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LIMIT ON NATIONAL GUN-TOTING.

When the Geneva protocol went into the discard. because England and the British Dominions declined to adhere to it, the question of a conference on further disarmament was practically referred to the United States. President Coolidge is moving with commendable directness to the task of ascertaining the disposition of other powers toward such a conference. His instructions to Secretary Kellogg are direct, and should develop the attitude of the several powers.

Since the Washington conference, called by President Harding, much change has been experienced. Naval limitations then agreed upon have been faithfully observed. But expansion of air power has caused a great deal of uneasiness. At the moment England is disturbed to an unusual degree by the determination of the tory government to so increase the air fighting forces of the nation as to give it superiority in the air as well as on the water. Japan, France and Italy have driven steadily ahead in accumulating fighting aircraft, and only the United States has as yet declined to join in this race, which exceeds in some ways the feverish competition for sea power of the days just before the World War.

This phase of the armament question must be dealt with. At the Washington conference France declined to consider the reduction of land forces, in which the aircraft are included. On the plea of Briand, the discussion of this point was adjourned, and action was restricted to naval armament. Land armament is now as important, and has apparently reached a stage as acute, as was the navy then. Not only does the situation constitute a menace to peace, but it places an economic burden on nations indulging in the luxury of large land forces they can ill afford. The patient, patriotic British taxpayer complains loudly against the program adopted by the Baldwin cabinet, while French, Italian and Japanese people would welcome anything that will lessen the load of taxation.

Japan's recent treaty with soviet Russia, in accordance with the which the Sinclair concession for oil in Sakhalin was annulled, stimulates resentment toward the United States on account of the exclusion policy. It is hinted that this will be made a factor in any arms conference. We may dismiss that, for purely domestic questions will scarcely take much time at such a consultation. It is interesting, too, that the Mackenzie-King note, transmitting Canada's refusal to adhere to the Geneva protocol, laid much stress on the traditional friendship between Canada and the United States. The Dominion could not, said the premier, consent to an agreement, one of the sanctions of which might break if not destroy the relations that have existed so long.

We believe the conference Mr. Coolidge has in mind will do as much as did the Harding conference to clear the way for international understanding.

GOOD FOR LOS ANGELES.

Roscoe Arbuckle, who came in for quite a bit of publicity a year or so ago, is coming in for a little more. Recently his wife secured a divorce from him, over in Paris, so he set about to get married again. Seemingly he had little trouble in finding a woman to assume the position of bride, but this was the least of his troubles.

In the great city of Los Angeles he could not find a minister or a magistrate who would perform the wedding ceremony. Consequently, his second honeymoon is postponed. We do not doubt but somewhere he will find somebody to say the words that will make him a husband for another stretch. The thing to be noted is that no properly authorized person in Los Angeles would be a party to the pro-

The outside world will be convinced by this that a change has come over the spirit of the dream out there. Marriage and giving in marriage has been a rather loose sort of proceeding among the motion picture folks. Sort of a fill in between the lot and something else. Divorce courts in various parts of the world have been kept busy by them. Many kinds of scandal have interested casual readers. Some of it has been publicity, most of it has been nauseating. So it is good to read that ministers and judges have declined to write at least one additional line to the unsavory record. The reaction will not hurt the moving picture industry in the least, nor injure the honest men and women who are engaged in the business.

WHERE WAS HIS PHILOSOPHY?

A "well known philosopher" hanged himself at his home in New York. No reason is assigned in the news dispatch. He probably "took up arms against a sea of troubles." But that will not answer the question that must come up in the minds of sverybody who reads the item.

Philosophy is supposed to be the bridge that helps the mind across the chasms of life. The crutch that sustains in hours of adversity. A true philosopher is neither uplifted in prosperity, nor downcast when his fortunes are evil. He has, or should have, the balance of mind, the equipoise of manner, the even outlook on life that sees neither the ups or downs. If he knows anything, it should be the emptiness of human ambitions, the uncertainties of human triumphs, the futility of human efforts.

Philosophe's understand how vain are pretenses that bravely gesture of greatness and duration.

Knowing this, the philosopher should rise above earthly consideration. For him, if for anybody, 'Art is long and time is fleeting,

And our hearts, though stout and brave, Still like muffled drums are beating Funeral marches to the grave.

In this knowledge he should gain a courage that would make him superior to "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," and enable him to wait with patience for the summons that comes in time to all. Why did he hasten to meet the unknown, when he was surrounded on all sides by the unknowable? Where was his philosophy, when he came to face the "great adventure"?

There is one place where faith surpasses wisdom. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him," is the profoundest philosophy ever spoken.

WHAT DOES PARTY MEAN?

