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DISARMAMENT

A member of the Japanese delegation to the league of nations said on Saturday that Japan would be forced to maintain powerful military and naval forces as long as the United States insists on increasing the size of its fighting machine—a very natural conclusion. The whole program of reduction of armaments is being delayed by our failure to participate. While it is being discussed, we are rushing naval construction, and before long, at the present rate of progress, shall have the most powerful navy in the world. Such is our answer to the efforts of the league to free the world from the terrible burden and menace of militarism. Yet only last week the British government announced that it would for the present refrain from making any increase in the naval strength of the empire.

President Wilson was asked by the league to send a representative to deal solely with this armament question. He declined on the ground that this country was not a member of the league, and that he had no power to act as requested. Last week a resolution was offered by Senator Walsh of Montana requesting the president to send such a representative. It did not, he thought, matter that we were not a member of the league, since the American people are interested—certainly they ought to be—in any movement looking to world-wide disarmament. The senator said that the "almost inconceivable sum" of \$1,500,000,000 is sought this year for the army and navy, and that this had given rise to the unjust suspicion that America had imperialistic designs. Whether this suspicion is unjust or not, it is certainly true that our present policy is a serious obstacle to the reduction of armaments.

So we are imposing a crushing burden, not only to ourselves, but on other nations, which are much less able to bear it. In this particular our influence is evil, and is giving direct encouragement to the perpetuation of the old and wicked order under which the world was almost wrecked. Our people, who are demanding a reduction of taxes, should steadily keep in mind the fact that out of every dollar of taxes taken from them 78 cents goes to pay for past and future wars. Not so long ago we were all rather shocked to learn that we had a billion dollar congress—which meant that \$1,000,000,000 was spent in two years. Then came congresses that spent \$1,000,000,000 in a single year. Now we are proposing to spend \$1,500,000,000 for the army and navy. In commenting on a recent speech of Senator Harding, in which he discussed unsympathetically the subject of disarmament, the New York Evening Post said:

Was it really the intention of the American people on election day that we should hold aloof from this great work? Mr. Harding, in the speech we have quoted, spoke of America as the great stabilizing influence in the world, as the leader in the movement

back to a "right order." Is this the right order the American people want—America uninvolved, "unmortgaged" and armed to the teeth? Here is a subject to which the "wise minds," among them that of the doughty militia colonel, George Harvey, might well give their attention.—Indianapolis News.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT

Yesterday Mr. Hughes visited Marion and discussed foreign relations with Senator Harding. Tomorrow Herbert Hoover is to meet Mr. Harding in counsel. Colonel Harvey is a visitor at Marion. Others will come and go with the days—friends of the league and enemies of the league and middle-of-the-road men. After the great and solemn referendum of early November a second referendum, not so great in numbers, but perhaps more solemn in its consequences, is now under way.

Yet the list of visitors to Marion will not be exhausted by the names which the newspaper correspondents send over the wire. There will be present around Mr. Harding's round table visitors whom the reporters will not even see, whom Mr. Harding will not see with the corporeal eye, but of whose presence he will be acutely aware.

Who are those unseen guests? In great part they are of the same type that sat around the peace table in Paris and shaped the treaty through the hands of Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau. Their name was Facts. Russia was not present in the body at the treaty table, but Lenin's Russia helped to write the treaty. Germany was not present in the body, but Germany helped to write the treaty. The havoc of war, the hopes of nations and the fears of nations, the wounds of victory, the stupor of defeat, the past and the future wrote and signed at Versailles.

So at Marion Mr. Harding will consult with men, but before he is through he will have consulted with facts. He will have taken counsel with a war-exhausted world in need of all the co-operative forces it can rally; with the starving populations of Europe, who can not be rescued without our aid; with industry lagging and commerce crippled; with American business men who voted not to be involved in Europe and now find their interests largely dependent upon a revived Europe; with American farmers who voted against involvement and now clamor for European markets; with many other men and groups who voted no to the hard yes of fact.

