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Editorials

OUR NAVAL POLICY

It is public interest has been maintained in the unofficial announcement of Ramsay MacDonald, the new Premier of the English government, will visit to the United States to confer directly with President Hoover on the question of further limitation of naval armaments.

It is interesting to note that the proposed visit would seem to be that Great Britain has come to realize the necessity of limitation of naval armaments. The United States has been in favor of a procedure for some years, as indicated by Washington conference of 1921, which was made possible by another conference is scheduled for 1931 and, of course, if any equitable agreement can be made in the future, it will be the result of the world's two foremost powers.

ON DISARMING

President Hoover made several good points in his Memorial Day address at Arlington National Cemetery, and the best were these: "That (the Kellogg-Briand peace treaty) is a declaration that springs from the aspirations and hearts of men and women throughout the world. If we are honest, we must consider our own naval armament and the armaments of the world in the light of their defensive and not their aggressive use."

The latter is a normal conclusion from the former. Peace pacts are valueless unless actuated by sincerity. Sincerity is questionable if nations insist on armaments for offensive and not merely defensive warfare.

If nations are earnest in their desire to maintain peace, they will not have thought of carrying war to their neighbors, but merely of defending themselves.

This thought carries with it a marked limitation of armament. This does not, however, mean disarmament. That nation would be foolish which would disarm completely while others retained their arms.

We have not yet reached that millennium in which a nation can confidently count upon respectful treatment unless it has the means to compel it. To disarm in the present state of mind of the world would be to invite disaster.

To speak softly but keep one's powder dry is still the role of prudence.—El Paso Herald.

Somerset People Are Hurt in Auto Mishap

Mrs. Emma St. Clair, of Somerset, Pa., and her three children—Minnie, 17; Robert, 14, and Mary Lou, two—are in a hospital at Latrobe suffering from injuries received Sunday when they were caught under their automobile after it overturned on the Kingston road, near Latrobe.

Mrs. St. Clair and Mary Lou were burned by scalding water from the radiator. The other two suffered from shock.

John St. Clair, husband and father, the driver, escaped unhurt. The St. Clair automobile overturned when the wheels locked while passing another machine.

Oak Trees Are Favored for Roadside Planting

Oak trees, of which there are species native to nearly all parts of the country, are more generally used for roadside planting than any other kind of tree, says the bureau of public roads of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Maples are next in importance for a large part of the country, but as the most-used species are not well adapted for the purpose, the selection must be carefully made.

For the cooler dry regions the most promising trees are the green ash, common locust, hackberry, thornless honey-locust, and poplars, with boxelder, willows, and poplars for the extremes of cold and drought.

In warm, dry climates the eucalyptus, or gums, the palms, the Jerusalem thorn, and the mesquite are good. Only thrifty, vigorous trees, with healthy foliage, look well on country roads. To secure this type for any location it is usually best to select native varieties, although trees from localities with similar growing conditions are frequently satisfactory.

CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

As the blue of the Grand Army, the khaki of the Spanish War veterans and the olive drab, forest green and navy blue of those who served in army, marine corps or sea forces of America in the World War swung through the city streets Memorial Day there were few normal youngsters whose chests did not swell with pride in their country's defenders, whose hearts did not envy the right of the marchers to wear the uniform.

But young men of seventeen to thirty-one years find that right is theirs if they will answer the call to the Citizens' Military Training Camp. It is not a military gesture of a jingo nation—the C. M. T. C. It is a rational preparedness measure which gives to young men of America a smattering of military instruction together with a month of life in the open with a new routine to which the average body responds with zest and interest.

In 1917 an astounding percentage of the citizenry of America was found physically unfit for military duty. The medical examinations of the C. M. T. C. give some men their first intimation of deficiencies which can be corrected when taken in time.

A citizens' military training camp is more than a vacation at the expense of the government. There is much serious work but also a great deal of play. Uncle Sam is not foolish enough to believe that a soldier can be made in a month and knows that too rigid discipline and training would defeat the ends served by these camps. Recreation has a large part of the program and there are few men who will not respond with increased physical and mental fitness to the curriculum prescribed.

