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League of Nations Fails Again

THE League of Nations seems to be fine in its ideals and theory but when the crucial time arrives for action, there is none forthcoming. It is easy to lay down rules and those rules may seem to be the panacea that is needed for the troubles that they would eliminate in the world, but enforcing those rules is quite another thing.

Japan has been openly attacking China for many months with no other motive but conquest, whatever the trumped up excuses may be. Both nations were members of the League of Nations until the recent withdrawal of Japan. The League protested to Japan for the activity of open but undeclared warfare which was being waged. But protests were all that were in order. Japan politely withdrew from the League, saying, in so many words, that that country would do as it pleased.

Now another test is before the League in the form of formally declared war. Paraguay has declared war on Bolivia after almost a year of preliminary fighting. Both nations are members of the League. Provisions in the covenant of the League gives it power to sever all relations of the offending nations from all other members of the League. It also provides for armed forces to mete out punishment for the nation that has disobeyed the rules of the League. A nation that is a member of the League and reports to war is deemed to have declared war against all other nations that are associated with the League.

This being the status of Paraguay in relation to the League, as determined by the laws of that body, it is strange, indeed, that nothing whatsoever has been done. Why have not the powers of the League been exerted to put an end to this conflict? If it is ever going to function in a worthwhile manner, now is the time, and an opportunity has already been lost in bringing Japan to trial for the unwarranted outrages that have been perpetrated in Chinese territory.

The freshness of modern youth is desirable unless it is too fresh.

Boys in the Open

WHEN the closed season for school begins, the open season for camping and country hikes begins for boys. It delights the heart of a red-blooded youth to get the thrill that appeals to the primitive side of nature.

Camping has become one of the favorite pastimes of the nation, particularly for boys, and the boy who has the opportunity to attend a summer camp thinks he is next door to paradise.

Camping inspires a love for nature and to place such an ideal before a boy is to make him better prepared for citizenship.

Calvin Coolidge once said: "Boys should never lose their love of the fields and the streams, the mountains and the plains, the open places and the forests. That love will be a priceless possession as years lengthen out. There is new life in the soil for every man. There is healing in the trees for tired minds, and for our overburdened spirits there is strength in the hills, if only we will lift up our eyes. Remember that nature is your great restorer."

Every boy should make an effort to get as much of outdoor life as possible during vacation. If he can attend a camp, so much the better, for there standards are imposed which call upon every boy to respect property rights and nature's rights as well. Thru camping he gets a new conception of life and its meaning.

Boys born and reared on the farm learn instinctively of these fundamentals, but boys who are denied this privilege miss a beneficial lesson which living in the open teaches, unless they attend a camp or join hiking parties to the country during vacation.

Foreign markets set their own value on our dollars but the amount of potatoes a dollar will buy determines its value here at home.

The Return of the Bicycle

THE bicycle, which not very long ago had nearly passed out of popularity except among young boys and a few young girls, is now enjoying renewed popularity among older people.

The revival of bicycling started as a fad on the west coast among the fair members of the movie colony. For the past few months, many movie actresses have been using bicycles for recreation activities. Clad in their scant riding costumes, they are seen everywhere, some very agile and skilled in riding and others working away diligently to master the art of keeping on top of the two-wheeled speedsters.

The popularity of the return to the bicycle is now spreading to other sections until manufacturers of bicycles and accessories are working at full speed to keep abreast of the demand. One tire company is working 24 hours a day to meet production demands.

And the modern bicycle is not the old time two wheeled contraption that was once so much in evidence. The modern bicycle is low slung, sturdily built, has a stream-lined appearance and carries balloon tires instead of the once small and highly inflated tires.

Just what proportions the return to the bicycle will enjoy is hard to predict but since their usage is still a matter of recreation, it is very possible that the movement will be limited. It is true that many are turning toward the bicycle as a matter of economy in short distance transportation, but with the return of more normal conditions, these people will return to the automobile.

At any rate, riding a bicycle is pleasant. While some exercise for anyone. There is a lot of enjoyment to be had from a bicycle for young or old. It is to be hoped that the return of the bicycle as a means of transportation will not be too short lived.

Which Way?

A COMMENT on the American life of today recently wrote that the average small town and little city "stands at the cross roads." He reasons that the small town that stands too long is doomed—it will go backward and eventually die.

