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WHERE BRITAIN IS PRE-EMINENT

Her Flag Is Carried on Practically One Half of the Mercantile Marine Tonnage of the World.

Extraordinary figures relative to the world's shipping are cited in a Blue Book issued from the British Board of Trade. The volume, which was moved for by Mr. Lloyd-George has been found of pointing to shipping as an example of an industry in which we are above challenge, and do a great deal more than hold our own; the very first table in the return for which he himself has moved is a little unfortunate if he was seeking figures with which to support his arguments. This table relates to the tonnage belonging to different nations entered and cleared at ports in the United Kingdom since 1890, and the proportion of British tonnage to the whole is specially taken out by the compilers. The result tells a story of steady decline in the percentage since 1890, as the following summary indicates. The figures refer to net tonnage in each case:

	Percentage
Foreign, British, British, 1890	2,948,182 6,490,485 68.8
1895	17,387,079 41,348,394 59.4
1900	20,310,751 49,973,112 52.7
1905	35,812,857 62,710,536 57.1
1910	41,077,647 70,963,057 57.9

Considered from the point of view of tonnage owned, the pre-eminence of the British Empire in matters affecting the mercantile marine is undoubtedly phenomenal. The British flag was last year carried on vessels aggregating 12,332,404 tons net, which is practically half of the total tonnage of the world. That fact is already tolerably well known, but some very remarkable figures are given in the return showing how this country has prospered at the expense of the United States in Transatlantic carrying. Fifty years ago over two-thirds of the shipping which crossed between this country and the United States was American owned; today the proportion is less than one-eighth, almost the whole trade being in British hands. That does not mean merely the United States shipping has been stationary, but that it has actually declined till it is less than half what it was in 1854. The decline

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WANTED-General worker. Respectable girl. Apply BOSTON HOUSE, 14 Chipman Hill. 24-11-17

WANTED-Girls to do light housework, one living home required. Apply at 157 Duke street. 11-12-17

WANTED-Five extra girls wanted at once in confectionery store, with references. SCAMMELL'S, 43 Charlotte street. 11-12-17

WANTED-A cook. Apply to MRS. J. D. HAZEN. 11-12-17

WANTED-A sales girl and grocery clerk. Apply to the TWO BARKERS, Princess street. 7-12-17

WANTED-A general servant. Apply, with references, to MRS. W. GREEN, 164 Duke street. 10-12-17

WANTED-A few good machine stitchers for shirt waists. Apply at once 101 Prince Wm. Street, 2nd floor. 10-12-17

WANTED-A good general girl for help at cooking. ST. JOHN HOTEL, Red's Point, 11-12-17

WANTED-A capable girl for general housework in small family. Apply at once at 150 Wentworth street, between the hours of 11 and 1, and 5 and 7. 7-12-17

WANTED-A housemaid to assist with care of child. Apply with references to MRS. SIMON JONES, 28 Garden St. 11-12-17

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The one real danger of the peace of the world, he said, lay in the rivalry between Germany and Great Britain, and in case of war breaking out between those two countries Austria-Hungary and Italy had everything to lose. They should therefore unite in endeavoring to promote a good understanding between Great Britain and Germany. The same paper publishes an interview with the Marquis di Rudini, ex-premier of Italy, who is reported to have said that the triple alliance had lost its old force, and since Great Britain had taken up a new position in the world's politics, negotiations were made during the last year, which was an arrangement of Mormonism and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles, as a member of the apostolic body of the church. Mark Twain was an interested listener in the gallery to a portion of the speech.

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MARK TWAIN HAS IDEAS ON DRESS REFORM

American Humorist Appears in Washington in Suit of White Flannels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-With the snow flying and the mercury in the low hovering around zero mark, S. L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, appeared at the Capitol a vision of loveliness, arrayed in a spick and span suit of white flannels. With his hat off, Mr. Clemens was all white except the glow of health in his cheeks. When cornered in the press gallery by the House of Representatives Mr. Clemens evidently appreciated the propriety of explaining his costume and in doing so he entered upon an extended condemnation of modern styles. "I suppose every one is wondering why I am wearing what I am. It is the uniform of the American Association of the Press, and I am the president, secretary and treasurer, and the only man in the United States eligible to membership. "I was 71 years old last Saturday, and when a man reaches that age he has a right to arrange to himself some privileges to dress in the fashion that conforms most to your comfort and enjoyment. I have reached the age where dark clothes have a depressing effect on me. I prefer light clothing, colors like those worn by the ladies at the opera. "There is no more delightful costume possible than the human skin," said Mr. Clemens. "The most comfortably dressed people I met in all my travels are natives of the Sandwich Islands," he said. "On occasions of state they sometimes wear a pair of spectacles. "The gorgeous, gaudy costumes of that time," said Mr. Clemens. "Then we could wear colors. Back to the days before buttons were invented, when they laced their clothing up and it took a little time to do it. Back to the days of the tights and helmet. Yes, I admit that it might be uncomfortable for a half-headed man wearing a tightly screwed-on helmet with a beak or fly imprisoned therein."

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