

HEED NOT THE DECEIVER.

Memorial day is drawing near. If there is any season of the year when more than at other seasons, human hearts should be united in loving sympathy, it is this. When we gather to honor the memory of the brave men who gave their lives for the union, we cannot fail to hear from their silent tombs the voice that admonishes us to cease strife. If we turn a deaf ear to that voice, the lesson of Memorial day is largely lost upon us. Even the ancient warrior nations had their enclosures, their sacred precincts, which no one dared to enter armed. They had their consecrated places where the sounds of discord were not to be heard. But those places were not more sacred than are the peaceful sanctuaries where rest the mortal remains of the loved ones who have passed away. None but ghosts would approach those precincts with hatred and bitterness in their hearts, armed for conflict and murder.

And yet we notice that a local sheet endeavors to turn even Memorial day into a day of strife. Even that day furnishes it an excuse for inventing stories calculated to stir citizen against citizen. And what makes this particularly contemptible is the fact that it pours its venom into the hearts of the old soldiers, some of whom may not know better than to accept its falsehoods for truth. It could not leave those veterans to devote themselves in peace to the memories of the past, without trying to deprive them of the joy and satisfaction of knowing that they are honored and loved in the community in which they live. For that is the effect, and probable purpose, of the false story published that the County Commissioners have "insulted" the Grand Army men, and even refused the customary appropriation for flowers, both of which statements have been shown to be utterly without foundation.

We need not say that the inventor of the falsehood hoped by its publication to secure some votes next election for a party, the leaders of which have identified themselves with rottenness in municipal affairs, and venomous opposition to us as staunch a friend as the Grand Army ever had in the Presidential chair—a party, the leaders of which staked everything upon a grand assault upon the Constitution of the United States, and were ignominiously defeated. The Grand Army veterans cannot afford to affiliate with such leaders. Even if they approve of some of the principles for which the party professes to stand, they cannot afford to follow leaders that depend upon falsehoods and pretenses for the furtherance of their cause. They cannot, in other words, afford to fight under commanders who furnish wooden sticks for guns, and painted logs for cannon. They are sure of defeat with such an equipment, particularly when the opponents are well armed.

We do not believe the Grand Army men, as a rule, are as easily deceived as the organ of hatred seems to take for granted. One who has absolutely nothing but fraud to offer naturally supposes that everyone is a dupe, an E. Z. Mark. But this is not so. And the Veterans undoubtedly will know their friends, and also know that a willful deceiver is not the friend of anybody.

ONE OBJECTION ANSWERED.

One of the objections to the formation of peace societies, always put forth by those who are not well informed on the subject, is this, that the object of such organizations is Utopian. As the world is constituted, they argue, we must have armies and navies. We must be prepared for war, as the best guarantee of peace. If the friends of peace in this country, it is said, had their way, it would be only a short time till we would have no means of defense and the republic would be the easy prey of any power that might choose to attack it, or injure its vast business interests.

This argument merely proves the necessity of efficient work for the dissemination of knowledge among the people generally concerning the aims and purposes of the friends of peace. Notwithstanding all agitation, ignorance prevails concerning the hopes and aspirations of the conservative champions of the peace cause.

It is true that all through the ages there have been enthusiasts who have refused to bear arms in the service of their respective countries, because they have looked upon all military institutions as anti-Christian. They have proclaimed the doctrine of non-resistance as a Christian teaching. It is true that such were liable to prevail in any country, as the world is today, it would result in disaster to that state. We have a notable illustration of this point in the experience of the great empire of China. There militarism had become a relic of the past. The army was neglected and there was almost no navy. The soldier was despised, and the army, consequently, degenerated and became inefficient. Then the country became the prey of almost every power in Europe, Japan and Russia humiliated her, and China would undoubtedly have been broken up into fragments but for the re-awakening that took place under military pressure. Now the country will be in a position to defend herself, and this fact undoubtedly insures tranquility. It is the military activity of China that is a

notice to the rest of the world to "keep off the grass."

Conservative peace friends do not ignore the facts as they exist. They do not ask for the disbanding of the armies all at once, or the sinking of the navies into the depths of the sea. On the contrary, if the country requires their services, they will gladly give them even in a righteous war. But they do strive to convert all the world to the truth that war is not, and should not be, a necessary evil, any more than is murder for the purpose of avenging private wrongs. Their aim is to preach the gospel of arbitration and conciliation, until the sentiment of the world is regenerated thereby, and the majority of men and women everywhere shall make those principles the guide of their daily conduct. When that time comes they will have legislators and executives to whom arbitration is the natural policy. Then there will be no need of armies and navies, except, perhaps, as a very small police force. Practical friends of peace are bending their energies toward the education of the masses of the people everywhere in this direction, but while they are teaching and preaching and proclaiming universal peace as the ideal to be reached some day, they do not propose revolutionary measures by which the safety of a state might be jeopardized. Friends of peace are not necessarily Mennonites, Shakers, or Doukhobors.

One thing seems sure. The peace movement that received such an impetus from the first Hague congress, is one of the permanent features of modern development. Progressive citizens will not stand aloof from it in proud indifference. They will lend a hearty support.