There is some truth in what he says. We can't stand still without being passed by somebody who is advancing. And when we see somebody going by we realize that we are slipping. Unless some heroic methods are used at once we are lost—drifting backward.

It's a searching question every individual should ask himself. Is the place where I live drifting toward oblivion? If so, am I responsible equally with my fellow townsmen? Do I think only of getting something for myself and never giving anything in return?

What does a family want in a town or city? Good churches, good schools, good neighbors, good jobs, good times and a chance to make a living. Am I doing my share to make conditions go that people will want to live here, and to stay here once they are here? This is the question for every citizen to ask himself.

Every live place wants to grow and prosper. Therefore it must be inviting. To attract new enterprises and new residents, its people must be friendly and fair and somewhat hardworking. It must have leaders with a vision and a definite program toward which to work. And there must be an organization to carry out the program. In the organization there must be plenty of workers, not men who dodge responsibility.

No one has ever found a substitute for work. All the visions of dreamers, the inspiration of leaders avail nothing unless the people are moved by the right spirit, have a clear vision of the community's possibilities, are hitched up to a definite program, have a good organization to carry it out, and are willing to do some unselfish work for the good of all.

Why not get even with some of those European nations that owe us war debts and won't pay by sending a high powered salesman over and selling them some of our well known watered stock?

Another Bonus Army

REPORTS indicate that another bonus army is forming rapidly for a march on the national capital. There are some already in Washington and many others on the way. A delegation is forming in Chicago and a large contingent is contemplating a drive from Indiana. Groups are forming in other states and of course will gain number as they go on their way.

They hope to induce Congress to authorize an immediate cash payment of the bonus, to restore disability allowances that have been discontinued by the recent economy measure and to bring about other hoped for relief of ex-soldiers.

Such a movement is not only useless but repulsive to the average mind. Mob rule does not and will never prevail in this country. Those who hope to gain their end by such unwarranted procedure are not only doomed to failure but are helping to defeat their own purpose in doing so.

Everything possible is being done to relieve conditions, especially for former soldiers. There is no question but what cash settlement would be made immediately with all those who are eligible to receive it if conditions were right, but such a move would not only be impossible at present but the attempt would make conditions infinitely worse for all concerned.

The movement should be discouraged by every state, every civic organization and the veteran's organizations. No more free transportation should be given, no more free food and lodging and certainly no tolerance anywhere, considering the welfare of the men who will comprise the bonus army.

They are doomed to failure and trouble if they persist in their present demands. The President has been given ample authority to deal with the unemployment situation and needs of everyone. The forming of another bonus army in Washington will not only retard any program that may be inaugurated but will invite trouble as well.

Ex-soldiers should be encouraged to stay at home and let the administration have a chance to make good on the present relief measures that are under way.

Ghandi consumes only boiled water, salt and soda during his fast, but it could be worse—suppose he had chosen spinach?

The Weather Doctors

THE main concern of most people, judging from their conversation, is the weather. They refuse to leave it alone during any chat with friends or strangers. It is the most abused, the most condemned and the least appreciated of any of the factors that go to make up life.

It is too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry or too windy the year round for certain people. It never seems to be just right, if we are to judge from the average of opinions.

But forecasts are only human and cannot be absolutely perfect. Some will admit it and others won't. One says he would rather depend on the "crinks" in grandfather's back or the manifestations of grandmother's rheumatism than the long distance prophecies of the weather man.

There is an old belief that one extreme follows another. If we have a cold winter, we will have a hot summer. The fallacy of this belief is evident. If it were so, each succeeding summer would be hotter and each succeeding winter would be colder until the climate would be unbearable.

So, as Mark Twain said, "Everyone talks about the weather, but no one seems to do anything about it." And the wisdom of that statement bears much force. Regardless of all the talk, all of the abuse and all of the prophesying, we must take just what is sent to us in the way of weather and we might as well like it.

It's one thing to get an example and another thing to get someone to follow it.

The hearty of present conditions is that one man's guess is as good as another on what will happen next.

The first person who comes along and complains that we need rain had better put up his guard fast!

Gaston Minkus has proven that he is eligible for charter membership in anybody's tall story club.

It is a pity that the man who is taking the other 50 per cent is taking the other 50 per cent.

HOW, WHAT and WHY?

