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### MATES, THIS IS "NAVY DAY"

**U**NDER the terms of the Washington conference," says President Coolidge, "the leading sea-powers have united in the agreement that the United States is entitled to maintain a Navy equal to that of any other power. Thus we are assured of a naval rank second to none."

We are sorry the President said that. The public, naturally enough, had long since fallen into the same error. We had expected him rather to set the country right on this highly important topic.

Most decidedly we are NOT "assured of a naval rank second to none" by the Washington conference. It merely "ENTITLED" us to such rank and we will be "ASSURED" of it only if Congress wakes up and does the necessary.

The sad, sad truth is, our Navy, far from being "second to none," ranks way below that of Great Britain and hardly above that of Japan.

"Sea power," says Admiral Robert E. Coontz, commander-in-chief of our fleet, "is the basis of our real strength—not our fighting ships. By sea power we mean a combination of all means by which we can gain and keep control of the sea."

"The first great element of sea power is the fighting ship, the second element is the merchant ship and the third element is the base."

And Great Britain lays this country in the shade in all three. Particularly with regard to naval bases. The Navy's job is not to stick around our coast trying to prevent the enemy from taking a shot at it, but to keep the enemy so far away that our shores will never, at any time, be in danger.

But they can't do that without outlying bases. On the way to the Far East, Britain, for example, has Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, Aden, Colombo, Singapore and finally, off China itself, Hongkong. Even in American waters she has Halifax, Bermuda, Bahama, Jamaica and Trinidad.

Thus her navy—which can outshoot ours because her guns can lift their nozzles higher, and outsteam ours because many of our ships, for lack of funds for necessary repairs, don't dare operate under full power—has splendid bases strategically located so that its maximum strength can be brought to bear in any quarter of the globe.

Our only bases worthy of the name are on our east coast, farthest removed from the spots where most likely they will be needed. Panama, an absolutely vital outpost, could easily be taken from either east or west, as was demonstrated during the last naval maneuvers. Protecting its eastern approach, not a base! True, we acquired Guantanamo, in Cuba, and the Virgin Islands for use as bases, but we've never done anything to make them really useful as such.

On the west coast—off which expert opinion the world over agrees the next great conflict will, in all probability, be staged not a single base equipped as it should be. And, within 3,500 miles of Panama, none that could berth a capital ship for major repairs.

Not even at Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, our one best bet in that part of the world. Deeper water, heavy-duty cranes and all sorts of things are needed there.

It's a long, sad story, mates. But this is "Navy day" and here is something we all ought to think about. If you want to do something for your country, resolve this day to get a sharp stick behind Congress and make it make the Navy what it is "entitled" to be.

Contrary to a widespread impression, if our sea power is to be "second to none," we still have a long, long way to go.

### "IF YOU PIN ME DOWN TO FACTS . . ."

**I**f you pin me down to facts, I have no information to give you," Chairman T. V. O'Connor of the United States shipping board informed the Borah committee when he was asked about alleged soviet contributions to the La Follette-Wheeler campaign.

"I can't think of any just now," O'Connor said when asked for the name of "any living soul who knows anything about any soviet money being sent to the United States at any time or place."

"But if you will let me tell you what I think, I can give you some startling stories," O'Connor added.

The committee wanted facts, not stories, so O'Connor didn't get very far.

But for people who won't hold him down to facts, O'Connor has much that he will gladly tell.

There's many a long war in the basement these days—coal tons.

IT MAY interest the girls to know that a shingle mill in Washington is now running three shifts.

HAS CHARLIE DAWES noted, with horror, that some of the tree leaves are turning red, too?

THE PEOPLE of the United States have eighteen billion dollars in their savings accounts and enough to buy autos and gasoline besides. Everything is bully save pedestrianism.

### All About Every Movie Star

A directory of every prominent screen actor and actress and child star in the United States, with facts about their ages, residences, personal description and marital relation, has just been compiled from the latest reliable sources by our Washington bureau.

