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RESERVATIONS AND OBLIGATION

The reservation to the Pacific four-power treaty probably makes little difference, one way or another. Once adopted, it will soon be forgotten. It will have served its purpose. Senatorial objections will be better satisfied, and the senatorial right to take a hand in treaty-making will have been vindicated. On the actual operation of the treaty it will probably have little or no effect. Yet certain comments on this reservation seem justified while it is still of current interest. "The United States understands," it says, "that under the agreement in the preamble or under the terms of this treaty there is no commitment to the armed force, no alliance and no obligation to join in defense." If this were all literally true, one might well ask, "What is the use, then, of making the treaty?" If there is absolutely no "commitment" to use force in any conceivable situation, absolutely no "alliance," that is, no binding together for a common purpose, and absolutely no "obligation to join in defense," can the pact be worth the paper it is written on?

AMERICAN FOR IRISH VICE-ROY

One of the most appealing bits of Irish news for some time is the cabled report from London that Lord Shaughnessy may be the first viceroy or governor-general of the Irish Free State. Lord Shaughnessy is a Canadian. That fact alone would make him interesting to Americans. More than that, he was born in Milwaukee. And to complete his recommendation, his father was an Irish policeman of that city. He is one of the builders of Canada. He has always been in sympathy with the movement for Irish freedom, and in recent years has contributed to the Sinn Fein cause. Everything considered, this politician's son might please the people of Ireland as well as anybody. His selection would certainly please the Canadians, and millions of Irish in this country might be expected to approve enthusiastically of Lord Shaughnessy of Milwaukee.

WHAT RADIO IS GOOD FOR

With everybody going in for the radio telephone fad, it is well for the public to get clearly in mind just what the radio is good for. Secretary Hoover has pointed out its limitations along with its advantages. The wireless phone, he explains, will never be used generally for purposes of communication between individuals, as the ordinary telephone is. Such use would be impossible without individual wavelengths in every case, corresponding to individual wires, and there are not enough different wave-lengths to go around. It is necessary to divide the wave-lengths among large groups and interests, if everybody is to be taken care of, and that bars promiscuous conversation. Aside from government use, however, there is left a definite and broad field for wireless use. It involves "the spread of certain predetermined material of public interest from central stations." This will be limited to news, education, entertainment and commercial purposes and other matters that may happen to be important to large groups at the same time. Senders, therefore, must be limited. But receivers may be unlimited. The "broadcasting" will be done from certain licensed and controlled centers, and anybody who wants to may buy a receiver and "listen in" to whatever interests him.

WRONG SCHOOL STANDARDS

A timely warning was given to educators, at the recent Chicago convention, by Prof. Traube of Columbia University, on the subject of "intelligence tests." He pointed out that those who test low in "abstract intelligence"—that is, in the ability to deal with abstractions rather than concrete facts—may rate high in mechanical intelligence. The teacher, therefore, he

insisted, must not attempt to discriminate between the two, to the detriment of those whose rating in abstract intelligence is low. "The teacher must recognize that the street sweeper may be just as great a success as a lawyer or a teacher." That is an extreme illustration, perhaps, but the reasoning is clear and sound. It is a matter of common observation that those who, in school, are able to catch general ideas quickly and talk about them glibly, are not always the most successful in later life, and that there are types of mechanical intelligence just as distinct and useful as those with more capacity for book learning. Many a child dull at his books makes a wonderful mechanic. He simply has brains of a different sort from the "scholar."

Fortunately modern schools are recognizing this fact more and more, and providing technical training along with the abstract training for those naturally adapted to it.

THE CHAMPION DEBTOR

The champion debtor of the world is George Jones of San Jose, Cal. There can be no question of his title. He owed, on March 1, \$304,840,332,912,685.16.

To get that clearly in mind, just form a definite mental concept of a billion dollars and then imagine it increased about 300,000 times.

If Henry Stuart, to whom the money is due, could collect, he could pay the entire indebtedness of the Allies 23,000 times over, and still have enough left to pay the German indemnity and the American national debt and the army bonus, and keep him and his family in comfort for the rest of their natural lives.

And how does George happen to owe Henry all that money? It's perfectly simple. Back in 1897, George borrowed \$160 from Henry, agreeing to pay him 10 per cent interest a month. He never paid anything. Henry finally brought suit, and a San Jose court the other day worked out the amount now due as given above, reckoned at compound interest. It's a good lesson in finance.

HOME DEMONSTRATION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Anne J. Campbell spent Thursday and Friday in Sumter giving instructions to the women who are doing canning for market. The aim of the demonstration force is to put out an absolutely standard product. The work being done in Sumter county this year is jelly, jam, fig preserves and artichoke relish. Some of this can be bought by local merchants if they wish.

