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**JAPAN IN A TIGHT HOLE**

Japanese statesmen are in a quandary. They hardly know which way to turn. Whatever course they take they are due to have some of their fondest dreams shaken.

In calling the international conference at Washington and including Japan in the list President Harding specified the far eastern question as one of the subjects for consideration and adjustment. That is very objectionable to the Japanese, who prefer to have an exclusive hand in the far east, where China and Korea are at their mercy. If she declines to discuss far eastern questions with the United States, England, France, Italy and Belgium, she admits her ulterior motives, places herself on the defensive, and alienates the respect and forfeits the good will of the other participants in the conference. If she enters into a discussion of such questions she must abide by the decisions of the conference, which means that the other far eastern countries will get a square deal and Japanese ambitions of exploitation will be forever shattered.

Again, it is shrewdly suspected that Japan has designs upon the Philippines and other American possessions, including Hawaii. A conference agreement would exclude the Japanese from the possibility of any future control of these islands. To refuse to become a signatory to such an agreement would be to tacitly admit the Japanese intention to wage war against the United States for their possession. It is small wonder the Japanese are squirming and looking for a loophole through which to crawl.

**PRUNE THE SHIPPING BOARD**

The pruning knife in the hand of General Charles G. Dawes has been working to a purpose, with the result that many millions of dollars will be saved the taxpayers through a reorganization of the departments in Washington and the elimination of unnecessary appropriations.

In the past one of the great ambitions of the bureaucrat has been to secure larger appropriations than were really necessary. Legitimate needs were hardly considered. It was a case of get all you can and spend more than you get, trusting to congress to make up the deficit. All of this has been changed by Dawes, as director of the budget, and wasteful officials are warned to trim their sails and head in close to the wind if they desire to remain in close contact with their jobs. General Dawes has accomplished a wonderful piece of constructive work, but what will it avail us if the government is going to continue pouring billions into that loose jointed makerick known as the shipping board, which is on a par with our recent aeroplane orgy of official waste and squandering?

Why not turn Dawes loose on the shipping board, with instructions to prune to the limit? Of course, the general might get into one of his famous "Hell and Maria" moods and blow the thing up with a few tons of dynamite; or tow it out into the Atlantic and sink it. But in either case we are inclined to the belief that he would earn a collective and vociferous "amen" from a hundred million Americans. Taxes are high as it is, without feeding them to an inanimate gourmand.

**ANOTHER GOUGE?**

Warning has been sounded in the United States senate that the coal barons are pulling the wires preparatory to another holdup in the price of coal next winter. It is not surprising. On the contrary, it is quite to be expected. Officialdom has boasted loudly and long of dire punishments to be inflicted upon gougers. In fact, there has been so much of blowing and bunk there has been no room left for action.

Coal barons know this. They have profited from it in the past, and they expect to do so in the future. The public has been milked so often and so successfully the barons can not conceive of the possibility of a kick that would upset the bucket.

A United States senator has given public and timely warning of the scheme. It is up to some one to thwart it. We have an attorney general of the United States. We have district attorneys all over the United States. We have a law that deals with highway and wholesale robbery, whether it be at the point of a gun or by the pulling of secret wires by unlawful combinations of plutocrats. We have jails that will hold even a plutocratic gouger—if some one doesn't turn the key. Why should we be robbed again next winter?

The good do not always die young. You are still with us.

The practical joker is not always as practical as his jokes.

When fools begin to argue wise men keep their mouths shut.

"When things don't go right I know how I feel," said the employer.

"So do we," chirped the employe.  
No more was said.

**NEWS FROM SUMMERTON**

Miss Carolina Richardson of Sumter, is spending a few days with Miss Lila Briggs.

Miss Marie Wells of Manning, is spending a few days with Mrs. Knight Stuckey.

Miss Martha Pitts has returned home after spending several weeks at Fountain Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hatfield spent Sunday in Sumter.

Mr. Huron and Percy Woodruff spent the week-end in Charleston.

Mr. G. A. Ridgill is spending a while in Hendersonville, N. C.

Miss Bernice Ramsey is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. R. B. Mellette.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkie spent Sunday in Sumter.

Miss June McLeod of Jordan, spent last week with friends here.

Mrs. Sidney spent last week in Bennettsville with relatives and friends.

Miss Gertrude Gee of Manning spent last week here with relatives.

Miss Francis Harvin is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Hugh Belser.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to each and every one who so kindly assisted and sympathized with us during the illness and subsequent death of our beloved husband and brother, A. Gordon Chewning, Mrs. Lizzie Chewning, Mrs. J. E. Rowe and Sisters.