The Andover News has arranged with the Office of Information of the New York State College of Agriculture and Home Economics to answer questions about problems of farm and home. If you enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mention the name of this paper, you will receive a direct reply to your query from the colleges. Do not ask more than one question in one letter or on one post card. Ask as many questions as you like, but make each one a separate communication.

Remodel the Straw Hat
Mrs. E. E. H. asks: "Please give some suggestions about remodeling straw hats."

Margaret Morehouse of the college of home economics says, "Brush the hat well to remove dust. Black straw can be freshened by brushing with alcohol. If this is not sufficient give the hat a coat of hat dye diluted about one-half with denatured alcohol."

"If you have, or can borrow a hat block, put the crown over this and press it with a damp cloth and hot iron to renew the shape. A flat brim can be pressed on the ironing board, steaming with a damp cloth. If the brim is curved, it should be pressed over a pad similar to a tailor's pad for garments."

New trimming helps make a hat look new. You can probably get grosgrain ribbon at a local store. A new ribbon band and a few bows will freshen the hat if it is a sailor. Faded flowers can be touched up with oil paint and gasoline, or even with watercolors, and used again."

Bed Bugs
Mrs. D. P. says: "We recently bought a house and find that it is infested with bed bugs. We have tried everything to get rid of them. What can you suggest?"

We are sending you the free bulletin E-202 which gives information about the control of bed bugs and other household insects. The author says the bed bugs have been associated with man ever since he slept in beds. The Romans called it "Climex," and Pliny recommended it for snake bites. It is generally known in the United States as the bed bug, altho in some Southern states it is called the "chinch" in New York City the insects are "red-coats," and in Baltimore a bedbug is a "mahogany flat."

The bedbug prefers human blood but may keep alive for months without any food. Control must be thorough for both eggs and adults must be killed. Treatments should be repeated in about three or four days to kill any bed bugs that hatch in the meanwhile. The bulletin recommends: Kerosene and gasoline, corrosive sublimate, boiling water, sulphur fumigation and hydrocyanic acid gas. Extreme care, it warns, must be used with hydrocyanic gas and the sulphur fumigation.

Soy Beans
G. S. B. asks: "Are soy beans good to eat? I understand that the Chinese eat soy beans but in New York State the beans are recommended only for cattle."

Mr. Sheo Wang, a specialist in growing soy beans who is studying plant breeding at Cornell, says that many as 30 different dishes may be prepared from soy beans and that they differ enough so that 25 of them may be served at one meal. It was difficult, he says, for him to learn to like cow's milk after drinking soy bean milk. The soy bean curd or "ton-fu" is used instead of meat, and salted "ton-fu" in place of butter. Soy beans, he says, are the only seeds that contain both water-soluble and fat-soluble vitamins, which he credits as the reason why Chinese maintain physical and mental health without meat in their diet. In some sections of China, soy-sauce is used in place of salt. Soy beans contain about 38 per cent protein and 17 per cent fat; wheat flour contains one-third as much protein and one-tenth as much fat. Should New York State ever be so thickly populated as parts of China, Mr. Wang says, the people need not get hungry for the soy bean is not only healthful and versatile but a concentrated appetizing food. Mr. Wang predicts that new varieties in process of development at the Cornell University experiment station will bear grain crops in New York State. Varieties for grain have hitherto been confined to more southern states.

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TO THE SURGEON

A LESSON
I wish it had not happened, for it makes me sad to think of it. But it is true in every particular. I know of the boy who was killed. A little boy of about nine took an awful attack of appendicitis. The doctor was unquestioned for a fine surgeon was called—he advised immediate operation. The father rebelled stubbornly; "I don't want my little boy," he said with finality. The surgeon returned to his place of business.

Four days later the same surgeon—a man of eminence—was called hurriedly, to see the boy; he had grown much worse. The doctor found him with cold, clammy ex-

trémities, throbbing pulse, dilated pupils, swollen enormously in the body—perforated! A glance was enough; the boy was dying. "He can't live another hour," the surgeon said. "It's no use to try, the impossible!" The father wrung his hands and begged the doctor to do something—operate—anything. He writhed in despair with his unreasonable requests. But it was too late.

The doctor was in deadly earnest. "The boy's case is a lesson. The reason was to be studied. I called here and you what should be done. You wanted to temporize—I hoped the child might get well in spite of my best treatment. You refused to listen—you are responsible for this child's death!"

Which was too true. So many people step in front of the trained physician that they could have been saved, but for one in authority objecting. What do we learn from this?



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