Mr. Harding may have a hard time with the irreconcilable senators. He is sure to have a hard and instructive time with the irreconcilable facts.—New York Evening Post.

LOW COST TRANSPORTATION

With railroad and Pullman fares mounting steadily upward, long distance travel by automobile is becoming increasingly popular. That the cost is considerably less by automobile than train is illustrated, by the experience of Dr. L. Paul Zahn and family of Los Angeles, who have just completed a transcontinental journey of 9,612 miles at a total cost of \$441.50 or \$0.46 per mile. As five persons were carried, this meant a cost of less than \$0.10 per mile per passenger.

The trip was made in a 1917 Franklin touring car that had already been driven 43,000 miles, including three mountain trips. The party was back home seventy-five days after leaving Los Angeles, although the actual driving was confined to sixty days—the average drive for one day being 160 miles.

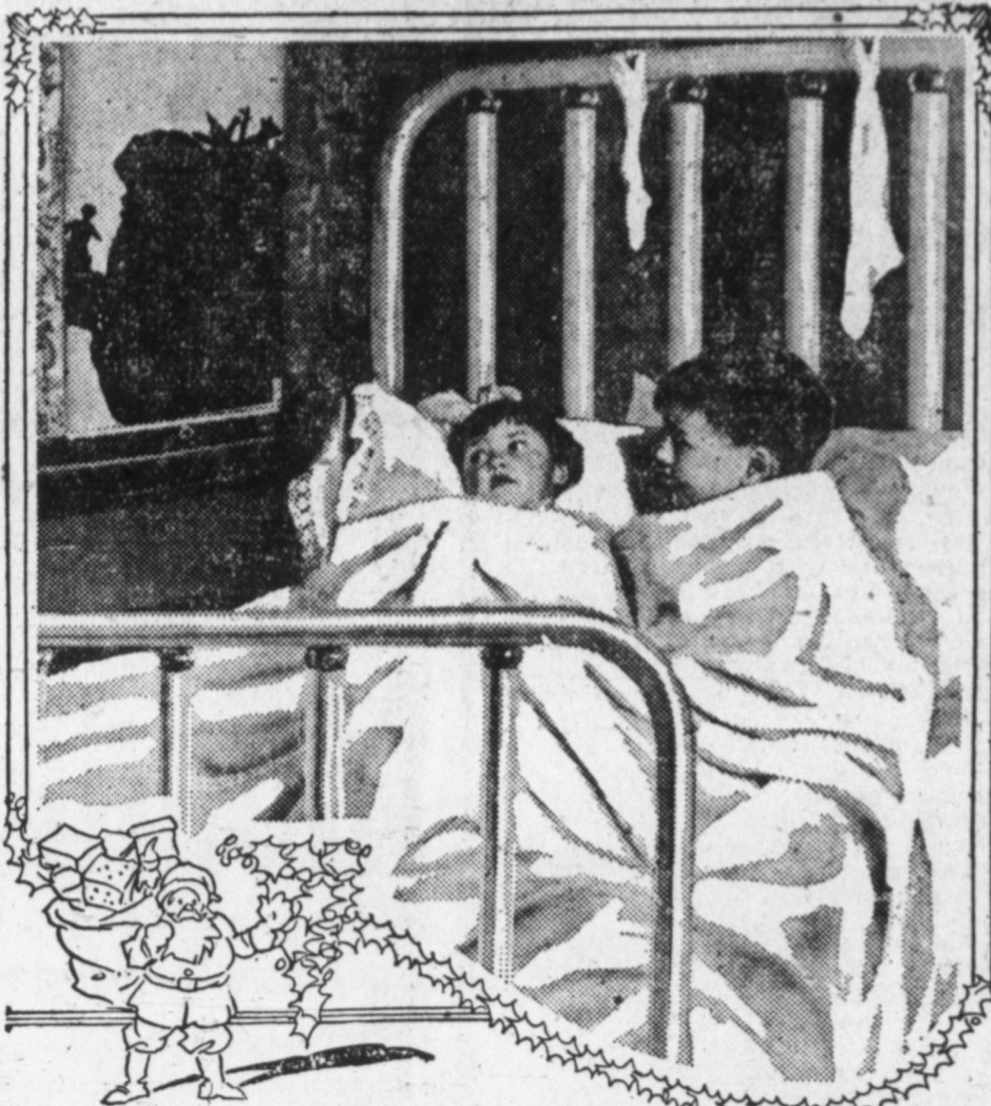
The quantity of gasoline consumed was surprisingly low—536 gallons—considering the fact that the car itself was heavily loaded and that it carried five adults, in addition to a 900-pound trailer. Even with this load, the gasoline average was 18 miles to the gallon—a cost of \$0.19 per mile. Other expenses were as follows: tires, \$158.50 or \$0.165 per mile; oil, 15 gallons or \$0.0025 per mile; repairs and all miscellaneous expenses, \$0.008 per mile; total, \$0.46 per mile.

