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Editorials

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War In Ten Years?

(Grand Ledge Independent) The two great sore spots in Europe today, according to Professor J. K. Pollack of the department of political science at the University of Michigan, are disarmament and the Polish corridor question; and if the treaty of Versailles is not drastically revised, says the professor, another European war will break out during the next ten years.

While it is not pleasant to agree with such a foreboding a great deal of circumstantial evidence coming out of Europe supports it. The French know that no permanent peace can be based on the economic and political, as well as the geographical terms arranged at Versailles. They know that the alternatives are peaceful revision of those terms, with the consent and co-operation of all parties to them; and the destruction of the treaty by force, which they seem to prefer and apparently are preparing for by immense army and navy budgets and by building a line of defenses along their frontier from Switzerland to Luxembourg.

The refusal of France to support any effective steps toward the limitation of land armaments, while insisting that Germany shall remain unarmed, added to the provocative acts of the Poles toward the German minority in the corridor, which the League of Nations has recently denigrated against, are ominous signs of approaching trouble. Germany, as Professor Pollack told the Women's association of the university the other night, stands as "the key bulwark against communism entering western Europe." The victors at Versailles did their best to submerge Germany and keep her permanently submerged. They did not foresee the proportions to which the communist menace would grow in a little more than a decade.

The men who have succeeded the authors of the Versailles treaty in places of responsibility in Europe can plead no such excuse for their blind adherence to an arrangement that tends to produce in Germany conditions that conceivably might induce her, if she can obtain justice in no other way, to make common cause with the Soviets to free herself from the shackles which France, and its Polish and other satellites insist upon her wearing.

Gives Reading

(Exchange) "Verify your quotations" is the advice of someone, but the advice is sometimes difficult to follow. In the case of many famous sayings it is hard to find out who really said them first. There are many instances of striking phrases which have been attributed to prominent persons who had really borrowed them from others.

For example, Lincoln's reference to "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Almost identical words were used by John W. Aldrich in the 4th century, and by Robespierre, Thomas Cooper, Joseph Story, Daniel Webster and Theodore Parker long before Lincoln uttered them at Gettysburg.

Even the Golden Rule, which appears in two forms in the New Testament, was expressed by Confucius five centuries before Christ, and by other ancient teachers.

Perhaps the most catchy phrase ever uttered by the late William Jennings Bryan contained his "crown of thorns and nails" metaphor, which is credited with securing his nomination for the presidency in 1896. It has been and still is generally believed that the phrase was original with Bryan, but the Congressional record shows that it was spoken by Congressman Samuel W. McCall in a speech several months before.

No one whose words have been appropriated by another could have shown a better spirit to-

wards his imitator than McCall showed toward Bryan in this instance. When questioned about it, McCall said:

"Yes, Bryan borrowed it from one of my congressional speeches. And probably I stole it from somebody else."

Campaign Promises

(Jackson, Miss., Daily News) It is to be hoped that the voters of Mississippi will not lose their sense of humor or common sense during the pending campaign.

Maintenance of both is essential if the government standard is to be improved.

To be specific: Do not attach too much seriousness to the pre-election promises made by any candidate unless he has a record for successful management of his personal business.

All aspirants for office are filling the air with frantic promises that they will inaugurate policies of rigid economy.

Some of these promises are sincere. Others are not.

Political promises, like pie crust, are easily broken, and platforms are made to get in on, not to stand on.

Keep your common sense, and also your sense of humor. Size up the man. Does he look big enough to carry out his promises? Does his speech ring sincere? If not, then he is not worthy of your support.

A Critic's Error

(Exchange) That minor personal habits have no important bearing upon one's ability is illustrated by a little joke that the late General Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, was fond of telling on himself.

Long before the now ubiquitous "coffin nails" became popular or even respectable, the general became an inveterate cigarette smoker. He also parted his hair in the middle.

(When Goethals, then a major, was assigned the difficult task of building the canal in 1907, after the shambles which France had failed, a Washington newspaper editor commented unfavorably on his selection for the job. After recounting the failures of others to accomplish the task, the newspaper said:

"And what in heaven's name can we expect of a man who parts his hair in the middle and smokes cigarettes?"

