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FOR GERMANY'S ADVANTAGE
Boston Transcript: If Germany accepts and "plays fair" in the matter of the Dawes plan, she has an opportunity to become one of the most prosperous, and incidentally one of the happiest, countries in Europe. The burden put upon the country by the plans is very great, but it is well adjusted to the public and private resources; it leaves the Germans perfectly free to govern themselves and to manage their business; and even in its severest application it will not outweigh the burden, all things considered, which the people of Great Britain, France and Italy must bear for the next two generations or more. And at the same time Germany will escape, as it is now escaping, many exhausting and economically wasteful conditions to which all those countries are subjected.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE
London Evening Standard: For many years the Dominion have been giving the Mother Country a preference. But so far the arrangement has been almost wholly one-sided, and such concessions as have been made on the side of Great Britain hardly touch the greater interests of the overseas states. There can be no really workable scheme of Imperial Preference, as Mr. Chamberlain clearly saw, without taxes on wheat and meat. With taxes on wheat and meat the vast sums at present spent with foreign countries like the Argentine would go automatically to stimulate output in the British Dominions, to increase the populations of Canada and Australia, and so provide customers for our manufactures which would be given a decisive advantage as against those of our foreign rivals. So far the Dominion preferences to Great Britain have rested partly on sentiment and partly on the hope of ultimately reaching a firm business basis. But this one-sided preference clearly cannot endure indefinitely.

TRICK AND ARTIFICE
Los Angeles Times: A French scientist is making a wood more firm and beautiful than oak or mahogany by mixing certain sawdusts, tannic acid and cheap chemicals together and subjecting them to high pressure. The product can be made to take a high polish and is virtually fireproof. We get sawdust in making lumber and then we make lumber from sawdust; but how long can this thing keep up? There must be a catch in it somewhere.

THE AUTOMOBILE MENACE
Washington Star: Unsafe speeds are the major primary cause of accidents. A machine that is being driven at twenty miles an hour through the streets can not be checked in time to prevent a collision in a sudden emergency such as the unexpected appearance of another machine at a crossing or on a turn, or the sudden appearance of a pedestrian, child or adult, in the driveway. Yet the regulation of speed is not the sole cure for these mishaps. Drivers must be held accountable for whatever happens, and that accountability should take the form of severe punishment whenever life is endangered or is destroyed.

WILL OTHERS FOLLOW?
Louisville Courier-Journal: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was considerably ahead of the procession (of disarmament) for these (Singapore) fortifications were entirely within the provisions of the Washington Conference. The fact that he is ahead of the procession is the menace that Prime Minister Bruce sees. None of the other European nations has as yet taken any such attitude; in fact both France and Italy are going the opposite way and the game of disarmament is rather dangerous for only one to play. England's prestige, as Prime Minister

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Bruce has emphasized, has been the power behind the League of Nations in its great forward effort. It is the force that is striving to-day to bring Europe out of its post-war wilderness, and lead it into the paths of peace.

THE GRAND FLEET A MEMORY
London Daily Telegraph: This country has taken the lead in paring down its naval resources. Behind this movement has been the will to peace, as well as the desire for economy, and the reduction has been pursued methodically, step by step, in face of all the unsettled problems which the Allied Conference in London has assembled in the hope of solving. As a maritime people, we are not unconscious that the seas remain still our main defence as well as our chief peril; the Grand Fleet has, notwithstanding, become but a memory, and Spithead on Saturday reflected the sincerity with which we have accepted all the implications of the Washington Treaty.

WHAT OTHERS THINK
Philadelphia Ledger: Canadians for some time have been feeling their oats and are not missing any opportunities to demonstrate that trotting along under British leading strings is not their idea of a wonderful time. The other day, for instance, Sir Frederick Field, Vice-Admiral of the British squadron, publicly suggested that Canada needed four battle cruisers. That was quite enough to call for sarcastic criticism in the Ottawa House of Commons, and one member, who joined the Minister of National Defence to tell Sir Frederick to mind his own business. Canada has lived for a goodly number of years under the protection of the British crown and the Royal Navy, and has not taken kindly to suggestions that she help foot the Imperial Defence Bill. But the obviously logical thing for Canadians to do, if they find the British leading strings offensive, is to provide somewhat for their own protection. They should mind their own business, or else expect British viceregal assistance to do it for them. If the resentment against British advice leads them to build cruisers of their own, the result will be quite acceptable in London.