In his reply to the information on which his ousting from the senate is sought, Smith W. Brookhart brings out an interesting phase of the controversy. He denies that he abandoned the republican party. On his own declaration that he stood on the principles of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, he presented himself to the voters, and by them was placed on the republican ticket. No power of the state committee, he avers, could remove him from the

What constitutes a party? Is it an orderly organization of men and women of similar minds, seeking to attain a common purpose through united action? Or, is it a loose confederation of individuals and groups, such as were the primitive tribes of man? Where one chieftain or warrior may, when moved by the spirit, carry on his private warfare? Against his own confederation, if he so elects, and yet when his own welfare, interests or convenience prompts, return and enjoy the benefits that flow from the existence of the greater agglomeration of individuals?

The republican convention at Cleveland was remarkable for several things, but particularly because it expressed the will of the great mass of the voters of the party. It adopted a platform that in no way departed from the principles of either Abraham Lincoln or Theodore Rooseveelt. Its candidates were accepted by the voters as standing squarely on that platform. Yet, for his own purposes, Smith W. Brookhart repudiated both nominees and platform. While he did not commit the overt act of actually adopting La Follette as his candidate, he came as closely to the edge as he could without going over. He attacked both Coolidge and Davis, and that left very little choice.

Senator Brookhart is not the first Hawkeye statesman to find himself at outs with his party. For example, there was Gen, James B. Weaver. Fifty years ago that great leader in war and peace found he could no longer accept the platforms and candidates of the republican party. He did not attempt to get under the canvas or through the door by displaying the party label. James B. Weaver came boldly out into the open and made vigorous warfare against what he thought was wrong and what he considered to be right. He was sent to congress as a dent gave the senate and call reproofs greenbacker, not as a republican. Brookhart apparently lacks the moral courage that distinguished

It is an interesting coincidence that the democratic candidate, who is contesting Brookhart's election, Daniel F. Steck, is a grandson of James B. Weaver. He has shown something of his grandfather's quality of courage.

TENNESSEE TAKES UP "TOPSY."

Evolutionary science will no longer be taught in | tance. And one of the first things I | ever, she is now paid for one more the public schools of Tennessee. A law prohibiting such instruction has just been signed by the governor. It is rather difficult to understand that in treats his own party, but he was op- our oldest boy has taken a backset this age and day of the world such a state of public them he is conversed to the war, and is under the doctor's care and mind could exist.

Evolution means growth, the orderly development or unfolding of related ideas or events. It is a process, not a fact. It goes on in all aspects of life. Not merely the tracing of the probable descent of man; all things in nature are concerned. Language is improved by a process of evolutionary growth; the law, literature, art, religion itself-all have come up to what we know and enjoy through party enough for it to even get a evolution. In the spiritual as well as in the physical world, its manifestations are numerous and un- citing other cases for his benefit. But mistakable.

Tennessee may be following Mr. Bryan in his six months instead of six years we warfare against Darwin. If the Great Commoner | would soon be done with him. were as profound in biology as he is in Florida real there is another point I wish to hand him. He may have overlooked the estate, for example, he would not have fallen into his error. The so-called "Darwinian theony" was only put forward in a tentative way by the great naturalst. Not a law, just an hypothesis, and science has is a mandate to run along with Cooldemonstrated with a fair degree of accuracy that Charles Darwin was as far wrong one way as William ruly men in the senate, and I will Z Jennings Bryan probably is the other.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork; day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

And in the firmament men read the processes through which all the universe is passing. Read it of to the glory of God, and in reverence to His handiwork ascribe unto Him dominion over all. Science will not be diminished, by this any more than it was when the geocentric conception of the universe had to give way to the heliocentric. Tennessee may go glong with Topsy, who insisted that she "just growed," and so be unique and lonesome. Progress can not be stayed by man-made laws or creeds, for it is the Divine order.

Homespun Verse By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

PLAYING SAFE.

Sometimes, I think, 'twill matter none How much of weal I share When day and toil and strife are done, And far away is care;

And casually I reckless get, And spend imprudently, Forgetting to perceive, and fret About necessity.

Some day, I know, I will not need These dollars-they won't do A single bit of good. I plead. When life and work are through; They will avail me nothing then, And in such mood I vow To live the life of many men.

But wise old warning creeps along In time to save the day, And tells me that I'm doing wrong To let them glide away: They will, of course, be useless when

And spend my cartwheels now,

The call arrives to go To Galilee (I hope), but then, That date I do not know.

"Fore"



Letters From Our Readers steady work. AN EX-CONVICT AND FAMILY OF

Norris in the Senate. of events in the recent past. He may make light of the jolt the vice presi-

is supporters in a manner as to say, he thinks, he has at least one more yet secured steady work. think coming. His vote was not in any sense an endorsement of his opposition to the president, but in spite

We are still trusting that some kind person will give me a job.

While we wish especially to thank of that statement.

enublican. He said: "I don't like light work will come our way Norris very well for the way he mis- Since our first letter was sent you then he is opposed to the League of that of the nurse. Nations, so I try to stand the rest on opposition to our entering the war. jobs, and with the aid of your kind I think he was wrong there, but he is against the league, and that's the point with me. If our party had put p a no league man we could oim easy, but four years ago and two years ago does not seem to warn our

I could prolong this "propaganda." dols. If he had been elected for this country, and the only logical idea carries in connection with his own Now a strong kick about the kicking against the demoting of un est my case with the readers of The Omaha Bee.