Food, clothing, laundry, medical attention, all are furnished by the government to C. M. T. C. students; also mileage pay is allowed amounting to five cents a mile to and returning from camp.—Portland Oregonian.

Social and Personal

Mrs. William L. Dahl and family accompanied by Miss Geraldine Reich, of Broadway, motored to Bedford the past Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends. They returned home on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Reich and family, spent the past Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Beachy, of Salisbury, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beal and family, of North street, accompanied by Richard Reich motored to Bakersville, Pa., the past Sunday where they held a most enjoyable basket picnic.

Ross Leckemby and family, of McKeesport, Pa., were visitors at the home of Mr. Leckemby's parents, Councilman and Mrs. James E. Leckemby, of Main street, the past Sunday.

George Pappas, of Lonaconing, Md., was a visitor at the home of his brother, Gus Pappas, proprietor of The Rendezvous the past Sunday.

Messrs Harry Walsh Sr., James Keegan, Frederick D'Amico, Leo Leaf, John McKenzie, Robert McKenzie and Howard Tipton who are employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Pittsburgh, Pa., were visitors at their respective homes here over the week end. They returned to their work on Sunday afternoon on Train No. 15.

Miss Margaret Foley who had spent the past week visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hillegrass, of Baltimore, Md., returned to her home on the past Saturday. Miss Mary Agnes Hillegrass and Joseph Hillegrass, a niece and nephew of Miss Foley, accompanied her to Meyersdale on her return trip, for an extended visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Michael Foley, of Center street.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Miller, of Broadway, motored to Cumberland, Md., on the past Sunday to visit with relatives and friends.

Albert Machin, who is employed in Mt. Savage, Md., spent the week end here in Meyersdale with his son, Albert Jr. He returned to his work on Sunday evening.

Clyde Hare who is employed in Pittsburgh, Pa., by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hare, of "Caseys Cafe." He returned to Pittsburgh on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Katheline Spence, of Olinger street, has returned to her home after visiting her father, Mr. David Spence who is employed in Detroit.

Mrs. H. L. Blye wife of Commissioner Blye, of Cumberland, Md., who was visiting her cousin, Mrs. M. R. Leckemby, returned to her home.

Mrs. Harvey M. Weimer, of Broadway, spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Korn, of Cumberland, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kretzman, of North street, spent the past Sunday on a picnic party to Cheat Mountain, near Oakland, Maryland.

Miss Kathryn Daubert, of Center street, left the latter part of last week for Spangler, Pa., where she will visit for two weeks with relatives and friends.

Harry Leckemby who is employed by the American Bridge Co., at Ambridge, Pa. spent the past Saturday and Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Leckemby, of Main street.

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Reymer's in One Pound Boxes
Chocolate Peppermints, 39c
Old Fashioned Chocolate Drops, 39c
Jelly Dew Drops, 29c
Toasted Marshmallows, 29c
These Are Special Prices on the Famous Reymer Candies
Thomas Drug Store, Inc.
LEADING DRUGGISTS
MEYERSDALE, PA.
The Place Where Your Business is Appreciated

Social and Personal

Mrs. Grace Quinn left for Washington, D. C., on the past Friday where she will visit for several days with her sister, Mrs. Maidens and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Daubert, of Center street, who had been seriously ill from tonsillitis, have fully recovered.

Mr. John Cover left for New York the past week on a business trip.

Truman Sannes, of Rockwood, Pa., was a visitor to Meyersdale on last Saturday evening, on business.

Mrs. Alfred Daubert and young son, Philip, left the past Sunday for Spangler, Pa., where they will visit for some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and family of Grant street, were visitors to Connellsville, Pa., the latter part of last week. Mr. Smith attended the Lodge meeting of the Locomotive Engineers and Firemen which was held in the club rooms in Connellsville, while the rest of the family visited with relatives and friends there.

