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The China, Russian Row

PRESS reports tell of the massing of troops of both the Soviet Russian government and the Chinese government. Manchurian troops are also on guard watching the borderline in Manchuria where the armies of the two nations are converging.

In the meantime idealistic and well meaning statesmen are attempting to settle the difficulties by mediation. Both of the governments concerned have agreed to conciliatory arbitration.

Japan, too, is insulted because Secretary of State Stimson of the United States made a move to stop warlike demonstrations in their section of the globe without first consulting Japan.

Latest reports tell of actual firing on the border line, of people leaving their homes to avoid being mixed up in the conflict.

The Czarist Russians, those driven from Russia when the Soviet regime took over the control and who fled to Manchuria and Siberia, are ready to attack the Soviet troops as an ally of China.

The whole trouble is said to have started because China seized the trans-Siberian railroad in Manchuria which has been jointly owned and run by China and Russia. China said that Russians on the railroad were disseminating Soviet propaganda in China contrary to the terms of an agreement between the two nations.

War is imminent and may break out at any time. China may not start the conflict but Czarist Russians on the Chinese side of the border where the troops are entrenched, anxious to retaliate for being driven from their homeland, may strike at the Soviet troops.

Such action could be blamed on China, either directly or because the Chinese government did not prevent it. Soviet Russia, maintaining a peaceful attitude but defending its honor could easily hit back at China and excuse the action. A far less important act, the shooting of the Austrian archduke, is blamed for the start of the late world war.

National hatreds rise quickly. Other nations with property and citizens to protect in the war zone, might easily become entangled in the hostilities.

Peace, should be the order given China and Russia and other nations should enforce the order with martial law if necessary and avoid another world conflict.

Fist Fights And Baseball

ROWDYISM on any athletic field is, of course, a thing to deplore. It is distressing, unsportsmanlike and all that sort of thing. And yet—well, no dyed-in-the-wool baseball fan will be sorry to read that Hack Wilson of the Chicago Cubs and Ray Karp and Pete Donohue of the Cincinnati Reds felt impelled to use their fists on one another after a recent game in Chicago.

The only serious complaint against baseball in late years has been that the players had lost the old-time enthusiasm that made the game interesting. In the days when Ty Cobb, Kid Elberfeld, Frank Chance and Bill Carrigan were in their prime big league baseball was forever skirting the edges of fistcuffs. Nowadays it is more refined and gentlemanly—and, sometimes, much less exciting.

But the fan can take heart when the players get to fighting. Ball players do not fight unless they are terribly in earnest about the game itself. And when they feel that way, they are pretty sure to play interesting baseball.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

AND THIS FROM PARIS!

Omaha World-Herald: A young Parisienne had thick ankles. Their ugliness was a desolation to her soul. So she went to a surgeon to have them made beautiful. The surgeon operated, but gangrene set in and the patient lost a leg. She sued for damages and the first civil court of Paris awarded her \$8,000.

The surgeon was not mulcted on account of carelessness or lack of skill, but on the principle that he may use his knife to save life or health but not to save beauty.

"Despite the doctor's honest conscience," said the court, "his high professional integrity and his disinterestedness, the fact of his having undertaken an operation involving grave risks on a healthy limb without any therapeutic necessity for such operation or even any usefulness whatever to the health of the person operated upon constitutes a wrong on his part for which he must take the legal responsibility."

The decision, says a Manchester Guardian dispatch, relayed to the Baltimore Sun, promises to start a flood of controversy, "for apart from the moral principle of the judgment the whole future of aesthetic surgery is involved."

discussion. It should stir the aesthetic, beauty-loving French to the depths. Is ugliness so trivial an ill that the flesh may not be cut into to remove it? May not some risk be taken to make over a hideous nose that makes life miserable, to remove an unsightly blemish that may torture the victim quite as much as an aching tooth?

We used to be taught that "beauty is truth, truth beauty," and that together they are quite the most important thing in life. They feed the soul of man, and what is the health of the body compared to that of the soul?

If Henry Ford had said it, that would be understandable. But from Paris!

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
The Furrow: "Jane has had so much experience with light house-keeping that she is bound to make a success in her new career."

"What is her new career?"

"She has just married the light-house keeper."

THE BEST PRESENT

ALTON, Ill. — The fourth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Napp will call for a double celebration next year.

On the occasion this year they received as a wedding anniversary present a ten-pound baby boy. The Napps also have a

QUIPS AND QUIRKS OF AMERICANS

Robert Quillen's Pointed Satire and Broad Humor Gives Refreshing View of Human Traits.

By ROBERT QUILEN
The oldest co-educational institution is matrimony.

"The home work required of children," says an educator, "is done by their parents." Flat-terer!

How times change! Once he took his pen in hand, and now he takes his typewriter on his knee.

Short history of man: Lies in a woman's arms; cries in a woman's arms; dies in a woman's arms.

Don't boast of saying what you think. Other people do, too, but they don't think such disagreeable things.

At 20 she yearns to be worshipped; at 35 she yearns to be wanted.

The woman with triplets is more satisfied than the woman with three diamonds. The latter wants more.

The thing that seems to do most to make the farmer's needs less urgent is an election.

It isn't safe to be changeable. Look how people talk about the weather.

Americanism: Wearing the shine off; trading it in as part payment on a new one.

What a top sergeant Calles would make!

It is easy to live on the fat of the land. Just advertise another reducing pill.

