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EFFORTS FOR PEACE.

Somebody has made the suggestion that Mr. Carnegie donate a few mil-Hons to the universities of Great Britain, Germany and France, on the condition that these three great powers join the United States in an alliance for the maintenance of perpetual peace amoug the nations of the earth. It is supposed that when these four nations are united on one proposition, the rest of the world will offer no serious opposition. This is certainly true. But, is it at present possible to unite any four. or even any two, great powers for the maintenance of perpetual peace? Not as long as militarism is giorified, and adored by the thoughtless masses.

A most commendable activity is observed among the statesmen, and other influential persons, in favor of arbitration treaties and various international agreements the purpose of which is to obviate recourse to war. The friends of peace are multiplying, as the cause is set forth with ever increasing clearness. But the object will be fully gained, only when the masses of the people are thoroughly convinced that war is unnecessary, and that it is a crime to provoke the fury of the bottomless pit because of disputes that can be settled in peace by rational beings. The efforts of the agitators for peace should therefore he to reach they masses and influence public opin-

The present dispute between Sweden and Norway is a remarkable demonstration of the truth that war can be avoided, when the disposition is to treat all questions with fairness, and reason. The provocation in this case was somewhat similar to that which led to the Boer war and the extinction of the two African republics. The spirof a joke, but it has taken a serious turn, as the reports claim. In certain parts of this region it is customary to plant a Maypole every year on the Monday after Pentecost in honor of the young girls. On that day the girls treat the boys, as a return for the attentions the boys have paid them. Two years ago, so the story goes, one of the girls conceived the idea of jokingly posting a hand written notice inviting all the young men of the district to come and feast at the girls' expense. They came. The following year printed invitations were sent to the young men of the neighboring communes by the Ecaussines girls. The lads came in crowds. The first "presidente" was

married within the year. Seventeen other marriages followed hers. And that is why the festival has become a popular institution.

THE PEACE AMBASSADORS.

Count Sergius de Witte, who is the Czar's principal representative among the peace plenipotentiaries, is regarded as the leading liberal statesman of Russia. He has filled most distinguished positions, both civil and diplomatic. It is claimed that he has taken no part in the persecution of the Jews or the oppression of the working classes. He alone knew the unpreparedness of Russia for war at the outbreak of hostilities, and was opposed from the first to precipitating the conflict. Baron Rosen, his associate, has been in the diplomatic service of Russia for many years. He was formerly consul-general at New York, then charge d'affaires at Washington, and was minister to Japan at the outbreak of hostilities. He was appointed ambassador to the Unit-

to Count Cassini, The principal representative of Japan is Baron Jutaso Komura. He was educated in the United States, being it is said, the first Japanese student to receive a degree from Harvard university. He was ambassador to St. Petersburg when the war broke out, and was then sent as minister to China. The cordial relations now existing between the two Oriental nations are thought to be due largely to his work and influence. His associate is Takahira, who is now Japan's minister at Washington. He was educated at the Imperial College of Tokio. He has had a wide experience in both Asiatic and European diplomacy, and is quite a linguist, speaking English and other European tongues with flu ency.

ed States in May last as the successor

The peace congress will soon commence its deliberations. The task befor the members is most difficult. The problem is to give Japan compensation for the cost of the war, and a sufficient guaranty against future aggression of Rusia, and to do this without the unnecessary humiliation of the Russian government before the world at large, and the Russian people. How this is to be accomplished is the chief question. If the diplomats selected are equal to it, then war may be considered ended. If they fall, there may be further shedding of blood. But they will not fail to arrive at an understanding.

Both countries desire peace, and when that is the case, diplomacy may be re-

that is left to the present ruler of the Turks. He predicts that Great Britain will soon have to deal with Asia Minor, and then with Arabia.

This is an interesting prediction and one that is warranted by the events now transpiring. There is some talk about bringing 400,000 persecuted Jews to Palestine, from Russia. How this an be done, unless Great Britain unertakes to give to Asia Minor, or at cast to Syria, the same liberty which has blessed Egypt under British rule, is difficult to understand. Perhaps the Arabian revolt will hasten that day. and prove an important factor in the work of Providence for the redemption of the chosen race.