JAPANESE IN NEW YORK.

One feature of the visit of the Japanese in New York is worthy of a passing notice. The New York World says the Japanese sailors did not go to the Bowery. This is, of course, something unusual. Crews of foreign squadrons always patronize the haunts of vice. But the Japanese were sober and orderly. "Did not desert," says the World, "was not more disrespectful than the improvised 'gelsa girls.' The froth was off the 'sake,' the man at the piano pounded away to empty dance-halls, the rain fell and gloom settled on the haunts of revelry. It is not usually so when a squadron is in port."

The Japanese have a reputation for good conduct. During the campaign in China for the relief of the foreign diplomats in Peking, the Japanese contingent of the military expedition is said to have been the most exemplary of all. The Japanese were not guilty of the excesses to which "Christian" soldiers were given. This accounts very largely for their superiority in the field. For even in warfare moral excellence is as essential as physical strength and endurance.

The visit of General Kuroki to this country is an event of no small importance. It is the first time that a Japanese general adorned by a laurel-wreath of victory over European armies, comes to this country. He is the hero of Yalu, Liaoang, and Mukden, where the Japanese performed wonders of strategy and valor. And he comes in battleships that took part in the historical engagement of the Korean straits, where Russia's navy was swept off the surface of the sea.

It is barely half a century since the opening up of Japan by Commodore Perry. At that time very little was known of Japan. The accounts say that Perry's treaty was made, not with the Mikado but with the Shogun who had usurped his authority. The men at the Shogun's court, it is said, wore silken trousers eighteen inches too long. The baggy bottoms of these garments, dragging on the floor, gave the couriers the desired appearance of being always on their knees. Still greater reverence was paid to the Mikado. Ordinary men never saw him. It was not until 1868 that Perry's treaty and others that had followed it became really binding by being ratified by the present Mikado, who had crushed the Shogunate and assumed his full authority. This was less than forty years ago.

Japan as a world power, is the wonder of the age. It has sprung up in one day, as it were. It would be erroneous to suppose that the Japanese were savages who have become civilized in half a century. They were civilized when Perry visited them. They had a civilization of their own, and on this foundation they have built with the most wonderful results. Japan has learned a great deal from the West. She has been an apt scholar. But we may have something to learn from Japan, too, and we should not be less apt scholars.

The warm weather came and the floods descended.

Perry's polar expedition fund receives nothing but the cold shoulder.

Mayor Schmitt has decided to stand trial and not confess. If he can stand it the public can.

The telephone linemen have walked out. Let them be sure that they know close to the line.

At Bingham Junction it seems that when Austrian meets Greek then comes the tug of war.

Wordsworth's little girl said, "We are seven." Schmitt's advisory committee says, "We were seven."

"San Francisco is the Nibbe of cities," says the Los Angeles Times. Are all her children dead?

Will Contractor Moran be allowed extra compensation for changing the plans for his elevated railway?

It looks as though Oklahoma were to have government by injunction instead of by state constitution.

The mayor of San Francisco will not fiddle while a jury is considering the burning question of his guilt or innocence.

The Irish national convention has rejected Mr. Birrell's home rule measure. It demands full measure and will never be satisfied with half measures.

The work of selecting a jury to try

Haywood is very exhausting. Already one regular and one special venire have been exhausted and a new venire ordered.

It grieved Queen Victoria of Spain to learn that she must abandon the idea of nursing the Prince of Asturias. Her grief shows that she does not belong to the "smart set."

Strikers have a perfect right to walk out from works where they may be employed but they have no right to prevent others from walking in to work. That is equal and exact justice to all and special privileges to none.

"By order of the authorities Charles Kingsley's 'Westward Ho' is to be excluded from the schools of Tilbury, in England, till certain passages are expunged in praise of tobacco," says the New York World. Doesn't the exclusion only last till certain passages in praise of tobacco are expunged rather than "till certain passages are expunged in praise of tobacco?"

ORIGIN OF A PROVERB.

New York Evening Post.
From Rome the cable tells that a German professor has laid before the Italian government a plan for the excavation of the ancient town of Luceri and Crotona in Magna Graecia. The former is famous as the place where the first written code of laws, drawn up by Zaleucus, was promulgated. It was this code which provided that the proposer of a new law should stand forth in the public assembly with a rope about his neck, and that if the law was rejected, the would-be legislator should be strangled. Tradition reports that a popular chief archon of the city, who had introduced a measure dealing with the proper administration of the aqueducts, the baths, the open wrestling-place, and other public utilities, was in danger of meeting with the prescribed fate, owing to the machinations of his opponents, who were known as the Sable Horsemen from their undoubted affiliations with Pluto, the king of subterranean evils and means. This archon, who was advised by his friends, the plotters to proceed with their schemes to amend the measure out of all recognition, soon placed them in the position of appearing as its virtual authors, over whom, in turn, the dread fate impended in case of failure. The opposition of the Sable Horsemen, thereupon disappeared, and the archon's will was achieved. To this tradition is probably due our common proverb about giving a thief rope enough.

