

The Basis of an English Speaking Alliance.

—The Late Hon. W. E. H. Lecky.

Among the dominating influences that govern our age none is more conspicuous than the tendency to great agglomerations based upon an affinity of race, language or creed. The Pan-Slavic movement, which is now in its greatest activity, is a striking example of this tendency. It is a movement which seeks to gather the Slavonic nations under one rule, the movement which made United Italy and which under the name of Italian irredenta, aspires to still further absorptions, are conspicuous instances of this tendency. It is not only in the East that this tendency is manifest. In the West, too, it is seen to be at work. The English speaking nations, which have been united under the name of the British Empire, are destined to play a considerable part in the future. There was a time when it seemed not beyond the limits of possibility that the whole English speaking world might be incorporated in a single empire, but the blinders were not wholly on one side of the public men of the eighteenth century. They were not so much as to see no one seriously believes that England and the United States are ever destined to form part of one commonwealth. At the same time the old jealousies and animosities which once divided them have in England wholly disappeared, and in the United States they are fast being forgotten. The old notion that the colonies were little better than an embarrassment, a danger, and an expense to be held for a short time under tutelage, and then completely separated from the Mother Country, finds now but few supporters. The pride in the growth and greatness of the empire, and upon the material progress of the English speaking nations that are arising beyond the ocean, has steadily increased, and it is not for nothing that the period of English history has been so powerful an influence upon the minds of our colonial peoples.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

England and the United States are separate bodies, and in many respects they move upon different lines. The forms of government are essentially different. England possesses in the fullest sense of the word a parliamentary government, though there are some features that almost complete omnipotence of the British House of Commons is on the decline. Still the House of Commons in its power in the state is evidently increasing, and in the last resort the creature of the House of Commons is the power at any moment overthrow it. The practical power of the House of Lords on questions in the opinion of the House is seriously interested is little more than a brief suspensory veto which terminates when the popular verdict has been decisively pronounced. The House of Lords, introducing in the interest of minorities some modifications or attenuations of the measures proposed by the House of Commons is still less and is chiefly indirect. In the United States, on the other hand, Congress can only act within the limits of a written constitution, and the power of the President and of the Senate is also by the position of the world an eminently free country, and so much a pre-eminence of the trade is with foreign countries, that it seems scarcely possible that her fiscal policy can be very materially changed, while America is strongly protectionist. Probably a more serious fact in affecting the future relations of the two countries is a growing divergence of racial elements, for the vast flow of European immigration to America is constantly increasing. The tendency of the English speaking nations, which have been united under the name of the British Empire, are destined to play a considerable part in the future. There was a time when it seemed not beyond the limits of possibility that the whole English speaking world might be incorporated in a single empire, but the blinders were not wholly on one side of the public men of the eighteenth century. They were not so much as to see no one seriously believes that England and the United States are ever destined to form part of one commonwealth. At the same time the old jealousies and animosities which once divided them have in England wholly disappeared, and in the United States they are fast being forgotten. The old notion that the colonies were little better than an embarrassment, a danger, and an expense to be held for a short time under tutelage, and then completely separated from the Mother Country, finds now but few supporters. The pride in the growth and greatness of the empire, and upon the material progress of the English speaking nations that are arising beyond the ocean, has steadily increased, and it is not for nothing that the period of English history has been so powerful an influence upon the minds of our colonial peoples.

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Talks About Mines and Mining.

Granby Smelter Official and Alberta Coal Mines' President in the City.

A. C. Flumerfelt Tells of Plans of Concerns He is Interested In.

(FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.) In an interview given an exchange before the meeting of the International Coal & Coke Company, which is now in the city, said: "I have little to add to the recent official statement of Jay P. Graves, general manager, outlining the policy of the company. Fully attended meeting of the board of directors was held during my recent stay in New York. The general policy and the financial matters of great importance to the country were under consideration, but for obvious reasons could not be made public at present. Suffice it to say that the policy of the Granby will continue to be progressive, and that a dividend will be forthcoming in the immediate future. I am generally speaking financial conditions in the coal and iron industries. In many industries a lack of order has already been established. The same tendency exists in the railway circles. It being estimated that between October 1st and the end of the year that over 200,000 tons of iron ore were discharged. It is difficult to note that the Eastern shareholders of the company are perfectly satisfied with their investments. Commercially, and, in fact, it has its marked defects. It is not much to say that in no other form has it been better understood, and a larger and fuller scope has been given to human development and individual energy.

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The revelation during the South African war of the intense dislike of England that prevails in the nations of the continent has powerfully tended to draw the English sympathies to kinship. The sea, and a succession of American representatives in London of very remarkable ability and popularity, has done much to consolidate the two countries. In the great problems that are arising in the East, the policy of "open door," adopted on both sides of the Atlantic, has formed a new and powerful bond of commercial and political interest. The great truth that a war with our kinsmen beyond the Atlantic would be one of the greatest calamities that could fall upon the world has become generally realized. With increased facilities of communication, the personal contacts between the two nations has increased. Both the best and most frivolous elements in each are in constant touch, and are constantly interchanging ideas, and in common amusements and common intellectual pursuits and sympathies, the bond is daily strengthening.

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