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FACTS THAT REQUIRE DECISION.

The conspicuous fact about international relations in the present era is the insecurity of treaty obligations, due largely, if not entirely, to the existence of governments in at least three countries which have adopted war as an instrument to effect national aspirations.

The conspicuous fact about the foreign policy of the United States, today is the long-standing tradition against entangling alliances, which makes it impossible for this country to enter into any treaty, either defensive or offensive, that carries with it obligations to other powers that might, in future years, lead us into war.

In the entire world there is no nation as wealthy as the United States and none that offers as rich booty to freebooting expeditions. With most of the world's gold, with large sums owed us by foreign governments and peoples and possessing untold natural resources the United States is a prize to excite the cupidity of might. It is, therefore, our business to see that the fruit cannot be picked with impunity.

For the reasons stated above it is almost necessary for the United States to arm itself to stand alone in the modern world. We must be able to defend our own from attack and to accomplish this purpose we must have some idea of possible enemies. It requires no prophetic insight to name the sources of danger or to foresee the possibility of a combination against the United States.

The signing of the anti-Communist pact by Germany, Italy and Japan has altered the foreign policies of practically every nation in the world because intelligent officials know that the blasts against Communism are diversions to divert attention from the main drive, the acquisition by force of what these three nations desire.

That an alliance with Great Britain, for example, would permit both nations to save money on naval expenditures is plain but it is also quite likely to lead one or both in a war not of direct concern. It may be the part of wisdom to continue along our individual path, spend the money reasonably necessary for adequate defense and thus escape the greater expense that would be ours if we become embroiled in England's wars.

On the other hand, we should consider the possibility of becoming engaged in a war that, at the beginning, would not include the United States. This is exactly what happened in the World War. If this is to happen again then our adoption of a "lone-wolf" policy would be unnecessarily expensive, perhaps and we could save money by making common cause with democratic nations.

NEW FARM LEGISLATION

The new farm bill has been passed, with many varying opinions expressed as to its attempt to assist the farmers of the nation into an era of relative good fortune.

Opponents raise the cry of "regimentation," invasion of personal rights and invasion of State's rights, as well. Advocates proclaim the necessity of some form of crop control, upon which to base benefits that are expected to flow to agriculturists.

It is not feasible to attempt any detailed analysis of the 120-page measure, which includes soil conservation benefits, possible parity payments, commodity loans, marketing quotas, acreage apportionment, wheat production insurance and various other devices and activities designed to regulate the marketing of five main crops so as to provide growers with their proper share of the national income.

The Centre Democrat hazards no prediction as to the results that will be accomplished by the new legislation. Certainly, even its friends admit that corrections and mistakes will have to be taken care of through experience gained under the statute. Anyway, the farm act is an effort to grapple with a grave situation that confronts American farmers and has threatened them with bankruptcy for most of the years of the past decade or two.

Congress had no easy time in framing the terms of the legislation. The United States is a vast country, with many conflicting interests, some sectional partisanship and much ignorance as to problems that exist in certain areas. These diverse factors had to be reconciled and an effort made to act in the interests of the nation as a whole while giving due regard to specific crops and their present difficulties.

About all that we can say about the law is that we should give it a fair and liberal trial. In fact, since it is the only law that we have, we can not do otherwise. If it works as well as its friends predict, then all will be well; if it works as badly as its foes prophesy, then it can be corrected or killed by another Congress.

STRANGE PRACTICES

Once again former employes of a Philadelphia textile mill, whose sit-down strike some months ago prompted the owners to sell the plant machinery and go out of business, "roughed-house" the auction sale the other day to the point where it had to be adjourned.

Denied admittance to the sale, held within the mill, they appealed to Mayor Wilson who interceded for them. No sooner were the employes inside than they set off fire gongs, shouted and milled around so much that the sale could not proceed.

It is a little difficult to understand such un-American tactics or just where the forces of law and order were taking a nap while all this disorder was taking place. The whole technique is one of which earlier American workmen would have been ashamed. It seems to involve childishness and a lack of sportsmanship on the part of those who by their sit-down strike, cut off their nose to spite their face and now are unwilling to accept the consequences.

Nothing that ill-advised labor leadership can do can keep in business a man of firm which does not choose to be, but there does seem to be a way, as the Philadelphia case illustrates, by which labor policies can kill a business. When that occurs the last person to resent it should be the supporters of such policies.

DISARMAMENT A LA TOKYO

There is some talk about another conference with the Japanese in order to secure some type of disarmament agreement.