Morocco planned the party in their own town; got the officials; let their police bully our sidelines; won the toss; had their coach to oversee the best game of their history; refused every courtesy asked by our politeness reporter, but at that—hell wouldn't have it, they couldn't raise enough stench to skunk the worst team Rensselaer ever had, let alone the best.—THOMPSON & KIRK.

Fishing for salmon is prohibited at the present time in nearly all of the rivers of Alaska and altogether in the southeastern part of the territory. Meanwhile the fishery goes on, but it is marine fishery. The salmon are caught on their feeding grounds out at sea with purse seines, gill nets, floating traps and fish lines. Trolling for salmon is great sport and is particularly fine off the straits of San Juan de Fuca.

Democrat want ads get results.

WILL HE COME IN?



FUN IN PLAYING OLD CHRIS

Amusement for Both Young and Old in Impersonating Blustery, Present-Laden Santa.

HERE is great fun in impersonation and none more than in taking the part of that prince of good fellows, jolly old Kris. Several little brothers, sisters or cousins should make up the audience to be amused, all of them young enough to believe implicitly in the whole story of the journey in reindeer sleigh from the North Pole to one's own particular chimney. Parents and other big folks must, of course, be in the scheme and coached to play an active part.

You will be missed from the company, to be sure, and dad and mother should search the house and look up and down the street and make all sorts of excuses for your absence. And if your voice cannot be continually and very successfully disguised you had better not talk, but convey your meanings by nods and motions, not forgetting to shake hands all round repeatedly and to laugh, silently but heartily, with much shaking of sides and bending over.

Santa may play at being late, and after he has filled the stockings he is caught by dad, who loudly notifies the household and insists that the old fellow pay a visit and distribute the gifts. Questions are asked about the sleigh, which is supposed to have gone on without its driver, so that the youngsters won't want to run out and look for it.

At the end of the ceremonies, which should not last over half an hour, a sudden disappearance may be arranged by calling the children to the window with the supposed discovery of the returning sleigh, and Santa may slip out of the room door, shed and hide his duds and get out of the house, by the back way, returning presently, with much noise, by the front way, as though having been gone for a long time and, of course, much disappointed to have missed seeing Santa.

As for the costume, that is a matter of varied opportunity, except that the white whiskers and wig, the funny little old tasseled cap and the fat stomach are essential.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come back to Bethlehem,
The year is on the wane;
A truce to strife that worries life,
A truce to grief and pain.
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem
And hear its song again!

If siren voices luring thee
Have turned thy thoughts aside,
If thou hast quaffed the bitter draft
Of envy or of pride,
If thou in agony of shame
Hast thy dear Lord denied,

Come back today to Bethlehem!
Though thou hast wandered far,
No rest shall fill thy yearning breast
Until thou see the Star.
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem,
Where yet the angels are!

