

**EUROPE MUST GET  
ALONG WITHOUT  
UNITED STATES**

Reported Briand and Lloyd George are Convinced Self-Help is the Best Policy.

(Special Cable to the New York Times and Montreal Gazette.)  
Paris, Dec. 19.—That it is Premier Briand's conviction that for some time to come Europe must get along without America is firmly held by all those who have been associated with him since his return from America.

And now Philippe Millet of the 'Petit Parisien' and others who have traveled to London to follow the conference report that just as Briand was convinced by his trip to Washington, so has Lloyd George been convinced by reports from 'Lafour, Geddes and others.

When Loucheur was in London a week ago, Millet says, Lloyd George was still clinging to the idea that America would some day help, but since then he has come definitely round to the idea that the only way to persuade America to help is by presenting Europe as a go-

ing concern into which no one need be afraid to come.

One reason for this change of opinion in the British premier was his reading of American satisfaction at the Irish settlement. He saw in that that Americans are always ready to cheer success and boost it along, and at once, with his usual promptness, he decided to try and get their support with another.

Today's news from London, has, however, somewhat disturbed the French. They are wondering what Pothuan is doing there, and why Russia needs to be discussed, but on the whole the feeling is general that perhaps now that America has been set aside from the hopes and calculations of both parties they may find it even more than ever in their own interest to agree and work on a definite basis.

**TRADE OUTLOOK  
MORE HOPEFUL**

Tanners and Dry Goods Men Optimistic as to the Future—Rise in Leather Prices?

(Toronto Globe)

Reports issued by the Wholesale Dry Goods Section and the Tanners' Section of the Toronto Board of Trade both make reference to the commercial depression of the past year; but both also refer hopefully to the outlook for the future.

The latter report describes the decline in the prices of leather during 1920 as "unparalleled in the history of the industry." Tanners' overhead is stated to be materially higher than it normally should be, and leather is being offered and sold at less than replacement basis. It is felt that prices of leather will have to be advanced in the near future, in fact, some lines have advanced during the past month. Summing up, the report states that the fundamental position of the leather industry is on a much sounder basis than a year ago, and the outlook is favorable.

The Dry Goods Section reports the past year to have been one of "unusual anxiety and concern on the part of all branches of the trade," but the final months of the year on the whole show expansion and greater activity in the manufacturing of textile products. Cottons, silks and ribbons show an upward tendency. At Toronto employment in the textile industries on the whole was maintained at the September level.

HAS A LIBRARY OF CANADIAN BOOKS

The following letter from a teacher of a third-book class in the public schools of Vancouver, B. C., is very interesting in several ways. It shows, for example, the interest of our boys and girls in the literature of our own country. It shows also the interest of our Canadian writers in our boys and girls. There are various suggestions in this letter which many

teachers throughout Canada may follow up—

"I noticed your suggestion that more attention be paid to the works of Canadian authors. I heartily endorse that idea. Much more of their work could be incorporated in the readers, for example, to the great improvement of these volumes, too.

"Some time over a year ago I endeavored to interest my class in Canadian writers, and the response surprised even me—and I have a good opinion of children.

"My class raised money by various means. They now possess a library of sixty-eight books, all by Canadian-born authors, and they take great pride in it. Their knowledge of our own writers has been increased by reading extracts from their work. They are always keenly interested.

"Rev. R. G. Macbeth, author of 'Poling the Plains,' addressed them on one occasion, and later Mrs. Isabel Beaton Mackay visited and spoke to them. Their delight was unbounded, and Bliss Carman put the crowning touch to their happiness by calling on the class and reading a few of his own poems to them during his visit to Vancouver. None of the class is likely to forget the kindness of these three writers, nor the gracious manner in which they gave their time.

"The trouble with Canadian literature is that Canadians neglect it in a way that would discourage any less hardy growth. The children—judging by my class—are anxious to study it, if they are only given a chance. Sixty-eight titles of fiction, poetry, history, travel, etc., make a fair showing for a class whose average is eleven years. And this library has been gathered together in less than eighteen months, and it will continue to grow.

"Give the children a chance—and see what happens in Canadian literature in the next generation or two."

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**THE IRREVERENT BRAHMIN.**

(By Arthur Guiterman)

A Brahmin, fat and debonair,  
Denied the Potency of Prayer!  
"Absurd!" he scoffed, "to say that Gods  
At ease on high would stoop to clouds,  
And heed our million warring Prayers,  
To regulate our small Affairs!"  
This Dogmatist of early days  
Was lost within a jungle's maze,  
Where, wildly ranging wide about  
To find a pathway leading out,  
Upon a Forest Goblin's Shrine  
He chanced, o'ertopping with leaf and vine.  
And—wonder! horror!—crouching there,  
A mighty Tiger, bowed in prayer!  
(Tall curled, as may be well supposed,  
Faws folded, eyes devoutly closed.)  
"Strong God," he heard the Tiger say,  
"I pray These send to me a Prey!"  
The trustful Tiger closed his Prayer,  
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