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FAIR PLAY FOR THE INDIANS.

In a trenchant article in the current Outlook, George Kennan makes a vigorous appeal for fair play for the Indians in the matter of the enforced sale of their lands by congress in disregard of treaty pledges which under a recent supreme court decision are construed not to be insuperable obstacles to congressional action.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION.

After one of the most interesting debates of the session the house of representatives passed the naval appropriation bill. While the amount carried by the measure, \$96,000,000, is unprecedentedly large for this purpose, yet it is not to be doubted that the very general sentiment of the country is favoring an expansion of the navy.

THE POST CHECK CURRENCY BILL.

Necessity is often the mother of invention. The so-called postal currency, or fractional United States notes of denominations from 10 to 50 cents, became a necessity by reason of the disappearance of all metallic currency and the general use of postage stamps for want of any other medium to perform the function of small change during the early part of the civil war.

BRITISH MINISTRY IN PERIL.

The indications are strong that the Balfour cabinet cannot retain power much longer and the probability is that it will be succeeded by a liberal ministry, which of course would result in some very decided changes in political conditions. It would doubtless be fatal to the Chamberlain scheme of fiscal reform. Some two weeks ago the ministry narrowly escaped a vote of "want of confidence," being saved by unionists who do not agree with the views of the premier in regard to a fiscal policy.

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EXTENDING ARBITRATION.

A report came from Paris a few days ago with the authority of a member of the French parliamentary group on international arbitration, that a treaty of arbitration between France and the United States will be signed shortly. This is partly confirmed by advices from Washington, which state that President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay are giving thought to the matter and also to similar propositions which have come from other European countries.

ALL OVER THE SHOUTING.

Thirty-seven papers want Cleveland nominated for president. What's the use? It's going to be Hearst. Everybody is snickering allready every time they look at the old silk-stocking democrats.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

St. Louis Republic: Angered at the treatment given him in Sydney, New South Wales, Dowie declares that "politicians are like a deck of cards—the more they are shuffled, the dirtier they become." Possibly Rev. Dr. Parkhurst of New York will speak for the defense.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

It is only thirty-five days to spring bonnets, anyway. Perhaps Admiral Togo is sly enough to loop the loop. Speaking of the Panama canal—it is all over but the digging. One more day to March. The worst is yet to come. Cheer up!

WHEAT IS AGAIN HAVING ITS UPS AND DOWNS.

No omnibus public building bill at this session of congress. That graft was worked a trifle too strong last time. Up to date war news from Japanese sources seems to be of a more reliable brand than war news from Russian sources.

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If the supply of nonunionist painters holds out Mr. Parry will give the general public an object lesson in the way he thinks a strike should be conducted. A local seeker for honors as a writer of novels has launched himself out into the hazardous field of political prophecy. Better stick to fiction that is labeled fiction.

ONE OF THE RUSSIAN PAPERS THINKS AMERICAN SYMPATHY IS REALLY WITH THE RUSSIANS AS AGAINST THE JAPANESE.

One of the Russian papers thinks American sympathy is really with the Russians as against the Japanese. The Russian papers are entitled to think again. Former University Regent Kenower may now consider himself on the carpet. Mr. Kenower was one of the fusion majority that controlled the board of regents up to the first of the present year.

SIXTH DISTRICT REPUBLICANS WILL MEET IN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Sixth district republicans will meet in congressional convention on St. Patrick's day. It is said that the Sixth district has more voters in it of Irish descent than any other Nebraska district. If men with such impressive titles occupy subordinate positions in Japan, what may we expect should Japan win out over Russia and tack on a few lines of new honors at the end of their names?

MILWAUKEE HOPES TO BECOME THE CAPITAL OF WISCONSIN AS THE RESULT OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CAPITOL AT MADISON.

Milwaukee hopes to become the capital of Wisconsin as the result of the destruction of the capitol at Madison. Could Milwaukee have averted the destruction? It is not famous for its water supply. Perhaps the people would be more interested in the improvements at River-view park if there were some way by which that resort could be reached without hiring a carriage or taking an all day journey on foot.

NEBRASKA MAY HAVE NO FANCY ENTERTAINMENT BUILDING AT THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR.