Did the Japanese give Taft taffy?

"Home, Sweet Home" to be-the Uintah reservation.

Miss Rosevelt's oriental journey is veritable Allee in wonderland.

having his sickness terminated with a bomb. A balky horse is about the only known animal that doesn't have a pull these days.

When the tool of the automobile is heard in the land the horn of the hunter is not.

The cry now is that freight rates must be elastic. Probably so as to give some one a pull.

"Money is losing its power," says "Whats - the - matter - with - Kansas" White, Since when, pray?

The heat wave has the peculiar quality of staying in one place for days at a time instead of going on.

Mr. Shontr paid five hundred dollars for his copy of "Fads and Fancies," He must have got trade discount.

England now is for fewer but much more powerful battleships. This makes the naval bill as broad as it is long.

Engineer Stevens says that work on the Panama canal is not progressing Making haste slowly, as it rapidly. were.

Baron Komura is a graduate of Harvard, class of '77. He will find President Roosevelt doubly gracious on that account.

When the Russian press talks about peace with Japan it is very belilcose. When it talks about the United States it is very bellyache.

A San Francisco streetcar conductor has just been awarded a million dollars through the decision of the courts. Undoubtedly it is the biggest conductor's 'knock down" on record.

"The mere fact that a man happens to be a United States senator should not keep him out of jail if he has done anything to send him there," says an exchange. Certainly not.

President Roosevelt denies that he

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It in which King Oscar and the Swedish Riksdag accepted the Norwegian dictum, notwithstanding the irregularity of the proceedings, will remain, on the pages of history, as an everlasting protest against the spirit of militarism that has been the curse of nations since war first commenced among men. The example set should convince all who reflect upon it, that the friends of peace are right, and that armies and navies are not so necessary national institutions as they were once coneldered.

BELGIAN GIRLS' STRATEGY.

According to an article in Le Figaro, the little village of Eccussines in Belgium has inaugurated a movement which presumably is characteristic of our time. It appears that the marriageable girls in that place greatly outnumber the available men, and that the young men either do not marry at all, or go to other communities for a bride. As a consequence, a society of marriageable girls was formed, and the bachelors of the country were invited, through posters and other means of advertising, to come to Ecaussines on a given date, to partake of a feast, prepared by the girls, and look them over with a view to future matrimony.

The French writer says that perhaps 500 young men responded to the invitation. Hundreds came to see the In the afternoon the guests were fun. gathered in a large hall, and the "presidente" delivered her address of welcome on behalf of the girls. She explained that "in an age when martiages were few and difficult, the girls of Ecaussines thought that there was a great moral reform to be accomplished. Instead of devoting themselves to improving the dynamo and the automobile, they wanted to realize the ideal they all cherlshed-the intimate and indissoluble union of two hearts in a community of sentiments and aspirations." After all that had hitherto been done, she said, to assist the god of hymencal bliss, they thought that still better help could be given him. The girls of Ecaussines would tell what they wanted, and they seriously wanted it.

She then addressed herself directly to the boys present, explaining that they all wanted husbands. She apologized for the unconventional proceedings as follows:

"In former days marriage could be remarded as so grave an affair that it regarded as so grave an affair that it should be given very lengthy considera-tion. But in the twentieth century, when everything is run by electricity, there's no time to lose. It will be admitted that, if it were necessary to know one's heart through and through before marrying, a whole lifetime would be too short for the require-ment, and the future would be robbed of its interesting surprises. Braides, of its interesting surprises. Besides the impromptu has always its attrac Braides

"I therefore counsel you, messieurs, to make haste, and I may add that here you have good chances of success; even if nature has not endowed us with ir-resistible charms, we can nevertheless flatter ourselves that we possess the qualities that make loving and submis-sive wives."

The peculiar festival is the outcome

lied upon to perform wonders.

THE CHINESE BOYCOTT.

