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the distressingly protracted battle of the "Estrada Cabrera, the aged dictator, incarcerated since the revolt of 1920, which ended his long season of almost absolute sway, has been released. His successor, Carlos Herrera, reputed to be a ruler of intelligence and capacity, steps down and a military regime is instituted with General Orellana, the chief of staff, as "provisional" president.

NEW TREATY IS A BULWARK OF PEACE AND GOOD FAITH

Pacific Adjustment Combines Idealism With Realities in a Momentous Development of the Arbitration Principle

No CARGO of generalities is carried by the quadruple agreement evolved by the Washington Conference. For this reason, among many others, the instrument of accord is necessarily fashioned in treaty form.

The four articles read by Senator Lodge before the plenary session on Saturday define for the first time in history an international policy of stability and peace with regard to the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

According to the League terms, threats of war or of aggression either by members or non-members were deemed a fit subject for discussion by the Council, authorized to suggest remedies.

The validity of this sound and reassuring arbitration program is additionally enhanced by the momentous final article, promising with dramatic clarity the extinction of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, heretofore regarded as the chief obstacle in the way of an amicable and constructive settlement of Pacific affairs.

It is specified that as soon as ratifications of the quadruple instrument have been completed "the agreement between Great Britain and Japan which was concluded at London on July 13, 1911, shall terminate."

Although the status of the so-called mandated Pacific islands held by Japan is not established in the treaty, the very existence of the document implies that Yap in particular will cease before the Conference closes to be a possible source of American or Japanese uneasiness.

With this delicate question removed, with the scrapping of the Anglo-Japanese pact and with the promise of honorable cooperation in the Pacific for a decade, it is not extravagant to discern in the treaty a bulwark of some civilization and a security against war which are little short of epochal.

Chinese problems are avoided by the agreement, but the adoption of the Root resolutions lays the foundations for a new policy of decency and fair play such as has been too infrequently regarded, even in principle, in the tangled history of Far Eastern affairs.

The collapse of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty and the acceptance by the Japanese delegates of the four-Power agreement unmistakably suggests that the naval ratio question will be solved.

Both qualities are admirably fused in a new structure of peace, which suggests the support of the American people including the Senate and without the least shadow upon their moral traditions.

KULTUR AND PEARLS

GERMANY tried to impose her Kultur on the world and failed. Japan has been using her Kultur to impose her Kultur on the world.

issue which cannot be replaced and the injury done by it is therefore irreparable. The restrictions which the specialists would impose have long been contemplated by them, but they have feared that the public might think that they were proposed with the view of a monopoly of the field.

The average man would not risk his life by riding on a train which was being run by a man who had not qualified as an engineer, and there is no more reason why he should risk suffering if not actual maiming, at the hands of a person not qualified to administer the X-rays.

IT IS several months since the city officially decided to arrange for a fair in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, but nothing has been done beyond the appointment of a committee.

There is a Committee of One Hundred, with an Executive Committee, a Committee on Finance and a Publicity Committee. And now the Executive Committee has appointed a sub-committee, consisting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Real Estate Board and the Engineers' Club, to suggest a site.

These organizations will doubtless appoint committees of their own before they do anything, and these committees will appoint sub-committees and take their time about reaching any conclusions.

The city is going about the work as though it had unlimited time at its disposal. As a matter of fact, it has only about four years. This is short enough in all commissions if the city were ready today to commission architects to draw plans for the buildings to be erected on a site already chosen.

It is just as impossible to organize a great fair by committee as it is to command an army by committee. There must be one responsible directing head with whom the decision rests, and on whom has been conferred all the authority necessary to enforce his decisions.

Why the delay in appointing the director general? If he were a man of comparative youth and energy such as any one of a half a dozen who have been mentioned, things would begin to happen. The city committee are all at loose ends, with no one responsible for action.

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Dr. FISK, of the Life Extension Institute, declares that the chief obstacle to the prolongation of life is the fact that there are "too many gloomy asses" in the world.

When the matter of a proposed act in charges of railroad employees before the United States Railroad Labor Board a few weeks from now it may be confidently expected that union labor officials will present a carefully prepared memorandum to the P. R. R. board.

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AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Amateur Beggars Hampered by Sentimentality May Sometimes Forget Pride in the Sympathy Engendered by Dire Distress

By SARAH D. LOWRIE
ONE of the most incidentally proud men I have ever known is being fairly that for four generations had been beggars.