EXCUSE FOR CEASING WORK

The Russian working people have always seized upon Christmas as an excuse for ceasing all work for a somewhat lengthy period—sometimes for a month. Before the recent revolution "Kolenda" was the celebration on Christmas eve, when the peasants gathered about the houses of the nobles, sang carols and scrambled for the coins tossed to them from the windows. Then came a great masquerade, when peasants of all ages dressed themselves to represent animals, the idea being to perpetuate the memory of the lowliness of the Saviour's birth in the stable.

Negroes form about one-tenth of the entire population of the United States.

Make Every Day a Christmas

Too prone are we all to allow our Christmas sentiments to evaporate with the day, forgetting that there are other days in the year for a sympathetic hand clasp and an encouraging word. If Christmas is better than other days in the year, it is because the feeling of brotherhood and fellowship belongs to it.

Why not have every other day in the year filled with brotherliness and fellowship? Why not soften the asperities of life, speak the kindly word, and extend the helping hand for the other 364 days? In a word, why not make every day a Christmas? Carry the Christmas spirit with us throughout the year and say, with Tiny Tim, at all times and seasons, "God bless us, everyone."

Let us keep Christmas in this spirit, then, forgetting not to whom thanks for the many blessings and privileges of this great country of ours are due, looking forward to the age that is coming: "When the common sense of most shall hold the fretful realm in awe And the kindly earth shall slumber lapt in universal law."

SIMPLE HOME-MADE GIFTS

Handkerchiefs, neatly hemmed and an embroidered initial adorning one corner, may be made from a stray remnant of linen or lawn.

Canvas or denim gloves for the woman who hangs out wet clothes are a boon—and so easily made on the sewing machine.

Night slippers are a joy to children who must walk upstairs after preparing for bed. Any material of downy texture is adaptable, and they are made as simply as a stocking foot.

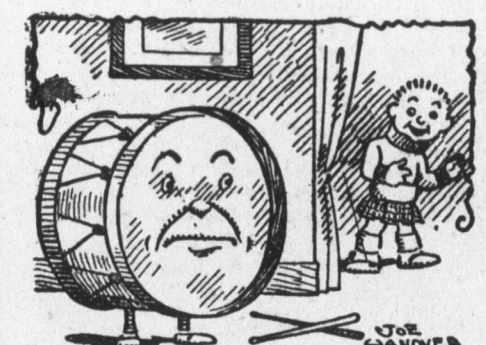
Every country woman should have a knit, woolen corset-cover. A worn sweater, by removing the collar and lower part of the sleeves (parts, by the way, most likely to show wear) serves beautifully for this purpose.

Knowing the size of any little girl's doll, it is a simple matter to make a dress, a bonnet or cloak for it.

Mittens are neatly and quickly made on the sewing machine. Use any flexible woolen material.

A child's fur set can be made from an out-of-date fur piece, or if you have only a trifle of fur use it simply for the rim of the muff and the scarf-end.

To an invalid friend is sent your cheeriest house-plant to gladden the Christmas day.



IN FOR IT
Drum: Gee, from the looks of that husky kid, I'm in for some beating!

SACRED DAY FOR THE BABIES

Never deny the babies their Christmas! It is the shining seal set upon a year of happiness. Let them believe in Santa Claus or St. Nicholas or Kris Kringle, or whatever name the jolly Dutch saint bears in your religion.—Marion Harland.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Father—What were you wishing? Johnny—I'd like to be the janitor's little boy, 'cause his father has to be polite, too.

Nearly half the shell-torn land in the Somme area is already being cultivated.

COLBY BEGINS TRIP TODAY

Secretary Will Visit Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina—Will Sail on Battleship Florida.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Colby, it was said, plans to leave Washington today for Hampton Roads, from which port he expects to sail Saturday aboard the battleship Florida on his visit to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. The secretary's plans, however, were said to be subject to change, although no contingency is expected to arise that would prevent him from carrying them out.