Miss Esther Bell delightfully entertained 14 of her Sunday School scholars of the Lutheran Church the latter part of last week at her home near Meyersdale. A very delicious dinner was served by the hostess, and a very enjoyable time was had by all. The members of the class voted it one of the best times ever, and at a late hour departed for their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bockes, of North street, were visitors to Scottsdale, Pa., on the past Saturday with relatives and friends.

The Misses Bess and Leila Coulehan of Broadway, spent the past Friday in Johnstown, Pa.

Ezra Lehman was a visitor to Somerset, Pa., on last Friday afternoon.

Very Rev. J. J. Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Reich, motored to Cumberland, Md., on last Thursday evening.

Mrs. George Benford, of North street, was a visitor to Johnstown, Pa., on last Friday afternoon.

Miss Caroline Steinberger left on this Monday morning for a visit of one month with relatives and friends in Renova, Harrisburg and Chambersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Belle Getty underwent a minor operation at the Allegheny Hospital in Cumberland, Maryland, the past Thursday.

Miss Sara Breig has returned from Akron, Ohio, where she was visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hartle and daughter Mary, have returned from Akron, Ohio.

Miss Mary Clark is confined to her home on Broadway due to an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baer and daughter, Mrs. George East Lake of Youngstown, O., spent the week end here with Mrs. Baer's mother, Mrs. Mary Grime.

Miss Edna Davis of Kingwood, W. Va., is a guest of her friend, Miss Mabel Baer, Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Sellers, their three children and Miss Edna Tressler, spent Sunday with relatives in Cumberland.

Social and Personal

Mrs. William Bheuler and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Bheuler, Jr., of Johnstown spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Lint.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson are spending the week visiting relatives in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Gorman Tressler, of Akron, O., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin, Salisbury street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boose and the latter's mother, Mrs. Shirey, of Akron, O., motored here Sunday for a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Llewellyn of Uniontown spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Grof. They were accompanied home in the evening by Miss Pauline Grof who will spend two weeks with the Llewellyns at their summer home at Farmington, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crowe, son William and daughter Elizabeth, spent Sunday with relatives at Frostburg, Md.

Mrs. George Korchner, daughter Dorothy, sons Roy, Frank, Theodore and George Jr., and Loretta Harvey, all of Dunlo, Pa., were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kartner over Sunday.

Carl Seiler of Cumberland, is visiting his sister, Miss Alverda Seiler of Center St.

Mrs. Annie Shultz who was visiting friends in Pittsburgh has returned to her home on High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller and son P. J., of Rockwood, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Austin of High St., on Monday.

Miss Frances D'Amico spent last Friday in Cumberland, Md., on business.

Mrs. Harry Gauntz and daughter Eloise left on Sunday for Somerset where they will spend the remainder of the week visiting.

John Housel of Keystone was a visitor to Meyersdale on the past Monday.

Mrs. Francis Clark of Akron, Ohio, arrived Monday of this week for a visit with Mr. Clark's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Carouse and young daughters May and Betty, motored to Kelso the past Sunday where they were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis. They returned home on Sunday evening.

Oliver Miller who is employed by the State Highway Department spent the past Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of Broadway.

Earl Finnegan of Akron, Ohio, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Commons, and Mrs. Hannah Finnegan returned to his home in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. R. G. Miller was a visitor to Windber, Pa., on the past Tuesday.

James Dixon, Jr., of Washington, D. C., who had been visiting friends here, left for Connellsville, Pa., where he will visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Minerva Stratton, daughters, Mary and Gladys, former well known residents of town, now residing at Detroit, Michigan, are visiting Mrs. Stratton's mother, Mrs. John Wilhelm at Berkeley's Mills several days. Mrs. Stratton likes Detroit very much.

Mrs. George Benford of North street, submitted to a very serious operation in the Hazel McGilvery Hospital Monday evening for the removal of her appendix and other complications. She is resting as well as can be expected. Her husband was in New York, when informed of his wife's illness by telegram and started for home at once, arriving here Tuesday about noon.