Miss Atkinson, poultry specialist will be in Sumter Monday and Tuesday for meetings with the Poultry associations.

The Woman's Council will hold a meeting on Saturday, March 11th, at 3:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Those eligible to membership are the officers of the Home Demonstration Clubs and any other interested women whom the council sees fit to admit.

Mrs. Frances Kline, marketing specialist from Winthrop college, will be present and discuss marketing.

Schedule for Week: Monday—2:00, Concord Poultry Club; 4:00, Salem Poultry Association; 7:30, Concord Poultry Association.

Tuesday—10:00, Brunson Poultry Club; 3:30, Mayesville Poultry Association.

Wednesday, office. Thursday—2:00, Providence G. H. D. C.; 3:30, Providence Poultry Association.

Friday—10:00, Stateburg G. H. D. C.; 3:00, Stateburg H. G. D. C.

Pinewood Club. The regular meeting of the Pinewood Girls' Home Demonstration club was held in the Pinewood school auditorium, February 23. The new officers started their duties, the president delivered the usual inaugural address. The secretary called the roll to which 93 3-4 per cent responded. The meeting was then turned over to Miss Truluck, who gave instructions for making sewing bags, time being limited the bags were not finished, so the meeting adjourned with the request that the bags be finished at home and brought to the next meeting.

Virginia B. Salley, Secretary.

Attention Ladies of The American Legion Auxiliary. The American Legion has secured club rooms over Bryan's store and are asking that the members of the Auxiliary will help furnish them. If any one has any article of furniture appropriate for the club rooms and will let the secretary of the auxiliary or the adjutant of the legion know, arrangements will be made to have them taken to the rooms. One of the reading rooms will belong to the auxiliary members and magazines, library tables, reading lamps, etc. will add to the attractiveness and utility of the room. Perhaps a little paint or varnish may give new life and usefulness to an odd chair or bookcase. If you haven't anything that you can spare, show your interest by telling some other member of the auxiliary of the need. Don't delay, act today.

Too Much "Free" Labor. (From the Dillon Herald.) Men are gathered in convention at New Orleans to find out why the production of cotton is unprofitable. Every delegate to that convention knows in advance why the production of cotton is unprofitable, but it does good for them to get together and talk it over. Cotton production is unprofitable because cotton is made with free labor. The man who runs the farm works for nothing and makes his wife and children work for nothing. If it is a family owned or family rented farm there is no pay roll to meet every Saturday night. If Standard Oil or the United States Steel Corporation were operated on the same principle they would have gone into the hands of receivers long ago. If a man owns or rents a farm he ought to get a salary for operating it. If his wife and children are required to work on the farm they should be paid the same wages they could earn in some other kind of employment. Every day of free labor the owner or renter of the farm and his wife and their children give to the farm is a contribution to the world. Every year since the close of the Civil War the south has contributed millions of dollars to the world through the free labor of its women and children. Taken in the aggregate it has been a tremendous drain on the resources of the south, and if the south had not been blessed with marvelous natural resources it would have gone into bankruptcy many years ago. That is why the production of cotton is unprofitable.

To-day's Best Jokes and Stories

Europe needs more backers and less Bacchus. As we understand it, the point of this dieting fad is embonpoint. Lloyd George of Wales, be with us yet: you are the world's only safe bet. A well-trained bag of beans is one that spills itself when it sees Borah coming. The world must choose between keeping up a disturbance and keeping down expenses. Hint to statesmen: The hatchet will not remain buried, however, under a double cross. The baby buggies used in New York to transport hooted were probably humbuggies. And yet we doubt if red theories have done more to retard civilization than red tape. Some people may get into the habit and expect Judgment Day to result in a lot of mistrials. Chance of a Lifetime. The occupants of the parlor car of the Limited were startled by the abrupt entrance of two masked bandits. "Trow up yer hands," commanded the bigger of the two. "We're gonna rob all the gents and kiss all the gals." "No, pardner," remonstrated the smaller one gallantly. "We'll rob the gents but we'll leave the ladies alone." "Mind your own business, young fellow," snapped a female passenger of uncertain age. "The big man's robbing this train."

Advice to bachelors—flirt with the girls who use the lip stick, but marry one who can push a broom stick. Satisfied. Counsel: "I'm sorry I couldn't do more for you." Convicted Client: "Don't mention it, guvnor. An't five years enough?" To be good is noble—but to teach others to be good is nobler—and less trouble.—Mark Twain. Improved by Society. "Phwat's a chafing dish?" asked Casey of Callahan. "Chafing dish, Casey," said Callahan, "is a frying pan that's got into society. Charles M. Schwab is willing to throw the armor mill and gun factory of the Bethlehem plant into the ocean if that will gain us a lasting peace. He must have a big sinking fund. Let George Do it. Billy: "I am so tired. You know, I am studying for a lawyer." Milly: "You are? Why don't you let the old thing study for himself." Diner (introducing his wife to favorite hotel). "Here, waiter, where's my honey?" Waiter: "I'm sorry, sir, but she doesn't work here now."