Speaking of boycott in China, a former resident of that empire, Mr. William Ashmore, says this method of fighting powerful interests is as old as the hills in that It is, he says, the country. popular method of bringing to their knees obdurate mandarins and recalcitrant merchants, When well managed it has generally been found successful among themselves. But not unfre-

quently it fails, either because of inability to overhear the power against which it arrays itself, or because of a lack of fidelity on the part of its own members, a very common risk, or because the government is drawn into the melee and takes up a weapon of its own. Then the boycott has to go under. The Chinese method of boycotting is for all the shopkeepers of a place to put up their shutters, to close their doors and to refuse to do business. This they do usually by an order from the guild, or perhaps spontaneously from a common impulse when an emergency arises in which they are pretty much of one mind. Then business is at an end, nobody can buy anything. Discontent rules, disorder in threatened, idlers multiply and mischief makers have free scope for their cultured abilities. The uproar is apt to center around

the yamens, or official residences, the officials are obliged to yield, or make concessions, or "give it to somebody," and so the mob has its way.

Reports concerning the boycott against this country are contradictory. some claim it does not amount to anything, while others hold that American business is suffering. The probabillity certainly is in favor of the latter view. But apart from the possible economic consequences of that mode of warfare, the use of the boycott as a factor in international politics certainly is something new. The possibilities of this weapon are unlimited,

THE ARABIAN REVOLT.

We have previously referred, in these columns, to the revolt of the Arabians in the province of Yemen. Little has been heard from the affected district. since it was reported that Sana, the capital city, had been captured. The leader of the revolt is Mohammed Jahia, who claims to be the only real successor of the Arabian prophet. He is said to have at least 50,000 armed followers, and if this is true, the Turkish government will have its hands full. The recent attempts upon the life of the Sultan may possibly be connected with this rebeilion, whose leaders are thought to have sympathizers everywhere in the Turkish domain.

European writers have attached unit. European writers have attached unit. Ing. A French "Retired Consul" says the time for revolt is most judiciously chosen, and that the complications in the Balkans will compel the Sultan to accept the situation. As a result, he thinks, part of Asia Minor and the whole of Turkey in Europe will be all European writers have attached un-

agreed to accept a copy of "Fads and Fancies." He doesn't propose that his name shall be used for advertising purposes. No high minded gentleman does.

The claim to the title of father of the American navy now lies between John Paul Jones, Commodore Barry and Esok Hopkins, all brave men and true. Three of a kind, and the very best kind at that.

TRY THE OLD REMEDY FIRST.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch. It is vain to talk of new remedies for public ills until we have thoroughly tried the cld remedies-the laws we have

AN, INTERESTING SURMISE.

Boston Herald. It would be interesting to know how much noney is paid out daily in this country as blackmail.

MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE.

Punch, London. It is comforting to learn that Eng-land is not the only country where mis-carriages of justice take place. At Lemberg in Austria, last week, a taxi-Lemberg in Austria, in the stomach of dermist discovered, in the stomach of a pet monkey which he was stuffing, a pet monkey which he alleged theft

ENGLISH, THIS TIME.

sent to prison.

San Francisco Chronicle. The peace conference will carry on its negotiations in English. Evidently the prediction that the language of com-merce will one day be the language of

diplomacy throughout the world is rapidly approaching fulfillment.

A UNIQUE PUBLIC PARK.

Providence Journal.

Providence Journal. Colorado Springs promises to have the most remarkable park system of any city in the country, now that the famous "Garden of the Gods" is to be given to it. General William J. Palm-er has already presented two thousand acres of park land to the city, and this new addition will increase the public area by nine hundred and sixty acres. Government ownership of localities of marked natural beauty is becoming common in the west, but a municipal park like this is well nigh unique.

AFFER THE WATTLES.

Springfield Republican. The promptness with which a number of Russians, recently prominent in the military operations in the far east, have betaken themselves to other countries on their return from the seat war, is at least noteworthy. Several the grand dukes have been reported as enjoying themselves in various Euro-pean resorts in more or less dubious company, and now General Stackelberg, who is (1) Paris turning boulevardier, is the latest.

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