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ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT

No better argument in favor of disarmament can be advanced for the consideration of the nations at the conference to be held in Washington by Frank L. Cobb in the Atlantic Monthly for August. Mr. Cobb, for this purpose than that set for years editor of the New York World, considers disarmament from an economic viewpoint. He shows that the economic supremacy of the United States enabled the Allies to win over Germany. The possession of materials which can quickly be converted into the means of defense, and yet continue in the channels of business during peace times, is far more important than building huge battleships to eat from the treasury, he points out.

Mr. Cobb says in part: Of all the nonsense that is talked of preparedness, no other nonsense quite touches the depths of imbecility which are reached by the prattle about nations that are 'rich but defenseless.' Nations that are rich are not defenseless. They contain in themselves all the elements for defense. They may have been defenseless in times when war was the exclusive business of professional soldiers, but all that has been changed. The elements of national defense are now the sum total of all the economic resources of the country plus all the man power. In time of imminent danger, the mobilization of a thousand chemists might be infinitely more important than the mobilization of a million troops.

No nation can be asked to strip itself of all defenses—that is beyond the realm of reason; but the system of competitive armament has nothing to sustain it except the incompetency of statesmanship. Most wars are made by politicians engaged in constituting race-prejudices and individual rivalries for their own advantage. Wars that spring from the people themselves are few. Indeed, and most of the money that is now spent in preparing for another war among the white races is doubly wasted. If there is such a war during the lifetime of the next generation, on a scale equal to that of the recent war, it makes no difference who triumphs or who is defeated. Victor and vanquished alike will perish in the ruins of the civilization that they have destroyed.

Spending money on competitive armament at this time, under the pretext of providing for national defense, is like drawing blood from a patient who is suffering from pernicious anaemia. The disease may not be fatal in itself, but the remedy is sure to be. Whether Europe can recover from the effects of this inconceivably disastrous war is still a debatable question. No person even reasonably familiar with the situation in which mankind finds itself would venture to predict the general state of civilization five years hence. The issue is still hanging in the balance.

On the Spur of the Moment

By L. E. Huggins.

I want to very heartily commend that splendid editorial in Friday's issue of The Journal entitled "Is There a Lesson in It?" More was said in that article than might have been put into columns. It went to the root of things and dealt with fundamentals and did it in a cool, common sense sort of way. During the Hallman trial and since the verdict was rendered good men have held such divergent views an have been so free to express them in unusually strong language that we fear harm divergent views and have been so far as to criticize men who are recognized by everybody as being among Union county's most truthful, law-abiding and morally clean citizens because they swore conscientiously that, so far as their knowledge went, the general character of the defendant was good. And yet these same men who are doing the criticizing failed to go on the stand and swear that the young man's character was bad. We are not going to criticize them for it. Two truthful men may see the same dog fight and yet they will go off and tell different tales about it. Some men make it their business to see the good in people's lives while others look at the bad. I sometimes think we are all too ready to judge each other harshly. Let's try to be conservative and let reason prevail.

"Taxes and boll weevils are going to get us," said Mr. Henry Redfern of Wingate. The writer has never been a pessimist, but when the tax commutation of Raleigh becomes so indifferent to the interests of the common people as to give the American Tobacco Co. and Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. a rebate of taxes on \$13,000,000.00 worth of property at

the expense of the other tax payers of the state it does begin to appear that there is something in Mr. Redfern's statement. As to boll weevils, let us trust that farmers may either be able to arrest their onrush or to substitute other crops for cotton. It is reported that in one of the cotton states a monument has been erected to the boll weevil because of the fact that his destruction of cotton crops led cotton growers to experiment with other crops which has put them on a more solid foundation.