Yet Goethals did build the canal, although he continued to part his hair in the middle and smoke cigarettes as long as he lived.

One Can Start It

(Exchange) You can create all kinds of correct systems to push a community ahead. You can suggest all kinds of useful ideas. But if those systems and ideas are not followed by some live enthusiasm, the progress of that town is likely to drag.

It is a slow moving community a little bunch of enthusiastic boosters, and if it has any substantial foundation and prospects it will go ahead, and usually go pretty fast. The enthusiasm of these sanguine and energetic people is contagious. Cold feet show out when they come in contact with this warm hearted spirit.

It arouses the apathetic from their lethargy, it elicits service and cooperation, it gives people an inspiring vision of the things they could do with their own hands and brains.

Do you ask how such enthusiasm can be cultivated? Well, an old saying has it that "the appetite comes with eating." Take hold and go one or two things successfully and you will have as much courage for something else.

Siamese Twins Were Cause of Romance

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

(Copyright) IF THERE were one thing in the world that Jenny's Siamese kitten loved to play with it was a bit of paper rolled into a ball. Had the little pet enjoyed anything else by way of amusement then her mistress might have missed a quite thrilling adventure. But, since—Anne, the kitten, felt in a frolicsome mood and had indicated the fact, Jenny took up the morning paper and was to the act of tearing off the corner when a person-tearing-off-the-corner caught her attention. It read: \$25 reward for return of small Siamese kitten. Brown spot on ear and one on paw. Strayed from flat of Mark Lester.

"Oh," signed Jenny. "I suppose that's the Mark Lester who wrote Love in Arabia and Desert Nights. How perfectly wonderful. I have a good notion to call you up, Anne," she said aloud to the waiting kitten, "and take you along to Mark Lester's flat. I should just love an excuse to meet him. You have no brown spot on your little ear and one on your paw, wouldn't that be just dyed with some of that cold water dye—just for a day and in quest of adventure—would you?"

Not waiting Anne's consent Jenny went out to her small kitchen and found the remnants of a package of brown dye which she had been giving longer life to a faded hat. She mixed this up, then went in search of her victim. The dye had been easier to put her hands on than was the kitten. Each time Jenny made a dash for the kitten it slipped away, seeming to think she and her mistress were having one of those usual cat games together. But finally kitten and mistress went to the kitchen.

"The question is," said Jenny with paint brush in hand, "which ear do you suppose Mr. Lester's cat has a spot on?"

It must have been just cat wisdom that made Anne scratch her left ear because being a perfectly respectable house pet she had none of those tricks that make alley cats scratch any ear at all.

"The left—is it?" laughed Jenny and administered a soft wash of brown dye to Anne's left ear. She laughed aloud at the quaint appearance of her pet, but Anne didn't mind. She submitted not only to having a brown ear but soon had a brown paw, as well.

"My goodness! I tick it off until after we have shown you to Mr. Lester," admonished Jenny and somehow it looked as if Anne grinned.

Mark Lester was thinking amiably beside the open door when his housekeeper produced, from goodness knows where, a lovely young lady and a Siamese kitten.

"I read your advertisement in the morning paper," said Jenny shyly and with heart beating like a trip hammer, "and thought this might be your lost kitten."

He turned to his housekeeper. "Bring Robert the Prodigal in," he told her before addressing himself to Jenny.

"Extraordinary thing," he commented and smiled because, for some reason unknown to him, Jenny was blushing.

"My kitten was returned to me about two hours ago," said Mark, "but when you talk about Siamese twins—well, they're not in it when it comes to these kittens. Look at that!"

Mrs. Brady had brought to a small animal so exactly like Anne, in her present makeup, that Jenny laughed outright at sight of the two kittens.

Mark liked the sound of the laugh as much as he enjoyed the sight of Jenny in his writing den.

Aloud he suggested, "Robert would like to have a romp with his visitor, if you wouldn't mind, and I say—my mother and father will be along in a few minutes—would you be unconcerned and wait for a cup of tea with us?—I'd love to show them the Siamese twins."