BOOK, ONCE NAPOLEON'S FOUND.

San Francisco Call.
Students of Berkeley browsing through the shelves of the university library today discovered an old work on algebra, one of which was written. "This book belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte." On the inside of the cover were the words: "This was one of the volumes that formed Bonaparte's library at St. Helena." On the next page were the words: "Bonaparte's library, Island of St. Helena." These notes are supposed to have been written by one of the books, which was printed 55 years ago. The seal of Napoleon is found on one of its pages. Andrew S. Hallide, in his lifetime a recent of the university, owned the book, which with many others from his library went to the university when he died several years ago. The title of the book is "Cours de Mathematiques" by Bezout. It was printed at a time when Napoleon was interested in its subject, and this fact is taken to lend color to the theory that the volume really was part of Bonaparte's library on the island of St. Helena.

FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE UNION

Los Angeles Examiner.
With very little noise and scarcely any outside notice there has been organized in the South and portions of the West a movement that may prove of far-reaching importance. This is the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, which started a few years ago in Texas and has now extended practically to every Southern State, and also has gained a footing in Oklahoma, Kansas, and elsewhere. Over a year ago it was said to have a million members and is constantly growing. The union is pure a business organization, as it does not enter the field of partisan politics, although it holds many of the principles of the old Farmers Alliance that formed the basis of the People's Party. In this line its work is educational. Its members are left entirely free to vote as they see fit, but ultimately, of course, they will support the party whose platform embodies their ideas. In this respect they take substantially the stand of the American Federation of Labor, with which body they to an extent fraternize.

JUST FOR FUN.

Value of Immigration Laws.
The breaking of the immigration record every month nowadays rather makes one wonder what would have been doing if Congress had passed no restrictive laws.—Indianapolis News.

Explained.
A Connecticut fisherman claims to have seen a red-headed devil-fish which stood on its tail and hissed at him. To much bait.—Cleveland Leader.

Would It?
Would it be safe to say the drug trust received a knock-out drop in that Indianapolis federal court decision?—Ohio Sun.

Opened Too Early.
Another plot to assassinate the czar has been uncovered. Both baseball and bombthrowing have suffered from early openings.—Detroit Free Press.

The Better Way.
A way of escape has been devised. From the deep-sea submarine. But it doesn't compare with the other plan.
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—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Big Hole.
They seem to have left a hole in the railroad rate bill big enough to drive a wagon through.—Baltimore Sun.

A Condition Precedent.
The magazines are full of suggestions or how to furnish a bungalow. And many anxious readers are awaiting the magazine that will tell how to secure a bungalow to furnish.—Fort Worth Record.

Easily Explained.
Customer—See here, waiter, I found a button in the salad.
Waiter—Yes, sir, that's part of the dressing.—Princeton Tiger.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The leading story in the Red Book magazine for June sounds the note of summer. "Graveland" is the appropriate name of a great summer park, and thither goes one Frohisher, a man of fashion, and there he has a most extraordinary adventure, the account of which by John D. Swain is very amusing to read. A western story that is quite out of the ordinary is "The Little Gold Maid" by Edith Bingham, and "The Capture of Miss Cohen" tells of a

charming girl's romantic adventure in the Scottish highlands. A human story of paternal love is Gertrude Dick's "Van Velsor's Apotheosis," and in striking contrast is "The Gratitude of Lady Billy," Phillip Verill Mighels' tale of a friendly goat. Another story of more than ordinary power is "The Dwarf" by George Bronson-Howard. In addition to its splendid short stories the Red Book magazine for June contains an article on the career of Julia Marlowe by Louis V. DePoe. The illustrations are from old and rare photographs of Miss Marlowe in the parts which made her famous early in her artistic life—153-161 State St., Chicago.

The stories in June Young's are of a kind to make readers sit up and rub their eyes—pungent, keen tales that tell of vital things with a crisp, lively touch—tales ironical, humorous, tragic, but no draggy problem stories or tiresome moralizing. The novelette "Silk Stockings and Morality," by Anne Anny, is a love story, with a bantering vein of satire, a gay Bohemian atmosphere, clever repartee and character drawing. An appealing pair of rogues are drawn into "Tomorrow," by W. Carey Wonderly, with a terse vividness of description. Another story of more than ordinary cleverness is "Their Mutual Friend," by Maude Fulton. An actress, playing the part of an angel-wife, tiring of her role, and the husband yearning of being the good-goddy husband, they both confide in the mutual friend. There are 18 stories besides the novelette in this number and some others worthy of mention are "A Heart in Rebound," "My First Crime," "Peculation," "The Girl with the Ring," "A June Madness," "Sub Rosa" and "At the Masked Ball." "At the Sign of the Cross" glitters with gems of humor and up-to-date philosophy and in "On Broadway and Off" are good things to laugh at by and concerning condescending Broadway stars, among them Frank Moulton, Leo Dittichstein, Arnold Daly, Eleanor Robson, Eddie Foy and Louis Mann.—114-116 East 28th St., New York.

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