The United States has been in other conferences with the wily Japs. A disarmament agreement can be secured, it appears likely, in another conference upon terms—specified by the diplomats from Tokyo.

We see little reason to expect any progress toward disarmament by staging another London naval conference. All that would be gained would be in favor of the nations now feverishly pushing naval programs in the hope of outbuilding other nations that are expected to be busy with promoting disarmament dreams.

THE "SMALL BUSINESS MEN"

The conference of "small business men" called at Washington did not keep too good order, but it threw light on the way little business looks at our great national problems.

High taxes and government restrictions seem to worry these business people about as much as anything. The "small business man" knows he has to keep money flowing into his cash drawer as fast as it flows out, or his business is headed for the rocks. He can't see how the enormous business of the government is on any different basis.

The man who is running a little factory or store comes very close to the heart of America. When the people are squeezed, he feels the pinch. When some law or condition of public sentiment makes it hard to do business, he is intelligent enough to see where the obstacle lies, and he should have a good idea of how to break the jam.

THE GRANDPARENTS ORGANIZE

A dispatch from Omaha, Neb., says a movement to organize grandparents has been started, and it is hoped to have a national society of these older folks.

Perhaps it may be needed, as the grandparents frequently find their opinions disregarded. If they see some new fad which their experience says will work against health and welfare, they are frequently told that they are way behind the times, and that all the modern authorities say the new idea is the only correct method. The grandparents have lived many years, and their experiences can't always be so disregarded.

Yet the grandparents must move with the times. Much water has gone over the dam since they raised their little families, and many ideas have taken firm possession of the world which they have not yet thoroughly examined.

Modern Etiquette

- 1. What should a girl do when a young man calls in the evening and doesn't seem to know when to go? 2. When a maid is refilling a water glass at the table, should she pick up the glass while pouring the water? 3. What is the usual tip to a bellboy who brings a telegram or a package to one's room at a hotel? 4. When selecting a wedding gift should it be something personally for the bride, or for the home? 5. If a ball, or large dance, is scheduled for 10 p. m., should a guest arrive exactly at that hour? 6. May a theatre party be of any size? 7. What pages of newspaper should be used when writing a two-page letter? 8. When entering the office of a busy man, is one justified in speaking, or attracting his attention in any way? 9. Would it be all right to place one or two small flowers in each finger bowl? 10. Should a host or hostess say to a guest, "May I give you some more chicken," or, "Won't you have another helping of oysters?" 11. Are there any household employees who are not considered servants? 12. Is it all right to exchange a wedding gift when an exact duplicate has been received?

Answers at bottom of column.

Weekly English Lesson

- Words Often Misused: Do not say, "Take a hold of this rope." Say, "Take hold of this rope." Do not say, "I shall call upon you tomorrow." "I shall call on you tomorrow" is preferable. Do not say, "After having finished the work, we went home." After is redundant. Say, "Having finished the work, we went home." Do not say, "Such things do not bother me any." Omit any, or say, "Such things do not bother me at all." Do not say, "I have your favor of February 23." Say, "I have your letter of February 23." Also is preferred when referring to events that are long time past. Since is preferred when referring to recent events. "It happened years ago." "How long since did she come?" Words Often Mispronounced: Risque. Pronounce res-ka, e as in me, a as in cake, principal accent on last syllable. Sault Sainte Marie. Pronounced soo sant ma-re, oo as in too, first a as in say, second a as in ask un-stressed, e as in me, accents on first and last syllables. Covey. Pronounce kuv-i, u as in up, i as in it. Tonneau. Pronounce tun-oo, u as in run, o as in no, accent last syllable. Santiago. Pronounce san-te-a-go, both a's as in ah, e as in tea un-stressed, a as in go, principal accent on third syllable. Apricot; the a as in ape is preferred. Words Often Misspelled: France (masculine); Frances (feminine). Chautauqua; observe the au, au, us. Gait (manner of walking); not gate. Reroot (noun); two o's; reprove (verb); one o. Residence (a dwelling); residents (those who reside in a place.) Tincture; observe the ct. Word Study: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Words for this lesson: ANALOGOUS; corresponding to something else in certain aspects. "There is something in the exercise of the mind analogous to that of the body." INVINCIBLE; incapable of being conquered or overcome. "The greatest man is he who chooses the fight with invincible resolution."—Channing. VENUE; the place where a crime is committed or a trial is held. "The defendant, through counsel, immediately asked for a change of venue." ENDUE; to provide with some quality or power. "Let them be men endued with wisdom from above."—Weasley. SOLVENT; able to pay all legal debts. "The firm was known to be solvent." TOLERABLE; capable of being borne or endured. "Patience makes that more tolerable which it is impossible to prevent or remove."—Horace. Everybody sympathizes with China but that doesn't help the Chinese.

