

TOPICS IN BRIEF

GENE DEBS is for the open door.—*Dallas News*.

WHERE moonshine comes from is a secret still.—*New York American*.

DOESN'T freedom in Ireland make you feel wistful?—*Wall Street Journal*.

THE Mad Mullah seems to have taken his last death quite seriously.—*Punch (London)*.

"MICROSCOPE reveals 22 teeth in a mosquito." We believe it.—*Asheville Times*.

NEVER was it more necessary to handle China with care.—*Wall Street Journal*.

THE Chinese should be good at ironing out differences in the Far East.—*Asheville Times*.

How easy it would be for nations to reform if there was nothing left to grab.—*Binghamton Sun*.

CHINA will now follow Japan into our wonderful alliance of English-speaking peoples.—*Indianapolis Star*.

THE English-speaking people agree in most things except the English they speak.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

CANADA and the United States found the right armament ratio a hundred years ago: 0-0.—*New York Evening Post*.

THE Chinese question would be difficult enough if the Chinese themselves could agree upon what it is.—*Indianapolis Star*.

A MAN never becomes so lost to decency and righteousness that he can't see the other fellow's duty.—*New York Telegram*.

CHANG-TSO-LIN, China's great general, has five wives and was once a brigand. That's why he can afford five.—*Washington Post*.

IT will take a generation of dime novels to make the Far East as dear to the heart of America as the Far West.—*Canton Repository*.

IT looks as tho the professional Irish-American politicians would have to hustle around and get a new issue.—*Kansas City Times*.

SOME people are so busy worrying about the general depression that they haven't time to go after new business.—*Rochester Times-Union*.

IF it is true that there are no cuss words in the Japanese language, how do the Japs start a Lizzie on a cold morning?—*Newark Ledger*.

THE difference between a pedagogue and a demagogue is that one works against ignorance and the other gets a profit out of it.—*Elizabeth Journal*.

YOU see, each Power must have islands in the Pacific so it can establish a naval base for the protection of its Pacific islands.—*Elmira Star-Gazette*.

"EUROPE will never concede that we are cultured until some of our celebrities begin to make farewell tours over there." *Evening Telegram*. Well, what about Bergdoll?—*New York Morning Telegraph*.

PRESENTS also make the heart grow fonder.—*Asheville Times*.

THE dove of peace isn't kept in a diplomatic coup.—*Passaic News*.

JOSHUA couldn't make the modern son stand still.—*St. Joseph Gazette*.

It isn't what a man stands for, as much as what he falls for.—*Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*.

A FARE fight is not always a fair fight.—*Greenville Piedmont*.

IF prosperity will only return, we will ask no questions.—*Asheville Times*.

THE present dream of Middle Europe is a square meal.—*Albany Times-Union*.

EDISON has found the road to success paved with good inventions.—*Asheville Times*.

THERE are two kinds of marks—and one kind buys the other kind.—*New York World*.

REALLY, it begins to look as if Senator Tom Watson's silence is the most golden there is.—*Dallas News*.

DURING the shortage of nurses "Roll Your Own" is the motto in baby-carriage circles.—*New York American*.

THEY talk much now of professional women. Personally, we have never met an amateur.—*New York American*.

GERMAN bands are said to be looting and raiding in Upper Silesia. We should think they could make enough trouble by merely playing.—*New York World*.

AND if Ulster decides not to accept, will there be two Orange Free States on the map of the world?—*Kansas City Star*.

IN return for independence China ought to be willing to surrender the laundry privilege in the United States.—*Portsmouth Times*.

IF you are superstitious just add up 5-5-3 and maybe you can account for Japan's objection to it.—*New York Morning Telegraph*.

IF Duffy in the Gaelic language becomes Dhubhthaigh, what would Lake Muchelookmeguntic look like in Gaelic?—*New York Evening Post*.

A WRITER says nine-tenths of the people know how to drive a car. Evidently he hasn't studied the police court records.—*Mansfield News*.

SENATOR WATSON might make another hit by demanding a Senatorial investigation of some of the lynchings in Georgia.—*Columbia Record*.

THOSE who claim credit for inaugurating the disarmament movement are a little late. The movement was begun 1921 years ago.—*Fremont Tribune*.

THE four-Power agreement talked of at the Washington Conference is not to be an alliance but a concert. The Powers will transact their business by an exchange of notes then.—*Kansas City Times*.



FOREIGN - COMMENT

AMERICA'S NEW TRIUMPH

THE CERTAINTY OF A NAVAL HOLIDAY was one triumph for America, and in less than a month she achieves a second, by the conclusion of the quadruple pact in the Pacific, is the happy exclamation of various French editors who say American prestige has never been higher since she entered the war in 1917. No less enthusiastic is the acclaim of their English colleagues, who are unreserved in their eulogies of President Harding and Secretary Hughes for their "invigorating essay of idealism in action," which the *London Observer* describes as "sweeping aside the stale, stagnant pessimism about the future of peace and war, and showing the world that international problems of the most stubborn order will yield to negotiators who have peace as their pur-

cooperation with the United States corresponds to the dominant political instinct of all British democracies—both in Britain and those in the Dominions."