Advice to Husbands. A man admitted that things were not going well at home between him and the wife. "Why," said his friend, "are you not more demonstrative? When you go home tonight embrace her, kiss her and cuddle her close up to you and tell her you love her." Next day they met again and the husband said he had done just as his friend advised with the result that his wife burst into tears and said: "Oh, this is dreadful. The baby has croup, your mother has come to visit us and you come home drunk."

Mind the Paint. Diner (sniffing suspiciously): "Waiter, never mind my order now. I can never eat when there's a smell of paint." Waiter: "If you'll wait just a minute, sir, them two young ladies will be going."

A blotter absorbs everything and gives out nothing. Don't be a blotter. Chip of The Old Block. Friend: "I understand you took your son into your business a few months ago to teach him the business. How did it turn out?" Business man (wearily): "Great success! He's teaching me now."

Little Mary came into the house bedraggled and weeping. "My goodness," cried her mother, "what a sight you are! How did it happen?" "I am s-sorry, mama, but I fell into a mud-puddle." "What! with your best new dress on?" "Y-y-yes, I didn't have time to change it." — Central Wesleyan Star.

News butcher to passenger: "Here are some fine views taken along our railroad. Wouldn't you like some of them?" Irrate Passenger: "I should say not. I have my own views about this railroad." — Traveler's Guide.

"I went twenty miles on a gallon yesterday." "That's nothing. I went two months on a quart." — The Dry.

A True Story. As the story goes, a man at Elliotts yesterday, led up a mule to the local store and offered it for sale to the few men hanging around

DESTROY THE MARKET FOR STOLEN AUTOS

Plan by Interstate Motor Theft Commission of Chicago. Chicago, March 2.—Destroy the market for stolen automobiles and thereby stop the thefts, is the plan now in process of formation by the Interstate Motor Theft Commission here. Laws, locks and protective devices have proved themselves inadequate, says W. R. Van Courtland, commissioner. The professional motor car thief is unabashed. Motor vehicles of an approximate value of \$300,000, the commissioner says, are stolen every day in the United States, despite all measures taken to check the thievery. Large numbers of persons thrive as a result of the traffic. The plan is this: A car is stolen in Chicago. If the numbers are changed, one of two things happens, either a duplicate of some other number is made or a fake number, one that the manufacturer never placed on a car. When the car is sold and registered in any state some number must be given. A duplicate number will immediately be caught and the two or more cars carrying that number will be thoroughly investigated. A fake number will show up just as quickly and be looked into. If the number is not changed there will be a report of the number on the commissions when the same number is registered again from the same state or any other it will immediately be caught. The lack of any national clearance system in the past has been one of the largest contributing factors in making this lawlessness easy and profitable, Mr. Van Courtland states. With the commission's national clearance system in operation a car stolen in Maine the numbers changed and in the car sold and registered in California, would immediately be caught he asserts.

The plan is virtually a "fingerprint" system as applied to automobiles. A master record of every car registered in the 48 states as well as the new cars that come into existence is to be kept at the commission's headquarters. The numerical arrangement of the records makes checking of any vehicle simple and automatic. A "Smith eight" for example, engine number 1234 is registered with the state. The commission receives this number and goes to post it but finds another "Smith eight" already registered in that state or some other—and they do not correspond in detail. It is immediately apparent that one is incorrect. No man changes these numbers except for fraud. It is a simple process of elimination for the law enforcement bodies having jurisdiction over these cars to determine where the lot of lies and then with the aid of the commission, the original identity of the stolen car and to whom it belongs is determined. Through this "national clearance test" the commission believes that it will be virtually impossible to dispose permanently of a stolen

Getting Acquainted. A new foreman took charge of the shop this particular morning, and many of the men had not as yet met him. About the middle of the forenoon he was making a tour of the buildings to familiarize himself with the layout, when on passing a small enclosure he saw two workmen inside who were sitting down smoking. Before he had the opportunity to speak one of the men said: "Hello, what are you doing, stranger?" "I'm Dodgen, the new foreman," was the reply. "So are we; come and have a smoke." — Wm. Forbes Magazine (N. Y.)

A stout, baggage-laden, old English gentleman was trying to make a hurried exit from a railway carriage. At the door he stumbled on the foot of a brawny Scot. "Hoos, toots, mon!" growled the highlander. "Canna ye look whaur y're going? Hoot, mon, hoot!" The burdened traveler slammed the door behind him and shouted through the window: "Hoot yourself! I am a traveler, nto an automobile." — Argonaut.

