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ASIA AND THE WEST PROBLEM

Conflict, Not Necessarily Military. Between East and West Inevitable.

By A. J. WEST.

United Press Staff Correspondent. London, Sept. 10.—In the opinion of Sir Cyprian, a retired admiral and author of many publications on naval warfare brought in the new question of culture during discussion of the Pacific problems faced by the United States, Britain and Japan.

What is called the Pacific problem is but a part of the far greater question of culture during discussion of the Pacific problems faced by the United States, Britain and Japan.

Will the nations on either side of the Atlantic allow that culture to be stamped—often in Asiatic—by a culture which may be as good, or even better, but which is certainly different?

There is only one way of preventing it, that I can see. That way is a cordial understanding between the people of Europe and their racial relatives in the two Americas.

Naval disarmament is an excellent thing for one reason. If carried out properly it will do much to relieve taxpayers. It is doubtful if it will abolish war.

Julius Caesar understood disarmament in a way that could hardly be followed in these days. He cut off the right hands of the people whom he meant to disarm. That did the job effectively.

ANGLO-JAP AN ALLIANCE IS CONSIDERED DEAD

Tokyo, Sept. 10.—The Anglo-Japanese alliance is considered a dead letter by the conservative Japanese weekly, the Herald of Asia. It has been open to the possibility of renewal of the alliance for the past year on the ground it would excite suspicions of the United States.

The death knell of the alliance was sounded, says the Herald of Asia, when its continuation subject to the undefined restrictions of the covenant of the League of Nations was notified to the Council of the League. Its abrogation in the event of an international agreement on the Far Eastern situation at the coming Washington conference will be only a matter of form.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Golden Text—For in him we live, and move, and have our being. Ac. 17:28.

Lesson Text—Ac. 17:16-31. (Read Lu. 4:16-30).

(16) Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred (provoked within) him, when (as he saw) (behold) the city wholly given to idolatry (full of idols). (17) Therefore disputed he (so he reasoned) in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily (marketplace every day) with them that met with him.

(18) Then (and) certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him, and some said, What will (would) this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods; because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection (and) the resurrection.

And they took hold of him, and brought him unto (the) Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, which thou speakest, is? (19) For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears, we would know therefore what these things mean.

(20) For (now) all the Athenians, and the strangers which were sojourning there, spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing. (21) Then (and) Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill (the Areopagus), and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious (very religious).

(22) For as I passed by, and beheld (observed) the objects of your devotions, I found an altar inscribed thus, Unto the Unknown God. Whom (To) an Unknown God. What therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. (23) The God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is (he, being) Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; (24) Neither is worshipped with the service of men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; (25) And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath (having) determined the times before appointed, their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitations; (26) That they should seek the Lord (God), if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every (each) one of us; (27) For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also (even) of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (28) Forasmuch as God hath appointed a day, he will judge the world in righteousness, by that (the) man whom he hath ordained; where he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Time—A. D. 52. Place—Athens. Exposition—I. Paul's Spirit Provoked by the Idolatry of Athens. 16-21.

Paul began his crusade against damnable idolatry, once and in the most effective way, by personal work. He tackled everybody, everywhere. At last he runs up against the philosophy of the two leading schools. Some mocked, as "philosophers," and "scientists" too, are wont to do, when they can not answer. This led to Paul's getting an opportunity to preach the gospel to the only audience composed entirely of philosophers on record and in that world famous forum the Areopagus. Paul had but one subject for philosophers or for the common people, "Jesus and the resurrection."

II. The Unknown God Made Known. 22-29.

Paul now is brought before this celebrated gathering of philosophers and university professors of Athens. He has no new gospel for this distinguished throng, but with divinely-given tact he introduces it in a new way (vs. 24, 25, 28). Paul begins with what appears like words of approval, not with words of criticism. (See Am. R. V.) He would win the favor and attention of his audience before calling them to repent. People will listen patiently to the sharpest rebukes and sternest calls to repentance if you first win their confidence and favor by words of kindness and praise. "To an unknown God, there is something very pathetic and touching in this. There are many today who are reaching out blindly toward a God of whose existence they have a vague apprehension, but of whose name, character and person they have little clear knowledge. But there is no need that God be unknown (Jno. 1:18; 1 Jno. 5:20; Jno. 14:9; 2 Cor. 4:6). It was an apt stroke upon Paul's part to begin with this well-known object to lead to the great truths with which his soul was filled. "God that made the world and all things therein," etc. This would carry with him the philosophers in his audience, and at the same time bring in new and higher thoughts about God and step by step lead them face to face with God Himself, and make them feel their personal responsibility to Him. He would lead them to see that God was not a mere philosophical conception, but a person against whom they had sinned, and who was now calling. "Repent. The very life we live, the breath we breathe, absolutely all we have, is His gift. "He made of one every nation of men." Do we believe in our kinship to the negro, the Chinaman, the Hindoo? "That they should seek the Lord (God); this was God's great and gracious purpose in the making of the nations and appointing their seasons, and the bounds of their habitations, and that they should seek God (Amos 5:4, 6; Ez. 8:22; Prov. 28:5; 1 Chron. 26:5; Ps. 34:4, 10; Ps. 69:32; 1 Chron. 16:10; Lam. 1:25; Hab. 1:11; Ps. 119:2). He is not difficult to find for