**OVER THOUSAND TO BE DISCHARGED**

Orders have been received at Camp Jackson to discharge 1,200 enlisted men by Saturday, August 27, on account of further reduction of the army and application will again be accepted for discharge, the men being sent home at once.

It will be remembered that orders were issued to discharge enlisted men upon written application during the month of July, the idea being to reduce the enlisted personnel 30 per cent. However, by July 15 Camp Jackson had lost 38 per cent. and orders came putting a stop to all discharges.

Another order arriving yesterday reads all men who made application for discharge up to yesterday, August 23 on account of dependents, will also be discharged.

There are still about 1,500 surplus men in the camp at the present time in all organizations and the order to discharge 1,200 men may be the result of a decision to reduce all surplus.

It is possible also that the order is merely the result of the plan to further decrease the army.—The State.

**GIANT DIRIGIBLE**

**OER NORTH SEA**

Pulham, England, Aug. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Out over the North sea, above the low clouds and the banks of mist, the giant dirigible ZR-2 tonight was cruising up and down off the coast of Norfolk waiting for daylight to guide her to her moorings at Pulham.

The big aircraft, purchased by the American navy from Great Britain, is on a trial trip from Howden to Pulham. The voyage began at 7:10 o'clock this morning and was expected to end before darkness fell over eastern England. During the greater part of the day the weather was propitious and the dirigible, with the American crew which is to bring her across the Atlantic on board, maneuvered for many miles over land and sea.

As the afternoon advanced the weather conditions became bad, and as mist and low clouds gathered and penetrated inland from the Norfolk coast it was decided not to attempt to berth the big airship. Therefore, the ZR-2 will remain at sea until dawn at least.

**DEATH NOT EXPLAINED**

Florence, Aug. 23.—Advices from Savannah say that the name of the special agent of the Atlantic Coast Line whose dead body was found on the railroad track near here Friday afternoon was J. L. Mock and not J. L. Motte as previously given. There were no papers on the man's body to establish identification.

His home was originally in Savannah, where he had a wide connection.

The manner of Mock's death remains unexplained. The detective force of the Atlantic Coast Line is cooperating with the coroner of this county in a thorough investigation. It is stated that the officers are not satisfied with the theory that the special agent was thrown from the train by some one he was supposed to be attempting to arrest although they do not state outright that foul play of a more serious character has been suspected. The investigation will be continued.

**GEORGIA SHERIFF SLAIN**

Blackshear, Ga., Aug. 23.—John W. Robertson, sheriff of iPerce county, was killed today while searching for an alleged horse thief near Patterson.

**Tobacco Season CLOSES**

**Tuesday, August 30th.**

On account of all the tobacco crop of this section being marketed, the tobacco warehousemen at a meeting held last night decided to close their houses on

**Tuesday, (NEXT) Aug. 30.**

The buyers will leave on Wednesday, so the farmers should hurry and get the balance of their crop on the market.

**Diamonds Below Cost**

Having decided to discontinue handling Diamonds I am now offering my big stock of Diamond Goods consisting of Solitaire Rings, Cluster Rings, Dinner Rings, Bar Pins, Lavallieres, etc., at less than cost. If you anticipate buying a diamond any time in the near future it will pay you to attend this sale. Just a few prices quoted in order to show you the sacrifice that is being made.

\$1050.00 Solitaires, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$725.00
\$900.00 Solitaires, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$600.00
\$750.00 Solitaires, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$550.00
\$625.00 Solitaires, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$450.00
\$450.00 Solitaires, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$225.00
\$250.00 Solitaires, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$150.00
\$125.00 Solitaires, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$75.00
\$400.00 Cluster Rings, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$225.00
\$300.00 Cluster Rings, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$175.00
\$250.00 Cluster Rings, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$150.00
\$175.00 Cluster Rings, in Tiffany Mountings, now	.....	\$100.00
\$650.00 Dinner Rings, now	.....	\$400.00
\$600.00 Dinner Rings, now	.....	\$350.00
\$300.00 Dinner Rings, now	.....	\$200.00
\$300.00 Gents' Cluster Rings, now	.....	\$150.00
\$275.00 Gents' Cluster Rings, now	.....	\$125.00
\$585.00 Platinum and Diamond Bar Pins	.....	\$325.00
\$425.00 Platinum and Diamond Bar Pins	.....	\$250.00
\$265.00 Platinum and Diamond Bar Pins	.....	\$150.00
\$125.00 Platinum and Diamond Bar Pins	.....	\$60.00
\$375.00 Platinum and Diamond Bracelet Watch	.....	\$225.00
\$60.00 Gents' Shrine Emblems	.....	\$40.00
\$40.00 Gents' Shrine Emblems	.....	\$25.00
\$25.00 Gents' Shrine Emblems	.....	\$15.00

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