

DEPENDS WHOSE OX IS GORED AFTER ALL

PACIFISTS SO ILLOGICAL

They Want U. S. to Abandon Army and Sink Navy as Moral Gesture But Say Britain Needs Defense

According to press disputes, the centennial congress of the American Peace society went on record in its recent meeting at Cleveland as recognizing the inherent right of nations to arm for defense, but called on all governments to see the moral obligation of renouncing war as an instrument of national policy. No one will quarrel with this resolution. It is undoubtedly true that every nation has a right to arm itself for defensive purposes. The extreme pacifists who would have Uncle Sam disband his army and sink his navy as "moral example" to the rest of the world, and trust himself to the tender mercies of the howling wolves without any weapons of defense, may not agree with the statement, but they are in the hopeless minority so far as number is concerned, although capable of making plenty of noise when the occasion arises. It is also right and proper that all governments renounce war as an instrument of national policy. The United States is willing to do this officially, has already done it unofficially so far as the sentiment of the people of the country is concerned, and it is after all the sentiment of the people which is finally moulded into policy.

Difficult to Practice
It is right and proper to restrict the policy of nations to arming for the purpose of defense. The theory is an admirable one, but like other admirable theories difficult to put into practice. That little word "defense" can cover a multitude of diplomatic operations. It is difficult to pick out any past war in which each nation involved did not claim that it was acting purely on the defense. No nation in time of trouble will admit that it has taken or is taking the offensive. Each invariably claims that it is acting solely to protect the lives and interests of its own people. This was true in the World War and has been true in practically every war. The Romans shouted that "Carthage must be destroyed," but they claimed that they were fighting on the defensive—that it was necessary to destroy Carthage in order to save Rome. World opinion may, at the time, condemn one nation or another as the offender, but this will not alter the facts of the case as they then exist nor will it avert the danger.

Great Britain has a tremendous navy. To the other nations of the world it is an offensive weapon, because it can declare a blockade and sweep the commerce of an unfriendly nation off the seas. But Great Britain's diplomats will tell you that this is a purely defensive weapon. The great fleet must be maintained to "defend" the motherland and prevent its being starved out in case of trouble. There you are. Just what is defensive arming, after all?

TAMPICO TO BORDER, ROUTE OF AUTO ROAD

MEXICAN AUTHORITY

American Company to Build It Is Report; Peru Also Is Building Roads

An automobile road will be constructed between Tampico, Mexico, and Victoria, on the Texas border, under provision in a statute passed by the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, recently, reports a bulletin issued by the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor club. Plans for the first section of the road have been approved by the Governor of the State. A local American company, operating under a Mexican charter, will do the work, beginning at the Tampico end.

This company has done practically all of the road construction work in Tampico during the past five years, and is the only local firm equipped to handle large road contracts.

Peru to Build Roads
A little farther south, Peru is planning to spend a total of \$4,300,000 in road-building, if present government plans are carried out, announces the Pan-American Union. A national loan will provide \$3,500,000 of the necessary amount, while \$800,000 has been provided in the Government's budget for road building.

Hard roads stretching from Canada to the Argentine are entirely within the range of future possibilities, thinks Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

Great Britain fires Prince Carol to prove to the world that this Rumanian disturbance is one she is not in on.

It is going to be awful hard to raise any campaign money this year, but probably they could get a few dollars by giving a cake sale.

Formerly people hiked long distances by their energetic muscle, but now they depend on their powerful nerve to beg rides.

BOREDOM MAY CAUSE INTEREST IN SPORT

MAGAZINE WRITERS SAYS

Declares That Monotony of Modern Business Pursuits Is Reason for Success of Games

The standardization of ordinary existence is proving an immeasurable boon to the sport promoters, declares George S. Brooks in the August Scribner's Magazine.

In an article entitled "Gas and the Games," Mr. Brooks says: "Contrary to the opinions of professional and amateur sport-promoters, the writer contends it is doubtful if the tremendous furor over motors and sports proves anything—except that our civilization has reached a highly artificial state, and that most of our citizens are bored with their jobs.

Monotony of Repetition
"As the cities fill with routine workers, whose each day is a monotony of repetition, so fast does the desire for motors, movies, and sports increase. The car makes possible a variety of scene; the movies and the games give a blessed oblivion to the realities of the standardized job. For capital desires obedience instead of originality, and young men affiliated with intelligence have to exist as best they may. Initiative is as misplaced in modern affairs as in the army.