Charles Blocher and Clarence Schrock, students at the Indiana State College spent Saturday and portion of Sunday with their families here.

Albert J. Bittner, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bittner of North street, submitted to an operation for the removal of his tonsils, which had been giving him considerable trouble for some time. Dr. Murray of Cumberland performed the operation at the Wenzel hospital. Paul Plitt, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plitt of Summit township had his tonsils removed at the same time.

Miss Margaret Kretzman, a member of the High School faculty in our local High School left for State College on Monday where she will take some special work during the summer months.

Miss Marion Domer, who is teaching in Charleston, West Virginia, is spending her vacation at the parental home on Grant street.

Homer Knierniem, who is employed in Johnstown spent Sunday with his family here.

SOMERSET LAWYER IS HONORARY MEMBER OF RECIPROCITY CLUB

Frederick W. Biesecker Receives Unusual Distinction Accorded to Few Men—President of Somerset County Bar Association—Other Distinctions.

Attorney Frederick W. Biesecker, for 10 years the President of the Somerset County Bar Association, has received an unusual honor in being made an honorary member of the Reciprocity Club of America. This distinction has been accorded by this service club to only a few men, including Chief Justice William Howard Taft and John Moros, novelist, playwright and author of the Lindbergh flight story for the Paris "Herald."

Mr. Biesecker is a patron of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster and presented the Biesecker gymnasium which was the first unit in a million dollar building program now nearing completion. He is Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Biesecker is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1880, and he is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He read law in the office of Congressman General William H. Koontz and was admitted to the Somerset Bar in 1882. For 10 years he has been President of the County Bar Association; for the same period he has been active in the Somerset Library Association; served two terms as District Attorney; for years was County Republican Chairman and a member of the State Republican Committee and has held numerous appointive offices.

Attorney Biesecker is active in the business life of Somerset and Cambria counties, being a Director of the Johnstown Telephone Company, a Director of the Somerset Trust Company, Vice President of the First National Bank of Somerset, and a Trustee of St. Paul's Reformed Church.

On his return from Honolulu last year a volume of 300 letters of congratulations on his seventieth birthday was presented to him. This latest distinction of membership in the Reciprocity Club of America is in recognition of Mr. Biesecker's benevolent disposition, his service to Franklin and Marshall College and the stimulus he has given to the educational institutions of the East.

THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

In this day when farm relief is the paramount issue and three-fourths of the proposed legislation in Congress is intended to help the agriculturist it is consoling to know that at least one important branch of the industry is prospering. This is the livestock industry. President E. C. Brown, of the Chicago Livestock Exchange, recently cited the prosperity of this industry, and is quoted in a dispatch to the New York World as stating:

"Livestock farmers are now in a position to help the grain farmer. They can buy corn at 65 to 75 cents throughout the belt, convert it into beef and pork, and on a short turn-over can market the grain that goes into the animal, netting thereby 50 to 100 per cent profit. Reports of fabulous profits in Wall Street are in circulation, but none of them actually exceeds current livestock growing profits with every prospect of continuance.

"A notable instance of the efficacy of livestock production in remedying grain or one-crop farming ills is to be seen in the Dakotas, where lamb-raising has gained such momentum in recent years. Application of the same diversification principle will be equally effective elsewhere.

"All the livestock industry asks is secure possession of its domestic market, which is essential if the herd and flocks of this country are to be protected from foot and mouth disease. This can be accomplished only by rigid exclusion of meats from infested South American areas."

If there are any who really doubt that the protective tariff plays an important part in the prosperity of the farmer his attention should be called to the concluding paragraph in Mr. Brown's statement. That foreign meat products are widely sold in America, especially in the Eastern cities, can be ascertained by anyone who will take the trouble to investigate in the markets of New York, Washington, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities.