Those outlaws (political) and some papers coming to their defense have overlooked the vital point in this conroversy. It is not that they can or annot vote with or against the republicans. the senate that the chair manship of a committee, in case of death or failure of re-election of he chairman, the honor and crown falls to his next older brother on the ommittee, and under the rules he has so much power over the work of the senate that the party elected on certain promises or platform is there ore responsible to the people to pu

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that through, and to let the opposi- St. Louis had a violent temper. He York, Neb.—To the Editor of The Coman to the Works would be like Pershing giving our boys guns and supplies to Germany. Would that Norris a thing or two that he does not seem to have heard from the radio

Grateful for Assistance. Lord, prop me up on the leaning side. Omaha.-To the Editor of the -Christian Witness. 'propaganda," and snap his finger at Omaha Bee: I send this open letter to you to try to thank you and the I am elected now and will do as 1 great kind Bee family for the honplease, as my vote of confidence gave est effort you have given me and my se mandate to do." If that is what loved ones, although I have not as We are still trusting that some kind tion to it. I thought I was just see-

of that. We will give a little proof must not neglect to publicly thank During the campaign last year I that kind man or woman who sent t saw a knot of men in town in quite the \$5 check. It came at a time when an animated "propaganda" mood, so our rent was due and our landlady just sidled around into hearing dis | was very worried for her rent. Howcaught was from a prominent German week and we trust by that time some

The doctor, Mr. Peterson, and the

Then the leader of kind nurse, Mrs. Brenenstall, will the democratic bunch said: "I don't gladly verify this. The city hall emtke him or his politics, nor for his ployment office has got me two small

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Below Fort Worth, Tex.-The Missouri, Kansas & Texas may be a sood railroad, but we'll never ride it again if we can avoid it. For the first time in our life we were told we couldn't use a typewriter in our sleeper. It was after 10 a. m., too. It would discommode others, we were told. There are three passengers in the car, a woman who is at the front end of the car, a man from Boston, and yours truly. Maybe it's the Pullman company's fault. We'll have to look into the matter. If it is, we'll Pass a Law cutting Pullman rates in half. If it is the fault of the M., K. & T., we'll broadcast a warning. Was going to write some zood words about it, but since we use a typewriter, how'n thunder could we?

If it were not for the red clay soil and scrub oak groves, ride across Texas would be very much like a ride across Nebraska. Same rolling prairies, same illimitable distances, same far-off sky line. Texas is big, but it is only in size that Texas excels Nebraska. Our agricultural output is greater than that of Texas. But they do produce a lot of oil down here, and they have hundreds of miles of paved highways. One such has been practically paralleling our track for the past three hours.

Must be getting down into the cotton belt. Great fields show the young cotton plants peeping above ground. We've never raised cotton, but we do know a thing or two about raising tobacco. If there is any harder work than raising and curing a tohacco crop we never discovered it. Gosh, we can see and hear those big green worms even yet.

Running into mid-spring weather. The porter is opening the windows and putting in the screens. Trees in full leaf, most of them. But there is something wrong. Haven't seen a single steer or cow grazing, although there is ample pasture land. Couldn't ride this far in Nebraska without seeing thousands. Nobody in the car to ask about it, and if there was I'd be afraid to ask. There might be some rule against it. There is the rule against using typewriters. They do seem to have peculiar ways down here. Am going to ask Mrs. "Ma" Ferguson about it. She's governor, you know. If she is responsible that typewriter rule we're ag'in woman suffrage from

We did hope to talk to a few Texans on the car this morning, being eager to learn something about Texas politics, and crop conditions, and prohibition enforcement. But nary Texan on board except the porter, and he's from Missouri. Pullman conductor is from St. Louis. Haven't asked the sole female passenger where she halls from. Kind o' glad there's nobody to talk to, however. Am so mad about that typewriter we'd be pretty apt to swear if we started talking.

Texas must be short on Child Savers and Moral Uplifters. For several hours we have been running through a cotton belt, If we could see a river off to one side we might think we were riding up the North Platte valley. The cotton fields look very much like beet fields, and one see the shacks in which the cotton workers live. These shacks do not average up so well as the beet workers' shacks, but each one houses more children. But down here the shack families are all negroes and each one looks like a county picnic. But we look and listen in vain to see or hear any professional uplifters weeping over the woes of these negro children. Doubtless the negro children would resent any interference. They are a ragged, happy-looking and apparently well fed lot of kiddies.

Asked our fellow-passenger, the Boston man, about prohibition down east. He said the only difference between now and then was that now the liquor was newer and more expensive. otherwise things were about the same.

"In the Heart of Texas" is the motto of Waco. After listening every night to the Waco radio station we are in clined to believe that the heart of Texas is darned close to its

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