Nebraska may have no fancy entertainment building at the St. Louis World's fair, but when it comes to the exhibit of agricultural resources, Nebraska will be there with the goods, to use an expressive slang phrase. With general elections scheduled for both Great Britain and the United States this year warring powers in the east must bring their hostilities to a close soon, if they want to attract the attention of the world to the finish.

AMERICAN PATIENCE IS TO BE TESTED TO THE UTMOST.

American patience is to be tested to the utmost. With the advance in the price of coal there was a murmur of dissent which soon died out; a slight protest accompanied the advance in the price of meat and rice but will the descendants of the heroes of Bunker Hill calmly submit to an advance in the price of North Carolina peanuts?

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Postman in ability and force is Joseph Chamberlain, but it would hardly be safe, at least under existing conditions, to place in his hands the reins of power.

NEW YORK IS COMPLAINING OF THE SCARCITY AND CONSEQUENT HIGH PRICE OF FOODSTUFFS THAT BELONG IN THE "DELICIOUS-OF-THE-SEASON" CLASS.

New York is complaining of the scarcity and consequent high price of foodstuffs that belong in the "delicious-of-the-season" class. But if New York restaurant bills of fare are screwed up another notch all except millionaires will have to quit eating and come down again to mere subsisting.

EASTERN RAILROADS ARE COMPLAINING OF A HARD WINTER MORE THAN WESTERN RAILROADS THIS YEAR.

Eastern railroads are complaining of a hard winter more than western railroads this year. Western railroads are prepared for the season's rigors, while the eastern roads simply wait, without doing anything about it, for bad weather that they do not want.

DON'T ALL SPEAK AT ONCE.

Chicago Chronicle. If there is a man in the world who can tell just what Russian and Japanese ships have been sunk, damaged or captured what is his name? Unnecessary Activity. Washington Post. It will not be necessary for many of those Russian and Japanese generals to make names for themselves, as they are already well supplied in that respect.

A SOLEMN TRUTH.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. A solemn truth is enunciated in Bradstreet, when that publication declares that 81 per cent of the merchants who failed in 1903 did not advertise in the newspapers.

LOVE IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL.

Love is always faithful. Faith is the secret of firmness. Pleasure is but a weed, joy a fruit. Talents are tools and not merces. Meekness is simply the silence of might. The gain of love is lost by the love of gain. Secrecy is the best soil for the worst sins. The hypersensitive are apt to be wholly selfish. There is no merit in sacrifice devoid of service. Kindness is born of our sense of kinship to all. The trifling man never attends to the great trifles. The heart's protest against death is the promise of life. Your criticism of another is your verdict on yourself. The great lives have all loved something greater than life. Disappointment is not a sufficient reason for discouragement. Righteousness is the only recommendation that goes to heaven. Sin is always a greater wrong to the sinner than to any other. There is more in being worthy of great place than there is winning it. Holiness is the reaching after rather than the arriving at perfection. The man who is afraid of burning up his wick need not hope to brighten the world. When a man sets popularity before his eyes he is likely to let principle out of his heart.—Chicago Tribune.

CHICAGO POST: THE LOCAL CHURCH AUTHORITIES WHO REMOVED AN ASSISTANT PASTOR BECAUSE HE HAD SPENT A FEW WEEKS IN AN ENGLISH PRISON FOR VAGRANCY PROBABLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE MAN WHO WAS THE FRIEND OF PUBLICANS AND SINNERS.

Chicago Post: The local church authorities who removed an assistant pastor because he had spent a few weeks in an English prison for vagrancy probably forgot all about the man who was the friend of publicans and sinners. "Oh, the rarity of Christian charity under the sun!" Louisville Courier-Journal: An Iowa minister calls upon Anglo-Saxons "to pray to the God of nations, to the God of battles," to give the victory to Japan. No time should be lost if the war is to be fought out with prayer, as the Russians have been playing to the same God for several weeks now. Indianapolis Journal: A Nebraska preacher says the greatest power for evil is a handsome woman in stylish attire. It is just that calibre of clergyman that was responsible for the gross abuse of women in the middle ages, when the female sex had no rights at all, and were daily instructed that they belonged to the devil, that their beauty was their shame, and self-adornment a scandal. The Nebraska preacher is a belated medievalist. Boston Transcript: Ministers, returned missionaries and other messengers of peace will do well to remember that the surest way to bring on an international contest, with all its attendant horrors and hardships, is to keep harping on this theme of Saxon against Slav. Why not say Saxon and Slav? There is a large element of liberals in the Russian who admire intensely the Anglo-Saxon efficiency and personal uprightiness.

