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### THE FUTILITY OF EUGENICS

Eugenics seems to have pretty well run its course though it is still somewhat of a fad. Not that it did not have, or has not now considerable merit, but the fad part consisted in exploiting babies who happened to be more or less nearly perfect physically, without paying any attention to the real object expressed in the term "Eugenic" or better born.

Another feature of the affair, which was genuine fadism, was the pointing out by the wise ones, that: "We looked after our cattle, hogs and horses, even our dogs, to get the most perfect breeds; but neglected to do as much for our children." They did not stop to consider the means we took to improve our stock and certainly had they done so, none would have recommended using the same means, especially about their own babies.

"A sound mind in a sound body" is a combination rather unfortunately rare, though most devoutly to be sought after, for somehow nature has a way of balancing things, giving the strongest minds to the weakest bodies, and providing splendid physiques with but average, or less than average minds.

The Spartans heroically killed their puny children and the result was a splendidly developed physical nation, a race of soldiers, whose achievements were great on the battlefield and a minus quantity in all peaceful pursuits. A brief glance at a list of some of the greatest figures in history who were physically unfit shows how great may have been Sparta's loss from the destruction of that class.

Byron was a cripple, and far from perfect in anyway—except mentally, and there he was a giant. Milton, greatest of all modern poets, was blind. Keats who set a new standard in English poetry, died of consumption when but 24. History tells us Alexander the Great was small of stature, and Napoleon, whose military genius has never been excelled, was a midget barely five feet two inches. President Roosevelt was a sickly nearsighted child, who would have been killed in Sparta. The list might be prolonged indefinitely.

Another eugenic fad is that families should be limited, or that poverty should be a bar to marriage. Yet had this been the law, Thomas Lincoln, a wandering wagon dweller, would not have been permitted to marry, and our own immortal president would not have existed. What prospects it has been asked, had the early orphaned Clay or Garfield, the posthumous Jackson and the fatherless Hamilton?

Had the size of families been limited we would not have had Richard Wagner the ninth child, nor Benjamin Franklin the fifteenth. John Wesley was also the fifteenth child and his brother Charles the eighteenth. These are but a few taken at random from a list that is practically endless.

This brings us back to the true eugenics and the impossibility of making it practical. With the animal race and in the vegetable kingdom the practice of inbreeding is carried on until a type is established that produces true to type. From the very nature of things, in human affairs this can never be done. Why then Eugenics?

The British have finally placed a board over Kitchener and taken from him the supreme command. The trouble with Kitchener seems to be that he is unwilling to permit a soldier to be placed under fire until he is a seasoned veteran. If the English reports are true England now has an army of two million or more men—in England. Is it possible they are kept there as a defense in case the Germans should happen to break through to the coast? If not why are they not some of them sent to the aid of sorely distressed Serbia? England sure keeps the world guessing as to her policies and aims.

From the way in which the Federal league is recruiting its ranks from the Beavers, the cellar pennant winners of the Coast league, those same Federals must be going into next year's fight with the full and unalterable determination to lose.

The move to make China a monarchy is now laid at the door of the Germans, who, it is claimed, have stirred the matter up for the purpose of starting trouble in China that will keep Japan busy. This may or may not be true, but anyway the German diplomats so far have overlooked nothing, and have almost invariably won out. As a neat bit of strategy it has all the ear marks of being "Made in Germany."

Although the announcement was made Monday that Oregon's first citizen, Mr. S. Benson, of Portland, had sent his check to Hood River county, and would pay no more, the dispatches yesterday carried the glad tidings (to Hood River) that this good angel had forwarded another check in the sum of \$3,753.05 to cover all deficiencies.

While in some quarters there are persistent denials of any food shortage in Germany, the rumors are just as persistent, and they are backed up by so many facts as to dispense with all doubt. How great or how serious this shortage is is unknown, but that it is causing the German government considerable worry is undeniable.

The Oregonian is tactfully patting Teddy Roosevelt on the back. It may be just a bit of broadmindedness but the nearness of the presidential fight makes it anyway a trifle suspicious.

Shortage of the onion crop in the East has boosted the price in Oregon. In the language of the market reporter "onions are showing greater strength."