Answers to Modern Etiquette

- 1. Allowing long lapses in the conversation is sometimes an effective method. If this doesn't work, it seems that a suppressed yawn or two would be justified. 2. No. She should be skillful enough to fill the glass where it stands, without touching it. 3. Ten cents. 4. The gift should be for the home, or something for use of both the bride and her husband. 5. It is not necessary to do so; one may arrive at any time after that hour. 6. Yes, but the usual number is six or eight persons. 7. The first and third pages may be used; but if the letter is three or four pages, use the proper sequence, 1, 2, 3, and 4. 8. It is better to wait for a sign of recognition before interrupting him. Be patient. 9. Yes. 10. No. Reference should not be made to the "second helping." Merely say, "May I give you some chicken, Mr. Wilson?" 11. A companion, secretary-companion, or a social secretary are not considered servants. 12. Yes.

THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

FARMYARD PHILOSOPHY

(By the Sage of Rhubarb Ridge)

You can notch it on your whiffletree—it's a mighty risky plan To put much stock in the saying that it's clothes that make the man; For how often don't we notice as a simple matter of course— A hundred dollar harness on a twenty-dollar horse? And hoeing in your cornfield, you'll discover as you go, That the finest shucks may hide the poorest nubbins in the row; And you can't count your 'aters just by looking at the vine, Nor judge the heady sweetness by the color of the wine. You can't judge a deacon's chances of going straight to heaven Just because he acts the Christian for one day out of seven; You can't judge a man's religion by his prayers and solemn chat, Nor by the coin he jingles when they pass around the hat; For a rooster crows the loudest, but it never lays an egg, And you can't swear that it's larger by the label on the keg, And just because a banker seems to roll in bales of kale, Is no sign that he is honest or immune from going to jail. You cannot judge your fellows as they pass along the way, You can't judge 'em by the cars they drive nor the places where they stay; For the runtiest barnyard rooster loves to roost in places high, And the turkey-buzzard sails above the eagle in the sky; Skunk cabbage rears its useless stalk; a violet hides its head; A dollar may look genuine and yet be made of lead; And what looks like a diamond may be just a hunk of paste, And you can't believe but half you hear or see or smell or taste!

WAITING FOR THE CLIMAX

A recent movie comedy showed on the screen a group of shapely girls disrobing for a plunge in the "old swimming pool." They had just taken off their shoe, stockings and upper garments, when a passing freight train dashed across the screen and obscured the view. When it had passed, the girls were frolicking in the water. An old railroadier sat through the show again and again. At length an usher tapped him on the shoulder. "Aren't you going home," he asked. "Oh, I'll wait awhile longer," was his answer. "One of these times that train's going to be too late."

WOULDN'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE

The stingiest man was lecturing the hired man for his extravagance in wanting to carry a lantern in going to call on his best girl. "The idea," he scoffed, "when I was courtin' I never carried a lantern; I went in the dark." The hired man proceeded to fill the lantern. "Yes," he said sadly, "and look what you got."

PLANTED

It was in the cemetery. The morning sun shone brightly and the dew was still on the grass. "Ah, this is the weather that makes things spring up," remarked the pauper casually as he seated himself beside an old gentleman on a bench. "Hush!" replied the old gent. "I've got three wives buried here."

THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE

Speaking of the wonders of science, we read recently of a baby in New York that wasn't growing as it should. After trying several different diets, the child was given elephant's milk. By the time it reached the age of six months it weighed two hundred pounds! But of course—it was a baby elephant.

THIS ISN'T CHRISTMAS!

She—"Do you think you're Santa Claus?" He—"No, why?" She—"Then leave my stockings alone."

BABY HAS GROWN UP

Classified ad in a Chicago paper: NOTICE—If W. B., who deserted his wife and child 20 years ago, will return, the baby will knock his block off.

SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE NEWS

(From the Bagley, Utah, Times) Mrs. Jennie Suppan gave birth to a nine pound boy, yesterday, her third son. (From the Annam, Texas, Journal) The choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee" as he was lowered into the gray (grave). (From the Greenfield, Miss., News) In the absence of Mrs. Debby, Mr. George Fontaine undressed (addressed) the D. A. R. Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Fontaine showed his familiarity with the subjects under discussion by going thoroughly over the outlines of the D. A. R. for the year. (From the Draken, Ga., Argus) A bouquet of panises must be worn by freshman girls at Miss Panley's School to denote their rank. So strictly is this rule enforced that a first-year girl is seldom caught without her panises (panisies). (From the St. Clair, Wis., Times) "Our corset shop is the best in town. Ladies can conveniently have fits upstairs." (From the Newark, N. Y., Publisher) Wanted—College trained woman, unencumbered, free to travel. Wonderful opportunity for a refined (refined) widow to connect with an old, established souze (house). Apply ready for work, 589 Empire Street. (From the Marlin, Calif., Herald) It is presumed Smith became warm in the overheated room, hurried over and drew the drapes from the widow (window), became dizzy and fell. (From a Western newspaper) Notice to Jack the Peeper—It will not do you any good to look into my window when the thermometer is as low as it was the first of the week. I'm not taking off anything but my shoes.—Lillian Oats.

OUR MATRIMONIAL GUIDE

Here you are, fellers: Want to get married? Take your pick of the applicants below: TILLY: I'm skinnny as sin. I ain't got looks. But I know a lotta things. You won't find in books. LOTTIE: My radiator's busted. My clutch's on the bum; But a darned good mechanic Can make me hum. DAISIE MAE: I've got diabetes. And a "T. B." cough. You won't be troubled long. If you grab me off. Petting is a good deal like parking space—there's always plenty of it for the fellow who gets there first. Many a husband and wife are the life of the party—but it isn't the same party. That's all, folks. Some folks in Centre county could say what they think and still be quiet. —"SCAT"

KARTHAUS YOUTH ESCAPES DEATH IN AUTO CRASH Tharal Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Martin, of Karthaus, sustained severe injuries and barely escaped bleeding to death last Wednesday night when a car in which he was riding was involved in an accident at Karthaus. The driver of the car, Miss Jure Rougeux, lost control of the ma-

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—John and Bob entered a shoe store to buy a \$5-pair of shoes he had selected. When he was about ready to pay for the shoes he discovered he had lost a \$5 bill—the only money he had. Bob came to his rescue by saying, "Here's \$5 which I owe you." He took it and paid the storekeeper. As the two were about to walk out, the storekeeper said, "This is a counterfeit," and passed it back to John. John in turn handed it to Bob, who replaced it with a genuine \$5-bill. The storekeeper got his money, John got his shoes and Bob got back his counterfeit bill. Who lost? That's the question. Look for answer elsewhere in this column.

S. R.—Why does glassware crack sometimes when placed in boiling water? Ans.—Most solids swell a little when they are heated. Glassware is one of them. Sometimes when a glass is put into hot water the slight swelling will cause it to crack at its weakest point. J. R.—What is the meaning of "Abigail"? Ans.—"Abigail" is a word frequently applied to female servants in our modern times. Originally Abigail was the wife of Gabel, a rich man of Carmel, and subsequently the wife of King David. By this marriage, after the death of Gabel, she was the mother of Chileab. M. H.—What are barnacles which collect on the bottoms of ships and other ocean vessels? Ans.—Barnacles are marine animals of the lower order. They are enveloped by a mantle and shell, possesses a long, flexible neck, provided with muscles, by which it fastens itself to floating objects, and lives on marine animal life. Some species are eaten by a few people of the Orient. P. J.—Is it true that the Great Austrian bell is the largest in the world? Ans.—No. The Kremlin bell in Moscow, Russia, is the largest in the world. The Kremlin bell weighs 216 tons and can be heard for 25 miles. The Austrian bell weighs 18 tons. N. L.—Can you please tell me what is the Black Hole of Calcutta? Ans.—This is a prison dungeon in the old fort of Calcutta, India, about 20 feet square, in which 146 men were confined by Surajah Dowlah on June 20, 1756, of whom all except 23 suffocated. Later a huge monument was erected in commemoration of their memory.