"In other words, golf is not an instinctive seeking after health in God's great outdoors, as a romantically minded advertising writer for clubs and balls puts it. Motor tours to the national parks are no newly awakened yearning after nature. The canonization of a swimmer, a fighter, an outfielder, a quarterback is not entirely a universal tribute to a properly developed body.

Becomes Duller
"Business and occupation become duller as the central-control increases. Motoring, motion-pictures, camping out, playing or watching games are merely an escape from the circumscribed routine of factory, store, or office.

"Nearly two generations of compulsory education, a multiplicity of colleges, universities, and educational endowments, a mass of publications and books and free libraries, one hundred and fifty years of self-government, the refining influence of the radio, the educational ditto of the cinema, the best efforts of the best minds in Washington, and the Anti-Saloon league have succeeded in educating us to the point where a dull, questionably manoeuvred non-championship 'boxing bout' draws more than one million dollars at the gate."

HERE'S A NEW LINE OF MAGAZINE BUNK

Perfectly manicured finger nails may secure for some woman holdup victim the safety of her jewels from the would-be thief. At any rate proper manicuring is as necessary from any other standpoint.

It is a day of gentlemen holdup men, the Woman's Home Companion, in an article by Hazel Rawson Cades, suggests, and who knows but the next particular revolver bandit who calls upon one to "hold them up" may be so impressed by two sets of finely manicured nails that he will refuse to carry out the hold up.

"I'm not sure whether it was the increase of stickups that brought women around to taking manicures as a matter of course," says the writer. "White gloves cover a multitude of cuticles—but then there's the gentleman burglar, too. One wouldn't like to shock the sensitive nature with the wrong shade of nail polish and they shouldn't shock their daily associates. Burglars, like calve's liver, have grown up stage."

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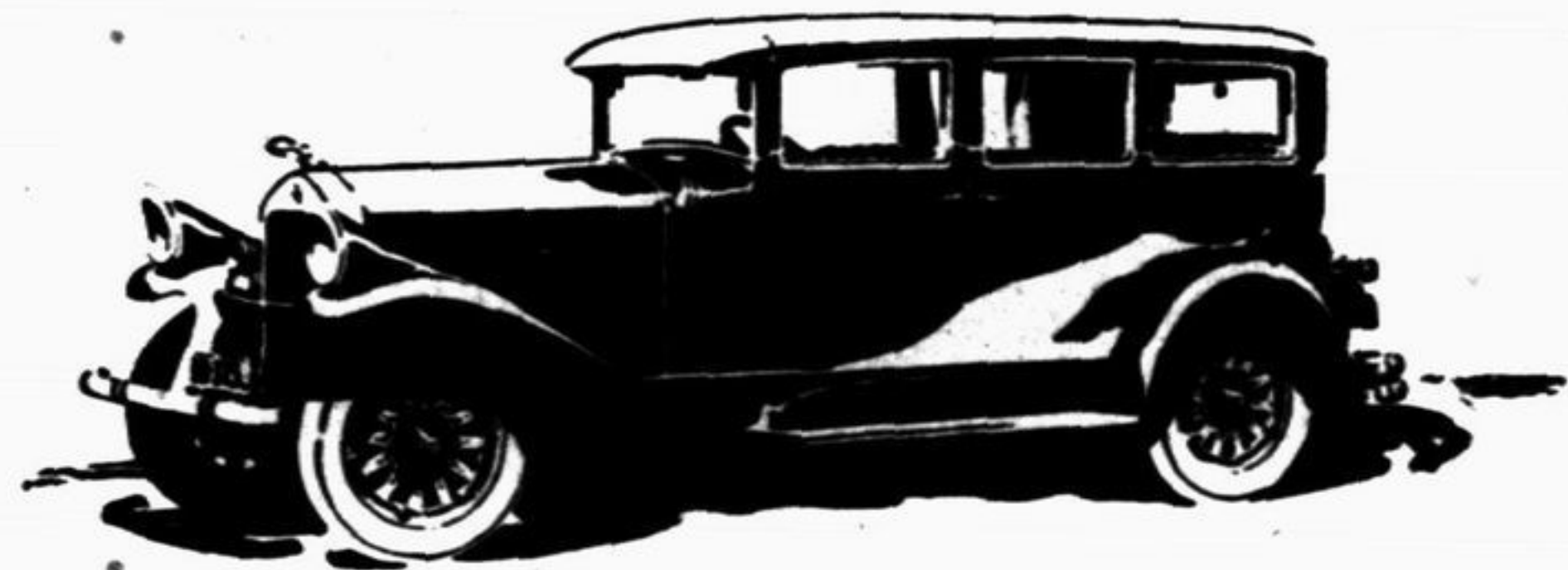
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