History's Mysteries

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It was on Christmas night, 11 years ago, that the first news was made public of what is probably the most baffling and mysterious disappearance of its kind in the police annals of the United States—the unexplained and apparently insoluble vanishing of Dorothy Harriet Camille Arnold, the daughter of Francis R. Arnold, a wealthy importer.

The facts in the case were few and utterly devoid of sensationalism, thus making the climax stand out with all the force and contrast of lightning against a pitch black sky. On the morning of December 12, 13 days before any inkling of the affair reached the newspapers, Miss Arnold had left her home at 198 East Seventy-ninth street, New York, supposedly for a morning's shopping. She was in the best of health and spirits and, among the errands which she intended to do, was the purchasing of a dress at one of

the Fifth Avenue shops. As soon as she found what she wanted she called her mother on the telephone and the final decision would then be made. The thorough and searching investigations of the police and the reporters later developed the fact that Miss Arnold had walked from her home to a store at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth street, where she purchased a box of candy, which she carried to her personal account. The sales-check showed that it was about noon when she left the store and, some two hours later, she was at Brentano's book store, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-seventh street, where she bought a book which she stated was to be given away as a Christmas present.

Just as she was leaving Brentano's, Miss Arnold met a woman friend and, in response to the usual question as to how she was feeling, replied: "I never felt better in my life" and then, as she was leaving, she added: "I'm going to walk home through Central Park. Want to join me?" But the friend declined and Miss Arnold continued on her way—never again to be heard of. Had the friend accompanied her it is possible that one of the greatest mysteries of modern times might never have occurred but, as it happened, Dorothy Arnold went on alone and vanished.

Wishing to avoid publicity as much as possible, the Arnold family purposely suppressed the news of their daughter's disappearance until, at the request of the police, it was given out in order that the publication of her picture and a full description might develop possible clues to her disappearance. But, although there were a number of apparent inconsistencies about the case—probably due to the natural shrinking from the nation's attention which the affair attracted—nothing definite was ever discovered. The most striking point elicited by the investigations of the newspaper reporters was the desolate fact that Arnold family's definite statements that their daughter had had no love affair, she had been carrying on a secret correspondence with a bachelor in Pittsburgh. But it was quite evident that the man in question could have had no connection whatever with the disappearance of the New York heiress and this lead was dropped both by the police and the press.

"White slavery," which was at that time very much in the public eye, was popularly blamed for the unsolved mystery but, when it came to details, reporters the most astute detectives were at a loss to explain how a strong athletic girl like Miss Arnold could have been kidnapped and concealed without leaving the slightest trace, while, if she had been made away with, it would have been practically impossible to hide all signs of the body and her distinctive clothing—descriptions of which were flashed to all parts of the world. That Miss Arnold had not planned to leave home was evident from the fact that she left all her jewelry and a considerable sum of money in cash behind her and that, on the very morning of her disappearance, she had written several letters relative to a tea in honor of a number of her former schoolmates at Bryn Mawr. The theory of suicide was untenable because her body would have been found. Premeditated flight was hardly to be considered, while sudden flight would have undoubtedly led to

recognition somewhere in the country. Foul play was the only alternative remaining but, in the event that Miss Arnold was either kidnapped or killed, how did those responsible succeed in hiding all traces of their crime from the police of two continents?

This is the question which has puzzled the minds of master detectives like William J. Burns, Chief Flynn of the United Secret Service, Sir E. R. Henry, chief of Scotland Yard, and hundreds of others who, during the past eleven years have endeavored in vain to solve the riddle without a clue.

Next—"The Cause of the Sepoy Mutiny."