Immediate revision of the nation's tax laws on the basis of an annual levy of \$4,000,000,000 for a period of four years, and including an increase of 2 per cent in the taxes on incomes up to \$5,000, is urged by Secretary Houston in his annual report sent to congress at Washington.

A special message giving the complete expenses of the American peace commission during its work abroad as \$1,651,191, was transmitted to the senate at Washington by President Wilson.

The British embassy at Washington refused to vize the passports of the members of the special committee selected by the commission of inquiry on conditions in Ireland now in session to visit Ireland.

Net cost of the war to the American government was fixed by Secretary Houston in Washington at \$24,010,000,000.

President Wilson at Washington declined the invitation of the League of Nations to send delegates to take part in the discussions of the disarmament commission.

The treasury at Washington offered for subscription two new issues of certificates of indebtedness, the combined issue for approximately \$500,000,000.

An appropriation of \$1,000,000 to be used in co-operation with the states in forestry work during the next fiscal year has been asked of congress at Washington by the Department of Agriculture.

The census bureau at Washington announced that the population of Canton, O., is 87,091, of which 85,000 are white and 1,349 negroes. The 1919 figures showed 49,916 whites and 291 negroes.

Sensational Sinn Fein documents, alleged to deal with purchase of arms and munitions on a great scale, are reported to have been discovered during a raid at Seaforth. Two young Irish girls were arrested.

Paris has struck gold! The discovery at Grief, ten miles from Paris, of a two-foot vein of gold-bearing quartz, 80 feet below the surface, has caused furious digging by the residents of the region for miles around.

The Sinn Fein has circulated a proclamation throughout the west and south of Ireland declaring that those guilty of "treasonable conspiracy" will be executed as traitors to the Irish republic, says a Belfast dispatch.

Final election returns show a decided radical majority in the new assembly at Belgrade, Jugoslavia. The body will consist of 97 radicals, 91 democrats and 55 communists, against 183 conservatives.

An earthquake in Albania in the Tepeleni district to the southwest of Avlona, rendered 15,000 persons homeless. An American Red Cross party in charge of Henry Reynolds of New Britain, Conn., has left Avlona for the disturbed area.

According to a recent survey there are more than 28,000,000 women keeping homes in the United States without servants.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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FOR SALE

For Sale—One yearling Spotted Poland China male hog, registered.—ORVILLE M. PUTT, Remington, R-3, phone 79-R, Remington. d14

For Sale—A few more bushels of nice yellow pears at 75 cents per bushel.—THOMAS CLARKSON, five miles south and three miles east of Rensselaer. d14

For Sale at Bargains—All kinds of second-hand automobiles. Come in and look them over, in the White-Front Garage.—KUBOSKE & WALTER. tf

For Sale—Pure-bred White Holland turkeys. Get them this week. Phone 902-K.—THOMAS LONERGAN. d18

For Sale—Recleaned timothy seed at Rensselaer Garage, phone 366.

For Sale—Green block wood, delivered or at farm.—JOE MOORE, phone 906-C. d18

For Sale—Fordson tractor, 1920 model; 1 set No. 7 Oliver plows and fenders. User this year only, in first-class condition.—DANIEL WOOD, Fair Oaks, Ind. d15

For Sale—The Rensselaer school board is offering for sale the 500 feet of iron fence surrounding the intermediate school building. If interested see EDWARD F. LANE. tf

For Sale—80-acre farm, 1 1/2 miles south of Fair Oaks, 3 miles north-west of Farr. Good buildings, land partly tilled. Price \$50 per acre, easy terms.—W. A. McCURTAIN, Rensselaer. tf

For Sale—Having bought the William Hersham foundation stock of pure bred Bronze turkeys, I will have a limited number of hens and toms for sale. Hens, \$8.50 and up; toms, \$10 and up, owing to markings.—ALVA D. HERSHAM, Medaryville, Ind., R. F. D. tf

