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#### "GRAVE CONSEQUENCES" IN JAPANESE.

The note of solemn protest from Japan takes lines that are familiar to all who have followed the controversy. It rests on the "most favored nation" clause of the Washington agreement, which Japan interprets to include treatment accorded nationals seeking entrance to the United States. The answer to this is that the question is not diplomatic but democratic. Congress has the right to exclude from this country any of the nationals of another country. Every nation may say for itself who shall come into its circle of citizenship.

Internationalists seek to break this down. They have made but very little impression on a world, wherein the spirit of nationality is more firmly entrenched at this moment than ever. Especially is this true of the United States. Opposition to the league of nations rests solely on the international character of the covenant which creates the league. Americans are not as a whole ready to surrender even the small portion of national sovereignty that is required for admission to the league of nations as at present constituted. This should not be taken to imply an indifference to what is going on around us, nor an unwillingness to share in the responsibilities that flow from organized existence. As a people we have shown in many ways, practical as well as sentimental, our close sympathy and readiness to aid others.

In his address on Memorial day, President Coolidge discussed this question with great patriotic deliberation. Pleading for the firmer knitting of the bonds of union between the states and the sections of the common country. It is necessary that this should be so, that the strength of the nation be not dissipated in idle or factional disagreements. He turned from this to the external problems that concont the nation, and said:

"We may as well face the question candidly, and if we are willing to assume these new duties in exchange for the benefits which would accrue to us. let us say so. If we are not willing, let us say that, We can accomplish nothing by taking a doubtful or ambiguous position. We are not going to be able to avoid meeting the world and bearing our part of the burdens of the world. We must meet those ions and overcome them, or they will meet us and overcome us. For my part, I desire my country to meet them without evasion and without fear in an upright, downright, square, American way.

While there are those who think we would be exposed to peril by adhering to this court, I am unde to attach great weight to their arguments. Whatever differences, whatever perils exist for us in the world will come anyway, whether we oppose or support the court. I am one of those who believe we would be safer, and that we would be meeting our duties better by supporting it and making every possible use of it. I feel confident that such action would make a greater America, that it would be productive of a higher and finer national spirit, and of a more complete national life."

No clearer or more direct commitment to the principle of international co-operation, short of actual participation in the league of nations, has ever been uttered. The question is squarely between the president and the senate on this point. . . .

Japan will note and undoubtedly understand the import of the president's words. The fact that he as well as Secretary Hughes sought to soften the blow to Japan's dignity dealt through the exclusion feature of the immigration law should have the effect of mollifying the resentment now felt at Tokio. The complaint that the United States has violated a solemn treaty will not be seriously considered here, for the explanation already given, that the question is not a diplomatic one, will have to satisfy the world.

In this Japan is given a further example of the peculiar character of our system of government. Closer study of the American republic will convince the elder statesmen that Mr. Coolidge is keeping well inside the constitution of the United States, just as Mr. Wilson went a little beyond it in his engagements at Paris. After all, the Japanese are dealing with the American people, who are just at this time full of the thought of keeping out a portion of the flood of immigration, and are setting about the task in their own way. Until we have solved some of our own domestic problems, one of which has to do with the colored race that is entitled to citizenship by reason of nativity, it would be unwise to take on further complications. The "grave consequences" that may follow exclusion, so far as they rest on any question of good faith in the observance of treaty obligations, vanish when looked at closely.

#### CATCH IN HERESY HUNTS.

"The blood more stirs to rouse a lion than to start a hare," wrote Shakespeare, who may have known something about heresy trials. He at least had greater opportunity, for they were more common about his time than they now are. In some way his remark will apply to the proceedings at Cleveland, where Rt. Rev. William Montgomery Brown is on trial for having preached doctrines deemed by others

in the Episcopal church to be heretical. Bishop Brown is not a hare. On the contrary, he promises to be a lion of real quality. No doubt exists as to the sentiments expressed by him being heretical from the standpoint of orthodoxy as established by the church whose creed he has outraged. He does not so contend, but in turn he asks that other bishops of the church be placed on the stand and asked to state their belief in regard to certain points he raises. He has pepared a list of questions, dealing with matters of fact stated in the Bible, and would like to have the other bishops declare under oath if they believe them. Such a proceeding may bring to light the extent of which the

body of the House of Bishops has been permeated by the virus of higher criticism. We doubt if it ever comes to pass.

Bishop Brown says he interprets the Bible according to its symbolism, and does not accept all its statements literally. He is not willing to lay his hand on the book and say he accepts without reservation all its contents. Because of this he is to be thrust out of the church. His prosecutors say he should retire, and that is true. Yet, the wonder will be how many others might have to stand along with Bishop Brown, were the same test applied to them. That is the thing that has always added zest to the heresy hunt.

