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### THE PRICE OF DEFENSELESSNESS.

The settlement of international disputes by force is a relic of barbarism. It ought to fall into as complete disuse among civilized nations as the duelling code.

War has become so deadly, so mechanized, so destructive to economic life not only in the nations immediately affected, but throughout the world that it has ceased to appeal even to the spirit of adventure. Moreover, we have learned by experience that in any great war all combatants lose. What may apparently be gained is more than overbalanced by the losses sustained in attaining the objective of victory. But some may lose more than others.

It is therefore surprising that so many people affecting an interest in peace are willing to subject the United States to the danger of further involvement not only in war, but in increased loss of life and treasure from war, by preaching the doctrine of American unpreparedness for war. There are agitators of unpreparedness who have no special enmity to the government of the United States but they are willing that the youth of this country should be subjected to the slaughter in a war for which this country would be unprepared, by putting this nation in a state of defenseless that would invite attack and make certain our involvement in war. Of course national defense cannot be improvised in an emergency, it must be looked after in a time of peace in order to have any effectiveness whatever.

The American people have no reason and no desire to become involved in war. They enjoy an economic independence which has been attained by no other people in the world. All that they ask is to be let alone; yet the world's richest nation has no guarantee of being let alone. Indeed a state of unpreparedness would make it certain that we would not escape the aggressions of nations better prepared for war, and possessing less wealth and economic power.

The United States is the greatest influence for international peace in the world, because, for one thing, the American people have less reason for resorting to war than any other people because needing nothing that belongs to their neighbors, they have no dispo-

sition to attempt to wreck their will by force. It must be said in extenuation of the war spirit in some other nations, that economic necessity compels them to reach beyond their borders for the territory and resources essential to their existence. They should not be judged too harshly since necessity is the mother of desperation as well as of necessity. But what is proposed by the advocates of American disarmament, especially naval disarmament, is that the United States shall cease to be a power for peace in the world. Aesop's fable of the fox minus a tail is recalled. His arguments in favor of bobbing tails fell on deaf ears, being attributed to the fact that misery loves company. If America were made unequal on the seas to other powers, it would at once be believed by other nations that our arguments for peace came through the idea of fear or weakness. Yet it is seriously proposed that we should be put in that unflattering position, and it is even argued that this is a proposal in the interests of peace.

The talk of possible armed conflict with Great Britain has been unfortunate. America will never become involved in war with England so long as we maintain the ratio of naval parity provided in the Washington agreement, but which has been abandoned in violation of the spirit of that compact. The only danger of war with Great Britain would come about through our accepting a position of naval inferiority which would cause our neutral rights to be invaded in case of an European war. Our unpreparedness has involved us in three wars—the undeclared war with France under President Adams' administration, the War of 1812, and the World War. Pacifism expressed in unpreparedness was the direct cause of our involvement in these three wars—three of the five foreign wars in which we have been involved. In each case our rights were flouted beyond resistance because it was believed that we could not and would not defend ourselves.

Many so-called pacifists subject to the protection of the rights and just interests of American citizens living or travelling abroad. They affect to believe that if we would abandon this protection, the likelihood of war would be decreased. But the truth is that such abandonment would invite further aggression until the situation would become intolerable, and there would be a popular demand for war that would be irresistible. No schoolboy can adventure to his fellows his unwillingness to stand up for his rights without inviting and usually securing an invasion of those rights. The citizen, however, plus of intention, who goes about with a self-affixed "Kick Me" sign on his coat tail is likely to be accommodated.

In order that nation may be saved the horrors of war it is essential that we should keep ourselves, as Washington said, "in a reasonable posture of defense," just as it is necessary that any community should maintain an adequate police force against the possible aggressions of unruly elements. The argument that such protective measures

are provocative of disturbance is so puerile that it seems strange to see grown men and women going about uttering them. Yet undoubtedly some of those who engage in this performance are sincere; they merely leave facts out of account; some are more interested in the pose than in the principles of peace.

The creation of an adequate national defense no more means a disposition to use it unnecessarily than taking out fire insurance indicates a desire for a fire, or taking out life insurance, a wish for death, or vaccination a longing for smallpox. On the contrary our advocates of unpreparedness are the real apostles of war in this country. Not that they wish or intend to fight if war comes, of course, but they are willing enough to sacrifice their neighbor's boys to a personal pose of superior self-righteousness or a lack of interest in what may happen to their country. The menace of war is too high a price however, to pay for this gratification of the pacifist's ego.

### ON THE HEALTH OF THE TIRED BUSINESS MAN.

Much is heard these days of the tired business man, and it is all true. Too frequently members of this large class of individuals burn the candle at both ends by working hard all day and by playing hard all evening. But in the last analysis they have only themselves to blame.

Dr. Theodore B. Appel, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, this week issued a warning on this topic. While it is true that conventions and customs play their part in luring men, women and children from their hours of rest, the mature person is quite in the position, for the most part, to control his life so that the needed hours of relaxation and sleep are obtained. On the other hand, the question is not so simple for the youngsters. They largely follow their own mature inclinations. And in this regard many parents seemingly fail to realize that children should spend the late evening hours, as well as the night in bed, that health building sleep and rest and good food are absolute essentials for a growing mind and body and that it is their duty to see that these things are provided.

