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WHAT OF 1928

The year 1927 closes with a lessened feeling of security and with less confidence of continued peace than it opened. Next year will be a critical year for many of the Great Powers. There are danger points in more than one centre of Europe, while in the East, China shows very little advance towards stabilization.

Against these must be placed the entry of Germany into the League of Nations and, a much less important sign, the acceptance of the invitation by Russia to take part in the last disarmament conference at Geneva. Soviet Russia's melodramatic gesture and her farcical proposals for general disarmament while she still remains the most powerfully armed nation in Europe, so far as numbers go, not only raised a smile of derision among the diplomats of the world but discounted the hopes that the world felt when the invitation to be present at Geneva was first announced.

As a direct result of the failure of the last Geneva conference, President Coolidge announced early in December a program of ship building which is hailed by the "powerful fleet" party of that country with delight, while the amount which the United States intend to expend on armaments is estimated to amount to a thousand million dollars.

DANGER SPOTS

In Lithuania, where mobilization of the entire army started the world immediately before the Disarmament Conference there is still a feeling of nervous tension, while Poland, although exercising restraint, shows no signs of getting down to a real peace footing. The Danzig corridor still remains a source of irritation to Germany cut off Eastern Prussia from the rest of the Republic, while it is felt that some readjustment of boundaries in that region must be made before there is any hope of permanent peace. The treaty between Albania and Italy has also been bitterly resented by Yugoslavia, which sees in that treaty an attempted encroachment on Serbian rights and a threat to Balkan peace.

In France, Germany and the United States, and possibly in Britain, there will be an appeal to the electorate during 1928. On the result of that voting will depend the policies which the statesmen of those countries will frame and, ultimately, also the issue of peace or war. In all these countries there is the usual tendency to shelve new undertakings just before an election and to avoid risks by advocating an unpopular policy. The British, French and German parliaments now sitting were all elected in 1924.

THE FRENCH ELECTION

In France the majority representatives were elected largely as a reaction against the policies of Poincare and his occupation of the Ruhr. The fall of Poincare gave way to the government by the famous Cartel of the Left, and while that government made certain progress towards European appeasement, the Cartel so ruined the finances of the country that a National Government was formed—a coalition on a grand scale to rescue the country from bankruptcy. In this work the Bloc National has been successful. The franc has been pegged for months and may be stabilized before the election, but in so doing they have lost the support of the Radical and Radical Socialist group. These parties have gained ground and the result of the elections may be the return of the old Cartel, who will work for closer international harmony but may ruin the country again in the meantime by the madness of their financial policy.

In Germany it is expected that the Social Democrats will make large gains at the general election, and will thereafter make a coalition with the Catholic Center party and People's party. Like the French Cartel such a party would work for international peace, although there would be more insistent demands for revision of the Versailles Treaty, which is a very touchy subject with France. Such a coalition, however, is likely to make havoc of domestic issues and the possibility of Germany repudiating her obligations under the Dawes plan, and of refusing to pay the large share of indemnity due this year cause grave concern.

THE TORIES IN BRITAIN

In Britain it is considered likely that the Tory party under Premier Baldwin will weather the storm throughout the year and go to the electors at the end of the year, or more likely early in 1929. While their majority will probably be cut down, competent observers believe that the Labour party will not only fail to obtain a majority, but even in coalition with the Liberals will not command sufficient votes in parliament to make government possible. A great deal will depend on the prosperity or otherwise of Britain during the coming twelve months. The month of November saw Britain with the greatest volume of exports since the war, with special advance in the iron and steel trade and in manufactured goods. If the wave of prosperity continues, slowly but surely, the Baldwin government may regain what prestige it lost through the stagnation of industry due to the coal muddle.

In China, Britain still has a large force of soldiers, sent to that country to protect British interests and to be an influence for peace. They

FOR THE WOMAN READER BY FLORENCE RIDDICK BOYS. A book advertisement with a decorative border.

THE NEW YEAR

Ho, Janus! Double-faced god of Time, looking backward at 1927 and forward to 1928, we salute you. It is good to write "Binis" on the last line and close the book. A jolly old book it was with good friends, rich experiences, and generous opportunities—some of them wasted, alas! But off with the Old and on with the New!