Motion Picture Editor, Washington Bureau Indianapolis Times, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C.

I want a copy of the bulletin, "Moving Picture Stars, and include herewith 5 cents in loose postage stamps for same.

Name .....

Street and number, or rural route .....

I am a reader of The Indianapolis Times.

### Prize Winner



Mildred McClanahan 7, of Springfield, Ill., is the proudest child in that city.

She competed with all her little farm girl friends in the country in the Girls' Poultry Club and her flock took first prize at the Illinois State Fair.

Little Miss McClanahan's flock of White Orpingtons won her a piano and a check for \$100.

### JAPAN IS CLOSING IN ON CHINESE

#### Proposed President Owned Body and Soul by Tokio

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS Foreign Editor Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Japan is closing in on Pekin.

Whatever else the latest coup in stricken China may mean, that much is clear.

The treachery of the famed "Christian" general, Feng Yu-hsing, can conceivably have no other result.

It was eight months before the Associated Press feebly did tardy justice by writing to the committee, saying:

"The quoted matter was not read as carefully as it should have been. For otherwise the confounding word 'no' would have been seen. The St. Paul Pioneer Press, from which our story was taken, quoted Senator La Follette as saying: 'We had no grievances.'

But Marshal Chang openly admits it is his aim to make former Premier Tuan Chih-jui, president of China, and Tuan, former head of the Northern, or Chinese, Military party and leader of the infamous "Anfu Club," owned body and soul by Japan, would not and could not be anything but the willing tool of Tokio.

#### Sincerity Doubted

As to the traitor "Christian," General Feng, his role has been despicable, whatever his motives.

These, in a United Press interview he said were to stop the war and end bloodshed in China. Laudable, yes, but the way he chose to do it leads to doubts of his sincerity.

Before the war started in North China, I pointed out the danger that lurked in Feng. With 30,000 troops in his command and in charge of the capital's defenses, he was undoubtedly the key to the whole situation.

"But General Feng," I said in August, "is dissatisfied with his job. He aspires to a fuchuan, or military governorship, in Mongolia. Mongolia is a part of Marshal Chang's territory, and until General Feng takes his banner to the camp of Chang, his ambition must remain in unanswered dream."

"This, it appears, he has just done—gone over to Chang. Betraying his chief, Marshal Wu Peifu, who had ordered the Third Army commanded by Feng, to Jehol, in Mongolia, he doubled on his tracks, marched his men back, occupied Pekin and put the president to flight.

#### Masters Are Rotten

The "Christian" general cannot plead the rottenness of his masters as an excuse for his treason. Rotten they were, no doubt, but if he joins up with the Japanese-owned Anfu clique and the bandit warlord of Manchuria, he will serve even worse.

No matter who loses in China, however, Japan wins. The famous "Black Dragon" society, which for years has received the unofficial encouragement of some of the highest officials at Tokio, including Viscount Kato, present premier—long ago outlined a Chinese policy for Japan.

"Black Dragonites" advise Nippon to make China a protectorate in practice if not openly. To do this the society urges that Japan foment trouble in the country until such a time as Japan would "select a man" and "help him organize" a government to rule the land.

Says a secret report: "If the Imperial government can take advantage of this fact that revolutionaries are short of funds to make them a loan and instruct them to raise simultaneously, great commotion and disorder will surely prevail all over China."

That last statement gives the real reason for the attempt to discredit and ruin Senator La Follette during the war. He wanted those who profited by the war to pay for it. They regard that kind of a Senator as dangerous. They are now raising money to defeat him for President. They don't want that kind of President. They prefer one who favors taxation measures like the Mellon plan.

#### Nature

Canaries belong to the finch family, and are near relatives of our goldfinch. Canaries were first brought to Europe about three hundred years ago. The business of canary breeding was first carried on in Germany, later England took it up. The original canary has been crossed with several allied species of European birds, and so we now have fifty well-marked varieties on our market.

