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## LEGION AND AIR DISARMAMENT

THE American Legion, through national headquarters in Indianapolis, plans to ask President Coolidge to call an international air disarmament conference at Washington to halt the mad race for supremacy in military airships and airplanes now in progress among the countries of Europe.

France has taken the lead in this conflict which threatens the peace of the world today. She has 140 squadrons of military flying machines and intends to have 220 squadrons by the end of 1925. Included in the armament are planes which carry 75-millimeter cannons, planes which can transport six machine guns and their crews, enormous bombers, special fighting ships armored with battleship steel and actual troopships of the air.

England is France's nearest competitor and in response to suggestions of its strategists has voted an extra \$27,500,000 to enlarge the air armada. It has been estimated, however, that even by 1926 England will be able to send aloft only 626 battle machines to meet 1,530 that France will have ready. The creation of a separate air force by Italy, with extensive plans for its rapid development into a powerful fighting machine indicates that Italy will enter the race. Russia is employing German technicians and is using German machinery to advance toward its air goal announced by Moscow as 10,000 planes.

The American Legion, composed of men who know what war is, feels action should be taken at once to stop this conflict which menaces the peace of the world before the United States is compelled to expend millions of dollars for planes and equipment.

## MOTHER NATURE CONTRADICTORY

WILD ducks and cranes up north are beginning to fly south almost two months ahead of the usual time, although we haven't seen any of them over the monument here.

This is announced by the Canadian National Railways, relayed word received from their agents.

Old settlers in Ontario say that never within memory have they known the ducks and cranes to start their southward migratory flights so early.

The settlers believe that an early winter is coming.

Hudson Bay fur trappers report that the wild rice, favorite food of wild ducks and geese, matured very early this year. The trappers say this is another indication that winter is not far away.

The weather this year has been so queer all over the world, due to the sun's giving off about 5 per cent less heat than usual, that winter might arrive two months ahead of its customary schedule without amazing us.

Spring was late in most parts of the earth. Summer came in hot waves, working double to make up for lost time.

The maple leaves in the tourist country of Ontario started turning red and yellow in mid-August, nearly a month early. That looks like an early fall, forerunner of an early winter.

Ojibway Indians, on the other hand, insist that all the seasons are three weeks late this year and that winter will arrive late instead of ahead of schedule. They base their prediction on the fact that in August they have had to fish 200 feet deep to catch genuine salmon trout, whereas normally they would find these red trout "floating" 100 feet below the surface of the lakes.

The Indians figure that the salmon trout will be three weeks late in rising to spawn on the shoals this fall. Which, say the Ojibways, is a sure sign of late fall and late winter.

The controversy narrows down to this: Which is the better weather prophet, a wild duck or a deep-water fish? Both are guided by instinct of a mysterious sort that enables them to sense the weather months ahead.

Even old Mother Nature seems to be contradictory this year, as confused as we who in our rise to civilization have lost the sixth sense possessed by wild ducks, salmon trout and to a lesser extent Indians.

## SOME THOUGHTS ON COAL

WHEN you pay your coal bill this winter and read of the wealthy coal miners, suppose—

You have a wife and four children dependent upon your weekly pay envelope and you are an anthracite miner and you have \$38.46 in wages each week.

Would you have a fair trial in fighting against the weekly grocery bills, rent bills, clothing bills, doctor bills?

The editor of one of the coal papers says of the anthracite coal report:

"The anthracite miners are not found to be downtrodden, poverty-stricken slaves. On the contrary, they enjoy, if they work, incomes around \$1,500 to \$2,000 and upward per year, live for the most part in sanitary conditions and are 'no longer a submerged or exploited population.'"

The same editor, in the same discussion, sheds tears because the operators get a profit of only 36 cents to \$1.07 a ton, a profit which means from \$32,000,000 to \$96,000,000 a year on the anthracite coal produced.

Operators read this paper. They may accept and believe it, may enjoy the picture drawn by this editor. They may be consoled to think the miners are well treated and deserving of no greater consideration. They may never go into the coal fields and see the evidences of poverty, may know little or nothing of the economic treadmill on which the miners stand. They may even forget the miner is investing his life and the lives of his children and getting not enough to pay necessary expenses while they invested almost nothing in life blood, very little in money, their investments are secured absolutely and all they do is collect.