When something goes wrong the higher up the flyer is the safer he is. Much like a boot-legger.

Perhaps age was more respected in other times because fewer old boy letters were read to juries.

There is only so much zeal. When too much is used to enforce one law, the others don't get their share.

Example of vulgar ostentation: Offering to sell your old furniture, suit or car, thus revealing the fact that it's all yours.

You see, we can't recognize Russia because Wall Street was foolish enough to buy Kerenky bonds and we haven't Marines enough to collect.

Mrs. Einstein wonders why

the world makes such a fuss over her husband. So many wives of famous men feel that way.

Correct this sentence: "My wife has lost five pounds," said he, "but she never mentions it to anybody."

THOUGHTS ON STATE AFFAIRS

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resulted in a large deficit, and the other abolished an unsatisfactory three man and game commission.

"Persons interested in those institutions, however, decided to put up a fight. Petitions are now being circulated for enough signatures to force a referendum. If they get enough signatures the legislature enactments are void until the people have voted on them.

"Under this system, complains the New Salem Journal of Dakota, 7,000 people can make void for a time any wishes of the state legislature, which is elected and represents 250,000 voters in the state.

"Attractive political devices do not always measure up to the hopes of those who dream them out."

New Grocery Store Opens on Saturday

Opening of another modern grocery store, similar to all other MacMarr stores, at Dorris Calif., was announced today by James Welch, manager.

In company with Kenneth White, Mr. Welch left this morning for the southern town to complete final arrangements for the opening tomorrow.

The Dorris store is built of concrete. Like other MacMarr stores, a line of high grade merchandise will be carried, according to Mr. Welch.

MODERN BUSINESS

RACINE, Wis. — Many business men are utilizing airplanes to put over a business deal and beat competitors. Carlyle Goddard of this city is one of them. He recently got a hot tip from Milwaukee on a pending deal. He hopped into his plane, and an hour later was in Milwaukee with the deal closed and the order in his pocket.

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DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Democratic Party Revives Hopes by Coming Off-Year Election — History Shows Minority Party Usually Gains — Entire House, One-Third of Senate to Be Elected in Year

By RAYMOND CLAPPER

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WASHINGTON. (UP) — The Democratic party is once more getting ready to set out the words of the poet who said hope springs eternal in the human breast. The harder the Democratic party is knocked down, the stronger its rebounds. Just last November it was mauled as never before since the Civil war.

Yet now Democrats are looking forward with genuine hope to the Congressional elections next year. They feel confident the off-year elections will reveal the return of the party's former strength.

By the averages of past performances there is some basis for their optimism. The off-year elections usually yield a win to the minority. The pendulum swings back after a presidential election in which a strong national ticket often carries many house and senatorial seats along with it. For instance, Virginia elected three Republican Congressmen last year due to the sweep that carried the state for Hoover. Until then Virginia had held by one Republican seat in Congress since reconstruction day — the one held for several years by C. Bascom Slamp, later White House secretary to Coolidge.

Before the last election, Republicans held 49 seats in the Senate. In the presidential election the brought this up to 56 seats. They formerly had 235 seats in the House and now they have 267. The most optimistic Republican can hardly expect to hold all of these gains, made partly through the tremendous momentum of the Hoover-Curtis landslide.

Next year the entire membership of the House must be elected. One third of the Senate will be elected. Most of the senators whose terms expire next year were elected in 1924, when Coolidge swept the country. Democrats feel that as most of their 13 seats about to come up were won in favor of the Coolidge landslide of 1924, they can be held

there is no Republican national ticket pulling against them. This does not, however, apply to the case of Senator Stock of Iowa, a Democrat who was seated when the Senate decided a contest in his favor and against Brookhart, who bolted the Coolidge-Dawes ticket and lost many Republican votes. Brookhart later defeated the late Senator Cummins for the Republican senatorial nomination and won the other Iowa seat which he now holds. Few expect Stock can be re-elected in such an overwhelmingly Republican state as Iowa.

With this exception, Democrats generally feel they will win none of their other seats, which will be involved, those now held by Glass, Va.; Harris, Ga.; Harrison, Miss.; Heflin, Ala.; Hand-dell, La.; Robinson, Ark.; Shepard, Tex.; Simmons, N. C.; Tyson, Tenn.; and Walsh, Mont.

Republicans have 19 seats which are to be filled next year, now held by Borah, Idaho; Capper, Kan.; Coughlin, Mich.; Duncanson, Ill.; Edge, N. J.; Gillett, Mass.; Goff, W. Va.; Gould, Maine; Keyes, N. H.; Hastings, Del.; McMaster, S. D.; McNary, Ore.; Metcalf, R. I.; Norris, Neb.; Phillips, Colo.; Pine, Okla.; Sackett, Ky.; Schall, Minn.; Warren, Wyo.

Of this group, Republicans are almost certain of holding the seats of Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Illinois, Maine, New Hampshire,

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South Dakota, Oregon, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wyoming, regardless of whether all the present incumbents are renominated by their states. This leaves eight seats which the Republicans are likely to have to fight for in New Jersey, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Delaware, Rhode Island, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kentucky.

Democrats are not likely to have to fight hard for any of their 13 seats except in the four states of New Mexico, Iowa, Tennessee and Montana.

Plants that perch on tree tops have been discovered by British Guiana. They are air plants of the pineapple family, found growing in a mass on fig trees and existing as a parasite until the long roots reach the ground.

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