Dr. Cuthbert Caristy, returning from a visit to the only tribe of pygmies on earth, in central Africa, says they are not black like the negroes, but a very dark reddish. Their favorite food is monkey flesh, which they eat raw or only slightly singed. Their houses are beehive-like huts. Pygmies are wonderful shots with the bow and arrow, and strong. He saw one sawed-off fellow drive an arrow clear through a leopard.

Blondy, the manicure, says she is going to give up her freckled-faced beau and look out for a convict because stripes are going to be fashionable this winter.

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### LA FOLLETTE LOYAL IN WORLD WAR

#### Charges Against Him Based on Misstatement of Facts,

By N. D. COCHRAN

**R**EPUBLICANS have tried to injure Senator La Follette in this campaign by reviving the charge of disloyalty during the war.

There was no disloyalty. The charges made against him during the war, and revived now, were based on a lie.

We entered the war in April 1917. Senator La Follette voted against the declaration of war. Once in it, however, he supported every war measure intended to carry on the vigorous prosecution of the war.

He did vote against conscription and the espionage act. He voted against the War Revenue Act because it failed to tax wealth and war profits in proportion to the owners' ability to pay.

It was an ambitious undertaking successfully carried out.

This month Elkhart observed its centennial in a similar manner, as also did the little town of West Newton, in Marion County.

Indiana towns are no longer cal- low youngsters. Time is curing that fault.

While riper age may be a source of pride to any place or person, its value is sentimental rather than actual.

Not long ago a New York woman

celebrated her one hundred and fourteenth birthday.

Her younger brother, 100 years old, joined in the festivities.

The unusual birthday party received a couple of inches of space on an inside page of the newspapers.

Yet that party was her sole bid for fame. The next day she re-

turned to obscurity.

Alexander the Great died at 33—

—a world conqueror. His name will bulk large on many pages as long as history is written. His deeds in-

fluenced the course of civilization,

though his years formed only a quickly vanishing bubble on the stream of time.

It's deeds, not years, that count.

And, in Indiana communities, the character and deeds of the people—not city age—make our centennials memorable.

#### La Follette Misquoted

In that speech Senator La Follette said:

"For my own part, I was not in favor of beginning the war. I don't mean to say that we hadn't suffered grievances; we had—at the hands of Germany. Serious grievances."

But the report sent out to news-

papers by the Associated Press from St. Paul, and printed all over the country, quoted Senator La Follette as follows:

"I wasn't in favor of beginning the war. We had NO grievances."

Based on that misquotation by the Associated Press, La Follette was denounced by newspapers generally.

On Sept. 29, 1917, Senator Kellogg of Minnesota introduced a resolution urging proceedings looking to the expulsion of sedition, giving aid and comfort to our enemies and hindering the Government in the conduct of the war."

It is surprising how much par-

ents can teach a child. You parents are to blame if you have burglars in your home instead of normal children."

It is natural for children to learn from their parents. That's one reason the human species maintains precarious leadership of the animal kingdom.

Racial progress is brought about by one generation teaching its wisdom to the succeeding. A turtle de-

posits eggs in the sand, and forgets them. Its progeny swims on the sand label. No progress.

So turtles will never own automo-

biles or make radio sets.

The human parent as the transi-

tionary of knowledge has heavy re-

sponsibility and little applause.

If for the offspring attains marked

success he is termed self-made. But if he decorates a scaffold or becomes a penitentiary number then the par-

ents are blamed.

Neither is entirely correct.

Because the child is also the prod-

uct of environment. Which, with

growing population, becomes less

the home and more the streets,

playgrounds, school, and movies.

These modern tendencies make the

role of parent difficult. But still

successfully played. For few chil-

dren taught carefully by their par-

ents turn out to be paste gems in

stead of real jewels.

When she married the alien

twenty-five years ago, she lost her

American citizenship and took that

of her husband; when her husband

became naturalized five years later

she regained her American citizen-

ship by virtue of his naturalization;