AS A SUBSTANTIAL PROOF OF ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS REFUNDED \$115,000 WHTSKY IMPOSED UPON 2,000 BARRELS OF WHISKY EXPORTED BY THE AMERICAN WHISKY TRUST TO KEEP THE JAPANESE IN SPIRITS.

As a substantial proof of its friendship for the United States the Japanese government has refunded \$115,000 whisky imposed upon 2,000 barrels of whisky exported by the American whisky trust to keep the Japanese in spirits. Minister Griscom will forever point with pride to the result of his diplomacy. In this instance the pen has proved itself mightier than the sword. With Admiral Walker at the head of the Panama canal commission it is certain that the marines will be used to the full extent before the regular army is called upon. If the sea-fighter can have his way. The right of precedence between the highest naval officer and the highest army officer is still a burning question in Washington.

THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CONGRESS HAS DECIDED THAT NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA MUST MARRY BEFORE THEY CAN COME INTO THE UNION, OR TROT IN SINGLE HARNESS FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

The republican majority in congress has decided that New Mexico and Arizona must marry before they can come into the union, or trot in single harness for an indefinite period. If the two territories are spliced New Mexico is expected to assume the responsibilities of husband and provide a home for the new state. New York will declare for Roosevelt by selecting a set of instructed Roosevelt delegates-at-large to Chicago on April 12. By the time Nebraska republicans come to hold their state convention late in May it will make no differ-

REPORTS OF HEAVY FIRING IN THE EAST YOU WILL KNOW WHERE TROUBLE IS POPPING.

Reports of heavy firing in the east you will know where trouble is popping. A woman reformer in Boston offers, as a solution of the tramp problem, "the proper adjustment to environment, so that each individual may realize the greatest degree of well-being and happiness that is possible." Sifting the furnace ashes before the handout approximates the same happy conclusion. The court of last resort having decided that railroads are not responsible for injuries to passengers traveling on passes, people thus favored will take keener interest in statistics showing an average of ten persons killed and 100 injured each day on American railroads. However, the passenger saves enough to buy an accident policy.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"How's the new organist?" asked one of the parishioners. "Oh, he sings beautifully," replied the soprano of the church quartet.—Chicago Post. Kitty—Who was your friend I saw you with yesterday afternoon? Charissa—That wasn't a friend, it was only my husband.—Boston Transcript. Polly—Do you go to matinees during Lent? Dolly—Yes; but I always pick out the plays that make me cry.—Detroit Free Press. "Women have very little sense of humor," said the man who is never happy. "I suppose not," answered his wife. "I don't know exactly what you mean by a sense of humor, but I suppose it's the ability to know, exactly how to humor somebody's whims."—Washington Star.

PARKER—WE'VE MOVED AGAIN.

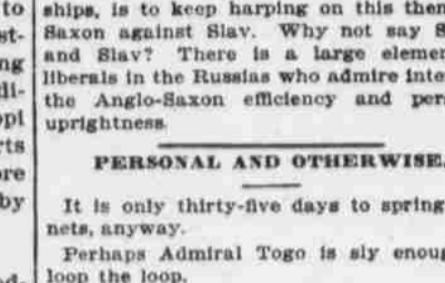
Parker—We've moved again. Barker—Yes, you have. Parker—Yes, our children were so noisy that we couldn't stand what the neighbors said about them.—Detroit Free Press. "Is your wife entertaining this winter?" "Not very."—Yale Record. "Would you want a man to love you enough to be willing to die for you?" he asked. "No," she replied, backing away from him. "When follows love girls enough to be willing to die for them they generally kill the girls first."—Chicago Record-Herald. Floor Walker—Is anyone watching on you, lady? Young Woman—Well, it's hardly got as far as that, though I'm encouraging him all I can.—Boston Transcript.

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