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Unspeakable.

Justification of the refusal of the United States to accept mandate for Asia Minor from the Supreme Council, the League of Nations or to become entangled in "the snares of European diplomacy" is seen in the fearful conditions now existing in the Orient.

Had we accepted Asia Minor Mandate the Turks would have done just what they have done. Let there be no mistake about that. Our mandate would not have restrained them.

The great danger now is that the Government at Washington may be stampeded with hasty and ill-advised action in the critical situation.

Let us not be swept off our feet. Exaggeration of the danger may be presupposed when England is confronted with revolt in India.

Political Pol.

Right merrily boils the political pot. Whether because the old political parties have resumed making their nominations for state office by convention or for some other reason. There are many more entries for nomination in both parties and the columns of the newspapers have been well filled with both news and advertising matter eulogizing and criticizing the various candidates in the field.

There appears to be no overpowering outstanding issues before the people aside from the high cost of living and of governmental operation and maintenance. To be sure there is agitation to curb or prevent strikes, to modify the Volstead law, for and against a high tariff but these are correlated with the issue of cost of living.

Lookers On.

A secular contemporary discourse as follows: Is the American people a nation of lookers on?

Consider: We do not play baseball, we go and look on while others play for us. The football season is coming. Millions will watch while scant hundreds engage in the actual playing. The galleries that now watch tennis and follow golf are growing season by season.

Our boys and girls who once played riotous games in the streets and vacant lots, now sit quietly watching a movie.

And of course the theatre is largely professional, - few indeed present plays themselves. We would rather watch.

In church we employ elaborate choirs, and expensive choruses, and then we sit and listen instead of singing.

At the opera another group of experts perform while we watch. Few of our young people are studying the piano, or taking her vocal lessons these days. It is so much easier to wind up the talking machine, or pump the automatic piano.

About the only form of mass activity still participated in by the people themselves is dancing.

When will the pendulum begin to swing the other way? When will the American people become participants in, rather than lookers on?

We are inclined to think the above remarks may be held to apply to the dwellers in cities but not to the rural community habitations, at least not in so marked a degree. We incline to the opinion that many more city people are taking to personal exercise than formerly.

Briton's View.

Just how the Englishman views America under prohibition is evidenced in the following extract from an address by W. Walters Butlers, a member of the British Board of Control during the war, to the stock holders of Mitchell & Butler Limited: -

"I think all will agree that it would be difficult for anyone to more fully state what prohibition stands for and would result in. We must realize the danger of letting prohibition come about here just as it did in the States, where in forty-three American cities the arrests for drunkenness in 1921 showed an increase of more than 39 per cent. over 1920, and there was an increase of 15.7 per cent. in arrests for all causes. The arrests for drunkenness in 1921 in Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia, under prohibition, exceed the total convictions for the whole of England and Wales in the same year. We have this startling fact, that in England and Wales, without prohibition, the convictions for drunkenness in 1921 were 18.7 per cent. less than in 1920; while in forty-three American cities, with so-called prohibition, there was an increase in 1921 of 39 per cent. in drunkenness over 1920. In 'wet' England sobriety advances, while in 'dry' America drunkenness moves forward by leaps and bounds. So prohibition does not check drunkenness. To such an extent has this prohibition movement in America broken down that now we have the startling proposal made to the British government that we should permit American officials to search British vessels on the high seas - that is to say, outside territorial waters, and thereby make a breach in that freedom of the seas which has been from time immemorial an inalienable right of the nations of the world.

Wets and dries will now carry their battle to the polls on election day.

One consolation - Cole Blease did not come back.

Measles

"Long association with a disease breeds a contempt for it, and measles, in common with the other diseases of childhood, has come to be looked upon as an unavoidable accompaniment of youth. Each autumn, when schools open, there is an increase of measles, which becomes more marked as the season advances, and winter frequently sees the disease spreading in epidemic form.

In these words, Dr. W. C. Rucker of the United States Public Health Service calls attention to the need of greater care on the part of parents in protecting their children against the ravages of this disease. He puts measles in a category of the ailments that should be taken far more seriously than has generally been the case, one not to be dealt with lightly. Not less than ten thousand American children die of measles every year and this does not include the large number who fall victims to bronchial pneumonia, many juvenile cases of which are caused by measles. Tuberculosis often results from this same sickness, and not infrequently inflammation of the eye or ear is left behind as a mark of the visitation of measles. With these facts in view, measles, from a public health standpoint, must be regarded as a disease of prime importance.

The Public Health Service has directed attention to the seriousness of this disease in the hope that parents, school authorities and local health boards will stop dealing lightly with it and will take greater precautions to prevent children from being exposed to it. Only in this way can the annual death toll be lowered and epidemics of the disease prevented.

This little paragraph in "The Post Express" is a neat slant at the advocates of cremation as a disposition of dead bodies: - "It is healthier to be cremated," says a Boston physician. While we are not egotistical enough to take issue with distinguished medical authority, especially such authority as originates in Boston, nevertheless we have grave doubts of anyone ever being quite the same again after being cremated.

Rudyard Kipling might better have continued in the background.

There is no surplus of candidates for fuel administratorships.

Texas Ku Klux fog women. Georgia Ku Klux defeat Governor Hardwick who has opposed them. By their fruits ye shall know them.

Ingrowing modesty is one disease William Randolph Hearst seems to have been spared.

Utopia - a place where glaring auto head lights are unknown.

Rochester Council, K. of C., is out for that new club house.

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S PUPILS WIN IN SPELLING BEE CONTEST

The spelling bee contest which was held at Exposition Park on Friday, September 8, awarded 20 championship badges, SS. Peter and Paul's school captured eight of these. The winners of the school were: Clarence Schweikert, Edward Magin, Gerald Welter, Estelle Powers, Veronica Hilbert, Frances Reichenberger, Noris McGuane, Ernestine Graffley.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, when the city and rural schools met in competition, they were spelled down to six, each of whom received a badge and money prize. Again SS. Peter and Paul's school carried off two of these final rewards which were won by Gerald Welter and Frances Reichenberger.

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