### THE PUMPKIN

The pumpkin lies yellow, beneath the cold skies, it's luscious and mellow, and ready for pies. So tenderly bear it away from the vine, and slice it and pare it and mash it up fine; oh, put in the spices, surround it with crust, and then in three trices we'll eat till we bust! My appetite's balky and dull as can be, most viands look rocky, forbidding, to me. Away from the fritters I turn with a sigh, the coffee's like bitters, and stale is mince pie; the spud and the radish can tempt me no more; they make me feel saddy, the doughnut's a bore. I'm tired of the puddin', I'm sick of the cheese, of things that taste wooden, of parsnips and peas. They give katzenjammer, they weary the eyes; but loudly I clamor for punkiny pies! The pies that are golden, well seasoned, yet mild, from formulas olden, by housewives compiled! The gods on Olympus are uttering cries: "Oh, mortals, don't skimp us, but send us those pies! Our grub makes us bony, we're in a blue funk; ambrosia is phony, and nectar is punk!"

In spite of many fine disasters due to attempts at eugenics, a Tacoma man has incorporated an airplane jitney company. Experience may not be the best teacher, after all.

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### SOME PROBLEMS THAT CONGRESS MUST SOLVE

#### Revenues and Tariff, "Preparedness" and Ship Purchase Among Them

#### WHAT CONGRESS FACES.

- \* National defense, revenues and tariff legislation, extension of the war tax, government ship purchases and most ship purchases, and most chart marine, rural credits, woman suffrage, retention of the sugar duties, prohibition, Colombian, Nicaraguan and Haitian treaties; war export embargo resolutions, curbing senate debates by cloture, Filipino independence, development of government resources, gas, coal, oil and grazing leases; attacks on La Follette's senate law, child labor regulation, income and inheritance tax extension, a national budget, Asiatic immigration exclusion, direct presidential primaries, Canadian fisheries convention, Niagara falls power conservation, national moving picture censorship, parcel post extension, government ownership of telegraphs and telephones.

By United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The vanguard of political armies of the sixty-fourth congress was assembling here today. Congress will reconvene December 5.

Within a fortnight, advance meetings of "steering" committees are scheduled. Party caucuses are arranged. President Wilson is completing data for his opening "address" which it is understood, he will deliver in person.

The legislative program, already largely framed, promises unusual factional strife, the fate of two or three political parties being at stake and presidential prospects, with many booms due for panicking, involved.

Shortly after congress meets annual conferences of republican and democratic committees are scheduled to begin firing heavy artillery of the next presidential campaign.

Legislation provoked by war conditions promises to monopolize attention. The administration plans to expedite passage of a resolution on extending the war tax at least another year. It expires December 31. Another resolution for prompt action will be that continuing the tariff on sugar, now scheduled to go on the free list in May.

Wounded soldiers' hosts are planning a monster demonstration at the opening of congress. Increased appropriations for the army and navy are regarded as certain. The administration's Mexican policy is due for analysis. The discussion will determine how important an issue it will be in the presidential campaign.

Another big battle over the government ship purchase bill is believed inevitable because of division among democratic house leaders. Among the political developments impending will be the extent of republican and bull moose amalgamation and the degree of unity in the democratic party.

The house is expected to be the arena of the sharpest controversies, the overwhelming democratic majority there of the last congress being out to a scant 25. The appearance of new democratic leaders there and the return of republican veterans like "Uncle Joe" Cannon, William McKinley and "Nick" Longworth, lend interest. Speaker Champ Clark, Republican Leader Mann, and Representative Kitchin, democratic leader, are expected to be re-elected.

#### THREE WERE DROWNED.

Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 3.—Three, instead of two men, drowned when the power boat Seaman piled up on the north end of Whidby island Saturday night. All three bodies have been recovered. The dead are: Captain George Bridges, of Bush Point; Percy Hicks, of Spanish harbor, and Grant Wickersham, of Callahan bay.

Visitors at the Manufacturers' and Land Products show at Portland will have an opportunity not only of drinking loganberry juice served by a Salem firm, but also learning of the various kinds of jams and jellies that can be made of the evaporated fruit.

Mrs. A. O. Davidson, of this city, who has charge of the display of evaporated loganberries and prunes of the Willamette Valley Prune association, is demonstrating to the visitors that a better flavored jam or jelly can be made from the evaporated than the fresh fruit.

The Pleasant brand of products is in charge of Albert Copley, who has arranged a most attractive display of this brand, in commercial packages. This form of advertising, in which it is shown the exact size and packages of the Pleasant brand products, has been

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