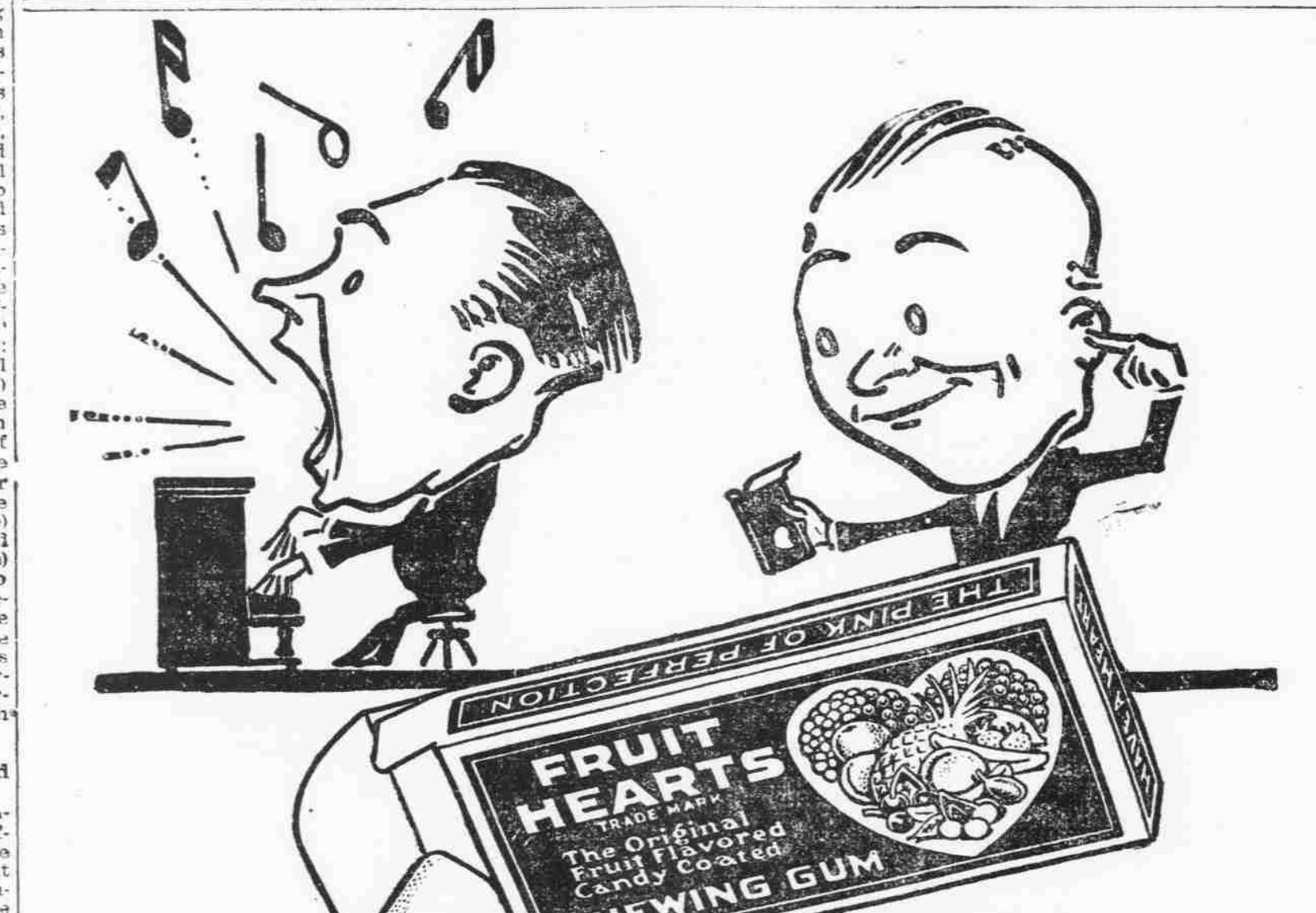
LOWER CALIFORNIA SUFFERING FOR FOOD

Mexico City, Sept. 10.—The economic situation in the southern districts of Lower California is described as intolerable by travelers recently returning from that region. Rainfall has been exceedingly light in that region for the past three years and the scarcity of pasture has caused the death of thousands of heads of livestock, the main industry.

The inhabitants are said to be in destitute circumstances which have been aggravated by a recent federal order prohibiting foreign vessels from transporting merchandise between Mexican ports. This order which was aimed to protect the national merchant marine has virtually isolated the region as only two Mexican vessels are engaged in coastwise trade there and their visits are at many weeks intervals.

Protests to President Obregon by the inhabitants of the district are expected to relieve the situation.

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