#### BOYS, GO AFTER YOUR BONUS!

Now that the adjusted compensation act has become a law, ex-service men should not delay in the matter of filing their applications. From Washington comes a grim warning that delay is dangerous. In the ordinary course of events, if no applications are filed within two months, 11,000 will lose their rights, and their dependents will have no claims, for it is estimated that that many veterans will die within sixty days. Therefore it is wise and essential that the claims be put on record with the least possible delay. Do not be afraid of the rush.

A claim may be filed in the simplest sort of way. All that is needed is for the ex-service man to write a letter to the War or Navy department, according to which he served in, setting forth that he files a claim for adjusted compensation under the law. The department may call on him for further information, but he has protected his rights by the writing of

Many of the ex-service men forfeited a valuable right in delaying application for extended insurance under the war insurance law. These should not allow that fact to deter them from taking full advantage of the new law, which gives them the cash payment or the further insurance as their service calls for. One member of the A. E. F., who saw service oversea; writes to The Omaha Bee that his desire for the bonus comes from a wish to provide for his loved ones against future possibilities. That should animate every one of them, and should stir them to act with speed in this matter. Applications may be filed any time up to January 1, 1928, but Uncle Sam will not be disappointed if they are all in Washington by the end of this week. It is up to

#### SHEER WANTONNESS IN CRIME.

"In a spirit of adventure," two young men of Chicago committed one of the most atrocious crimes ever recorded. Carefully they planned to kidnap the son of some wealthy father, murder him and then extort a ransom. When they were ready to act they proceeded with such deliberate effectiveness as to challenge credulity. Their victim was selected at random, but happened to be the son of a friend of both their families, one they knew well. This may have facilitated the first step of the cold-blooded proceeding. The next was promptly carried out, and the little boy was slain without mercy by his cruel captors. Every detail was then carried out in order, and one of the most atrocious murders in all the history of crime was left for the police to solve.

Fortunately for society, simple actions of the murderers led to their detection, and their own weakness to confession. What remains to be done will be for the authorities of Chicago to carry out. Students as well as the public will puzzle over the case.

These young men had all that wealth could do for them. Good homes, respectable connections, special education, ample leisure and means for gratifying their whims, everything to make life pleasant and worth while was theirs. One of them was the star student in his law class at the University of

Chicago, and knew what they were about. But they turned to cruel murder in a spirit of sport. How can such a dezi be accounted for? Lombrosi may account for most crimes, yet he or any other authority will be troubled to explain this one. The mind of the layman ytands before it as a blank

When Senator Pat Harrison sounds the democratic keynote he will, of course, declare the republican administration a fai/ure. His party declared the Civil war a failure, doclared resumption a failure and declared our Philippine policy a failure.

The young woman who is trudging 3,000 miles just to scold somebody, is wasting time and distance. She could get married and have a golden opportunity every time he came in the house without wiping his

We still control the Philippines, but thousands of American towns and cities are preparing to celebrate the Glorious Fourth despite the pronuncimento of a famous democrat.

Speaking about a World Court calls to mind Mr. Dooley's famous query: "What's the use of international arbitration if we have no international po-

The New York judge who decided that playing mah jong is not a crime was careful not to say anything about it being an evidence to be taken into account by the lunatico inquirendo.

If Senator Norris objects to kissing pretty girls there are doubtless some of his colleagues who would be tickled pink to pair with him on that matter.

Last survivors of the Jesse James gang are about numerous as survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade or of Custer's last battle.

Colorado's democratic delegation goes uninstructed, but the 16 to 1 issue having ceased to be a paramount it may not have much bearing on a certain Nebraska candidate.

Keynoter Harrison should be careful not to do his thundering in his preface.

Very often the selected political dark horse shows up with an elongated pair of ears.

Twenty inches of snow at Lander doesn't help

# Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

#### CONTENTMENT.

A man may dwell in the house of Want And wonder from whence will rise The means to provide for those at his side With great big lovable eyes.

And yet-were he sharing existence as Celibacy lonesome bids,— He'd barter his life for a dear little wife, And a couple of spirited kids.

Define the content of a man who lives For those who are loyal and true, And hasten to meet their dad on the street When day's weary labor is through!

If solitude blessed him and smote him as well, As living for others forbids, He'd barter his life for a dear little wife, And a couple of spirited kids.

They'd Show Off Better If They Weren't Planted So Close Together.



Good Old Democratic Times

was empty and millions of dollars of indebtedness. You should also have

told of the suffering and starvation the people endured, the factories

osed, mines shut down and thousand

hey would have gone home rejoicing

### Letters From Our Readers All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

thow to Make the League Win.