The *London Daily Telegraph* avers that by this achievement alone President Harding's Administration has "justified to the full the bold magnanimous stroke of statesmanship which amazed the world six months ago." *The Westminster Gazette* declares it has "earned the good-will of the world by the success of its initiative" in leading the world out of "a nightmare of misunderstanding about secret motives," and adds:

"With the Anglo-Japanese Alliance out of the way England will occupy a stronger position as an honest broker in any dispute between America and Japan, and Anglo-American relations should be immeasurably happier and Anglo-Japanese relations no worse."

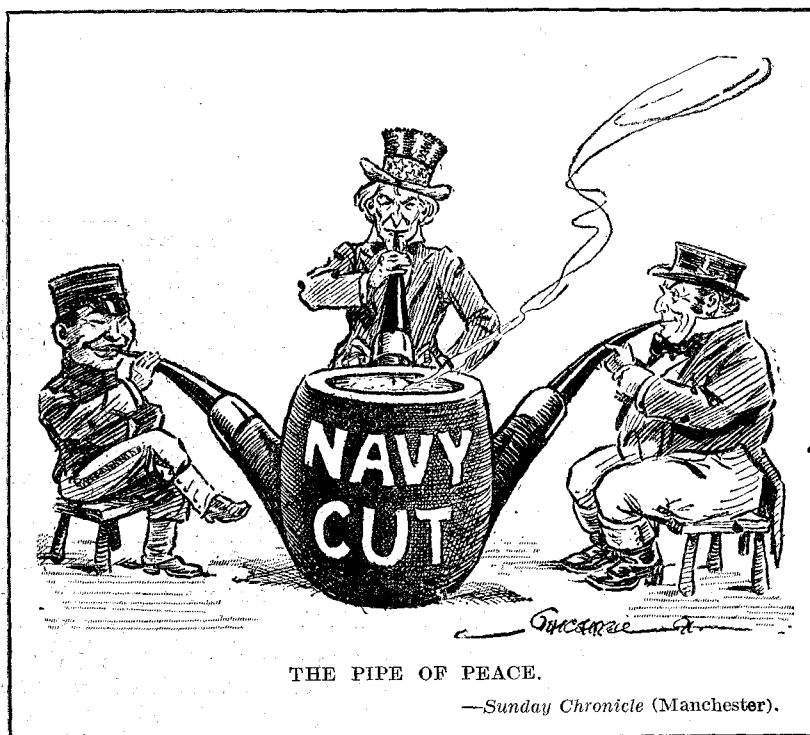
The *London Daily News* recalls that long ago it "suggested that the Japanese alliance might be obviated simply by extending it so as to include other Powers." But it believes a pact of the Four Powers is much more than an extension of that kind, and that "a formal agreement between America, Great Britain, France and Japan about anything on earth is a factor of the first moment in the consolidation of the world's stability." The *London Daily Mail* thinks world friendship will be greatly strengthened by the pact and "by the disappearance of our own treaty with Japan which has increasingly obstructed a complete understanding with the United States." Says the *London Times*:

"Never has a document of greater promise to mankind been adopted by the representatives of four such mighty States; never has an agreement upon a subject of such unprecedented importance been so easily, so gladly sanctioned by the spokesmen of nations whose most vital interests it concerns. In lands where peace is cherished as the chiefest of blessings it will be welcomed with profound satisfaction."

The *London Morning Post* describes the pact as "the greatest achievement of our time in constructive statesmanship" and points out that altho it "concerns the Pacific, its existence necessarily involves cordial cooperation on all other matters between America and Great Britain, the two nations which above all are resolved to maintain peace." It believes that Article II of the new agreement which meets any "aggressive action of any other Power" is a much surer guaranty against a breach of world peace than all the "machinery of Geneva," and adds:

"In a word, the proceedings at Washington show that after the turmoil of war and the distorted imaginings which its horrors awoke in the minds of well-intentioned but hysterical men, the world is at last returning to common sense, and the way of common sense is the way of peace. We are sure that his country, remembering the many services of his great career, is convinced that at Washington Mr. Balfour has reached the highest pitch of unselfish patriotism and supreme statesmanship."

This London newspaper thinks the inclusion of France is of the happiest import, being "in substance the accomplishment of that tri-partite agreement which, had it not been unfortunately prevented, would have served so powerfully to settle distracted Europe." Moreover, the inclusion of France



pose, and the world as it is before their eyes." The details of the terms and extent of the agreement as well as the opinions of the leading delegates of the signatory Powers, will be found in the leading article of this issue. Meanwhile, in recording the verdicts of the overseas press, we find the *London Daily Chronicle*, called Lloyd George's newspaper, expressing the belief that "it is possible now to regard the Conference as having put an end for the present to the evil prospect of a Pacific armaments race and the fateful friction and jealousies in China, and also as placing Pacific affairs on a most satisfactory footing of mutual consultation, recognition and guaranty." To this newspaper occur four specific comments, as follows:

"First—The British Empire has the most varied and vulnerable interests in the Pacific and will proportionately be an immense gainer by the elimination of militarism and rivalry from that vast region.

"Secondly—The Power outside the new concert—Holland—won't lose, but will gain by its establishment.

"Thirdly—We entirely indorse what Mr. Balfour said about our excellent relations with Japan, and are most gratified that the bond between us has not been severed, but only enlarged so as to bring in other friends.

"Fourthly—That prospect thus opened of close, definite