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## MOVIES, NOT BULLETS, TO BRING PEACE

Organization Plans Pictures to Reach Brotherhood of Man.

By HARRY B. HUNT  
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Shooting pictures instead of bullets, to insure a lasting world peace, is the plan of Katherine A. Giles, president of the Brotherhood of Man Foundation of Washington.

In this battle of celluloid films against cellulose powder Miss Giles hopes to enlist the support of all nations.

"It is their sons who fight, it is they who suffer. Why should not unite against war?" she demands.

"War and preparation for war is not the way to peace. They have never brought peace, and they have never kept peace. What peace did the last war bring? Only hates, jealousies, passions to provoke new wars!

"Wisdom brings brotherhood; brotherhood brings understanding; understanding brings love and tolerance and love and tolerance bring peace.

"This understanding of man by man, of the Jap by the American, of the Russian by the Greek, of every people by every other people, can be brought about in no other way so effectively or directly as by the medium of the motion picture.

### Proposes Fund

"The motion picture speaks a universal language. Any eye can read, any heart translate the message of the film. No other contact so intimate and direct can be established between peoples; no other medium can so eloquently and forcefully express what is, after all, the great fact of existence—the oneness deep in their hearts and purposes, of God's people everywhere, whether they be known as Christians, Buddhists, Mahometans or what not."

Miss Giles proposes a fund for the production of such pictures—pictures to teach the oneness of mankind, the futility of war and the beauties of peace—to be raised by the members of the world through the Brotherhood of Man Foundation, which has been incorporated under the laws of Delaware. Under its charter the foundation would be empowered to produce and distribute pictures.

A first monumental picture entitled "Reality," in which the author seeks to get under the skin of all peoples and lay bare the fundamentals that move universal hopes and desires, already has been prepared by her.

Officials of the Vitagraph Company estimate its proper production would cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

In order to keep clear from all possible commercial entanglements, however, which might hamper the most effective use of such films, she hopes the foundation will be enabled to finance and produce the films themselves.

Any wealthy pacifist desirous of letting his dollars break into the movies need look no further. The Brotherhood of Man Foundation will welcome him.

### "Why Fight?"

Miss Giles' appeal to the mothers of the world for support in her campaign is strengthened by the fact that her own son, now 20, would be listed among eligible "cannon fodder" in any new war.

The home of Clare K. Vance, pilot of one of the planes in the air mail service's first test flight of night flying, is at Logansport. Vance is planning a coast-to-coast non-stop flight in a plane of his own designing in twenty-two hours.

Any one want any fleas? According to reports a regular "Coxie's army" of the little pests have invaded over a score of houses in Marion lately. The insects are so savage in their attacks that residents have appealed to the board of health for a way of riddance.

Since Police Chief Eversman has been in office at Richmond but two automobiles of the entire number stolen from that city were never accounted for. Since the beginning of the present year forty-one have been recovered.

The largest average yield ever produced by a member of a boy's potato club in Jackson County was raised this year by Clyde May, Reddington, when he produced an average of 353 bushels to the acre.

Firemen at Greensburg were deluged under a shower of catusp and mustard while fighting a blaze. Chemicals that were thrown into the blaze caused the jars to explode.

## Animal Facts

Bird censuses covering a period of seven years indicate that there is a little more than one pair of birds to the acre of farm land in that section of the country lying north of Maryland and the Ohio River and east of the great plains.

But not with bullets or poison gas or bombs. She'd use moving picture films.

## Science

The American Medical Association and the National Health Council have started a campaign urging every man, woman and child in the United States to be examined physically once a year on their birthdays. All physicians will receive a plan for the purpose of systematizing the examinations. There have been many plans even for compulsory physical examinations. These have failed, but a plan urging voluntary examinations meets with increasing favor. Opposition to anything compulsory along this line is supported by certain able scientists, especially those familiar with psychology and sociology. They point out that compulsion in any course of conduct never should be used until education has failed and that intelligent cooperation is essential in all plans for public health.