Here's hoping you will have a new kind of will-power for 1928—not only the backbone to "stick" to those good resolutions; but the will-power to try again and again when you fall—like the small boy who, when he falls on the ice in skating jumps right up and is at it again. If you have that brand of perseverance, it won't matter much if you do fall once or twice; you will win in the end.

Looking forward into 1928, "Thine own wish wish I thee," I will not venture to choose one for you, for it would probably be like the red neckties which flourish at Christmas time, something you do not care for at all. But as to your "own wish," it is yet unfulfilled or you would not be wishing for it. May you have the joy of "realization," so infinitely much dearer after being long delayed.

For 1928, may you have enough of joy to keep your spirit high, enough of courage to keep to strong, and enough of ease to keep it supple.

"So may the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many more, whose happiness depends on yours. So may each of us be happier than the last, and not the meanest of our brethren or sisterhood, dearer their rightful share in what our Creator formed them to enjoy." Charles Dickens.

FRENCH THRIFT

We hear a great deal about Scotch economy, but not enough about French thrift. The French have long practiced the habit of watching the little leaks, making the most of all the odds and ends, and leaving no by-products, as all are used. It is said that a French family will live on what an American family wastes. The French brook is an adept in utilizing every scrap, and the French seamstress can do the same with each left-over piece of goods.

French families do not struggle to live within their incomes, but they live below them, saving something for a rainy day. The typical French housewife knows how much she has to go on and she does not buy in haste and regret at leisure. She knows exactly how much she has in the bank, so much for rent, so much for clothing, for food, for medicines and doctoring; supplies; light; heat and power; for service; for charity, and church; for education and recreation; and so much for savings, including insurance, investment, debts paid and general financial advancement.

Judging by what it cost you last year, you can estimate how much you will need next year, taking into account, of course, such extras as college for one or any unusual expenditure. In making your budget estimate for the next year, study carefully where you can cut corners without disastrous results. The budget will show up your extravagances and the leaks.

FASHIONS, FADS, FOIBLES

The extremely long bodice is a feature of the newer modes. The waist line bid fair to go back to normalcy, and then it took a slump downward again. Waist lines, hem

have been at especial pains not to take sides with any of the warring factions, but while there is less actual fighting at the end of the year there is little expectation of immediate peace. The Nationalists took a real step towards establishing peace by handing the Soviet ambassador his passport on December 14th.

One influence for peace is the establishment of Cartels in industrial and international agreements have been reached, notably in the steel and chemical trades, by which price cutting between nations and cut-throat competition may be expected to be diminished. When the industrialists and financiers of the world are coming through the stagnation of industry due to the coal muddle, there is some chance that they will use their influence towards making the several governments try to protect British interests and their swords into ploughshares.

THE LEATHER COAT

The soft leather coat, impervious to rain, wind and snow, is becoming a popular item in the feminine wardrobe of today. It may be lined with saten or plaid woolen goods and is warm and easy to walk in or to wear when playing golf, as many hardy souls are doing even when the wind sweeps the golf links sharply.

These leather coats are a hand-me-down from aviation and their wearing is sort of a tribute to Lindy. One of their beauties is that they have pockets—large ones—and a jaunty belt to fasten them more snugly. The favorite color is black, probably because it does not show the soil so readily, although dark winter is enlivened by these leather garments of rose, green and blue.

APPRECIATION

"Give a dog a bad name, then hang him," or hold up to him an idealized picture of himself and he will become a veritable "Strongheart" or "King of Canines."

As husbands frequently "lead a dog's life," it might be well to try this dog philosophy on them. Besides making your husband more nearly your ideal, by generous praise of him, you are likely also to fool yourself into thinking he is more the hero you would believe him than you had imagined he was before. You are likely to convince yourself of his virtue and encourage him to approach it. Appreciation is a great miracle worker and seldom hurts husbands. Try it.

ORDERING SUPPLIES

When working in a kitchen, jot down on an order list such groceries and supplies as you discover are low; then order these when you phone your next order. Have a list for reserved supplies which you can go to this when the baking powder runs out, and not have to borrow from a neighbor while you wait for your groceries to be delivered.

Order groceries and meat early in the morning or the evening before, that they may come on the first delivery, in ample time to be prepared for the noon-day meal. With your grocery list order every thing at one time. Do not require your grocer to make more than one trip a day to your home.

