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BLIND GUIDES.

THERE is frequently a blind spot in the diplomatic mind. The conventional diplomat, so frequently, can't see what is as plain as the tooth on a buzz saw to the average man.

Take Japan and France at the Washington conference. To the hard-boiled diplomat, Japan gained a point in securing the retention of the Mutsu, and France another point,—for the time being at least—in the increase of submarine armament.

Yet, rightly considered both victories were in reality defeats. For the loss in good will, almost certainly will far outbalance any temporary advantage that could possibly be involved.

Good will,—the confidence and friendship of kindred nations,—there lies the greatest strength any nation can possess. By her conduct at the arms parley, Great Britain, has vastly increased her account of good will. So has Italy, ready from the outset, to go more than half way toward a reduction of armaments on both land and sea.

But Japan and France have held out, have traded here, maneuvered there, and under the antiquated plea of national security, have opposed the essential spirit of the conference, and dickered scandalously for selfish advantage.

Nothing they can gain in material power can possibly compensate them for the spiritual loss. This is plain to any impartial observer. But the professionals simply can't see it.

Sharp practice here, driving a shrewd bargain there,—all the tricks discredited even in modern business,—remain the stock in trade for the old time diplomats. As the world advances they stand still. "Blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."

GOOD FOR THE JOURNAL.

THE PORTLAND JOURNAL is to be commended for the enlightened and broad-minded policy it has recently shown.

Regarding the 1925 Exposition it places responsibility for the recent failure directly upon Multnomah county for sending a gang of interest-serving incompetents to Salem and frankly asserts, that the Fair better be financed entirely by Portland, than run the risk of alienating the rest of the state.

Regarding the Washington conference, it thus far has scorned the role of the pin-headed partisan, and vigorously endorses the efforts of Harding and Hughes to reduce the war burden of a suffering world.

In the past the narrowness, sentimentality and sanctimoniousness of the Journal has frequently got on our nerves, so we are particularly glad to hand her a bouquet, which is entirely sincere and entirely deserved.

Quill Points

Business won't be sound while diplomatic promises are merely that and nothing more.

The race was begun with a floating rib. Now it must begin all over with a floating debt.

The difference between "important" and "impotent" is about ten thousand dollars a year.

One boy tries to amount to something, and another is the sole heir of a rich relative.

There is no relationship between junkers and junkmen. The former sow and the latter harvest.

We trust the paragraphers will soon appoint delegates for a conference on the limitation of puns on Hughes.

In the old days the bull pen was something else, but now it is the one used to write political speeches.

Perhaps peace will endure forever. It is enduring a sufficient number of other things to get in practice.

The best aids to pleasant thoughts in the early morning are a clear conscience and the smell of buckwheat cakes.

"What has business lost?" asks a headline. Well for one thing, it appears to have lost the homing instinct.

The nut crop may be light, as reported, but we observe no decrease in the number who think Europe will pay us what she owes.

A Japanese delegate says he wishes to "spik" our language well enough to span the distances between races. "Spik and span" is a good motto.

A physician says most of the ills we suffer could be avoided by keeping our shoulders square. The rest could be avoided by keeping our conduct that way.



THE CRITICS.

THE critics gather round me when I would play my harp, attempting to confound me with caustic words and sharp; they do not like the manner in which I hold my lyre; I smite it with a spanner, and that stirs up their ire. "Your poems are punk and hollow," the busy critics say; "why don't you try to follow where Homer led the way?" And once they used to peeve me, but now I care no whoop, they cannot vex or grieve me, or place me in the soup. For evermore I'm clinging to one old-fashioned plan; in sawing or in singing I do the best I can. No matter what you're doing the critics will upstand, odds-fishing and beshrewing, to say you should be canned. If you are painting fences, they'll say your taste in paint would shock our seven senses, and make an artist faint. And they will rate you soundly if you are frying grease, and they will roast you roundly if you are herding geese. There always are the knockers who watch you while you toil, repairing cane-seat rockers, or harrowing the soil; but if you keep on doing the best that you know how, their ceaseless cotton-chewing should never cloud your brow.

SAP AND SALT BY Bert Moses. Repeating an old lie is worse than inventing a new one. Religion saved up for Sunday is not as good as religion spread over the whole week. When some one stands between you and what you want, it is generally yourself. If you are afraid of making enemies, you are apt not to make anything. You can always run down the rich when you have nothing else to be grouchy about. When success comes faster than a man can absorb it, he is headed for the Hot Place on high gear. HEZ HECK SAYS: "A man's real character comes to the surface when you try to borrow money from him."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. Which were the coins of the largest denomination ever struck by the United States government? Ans. Three-cent pieces.
2. What does the word Ohio mean?
3. Who is regent of Hungary?
4. What famous old church stands in the Wall Street district?
5. What novel did Dickens leave unfinished at his death?
6. What position does General Byng now hold?
7. When is Patriot's Day and what two states observe it?
8. What is the largest park in this country within a city?
9. Of what are fiber phonograph needles made?
10. How many schools are there in the Philippines?
Answers to Yesterday's Questions:
1. Who was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence? Ans. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Md.
2. What is the population of Alabama? Ans. 2,347,295.
3. How many lives were lost in the bomb explosion in Wall street? Ans. 35.
4. In what Canadian province is Montreal? Ans. Quebec.
5. What was the last war before the world war? Ans. The Balkan-Bulgarian war.

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MAYOR APPOINTS WIFE UPON PARK BOARD

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29—Mrs. Sarah Shank, a democrat, wife of Samuel Lewis Shank, republican mayor-elect, has been appointed a member of the board of park commissioners by her husband.

Mrs. Shank said she took the office reluctantly because she feared it would cause an impression of "too much Shank" in the administration of the city's affairs.

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