We do protest and even encourage beggars in this country, except when they have protected themselves by a garb of respectability, or by a wear that at least looks salable.

IF REAL, dyed-in-the-wool beggars felt as uncomfortable and prosaic and mud-caked through and discomforted as the team members of a Welfare Drive ring, strange they would take to hard labor as an easy substitute, but a real beggar, like a real thief, does it half the time for the excitement of the gamble.

THERE are still countries where to beg for one's own living is not a shame; it is a requisite for certain families. Those who possess the requisite do not beg well, but, skilfully or ingenuously, rather do they beg brightly and persistently with grave displeasure and even curses for those that resist their demands.

Only the man whom he is pestering and importing has a sensation that is nearly reliable by way of defense. He can curse back. The curse need only consist of one word in Italy to be effective. It is a sort of "backlash" or "backlash" which contains much in little.

By reason of this attitude on the part of so many of our citizens of the second class, it is quite evident that it is easy for those in the first classification to carry on their illicit business.

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THAT'LL HOLD HIM



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

HENRY W. BRAUDE
On Sidelines in Federal Prosecutions
WHILE prohibition undoubtedly has come to stay, it has bootlegging—at least on its present scale. This is the opinion of Henry W. Braude, former Assistant United States District Attorney here.

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SHORT CUTS

China may now proceed to Prosperity by the direct route.
Municipal reactionaries might adopt as a slogan: "Cave Caven."

An open-arms policy may be considered as a welcome to prospective peace.
The ghost of the covenant appears to be walking in the Pacific peace pact.

It would appear that the sky's the limit when Metrow goes after baseball stars.
There are more than thirteen thousand licensed dogs in Berks County. The happy Land of Canine.

The narcotic ring needs a keeper, preferably one with a big bunch of keys for big iron doors.
The mind of Secretary Weeks is not apparently going along with the peace plan of Secretary Hughes.

We suspect that P. R. T. shadow millions are being projected for the purpose of making the ghost walk.
New Jersey, according to the experiment station at New Brunswick, has thirty-six varieties of mosquitoes. The imperfect thirty-six.

A London poultry show is proudly exhibiting a Buff Orpington rooster that lays eggs. Isn't this feminist movement gone far enough?
If illiteracy is greater in America than Japan that has been having two school systems than with our immigration laws.

The Plymouth Rock hen in Healdsburg, N. J., that has been laying two eggs a day before Thanksgiving, has now dropped to one a day. That chicken has deserted vaudeville for the legit.
Because Santa Claus is no devotee of the tariff idea the Fox stores are all delirious for Christmas. As an additional note of the season, it may be stated that the Christmas spirit may legally have more than half of 1 per cent kick.

The advantage that the single-track mind has over the single-track railroad is that the single-track mind runs only in one direction. The public will have no sympathy for the single-track rail that ordains that wooden cars shall endure until disaster straps them.

Mauch Chunk citizens elected as assessor a man who had dined two days before the election; did it knowingly, at that, rather than split the Democratic ticket. It is the last fact which makes the case, but the Dead ones are frequently elected, but the voters don't know it.
It may be that De Valera is not anxious to provoke the "violent conflict" in the treaty; that his protest may be taken in a Mickiewicz sense, and that his gesture is merely one of seeming reluctance to accept the inevitable, lest the British should think the Irish too eager for peace.

The public has wrestled long with the problem of the P. R. T. and its underlying companies; but if the Public Service Commission puts a new valuation on street railroad property that corporation will have to wrestle with the question all by its little lonesome. Great is the satisfaction in passing the buck.

That John Bull is an old campaigner was shown by his release of Sinn Fein prisoners. By prompt acceptance of the pact he pledges the inter-protest of De Valera was disavowed. Unless the Irish leader is big enough to accept the inevitable his leadership must pass, and rightly. The welfare of Ireland is bigger than his pride.

Nothing that savors of a disarmament conference appeals to De Valera. He cannot agree to peace "in principle." As a statesman he continues to be a good mathematician. Meanwhile it is pleasing to note that Arthur Griffith, founder of the pact, is standing by it and living up to his surname, which means "great faith."

When she learned from Dr. White of the Laboratory of Hygiene, that a Bacillus could live eighty days on a cent, but only seventy-one on a nickel, the Young Lady Next Door But One said she supposed she bought bread with the penny, but someone indigestible with the fifty; or, anyhow, she was quite convinced there was something wrong with either his arithmetic or his linguistics.