When the groceries are delivered, check up on the packages. Compare them with the statement on the bill. Sometimes you will find that a package of raisins, the butter or some other thing has been placed or delivered in the wrong house. You might never discover your lack unless you put the groceries away and gave care to the order.

JELLIED APPLES

Make a lemon jelly with some form of gelatin. Put a baked apple into an individual mold and pour the liquid lemon jelly around it. When firm and ready to serve, remove it from the mold and cap it with a dash of whipped cream.

FRUIT CONFECTION.

Chop together one cup each of figs, dates and raisins and half cup of nuts. Cut into small squares and roll in sugar. Serve as candy.

MRS. SOLOMON SAYS:

Mr. and Mrs. Thrift will never be happy together if her first name is Spend. Mrs. Spend Thrift can dip out with a spoon faster than Mr. Thrift can bring in with a shovel.

SMILES

Leap Year Idea. "A girl who was quite an adept. As to Reginald's elbow she crept. Whispered into his ear, 'This is leap year, my dear! Do you think you could leap?'—and he leapt." Selected

Nevertheless—

"We have hardly a bushel of coal, And fuel is extravagant dear; Your top-coat is stole out of the hall— But I wish you a Happy New Year!" Adapted

Scientific Facts

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

Oil obtained from locusts is being used to lubricate watches in South Africa.

A water motor operates a new iceless cooling machine for household refrigerators.

Under a new law the term of patents in Newfoundland is limited to 14 years, subject to extension by orders of the Supreme Court, a patent not worked within two years of issue becoming void.

Ordinarily illuminated by flood lights, a 500 foot smokestack at a Montana copper plant is kept dark when birds are migrating so they will not be attracted to fly to their death against it.

The Spanish government soon will begin the construction of an air port and mooring mast at Saragossa for use of air craft in the proposed passenger service between that city and Buenos Aires.

Concrete much stronger than usual is claimed by a Californian's process that includes spraying fresh concrete with a secret solution of asphalt to seal the pores and retain the internal water.

New South Wales has joined the other states in a scheme by which \$100,000,000 of Australian funds will be spent for road building in ten years, the states adding 75 per cent to the amounts they receive.

Scientists have estimated that it would be necessary to burn 3000 times as much coal as is produced in the world in a year to release the amount of energy contained in the sunlight used to produce plant foods.

Eight vegetables first raised in the United States by Indians, beans, corn, peppers, pumpkins, squashes; tomatoes and white and sweet potatoes now produce more valuable crops than 24 important imported vegetables.

Englishmen have invented a method for molting reforested conifers, water mains at the places where they are to be used.

A camera has been specially designed for making slow motion pictures of automobile engines by a Washington, D.C., scientist.

An Irish inventor's unsinkable life boat has an inner compartment that always remains level even if the cutter hull be turned over.

For cutting fresh bread or light cake a knife has been invented having a slotted blade, the edges of the slots also being sharpened.

Paper from a plant of the pineapple family indigenous to eastern Brazil has been found a satisfactory source of paper making material.

An inventor has given a salt shaker a cover mounted on a sliding rod that moves to permit salt to be obtained when the shaker is tilted.

Experiments in England have shown that hollyhocks attract bees searching for honey farther from their hives than any other known flowers.

A color testing chart has been developed to determine if the hair of persons seeking employment as motion picture actors photographs well.

A United States patent has been granted to a French inventor for an automobile steering wheel, operated by a driver thrusting his legs through it.

A new trunk to be carried on the back of an automobile contains three separate drawers, each of which can be handled independently like a suit case.

Experiments are being tried in England with houses built of steel frames covered with cork slabs, the theory being that they are economical to heat.

With a Californian's invention a motor truck or tractor driven can control the brakes on his own vehicle and on a trailer being towed at the same time.

South Africa is considering establishing the shale oil industry as one seam of rock in the Transvaal is estimated to contain at least 7,000,000 tons.

Sunk to a depth of 4764 feet, the main vertical shaft of a gold mine in California is claimed to be the deepest for a similar purpose in North America.

A process that has been developed in Scotland for preparing flax without retting is claimed to reduce the time to one twelfth of that ordinarily required.

A cutting tool mounted on two wheels and operated by air from a portable compressor has been designed for removing rough spots from concrete road surfaces.