Stewed. My skin is all bloated; It wrinkles—it sags. I'm stewed to the limit, The last of my jags. My heart is as gay As a songbird in June. I feel no remorse. "For I'm only a prune." — Ex.

A Truthful Man. "No," said the old man sternly. "I will not do it. Never have I sold anything by false representation and I will not begin now." For a moment he was silent, and the clerk who stood before him could see that the better nature of his employer was fighting strongly for the right. "No," said the old man again. "I will not do it. It is an inferior grade of shoe, and I will never pass it on as anything better. Mark it 'A Shoe Fit for a Queen,' and put it in the window. A queen does not have to do much walking." — Trumbull Cheer.

What a Congressman learns during his first term he doesn't always tell when seeking a second. An electrical dealer who was selling washing machines knocked the town folk for a goal one bright morning when he stuck up the following advertisement in his windows: "Don't kill your wife. Let our washing machines do the dirty work."

Dr. Poe Will Speak. County Agent J. Frank Williams and the campaign committee of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association are widely advertising the mass meeting at the court house on March 11th at 11 a. m. Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh, N. C., editor of The Progressive Farmer, will address this meeting on co-operative marketing of cotton. Dr. Poe is the author of several agricultural books and is an outstanding leader in agriculture. Every farmer in county should hear him. In a letter of Mr. E. W. Dabbs, Jr., Dr. Poe writes: "I am sorry I was advertised once before to speak in Sumter by mistake, when I did not authorize it, but this meeting is authorized and I will be with you or break a trace, and I hope to see all my friends and all the other cotton farmers, of the county on that occasion."

That reformer who says all scandal should be made public probably doesn't know the present price of print paper. The world is round like an orange, and slightly flattened at Zion City. The chief objection to holding the Genoa conference at once is that some things might be discussed that need discussing.

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DR. CLARENCE POE, OF RALEIGH N. C., Editor of The Progressive Farmer on Cooperative Marketing of Cotton. At COURT HOUSE, MARCH 11th AT 11 A. M. Every Sumter County Member of the Association is Requested to Get Five New Members before March 11th. HOW MANY HAVE YOU GOT?

MARCH 11TH TO 18TH WILL BE Sign Up Week

Hon. Davis D. Moise Says: Farmers should sell their cotton through the Cooperative Marketing Association so as to obtain their price for cotton and become independent and not sell as heretofore at the buyer's price and remain in debt.

Send all signed contracts to E. W. Dabbs, Jr., care of Chamber of Commerce, Sumter, S. C.

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Decided How all Wars May Be Prevented

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 20.—(By Mail)—The Council of Action, consisting of 13 delegates appointed by the Melbourne "All-Australian Trades Union Congress," has just decided how all wars may be prevented. The solution lies in the convening of a Pan-Pacific Congress of delegates from labor organizations throughout the world, with a view of arriving at an understanding to prevent war. The following motion was adopted: "We do not believe that the Washington conference is likely to evolve any scheme of value for the prevention of any future wars. Further, we believe that the best way to prevent wars will be for the Australian workers to arrive at an understanding with labor organizations in other countries, and we are of the opinion that an endeavor should be made to bring about a Pan-Pacific conference as early as practicable." It was decided further that another meeting of the Australasia Trades Union Congress should be held next June and that in the meantime, the Council of Action should endeavor to progress with the industrial organization and the establishment of a labor research and information bureau.

Starting Backyard Bermudas

Many home gardeners have had substantial success in growing fine big onions by sowing the seed indoors or in hotbeds or cold frames and then transplanting the plants to the garden when the ground would permit. It is the only way really big, mild, tender-fleshed onions can be grown in the North, and there are several types of seed, such as the Danvers and Prize-taker varieties, which are adapted for growing home "Bermudas." Alisa Craig is another favorite for big onions. For young onions, sets should be planted for the first crop with the seedlings to come along for the second early crop, thinning them out to make room for those which are to develop into the big bulbs. Onions soil can't be too rich; in fact, the onion bed should be the best soil in the garden both from a standpoint of fertility and tilth. Sow the seed of the big varieties of onions in the house and transplant them into the open six inches apart. If they are all to be grown for big onions, or three inches apart, pulling every alternate onion, leaving the remainder to develop. The seed may be sown quite thickly in boxes indoors, on in frames, as the young plants, with their tiny erect spears take up little room. When transplanted, the tips of the leaves should be snipped off and they should be carefully set and firmed in the soil, without breaking over the tender stems. They need rather careful handling at this stage, but is not at all a difficult matter to get them growing. After established, a light dressing of nitrate of soda will set them springing.

Perhaps Ford can make a city 75 miles long. We once knew an official who made a city seventy-five thousand short.

Many a plan to get rich quick has a poor ending. The man who said figures don't lie had never seen an income tax blank.

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