B. Y.—Who was Anne Boleyn? Ans.—Anne Boleyn was queen of England and one of the wives of Henry VIII, born in 1507. She was beheaded on orders from her husband, King Henry VIII, on charges of infidelity, May 19, 1536. H. G.—Will you kindly answer who was Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1907? And are any of the members of the court at that time members of the present Supreme Court? Ans.—Melvin W. Fuller was Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1907. None of the other members of the Court at that time are serving on the present Supreme Court bench. P. J.—To settle an argument will you please answer what is the name of the highest mountain in the United States? Ans.—Mt. Whitney in California, 14,502 feet high. Mt. McKinley in Alaska is 20,464 feet high. G. E. R.—What are the dates for Ember Days in 1938? Ans.—Ember Days in 1938 are March 9, 11, 12; June 8, 10, 11; September 21, 23, 24; December 14, 16, 17. T. S.—Which party spent more in the 1936 Presidential campaign, the Republican or the Democratic? Ans.—The Republican National Committee expended \$5,852,971; the Democratic National Committee, \$5,651,118. H. G.—What is a Barmedice feast? Ans.—The expression means a feast with nothing to eat. One of the Barmedice family invited a poor man to dine, but while the host called for the most delicious dishes, and urged his guest to eat, there was no food. The poor man played the game which so pleased the Barmedice that he provided a real banquet. W. R.—Who owns Abraham Lincoln's birthplace in Hodgenville, Kentucky? Ans.—In 1916 the Lincoln Farm Association transferred title to the farm and the memorial to the United States, to be administered by the War Department. In 1933 the property was transferred to the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

N. H. B.—What does it indicate when an egg has an exceptionally thin shell? Ans.—Thin-shelled eggs indicate a lack of minerals or of vitamin D in the hen's ration. W. H.—What are the words most frequently mispronounced? Ans.—According to a compilation of the United States Office of Education, the twelve words most often mispronounced are: on, again, interesting, toward, accept, address, preferable, drowned, perform, automobile, attacked, and forehead. E. H.—How many miles does the average person walk? Ans.—The average person walks 16,698 steps or seven and seven-eighths miles a day. W. A. C.—At what temperature does water occupy the least space? Ans.—Since water expands with both heat and cold, it occupies the least space at about 39 degrees F. W. H.—Is there a scientific name for fear or dread of furry animals or objects? Ans.—This is called doraphobia. W. H. M.—Is Claudette Colbert's husband a Jew? Ans.—The actress is married to Dr. Joel Priesman, a Jewish physician. D. M. P.—How many churches are there in New York City? Ans.—There are about 2800. E. V.—If an employed person stops work at sixty, can he collect the money he has paid into Social Security, or must he wait until he is 65? Ans.—Whether it is a lump sum or an income, it will not be available until he is 65. Should a person die, however, a settlement would be made with his estate. A. N.—Do any birds winter in Canada? Ans.—A great many do. Ducks, hawks, gulls, owls, woodpeckers, cardinals, and song sparrows are often seen in southern Canada, and occasionally members of many other species. W. R.—What kind of mental disease is a fugue? Ans.—A fugue is amnesia during which a person may go to another town and wake up not knowing how he got there. It is literally a flight from reality, the patient wishing to escape from some unbearable mental situation. A. A. E.—Does lightning strike the earth every time there is a flash in the clouds? Ans.—It is known that many lightning flashes take place from one part of a cloud to another without extending down to the ground. Answer to Problem: Of course, John was the loser, when he lost a \$5-bill.

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The Household Scrapbook

- Hair Brushes: Silver-backed hair brushes should not be put into water. Rubbing the bristles well in flour and then using soft paper to remove the flour will clean them very effectively. The backs of the brushes may be brightened with silver polish. Pecan Nuts: The meats of pecan nuts can be easily removed if the pecans are placed in a pan and boiling water poured over them. Let them stand in the water a little while, then crack the shells. Paint: Fresh paint will dry quicker if an electric fan is placed in the room. It will also drive away the odor that is so unpleasant to some people. Double Blankets: It is much easier to handle double blankets, both in laundering and on the bed, if they are cut apart and bound separately. Then, on a warm night, if both prove to be too warm, one of them may be removed. To Relieve Coughing: In severe cases of coughing, one or two tablespoonfuls of pure glycerine in pure rye whiskey or hot rich cream will afford almost instant relief. When Glasses Stick: Two tumblers which have stuck together may be pulled apart by filling the inside glass with cold water and setting the outside glass in warm water. The cold water contracts the upper glass, while the warm water expands the lower, and they may be easily separated. Washing Furniture: To wash furniture, boil one half cake of castile soap in one gallon of water. When this is cold, add one ounce of linseed oil, and wash the wood with this cold mixture. Leather couches can also be washed with the above mixture. Poaching Eggs: When poaching eggs, if one teaspoon of vinegar is put into the boiling water, the eggs will hold together much better. An Obstinate Cork: To remove an obstinate cork, dip a piece of woolen cloth into boiling water and wrap tightly about the neck of the bottle. In a few minutes the cork can be removed. Prevent Clothes Freezing: When hanging clothes on the line during cold weather, if a handful of salt is added to the rinsing water, it will keep them from freezing.