For Sale—160-acre farm, well drained, most all level, black soil; 5-room house, good barn, corn cribs, good well, fine orchard; land all in cultivation. Can give good terms on this. Price \$30.00 per acre.—CHARLES J. DEAN & SON. tf

For Sale—Some real bargains in well improved farms located within 3 miles of Rensselaer. 120 a., 133 a., 212 a., 152 a., 80 a. I also have some exceptional bargains in improved farms of all sizes farther out from Rensselaer. For further particulars see me or call 246 office, or 499 home.—HARVEY DAVISSON. tf

For Sale—Having installed an electric metal pot for its model 6 Lincoln, The Democrat has for sale a 4 or 5-gallon gasoline air pressure tank with gauge, about 20 feet of 3/8 inch iron pipe with couplings and elbows, some gasoline burners, the metal pot taken out, etc. Any or all of the above will be sold at bargain prices.—THE DEMOCRAT.

For Sale—A lot of standing timber, 4 miles west of town on county farm road; 50 cents per load for dead timber, \$1 per load for green wood. Loads not to exceed 12 feet by 3 feet. No cutting or hauling on Sunday. Call me before entering premises.—A. M. YEOMAN, phone 87-G, Mt. Airy exchange. d20

For Sale—The Democrat has for sale several bundles of heavy used wrapping paper, running about 27 to 28 large sheets to a bundle, suitable for putting under rugs or carpets, building paper or for wrapping heavy parcels, at 25 cents per bundle.

Rebuilt Typewriters at Bargain Prices—The Democrat has just got in another lot of high-class rebuilt typewriters of standard makes which it can sell at one-half or less than the price of new machines. They are all in A-1 condition, with new rubber typans, new ribbons, etc., and look almost like new and will do just as good work for many years as brand new machines.

Included in this lot are the following:

1 L. C. Smith, a visible writer, standard keyboard, with back-spacer, tabulator, etc., a mighty fine machine and in the pink of condition. Price \$65.00.

1 Underwood, visible, standard keyboard with back-spacer, tabulator, etc., a fine machine at less than half the cost of a new one. Price \$50.00.

1 Smith Premier No. 10, visible writer, back-spacer, tabulator, one or two-color ribbon, a dandy machine for those preferring double keyboard. Price \$45.00.

1 Smith Premier No. 5, invisible writer, one or two-color ribbon, a good serviceable machine at the very low price of \$30.00.

Above prices are for cash, but will take your old machine in as part payment or will sell on part cash and balance monthly payments, if desired. If you want a typewriter it will pay you to call and look these machines over.—THE DEMOCRAT.

WANTED

Wanted—Small electric motor to operate washing machine. Phone 153.

Poultry Wanted—Turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, veal, etc.—PHONE 313 for prices. tf

Wanted—To buy poultry. Call 461 or 39 and we will come and get it. Highest prices paid.—WALLACE & HERATH. tf

Trucking Wanted—I have a new ton truck and solicit business in this line. If you have moving or any other trucking to do, call 473.—FRANK HAMER. tf

Wanted—All kinds of Plating, Welding, Electrical and Machine Shop Work. Prompt attention and special care given to all orders. Phone No. 37.—CORWIN ELECTRIC CO., 1729 Main St., Lafayette, Ind. d18

Clerks, (men, women) over 17, for Postal Mail Service. \$125 month. Experience unnecessary. For free particulars of examination, write J. Leonard, (former Civil Service Examiner) 289 Equitable Bldg., Washington, D. C. d18

FOR RENT

For Rent—Two farms, one 240 acres, one 300 acres, with buildings.—G. F. MEYERS.

For Rent—180-acre well improved stock and grain farm in Barkley township; cash or grain rent, to right party. For name of owner, inquire at Democrat Office. d14

MONEY TO LOAN

Farm Loans—Money to loan on farm property in any sums up to \$10,000. E. P. HONAN. tf

Money to Loan—CHAS. J. DEAN & SON, Odd Fellows' Building, Rensselaer. d18