Atherton, Mo.—To the Editor of Twenty years later the democratic party elected another president, who, without doubt, tried to do his best. To "peace council," as the latter design ration connotes an institution rather the object (peace) and the modus operandi (counsel) of the international operandi (counsel) operandi (counsel) of the international operandi (counsel) operan

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Now if you will explain all these things to the people and tell them that there was no other reason under the college president, but was lacking in the advice of W. J. Bryan that he solved that he solved the advice of W. J. Bryan that he solved the foreign nations to condemn the hundreds of cargoes of foreign products the foreign nations to condemn the hundreds of cargoes of foreign products the foreign nations to condemn the for

the eradication of the war germ, batch this belicosus, and this country would be glad to give financial support to any endeavor directed to that end. But there are many matters of small moment or local concern that this country should not be asked to support financially.

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Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Arthur Brisbane writes in The Omaha Bee that Senator La Follette intends to run independently for the presidency, "unless both old parties are purged of their sins."

Apparently La Follette would like to be the shining star of the east, the emancipator of the down-trodden people, who would "rule or ruin" an orderly government to satisfy his personal ambitions. La Follette knows eight to 10 times as much for oats, an orderly government to satisfy his personal ambitions. La Follette knows that he could not be elected and the result would be the election of a democrat for our next president of the United States. We all know that the democrats, with very few exceptions, will vote for and stand by their party's nominee, be his name "Oily Mac" or "Whisky Smith," so the votes for La Follette would have to come from the republican party—result, a democratic president.

president.

During my 40 years' residence here in Omaha I have cast my vote for a number of presidents, and am glad to say they were all elected except the one we had around the year 1894. at which time the Lincoln highway, from Washington, D. C., to San Francisco, was lined with Coxey's army, when he turned it back after four when he turned it back after four was lined with Coxey's army, when he turned it back, after four oup houses, beggars and tramps, and years of dem free trade the treasury

Abe Martin



Women are jest gittin' tired o bein' women, an' that's th' whole thing in a nut shell. It's lots o' fun t' go t a party these days jest t' watch th' guests drink an' then sit back an' wait fer a kick. (Copyright, 1924.)

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Now, Mr. Hitchcock, if you make American Mutual Magazine. any more speeches during this cam-paign, don't forget to mention all

the eradication of the war germ, ba- am satisfied that American voters are that there was no other reason under cillus belicosus, and this country able to select the right man as their the heavens than that they knew this

administration.

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# SUNNY SIDE UP That sunrise never failed us yet

FACING THE INEVITABLE.

She is asking for the parlor for her own on Sunday eve, And I have grave suspicions what it means. Twice before I've seen the symptoms, hence I'm ready to believe

There's something meaning more than merely friends. There is more of care in dressing, signs of care upon her face. Everything must be in its accustomed nook.
Dad and mother must tread lightly all around the blessed place. While her eyes take on a bright, expectant look.

Why, it seems that only yesterday she climbed upon my knees And, snuggling down when tired of childish play, sped in her baby treble, "Tell me just one story, please,"

When the day had faded into twilight gray.
Only yesterday she toddled off to school in childish glee,
With the sunlight dancing in each golden curl. But the years have glided swiftly and the truth is borne to me That no longer is she just my little girl. Well, she's welcome to the parlor, for 'twas once upon a time

That her mother asked the same to welcome dad.
Ah, how quickly sped the evining till we heard the midnight And the goodnight kiss was the sweetest ever had!

So her dad and mother, smiling, will give up the parlor room. Thinking of the sweetheart nights of long ago: And through eyes of mem'ry gather visions sweet that quickly

As together they sit rocking to and fro.

Being notoriously careless with our correspondence, we have mislaid a letter written by a good woman out in the state who wants to give a home for the summer to some poor little city girl so that her own little girl may have a playmate. If the good woman will write again we will undertake to help her

Having just paid an electric lighting bill at the old home, we are absolutely convinced that "electricity is cheapest in Omaha."

An old friend who has been a traveling salesman for years has explained in some measure why passenger coaches are usually so poorly ventilated. He says it is "because the brakeman is in the chewing gum car chinning some sweet young

Nebraska Limerick.

There was a young lady in Morrill, Whose hair was a beautiful sorrill. She bleached it tout yellow And she and her fellow At once had a horrible quarrill.

And here it is almost national convention time and we haven't seen a single paramount issue flying northward from Florida. Is it possible that the paramount issue has gone to join the dodo and the passenger pigeon?

We would have it distinctly understood from now on that no real friend of ours will send us a post card from Havana in-scribed with the words: "Having a good time; wish you were here." W. M. MAUPIN.

ouple of samples at the exchange Sunday, you bet. I've been looking you would have them understand was spreading over them.

Now, Mr. Hitchcock, if you make American Manual Ma

"Tommy," said a young woman visi-

"What became of that bull fighter

who advertised an exhibition?"
"The sheriff got him," answered

Banking Hours During June, July and August

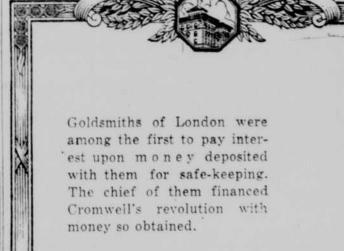
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