In the families of great wealth they have gardens made to represent rivers and mountains and lakes and forests. In these pools and basins the fish live in paradise, their only duty being to look pretty. Of the food fish, some they raise really in captivity in the small ponds to be found on every farm, and some they catch wild in the rivers and lakes or off the coast. In the spring the farmers buy the tiny mites of fish from peddlers at about \$1 a bowl and plant them in their ponds. In a year or so, after being fed and watched with care, they are netted out and sold as the poultry are alive.

The Chinese are very fond of fish for food and for fun. They raise them in the house and in the garden for fun and in their ponds for food. In nearly every home of any standing you will find fish in the garden and fountain and in the house in beautiful globes. In some families of wealth they have special servants whose sole duty is to raise and attend to the goldfish of the establishment. With such care goldfish live eight or nine years and grow to two or three pounds in weight.

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Great snakes! Here's a paper that statesmen are "returning from Europe full of vipers." They get that way if they persist.

The man who invented the first moving picture camera never got anything out of it but a memory. Retributive justice, or what?

Mellon intimates that those Europeans kinda cut him, when he mentioned their debt to us.

A French scientist says a fish has reason, but he doesn't tell us whether it is a good one or not.

## A Thought

The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.—Prov. 14:18.

FUDGENCE is necessary ingredient in all the virtues, without which they degenerate into folly and excess.—Jeremy Collier.

## Heard in Smoking Room

"Yes," said the fellow whose cigarettes filled the smoker horribly, "education sometimes pays. There was Jim Catro, a fellow who could barely read, who needed some of it. He had played the *Tijuana* ponies all winter and had just money enough left to take him back to Iowa. One night he had lost his last few dollars over and resolved to go home, but all night long he dreamed of hats—hats, big and little, red, white and blue, everywhere. Jim woke up very early with his mind full of hats. 'A gun'd do,' he said to himself. So,

"Never a tip for me again. All my money on that hat horse. Haters, and him last! Doggone the doggone tips, anyhow."

"Hat horse," roared Carleton, "couldn't you read? Sombrero wins!"

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## Tom Sims --- Says

Old debts would be easy to pay if we weren't for the new ones.

Almost time for the friend to return the lawnmower and start hawking coal.

Some like corn-on-the-cob and some corn-on-the-hip.

One thing you have that is hard to get is a phone number.

Fewer babies are born in summer. We don't blame them.

The only cure for freckles and sunburn will be out soon. Very reliable. It is winter.

If the farmers don't get help soon this will become the land without a country.

Hot weather knickers will be cold weather kickers in a few weeks.

Difference between movies and vaudeville is in movies the audience does the talking.

First sign of fall is when the frost is on the pumpkin and the shock is in the price.

A wise man never stands out in the rain or tries to open a can with a pocket knife.

Shoe dealers are against this fight for lower gasoline prices.

Wheat prices are so low the grower has his bushels of trouble.

TRAFFIC in British Capital Is Well Regulated by Police.

By JOHN W. RAPER.

IN LONDON: This is an easy city in which to get around.

There are three traffic systems; the subway, the motor bus and street cars owned and operated by the city government, of no great mileage and of not great importance in the Londoner's life, and subway and motor bus. The subway system is well planned and efficiently operated and is the best means of travel for any distance.

But the motor bus is the thing. Last year the motor buses carried 847,000 passengers. They cover completely every part of the city where there is a natural flow of travel. No matter where you wish to go you can reach the point by bus.

While the bus is a solid-tired affair that gives you a shaking, it is the handiest thing in the world; you can sit on top in the open and you cover ground with surprising speed. The drivers have a skill that is almost uncanny.

TRAFFIC Handled Easily

A traffic jam in London is something worth seeing. I have been in two, one in the Strand and one in the Whitechapel district. In each I could see that for at least half a mile the street was solidly packed with vehicles.

Busses alone were so thickly jammed that it did not seem possible there could be anything else in the streets, but they were only a small part of it.

Not only is the efficiency with which London traffic is handled astonishing, but likewise the quiet, easy manner in which it is done. The police direct it without making any fuss of the job. You never hear anybody bawled out.

If a policeman has anything to say to a driver he does it quietly. It isn't often that he has to say anything. Everybody obeys with the alacrity of a soldier. Once in a while you hear a driver yell out something, but it's never a