Today's high speed, with its night allurements is constantly taking an increasing toll among the pupils of high and pre-high school age. This fatigue steps in and health steps out. Recent figures tabulated by the Department's bureau of child health show that of 4,255 pupils in the fourth class school districts in fifteen different counties, more than 19 per cent were found to be ten per cent or more under weight. Eliminating the comparatively small number of children who are naturally under weight because of their size, the majority of deficient showed unmistakable signs of under-nourishment and fatigue. Subsequent investigation indicated that most of these young people's food and rest habits had been practically self determined.

It follows that parents must be made to realize that the body, whether mature or young, must be subjected to certain fundamental rules rather than to the whims of this fast moving world. Until they do so, neither they nor their children are likely to get out of life in terms of health, happiness and joy what nature intended that they should get.

Fatigue and under nourishment are evidences of extreme foolishness on the part of grown-ups, but where children are concerned, they almost assume the proportion of a crime.

If people are disinterested regarding their own health they should at least protect that of their children, for they cannot protect themselves."

### THE OLDEN DAYS.

were so fast and skillful that only the ring fan, who knew a clever fighter when he saw one, and who would spend his last dollar to see a scientific bout? Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, James Corbett, Jack Root, Jim Driscoll, George Dixon and men of similar type style and fame would probably be hissed from the ring nowadays. They were so fast and skillful that only the eye of the expert could follow the beauty of their art. In the old days the fighter who could block or dodge a punch was cheered. Now he is praised for being able stupidly to take everything that comes his way.

It was not always so here in Johnstown, says the Johnstown Democrat of Monday morning. We have seen a little boy known years ago as Jack Phenice, put more science into six rounds of fighting than the fight fans here see in two years. Jack was good and we often wonder what Mr. Phenice thinks as he watches the game nowadays. It is the boys like Phenice that keeps our interest in the game alive. They gave themselves to pugilism for a period and then, unmarked in mind or body, became valued members of the community. Benny Leonard is another of the type. And even Jack Dempsey has shown that he is more than a mauler.

Ah, well, heavyweights are the vogue now, concludes the Democrat writer, but it is the little boys who pull the fast stuff in the fighting game. So here's hoping they become the fashion again.

### ENLIST SCIENCE IN CROP DISEASE FIGHT.

Science instead of superstition points the way to fighting plant diseases, according to R. S. Kirby, extension plant pathologist of the Pennsylvania State College. He says that fungi, plants living as parasites on other plants, are the cause of diseases.

To combat these disease causing organisms, the plant pathologists press into service all that science has discovered about how to keep healthy plants well and to make sick plants healthy. Among the practices used are control of insects which carry disease, destroying intermediate hosts like the barberry bush, which spreads wheat rust; spraying to control apple scab and potato blight; treating seed, as for oat smut and stinking smut of wheat; destroying diseased plants and planting clean material as the raspberry and potato growers do, or selecting disease resistant varieties, such as Richland oats, which is not susceptible to stem rust.

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#### EVIDENCE OF VOLCANOES FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Evidence of at least six volcanic eruptions which covered central Pennsylvania with fine dust deposits has recently been discovered in the limestone formations of the Nittany Valley by Prof. C. A. Bonina, head of the department of geology and mineralogy of the Pennsylvania State College.

The material is a very fine grained clay formed by the alteration of the dust like particles of volcanic origin as they fell into the inland sea which covered the region millions of years ago during the geological period when the limestones were being formed. The volcanic vents from which the ash was blown have not been discovered but Professor Bonina believes they will probably be located farther south in Kentucky or Virginia where beds of similar material of the same geologic age several feet thick have been found.

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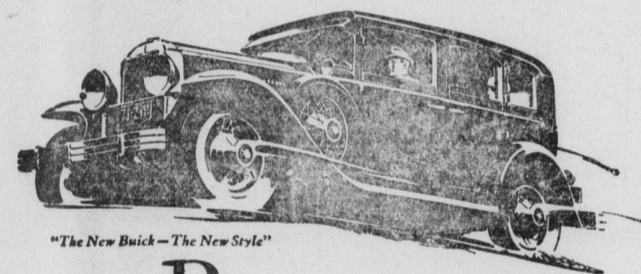
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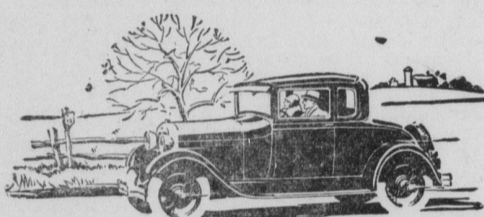
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Because of the location of the tank, the entire flow of gasoline is an even, natural flow—following the natural law of gravity. This is the simplest and most direct way of supplying gasoline to the carburetor without variations in pressure. The gasoline feed pipe of the new Ford is only 13 inches long and is easily accessible all the way.

The gasoline passes from the tank to the carburetor through a filter or sediment bulb mounted on the steel dash which separates the gasoline tank from the engine.

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As a matter of fact, the fuel system of the new Ford is so simple in design and so carefully made that it requires very little service attention.

The filter or sediment bulb should be cleaned at regular intervals and the carburetor screen removed and washed in gasoline. Occasionally the drain plug at the bottom of the carburetor should be removed and the carburetor drained for a few seconds.

Have your Ford dealer look after these important little details for you when you have the car oiled and greased. A thorough, periodic checking-up costs little, but it has a great deal to do with long life and continuously good performance.

## Auto To Up Des In Use

JANUARY TOTAL DRED AND DEATHS

An increase of marked the January motor accidents in Pennsylvania. The month's toll was 1735 deaths and 243 over 55, and known age.

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