The reduction of the cotton acreage in Union county has resulted in an unusually large acreage of corn and peas, which is calculated to create a demand this fall for pea-pickers, instead of cotton-pickers. But peas may be gathered profitably by cows, hogs and other animals. We are reminded just here of an incident that took place in the eastern part of the state a few years ago. A farmer sued a neighbor for payment of damages for twenty bushels of peas which he claimed had been eaten in the field by this neighbor's yearling. After the owner of the pea-field and his lawyers had made out a good case, the judge turned to the man who was being sued and asked if he wished to have anything to say. The sturdy old farmer arose and began: "Gentlemen of the jury, my neighbor says my yearling has eaten twenty bushels of his peas and I suppose he has told the truth. But he also states that he has been paying half to get his peas gathered. Now, gentlemen, the only thing I ask is that you allow my yearling his half for gathering those peas and render a verdict for ten bushels." It is needless to say that the jury complied with his request.

"Please Don't Rain." I believe is the name of a new kind of hat the ladies in this section are "taking on to" in large numbers. They are made of paper and are very inexpensive. It is yet to be seen just how far this new creation will go toward reducing millinery bills.

After all that has been said and written about the modern woman's wearing apparel, the final settlement of the question has been left to the fellow who expresses it this way: "Ladies' dresses should be long enough to cover the subject and short enough to be attractive."

OWNING AN AUTOMOBILE IS LIKE OPENING A PRIZE BOX

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clown cake and ice cream were served. The guests included Misses Bernice Pfifer, Pauline Stead, Orla Marsh, Myrtle Smith, Mabel Hoffman, Daisy Edward, Ethel Wheeler, Mabel Fox-Rivers, Kemp Arnold, Clyde Smith, Charlie Griffin, Bruce Stead, Grace Griffin, Henry Green, Hugh Smith of Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griffin of Monroe.

Quite a number of Masonic people attended the services at Pleasant Grove camp-meeting Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Edwards have as their guests Mrs. Edwards' brother, Mr. Umberger, and Mrs. Umberger of Concord, and her aunt and her sister, the Misses Umberger of Mount Ulla.

Master Tom Harrell, J. of Atlanta is spending the week here with relatives.

Master Hubert Bricker of Polkton is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. B. Covington.

Miss Harris, formerly a member of the Marshville school faculty, was the guest of Miss Kate Morgan last week.

Somewhere in every person's heart a spirit of fairness is tucked away. The trouble is that too many people have forgotten how to unhook it.

Beware of the man who claims to be without fault. Nothing within his reach is safe.

People are so near-sighted these days that beauty of the soul seldom appeals to the modern eye.

It may be true that all men are born equal, but not all are rocked in the cradle of opportunity from birth.

Some people are content to drift through life at the pace at which other people push them along.

"Piazas." "Piazas" I have written throughout, and I insist upon the name as I insist upon the thing. It is not very clear from what suggestions our forefathers, in post-colonial days, developed the thing, and it is not clear at all how they came to adopt for it an Italian name, changing the significance as well as the sound.

In the South they have always said "gallery," and here at the North "porch" now appears to be displacing "plazza." But these are rightly the names of other things, and while there can, of course, be no objection to the orthodox English "veranda," it seems a pity to abandon a distinctively American name for a distinctively American kind of veranda. — Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer in Scribner's Magazine.

Silver Fox Hard to Catch. On Mount Whitney and its white crested neighbors of the stupendous Sierra Nevada, within sight of burning Death valley, and at the portals of semitropic southern California, says the Philadelphia Record, trappers and sportsmen are gradually discovering that wild life teems in variety and numbers as in few if any other regions of similar proportions on the globe.

The rarest of its treasures for millady is the silver fox. Of these there have been captured half a dozen worth from \$500 to \$1,000 each, and many of smaller value. The silver fox's coat is coal black, with a luster of burnished white metal, and a white tip to the tail. Apparently it is quite abundant in the place referred to, but extremely difficult to catch.

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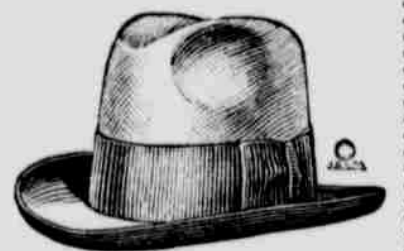
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