This probably comes from the fact that the Manchu conquest affected the north more than the south. Most of the Chinamen we know come from the south. The viceroys of the greater provinces do very much as they please about obeying the central government or considering the interests of the rest of the country.

Still, with all deductions, there is a great mass of people, at least one-fifth of the population of the earth, whom we recognize as Chinamen. There is more or less of a common movement among them towards a unity of life, and life on a higher plane, and of a unification of their life with the life of the rest of the world; all to be worked out through a united government and a closer association with the rest of the world. This is too big a mass of people to ignore. They ought to be helped to develop their best capabilities. They ought to be relieved of their shackles so far as that is safe, and they ought to be guarded against the rapacity of such a neighbor as Japan; not only for their own good, but for the safety of the rest of the world.

### TUMULTY'S LETTERS

Those who have not been reading the personal recollections of Woodrow Wilson, by Joseph P. Tumulty, for ten years his private secretary, now running in the press, have been missing some valuable history of the times past and passing. Mr. Wilson was, while he was in the presidency, and is even yet, in his physically wrecked condition, one of the great figures of our time. A faithful, though friendly picture of the man, by one who had a close view of him in action, and who had a better chance to understand the significance of what he saw than most of us, is worth studying. Often the things we do not know would throw more light on an action than the things we do know, if we only had them before us.

Those who have been reading the articles cannot have overlooked the fact that Mr. Tumulty, in setting his principal before us in his proper light, has been obliged to break through his own reserve and crucify his native timidity in revealing to us his personal part in many a transaction with which, in our ignorance, we had heretofore connected Mr. Wilson alone. His treatment of his subject is in great part defensive, though not strictly apologetic. When we come to understand Mr. Tumulty better, we may regard it as a noble exhibition of self-immolation that, in so many cases, he reveals a divided responsibility where those who did not admire him had been blaming Mr. Wilson alone.

We spoke of him as a private secretary; but in the course of his narrative, it often happens that at the precise point where he finds it necessary to lift a corner of the curtain, Mr.

Tumulty is seen in the wings in the posture of a political counselor and confidential adviser. This effect which, perhaps, was unavoidable, is heightened by the frequent use of such expressions as "our policies," "our interests," and "Frankly, I see to you, that I think we had better do this." This charming feature of the narrative brings back to memory of the old farm neighborhood, in boyhood days. She was never reticent about speaking of matters canvassed in family caucus; and her statement of conclusions reached in the family councils was always prefaced with, "I told William". In this case it is Woodrow instead of William.

But Mr. Tumulty is not the first historian who has found it difficult to set forth history as he thinks it ought to be set forth and leave the historian out of sight. Xenophon and Caesar are conspicuous examples from ancient times; and in our own times, Mr. Gerard found it impossible to give us a satisfactory idea of what was going on behind the scenes at the German Imperial court, in the critical days before the war, without telling us some of the "sassy" things he said to the Kaiser.

If Mr. Wilson can find time and strength to do it before he goes hence, it could be wished that, after he has performed some more important tasks which we hope he will be spared to do, he will give us a fair-sized volume containing some of the thoughts he was thinking about Mr. Tumulty during these years. If he thinks it would disturb the affairs of the world too much to publish it during his lifetime, he might leave it on top of a pile of his papers, where it could be easily found, and have it published posthumously.

We say again, as we said in the beginning, that those who have not been reading Mr. Tumulty's articles have been missing a really valuable contribution to the history of our times.

### SUCCEEDS THE LEAGUE

The project to establish a league of nations was the forerunner of the disarmament project. It is not likely that there would have been such a thing as a disarmament conference so early as this if the league of nations project had not been put forward and carried as far as it was.

The league of nations proposition was probably the best thing for its time. Its chief merit was in the prospect it afforded to hold together the nations that were already bound together in the war effort until they had completed the adjustments that must be made following the war.

The heart was taken out of it when the United States was kept out of it. There was a partial relapse in the direction of the old free-for-all scramble style of diplomacy in the settlements that followed. By staying out, the United States lost a great deal of the strength of its position in world affairs; the weak and newly formed nations lost most of the benefit of the influence which they had a moral right to look to it for; and the settling of the affairs of the world has not progressed so well on account of it. But, for all of this, the league has proved its value in a number of boundary adjustments.

The disarmament conference is probably the best thing that could have been devised for this time. It is a distinct advance on the league. It goes much farther than the league could go towards the goal at which both have aimed. It deals with questions which could not have been dealt with at the time the league was projected.

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Some of our would-be-statesmen, as well as those of other countries, have been so completely swept off their feet by the boldness of the mere skirmish line proposition that the people in the tail of the procession in the march of events have not yet heard so much as a chirp from them.

### GRANGE AND NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

The non-partisan league of Oregon, if there be such a thing, has endorsed the master of the Oregon state grange as its candidate for governor.

In Oregon a number of newspapers, an agricultural college official, and the master of the state grange have been N. P. L. men, have worked for and been recognized as champions of North Dakota methods.

The college professor was offered presidency of the state agricultural college in North Dakota, and the state grange head was invited to help organize Idaho, and advocates state socialism.

Since the North Dakota recall election has abolished the N. P. L. state administration and Townley has gone to prison for addition, what does the state grange think about the situation?

Washington state grange master, Bouck, was removed from his high office, together with the secretary and executive committee by the national grange in session at Portland last. The removal was for radicalism and disloyal utterances and they are barred from membership in the order forever. But will the grangers of Oregon support adherents of Townleyism for office?

The political grange leaders in Oregon who have catered to North Dakota state socialism for the past few years would have plunged this state into the same mire of communism.

They are offering the farmers of Oregon the same program of state elevators, state insurance, state marketing, state utilities, state this and state that that doubled and trebled taxes in North Dakota.—The Manufacturer.

### SHACKLING TAX GATHERERS

A western town is prospering on rube methods not at all in accord with usual tax-boasting and bond inflation methods.

Its levy for city expenses is less than during the first year of the war. In 1915 it was fifteen mills, and for two years it has been 13 1/2.

This city of twenty thousand people has only \$474,000 bonded debt almost entirely for streets and sewers, and pays off \$40,000 annually.

This rubneck town has shamelessly disregarded official privileges and abolished some offices and reduced salaries in several instances.

To the general surprise of other western cities no one has resigned office and the city is not falling behind by misering on taxes. Other western cities and states are shouting for increased expenses to meet their growth but Salem, Oregon, is thriving on its penuriousness.

People are actually leaving other more progressive tax-collecting communities and flocking to Salem where tax-gathering has been shackled.

Bond reduces wages of city employees from \$5 to \$4.

Halfway—\$105,000 contract let for graveling 13 miles of Powder river road.

Pine City—Butler creek road to be improved for 12 miles, cost \$25,000.

Eugene—Sale of over 1,000,000 feet of standing fir in two tracts in Siuslaw national forest authorized.

Dallas—After a long period of inactivity the logging and lumber industry in Polk county is enjoying the greatest boom ever experienced in the history of the industry in that region.

### Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

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