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HONG KONG KOLUM

When is the hardest time to get your watch out of your pocket? When it's tickling there.

Edam, where the round cheeses come from in Holland, is flooded. What'll we do, what'll we do!

Sir: Note what your correspondent says about foot pherases. The game in our shop must be the lazy ones. I called these from our conversation in one day: "Good-night!" "I went over to Ed's last night after the party and had a night cap last night." "Keep your shirt on." "Wake up, boy!" "I could hear him snore a block away." "Ho-hum!" "Waddaya doin', dreamin'?" -R. H. S.

The Kaiser is suffering from a boil which does not prevent him from walking out," say the news stories. (A standing joke, eh?)

Some people put you on the back before your eyes and hit you in the eye behind your back.

We do! "Eaked me stand" - for a whole lot. -Columbia State.

Even a Judge hasn't strength enough to Pass Up a Witness 24 Times?

Sir: As spectator in one of our local police courts recently, I caught something your police reports apparently overlooked.

"You have a pleasant home, cozy and warm with the faces of happy children, sitting about" queried the judge, ironically.

"Yes, sir - that's true," replied the prisoner with mock seriousness.

"Well," continued the judge, "if those happy children play around till you return to them they'll be just 48 days older!" -C. N. S.

Sir: Mary, our cook, dropped a fine chatter and smashed it to bits. "Never mind, Mum," she said when the Missus called her on it, "I think wot a foine jig saw puzzle it will make for the kids!" -ART.

NIBLEY, SENIOR HAS AUTHORIZED FACTORY

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 16. F. S. Bramwell.

Grants Pass, Oregon. Father authorizes me to wire that everything is O.K. and we have asked for bids on our factory. Phone Mr. Storey says we wiring him. Will be here ten days on other business.

ALEX NIBLEY.

The above telegram was received yesterday by Mr. Bramwell. Mr. Bramwell says he thinks there is no question about the factory being built but he does not want to be quoted on question of a site, that Mr. Nibley, Sr., will select that.

A letter from Alex Nibley, Jr., to Mr. Bramwell states that owing to the storm in southern Oregon, his father will not come out for two weeks when he will select the site for the factory.

With Medford trade in Medford made.

THE SOCIALIST APPEAL

MEYER LONDON, the lone socialist in congress, has issued an appeal to the American electorate asking support of the socialist party to the end that socialists may secure congressmen enough to constitute the balance of power and so force through as much of the socialist program as possible for the remedy of industrial evils.

Mr. London declares that the democrats are incompetent for good, the republicans competent for mischief and the progressives are dead and belong in the graveyard, while socialism is the only living political force, representing the toilers—"the tomorrow of humanity a large."

There is more or less truth in Mr. London's statement. With "Americanism" and "preparedness" and a "non-partisan tariff board" to take the tariff out of politics, and the "anti-dumping" bill to guard protected industry, all appropriated from the opposition by the administration, there remains but little difference between the old parties, no issue of principle—merely a choice of leaders.

As outlined at present, the only issue between the contending parties at the general election will be the degree of preparedness—up to date a non-partisan issue, though Roosevelt is doing his best to make militarism the issue in the coming scramble for the political pie-counter. Both parties leave things as they are to an extent, while the socialists will advocate the following:

We shall urge the need of an immediate remedy for our industrial evils, the immediate enactment of unemployment insurance, sickness insurance, and of old age pensions, the elimination of child labor, the enfranchisement of women, and the nationalization of monopolized industries, and the nationalization of mines, railroads, the telephone and the telegraph.

We shall oppose the preparedness campaign, which is a mere reflection of the insanity of Europe, and which is calculated to divert the people's minds to non-existent external enemies so that we may not prepare for the fight at home with the internal enemy, the industrial oligarchy of the land.

We shall answer the panicky cry for preparedness with an aggressive campaign for international peace.

We shall ask for a scientific method of taxation—a tax on incomes, an inheritance tax, and a tax on land held for speculative purposes.

There is no doubt in the world that these are all vital reforms and will eventually be enacted into the statutes of the land. Many of them have already been enacted by the nations of Europe. But socialism is evolutionary, and these reforms will be enacted gradually as conservative American public opinion slowly comprehends their benefits. When the time is ripe, the old parties will appropriate those that have attained sufficient popularity to warrant it—as they have appropriated socialist ideas in the past.

As creator for ideas for the betterment of humanity and as agitators for social welfare, the socialists perform every useful service to the nation, and eventually achieve a much greater victory for principal than as if they degenerated into partisan spoilsmen.

LANE'S PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

ESTABLISHMENT of government armor and munition plants, abandonment of dreadnaught construction, and the addition of large fleets of submarines and aeroplanes to protect the country from invasion, "but not for aggressive warfare or the invasion of any other country" is the policy advocated by Senator Harry Lane of Oregon in a statement assailing the most-talked-of plans of national defense.

Senator Lane opposes the creation of a large standing army and promises to introduce an amendment providing for the enlistment of from 500,000 to 1,000,000 men, from periods of from six to nine months, paying them prevailing wages and employing them in building highways across and through the country, at the same time training them in rudimentary military tactics two days each week. This plan, he states, would enable the turning back into private life about a million healthy young men each, "who would not be ruined by life in the barracks," and the nation would secure badly needed roads.

The senator states that \$17,000,000 super-dreadnaughts which in a few years become out-of-date and useless, are not needed, but that powerful coast-defense vessels, submarines, aeroplanes, hydroplanes and mines, with large guns along the coasts, will provide ample defense at far less cost.

The senator's plan is a good one, in that it would make the army useful as well as ornamental, take the profit out of war, and remove the danger to liberty by militarism. Let us hope it will receive some attention in these frenzied days of preparedness for mythical foes.

Tales of the Town

He has a car. And he used to call it. "Betsey." But he has changed its name. And I asked him, "Why?" And he said: "I have had her. Five years. And during that time, she never had a puncture. 'Till she reached. 'The shade of a tree. And she never. 'Ran out of gasoline. 'Till we reached home.

The Swiss Army System

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL. (Copyright, 1916, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.) After all the terrific testings of these eighteen months, fighting and getting ready to fight, what nation should you say, has the best army—in proportion to its numbers.

At once you think of the French with their wonderful dogged courage and the brilliant strategy of the Marne. Or you think of the Germans with their fearless organization and their

land. Some say it is the best, and all agree that surely it is one of the best.

Anyway, it was so good in 1914 that, small as it was, Germany didn't want any truck with it and left it severely alone when her time came to choose a highway by which to attack France.

Some years ago the United States sent one of the ablest officers of its military department to investigate the armies of Europe. He made a study of the Swiss army, and when he came

out by the superintendent and a part of the school board, to relieve the congested condition of our high school. We know that the high school will not accommodate the students that are now ready for it. At the present time it is accommodating about fifty out-of-town students, besides our own unusually large enrollment.

However, we patrons of the Lincoln school consider it an injustice to have our school and the interest of our little children sacrificed for the convenience of the larger pupils and two or three teachers. The plan is fundamentally wrong. It would accommodate the large pupils at the expense of the little-ones. Honestly, it is wrong, and on these grounds we fought it.

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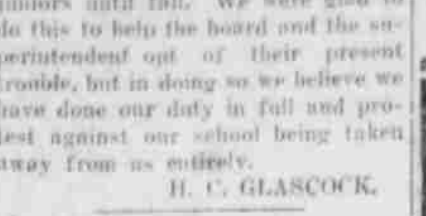
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