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ARBITRATION IN ENGLAND AND GERMANY. **S**IR Edward Grey's declaration in favour of international arbitration has been well received in Germany, and a semi-official note declares that Germany is ready to join in any agreement of this kind, which will tend to overcome English popular mistrust of Germany. At the same time, it is pointed out that arbitration is not an infallible means of obviating international disagreements, and may even itself become a cause of war. The Social-Democrats have taken a more practical method to discourage war, by giving notice of a resolution in the Reichstag calling on the German Government to negotiate with England for a naval peace.

RECIPROCITY IMMENSELY BENEFICIAL TO THE UNITED STATES. **M**R. John Ball Osborne, chief of the United States Bureau of Foreign Commerce, in a speech before the Economic Club of Portland, Maine, estimated that, as a result of Reciprocity, the United States in 1915, will be supplying Canada with sixty-five per cent. of its imports. He estimates that four years hence, our imports will be \$540,000,000, of which the United States will supply \$350,000,000, which may be augmented to \$400,000,000, or seventy-four per cent. He thinks that the New England States will largely increase their already favorable balance of trade, in butter, eggs, nursery and horticultural stock, etc. The address makes interesting, but not comforting, reading for the Canadian farmer.

AUSTRALIA'S NAVAL DEFENCE. **A**CCORDING to Admiral Henderson, who was sent to Australia to report on its naval defences, the country is too weak financially to guard its own coasts and will have to depend chiefly on Great Britain for protection. It scarcely needed a naval or a financial expert to make this discovery. Australia could not stand against a Japanese naval attack without help, for twenty-four hours, and Japan is where the trouble will come from, whenever it comes. The

coming of trouble for Australia from Japan is by no means a remote contingency. As we have repeatedly pointed out, the great Japanese problem is, how to find room for natural expansion, and the vast unoccupied territories of Australia must be a constant temptation. If Australia is to be a white man's country, British protection is indispensable.

EXHIBITION SITE. **T**HE directors of the Montreal Exhibition Company, after months of squabbling over the question of a site, have come to a deadlock; have practically agreed to disagree. The indications are that the project has been killed for the time being, and this is, we believe, the best solution of the difficulty. The one thing that has been demonstrated, is the impossibility of running a successful exhibition, with such a cumbersome organization as that now, in existence. If there is all this trouble and bickering over the mere selection of a site, what would there be over the selection of building plans, the awarding of contracts, the appointment of officials and the management of the show? Evidently, there will have to be a radical reorganization before there can be the slightest hope of ever seeing the Montreal Exhibition opened. If we are to have a successful exhibition, it will have to be run by a small committee, who will employ an expert who knows all about exhibitions, the actions of the committee and the expert to be both subject to the approval of the City Council.

A MODEL JURY. **T**HE Three Rivers murder trial has thrown a striking light on the jury system. After a great deal of trouble in which sixty out of sixty-five jurors were challenged, a jury was finally selected, only three members of which are able to read. The issues of life or death in the Year of Grace 1911 are entrusted to twelve men, nine of whom cannot read, a fairly low test of education and consequently of intelligence. The exclusion of mental capacity from the jury box, has been systematically and scientifically brought to a fine point. Surely the jury system has outlived its usefulness, unless it can be radically reformed.