"Oh, I would love the pleasure of having tea with Mark Lester," Jenny agreed happily. "I have gobbled up every one of your novels and sighed when I had finished them. When will there be another out for a waiting public?"

"One on the press now," said Mark, and while the Siamese kittens dashed about the flat like two long dashes Mark Lester and Jenny made much of the passing time.

It was not until Mark paid his first visit to Jenny in her own flat that Anne produced something in the nature of a bombshell. She sprang out from under the couch in all the red and orange coloring and confusion which Jenny when she saw Mark Lester's eyes following the kitten's antics.

"I didn't know you had a pair of Siamese kittens—how jolly."

"I have Jenny."

"Do Siamese kittens change color like chameleons then?"

When Jenny finished what she had to say Mark had moved over to the chair beside her and Anne, well all Anne wanted was a bit of crumpled newspaper to play with. Later she was to have Robert as a regular playmate, but she didn't know that as yet.

Worthy of Hunter's Steel The wild duck is said by hunters to be the most impudent, tantalizing and skillful creature that ever roamed man's hunting instincts.

CHURCHES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road) Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

Sunday School 8:30. German Service, 10:30. Ladies Aid meets Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Garchow.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

We are happy to announce the coming of Dr. Newton Riddell of Lima, Ohio. He will speak at both the morning and evening services on Sunday and also each night during the week. Dr. Riddell is a nationally known teacher as well as author of many books. He will be assisted in the music by Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bamsey of Farmington. This couple has been heard with great pleasure by thousands over the radio. We welcome all to attend these services, Sunday and all week.

Evangelical Church Rev. A. A. Selcoe, Pastor

Trinity Sunday: English Services, 10:15. Sunday School, 11:30. Ladies Aid Wednesday afternoon. Young Peoples League Wednesday evening. Beginning June 7 until September the Sunday School session will begin at 9:15.

Methodist Church Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

Memorial Day will be observed next Sunday-morning. The theme of the message will be, "The Four Memorial Words." The American Legion will be the guests. Everyone is most cordially invited.

In the evening the Rev. B. Ede, pastor of the Walled Lake M. E. church will preach. His choir, which won second place at Lansing last year, will also sing several selections. Be sure and come to both services.

Beginning Sunday the adult department of the Sunday School will meet separately down stairs for their opening exercises immediately following the church service.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. Russell Ault was home Monday and Tuesday from the Northville Sanatorium.

Mrs. El Ricers and daughter, Lucille, and Miss Christine Hughberry of Detroit were luncheon guests Friday of Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Regular meeting Thursday evening June 4 of the P. T. A., which will be the last meeting for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Eastman of Muskegon Heights returned home Monday after a few days' visit with the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haag and daughter, Marie, of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer of Detroit were the Sunday guests of the former's sister, Mrs. James Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Shields and daughter, Nora, of Detroit were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guest and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schneider of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman.

The Pearson high school students with the principal, Edward Johnson, and Miss Alice Harper spent Friday in Ann Arbor visiting the college and museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Owen, of Detroit, were guests Sunday of the former's uncle, Albert Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoffman of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault.

Alfred Berchen was in Detroit Monday on a business trip.

Mrs. A. Burger and daughter, Mrs. A. Welzer, who have been visiting in Florida, returned home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood returned home Sunday from Marquette where she attended the Business Women's conference. Leaving here last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keyes of Nashville were the week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. E. Wolfe.

Miss Helen Burger and Miss Shirley Zvahlen were the Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Barbara Middlewood.

Sunday May 31st Memorial Day Service, Troop 189 Boy Scouts of America of Harden Park M. E. church will attend West Point Park Presbyterian church. A large attendance is desired.

Friday June 5th the young people will give a strawberry festival. A musical program is planned, including a play given by the Union Guardian Dramatic club entitled "Pat's Matrimonial Venture."

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Community club will be held Wednesday, June 3, at the Community hall.

Have you anything to sell? Try an Enterprise Inncr.

GIVE RECITAL

A recital by the pupils of Mrs. Florence Edgar, assisted by Joseph Schaffer, baritone, will be given at the Salem Evangelical church hall, June 5 at 8 p. m.

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