Driven at fair speed by a single cylinder motor that turns a toothed wheel, a sled for the use of one person over ice or snow has been invented in Germany.

Government experts have figured that the amount of electric power used in the United States this year, if concentrated, could life a cubic mile of granite a mile.

The government broadcasting station at Colombo has increased the popularity of radio reception in Ceylon, the number of licensed receivers having doubled in a year.

To give motorists a clear vision a disk of transparent material has been invented to prevent frost or snow from fastening inside a windshield to prevent frost or steam or outside to repel snow.

Printed in raised characters, a monthly magazine designed for blind persons has grown to a 60 page publication and is the first of its kind to carry advertisements.

With its mines among the oldest in Europe, Poland is credited with third place among zinc producing countries, being exceeded only by the United States and Belgium.

For checking a forest fire a powerful tractor drawn plow has been invented that can be pulled across its path, uprooting all vegetation and leaving a fireproof swath.

An Australian government expert has estimated that Victoria has 250,000 acres of land on which to produce equal to the best raised anywhere in the world can be produced.

Taking its power from the forward movement of a motor vehicle, an electric brake has been invented that is claimed to check a heavy truck in less distance than a light one.

An English inventor's three deck tea wagon can be converted into a dining table, the upper and lower decks being mounted on arms that swing them level with the center deck.

A process that has been patented for checking decay in trees makes use of blocks of specially prepared cork that allow the limbs to move without injury and keep out moisture.

A French inventor's air plane that has a single plane in front and an additional wing half way between the cockpit and rudder has been navigated successfully in severe storms.

Backing, made by a secret process, for a new rear vision mirror for automobiles eliminates the glare from reflected headlights on cars following those equipped with the device.

Designers of a new light automobile in Germany have mounted the motor in the rear to give a driver a better view of the road and to eliminate discomfort from the motor's heat.

For capturing animals alive for zoological gardens there has been invented a bullet tipped with a needle that injects an anesthetic to render them unconscious for a short time.

Shale rock deposits have been found along the Baltic from which 60 to 70 gallons of oil to the ton can be extracted, about twice the recoverable content of American shale.

A flag metal strip to grip the upper edge of a flag, terminating in a ring to encircle a pole, has been invented by a Philadelphian to prevent flags wrapping around their staffs.

Under a new law of the Irish Free State, the term of a patent is 16 years; a design, five years, subject to two renewal periods of five years each, and a trademark 14 years, renewable.

The owner of a new light weight motion picture camera can take pictures of himself, pressing a button releasing a spring motor that operates the film, which also

A survey of the Punjab and the adjoining native state in India has revealed a potential water power supply of nearly 2,500,000 horsepower, most of it capable of economical development.

When the present hydroelectric development of the River Shannon in Ireland is completed it is expected to provide energy to generate 165,000 horsepower of high tension alternating current.

Introduction of improved varieties of cane and scientific irrigation and cultivation are expected to increase Hawaii's production of sugarcane from 810,000 tons this year to \$60,000 tons in 1928.

The most powerful two locomotives in South America have reached Chile from their English builders for use on the nitrate railways to haul heavy trains over a gradient as high as 3.9 per cent.

French aeronauts are experimenting with a glider fitted with a horizontal propeller for use instead of a parachute in making forced descents.

According to Weather Bureau records more than 350 hail storms occur in the United States annually, causing damage of more than \$47,500,000.

An instrument invented in Australia is claimed to utilize the force of gravity to locate ore deposits in the ground without extensive drilling.

A combined rowing and massaging machine with which 15 different exercises can be taken is compact enough to be stowed in a closet when not in use.

Old Dutch Cleanser advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman cleaning and text describing its benefits for household cleaning.

Scientific Facts section containing various news items and technical details related to science and technology.

Advertisement for Carter's Book and Toy Store, featuring an illustration of a mechanical device and text promoting their products.



Announcement was made recently of an amalgamation of several of the oldest and largest sheet metal plants in Canada. The name of the combine is General Steel Wares Limited. The men here shown are: Frederick S. Corrigan, vice-president and general manager of the new merger; John C. Newman, president; and William S. Gibson, vice-president in charge of sales. Plants all across Canada are affected.

A wheel to be mounted on top of an automobile steering wheel has been invented by a Frenchman to enable a driver to sound his horn or control his lights by moving a thumb.



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