There is no doubt that the grain farmer has been in a bad way. The recently enacted farm bill was designed to help him. It ought, and will be, put into effect as soon as

CAMP AT BERLIN SELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of Berlin Camp, No. 447, P. O. S. of A., the following officers were elected: President, John P. Vogel; Vice President, Oscar T. Miller; Master of Forms, Frank Mosgrave; Conductor, Robert C. Ringle; Inspector, Frank H. Mowry; Guard, C. W. Armstrong; Recording Secretary, Charles H. Brant; Financial Secretary, Merle W. Brant; Chaplain, George W. Beal; Assistant Recording Secretary, Jacob W. Ross; Right Sentinel, Charles W. Musser; Left Sentinel, Harry C. Mosgrave; Trustees, Oscar T. Miller, George W. Beal, Jacob W. Ross; Treasurer, Fred C. Smith; Delegate to State camp, Merle W. Brant; Alternate, Oscar T. Miller.

possible, and will doubtless have some beneficial effect this year. The recent rise in the price of wheat from at least to the effect of the enactment of this legislation and an additional improvement should be noted as the season advances.

In the meantime it is good to know that the livestock industry is on its feet and coming fast. This will have a good effect on the grain farmer, too, who will be more and more inclined to feed his corn into livestock rather than to sell it on the open market. The agricultural industry has been flat but the situation is not hopeless and when improvement comes prosperity for the farmer may arrive faster than anyone now contemplates.

Birthday Party Held For Mrs. Lincoln Brant

The children and many friends of Mrs. H. Lincoln Brant celebrated her 64th birthday on Friday night, June 21. Everybody enjoyed the party which lasted far into the night. A dainty lunch was served at a suitable hour.

Those present on the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Lincoln Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brant, Mrs. Mary Hoyle, all of Somerset; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stahl, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Foore and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Brant, all of Berlin; Marguerite Brant, Pauline Brant, Rosaline Brant, Elbert Brant, Elwood Brant, Orval Brant, Phyllis Brant, all of Somerset; Carl Foote, Harry Pritts, Chester Brant, Dorene Brant, Etha Brant, Fern Brant, Harry Brant Jr., Donald Shaw Brant, Ena Brant, Helen Brant, Paul Stahl, Evelyn Brant, Harry Foore, Chas. Foore, Peggy Foore and Jean E. Brant all of Berlin.

How the Useful Plants Came to Mankind

By T. E. STEWARD WNU Service

The Watermelon

ONE becomes convinced that there is nothing new in the world when he learns that the watermelon comes from Africa and grows wild by thousands in the native home of the race which fancies it most. It is one of relatively few widely dispersed food plants that came in the first instance from the Dark Continent.

Even as recent a botanist as the great Swede, Linnaeus, believed the watermelon to have come from southern Italy, where he had seen it growing in abundance. The plant had spread during the days of ancient civilizations, and at the opening of the Christian era was grown in Egypt, Palestine, Greece, the Roman empire, and probably in India.

That its origin should have been shrouded in mystery is not strange when one remembers that Africa was little explored until the middle of the Nineteenth century. In fact Livingston, the famous missionary, may have been the first to establish it as African. In his travels he found it growing wild in abundance and established beyond a doubt that it was indigenous to that land.

The watermelon is one of the food plants shown in drawings on ancient Egyptian monuments, proving that they were familiar with it. This makes it likely that it was known also to the ancient Israelites, who carried on commerce with Egypt and were carried into captivity in that country. Spanish and Berber names with antique characteristics go to show that it was also grown at the western end of the Mediterranean in days very long ago.

Not until the Tenth century A. D. was this melon introduced into China, where it goes under the name, "al-kua," but the Sanskrit name, "chayapula" indicates its ancient cultivation in India.

Wild watermelons are frequently bitter, a character that has been bred out of the domesticated varieties. The native negroes burst the melons with a club and taste the juice, saving the sweet ones and leaving the bitter ones where they lie.

Further proof of its African origin lies in the fact that scientists have failed to find the watermelon growing wild in any other part of the world. It is a member of the citron family, scientifically known as Citrullus vulgaris.

DADDY EVENING FAIRY

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