SOCIALISM IN FRANCE
Louisville Courier-Journal: The Socialists number some of the best citizens of France, some with great names and great fortunes, among the one hundred or more of their party in Parliament. Blum, Painlevé, Paul Boncour are among them. They are not to be confused with the Communists, which group, although small, seized the machinery of the Socialists, including Jaures' newspaper, L'Humanité, at the time that the doctrine of Moscow broke up the party. Some of France's great intellectuals are Socialists, but Socialism, as understood in France appears rather to be a doctrine which nobody wants to put into actual practice, but which is professed as an ideal. These Socialists, unable to effect their aims, including evacuation of the Ruhr, declined to participate in the Government when Herriot formed it, and thus have none of the responsibilities. But they continued to work for those ideals which they feel should be productive of human justice and human uplift.

WHERE IT BELONGS
Adelaide (Australia) Chronicle: The ratio of strength provided by the Washington agreement for Britain, America and Japan, complains Mr. Wilbur (American Secretary of the Navy), no longer exists; for instead of 5, 5, 3 respectively the ratio is now 5, 4, 3. As America has notoriously nothing to fear from Britain, the alleged disparity between their fleets is certainly not a matter entitling the Americans to condoleance from the British Empire. If the British fleet is once again the strongest in existence, it can only be said that it has resumed the position which, judging from the Empire's place in the world, it should morally occupy, and should never have forfeited. For the British Empire is universally recognized as having a world mission; the upholding so far as its capacity allows of the rights of humanity, whereas the mission the Americans have frankly set themselves to avoid "foreign entanglements," to concentrate their efforts on their defence and on the augmentation of their wealth by the expansion of their overseas markets.

SUPPLEMENTING SHORT PASTURES.

(Experimental Farms Not.)

Cattle on pasture lose flesh, and milk cows usually fall off in milk flow during mid-summer. While flies and heat are contributing factors, the principal cause of this is short pastures. Therefore the scant mid-summer pastures should be supplemented with grain and, either green feed or summer silage, otherwise the cows will drop so badly in milk yield that they cannot easily be brought back to profitable production when stable-feeding starts in the fall.

Grain feeding is advisable with heavy milking cows. Cows milking twenty pounds, or over, should receive one pound of grain for every six to eight pounds of milk which they produce. Pasture grass contains a higher percentage of protein than mature hay and for this reason the summer grain ration need not contain as high a percentage of rich protein feed, such as oil cake and cotton seed, as the ration fed in winter.

It is more economical to depend largely on green feed or summer silage than to use grain as the sole supplement to scant pastures. The cost of cutting and hauling green feed each day makes it more expensive than silage. It is necessary, however, to feed from one to one and a half inches of silage each day to prevent the silage from spoiling, therefore, silage is seldom practical unless a farmer has from twelve to fifteen cows. At the Fredericton Experimental Station last year green feed was used to supplement pastures for the high producing cows from July 20th to August 20th, after which the entire herd was fed silage. Oats and peas were used for both silage and green feed, and there was no appreciable difference in milk flow when the cows were changed from the green feed to the silage. This silage (oats and peas) however, did not give as good results as the corn silage fed the previous year. The mixture used was—Banner oats—2 bushels, Canadian Beauty Peas—1 bushel, sown at the rate of three bushels per acre. Yet the cows were fed from twenty-four to thirty-five pounds of silage per day, and had the run of a rough pasture. This feed, with a small grain ration, maintained the milk flow and kept the cows in good flesh. If green oats are available they will give fair results, although not equal to oats and peas.

JOHN MACKENZIE,
 Ass't Superintendent, Experimental Station, Fredericton, N. B.

WILL MINE LIMESTONE FOR PICTOU FARMERS

NEW GLASGOW—The mining of limestone to be crushed for use in farming operations, will commence shortly. Principal Cumming, of Truro, has completed a contract with Mr. McDougall, of Koydart, Pictou County, to mine and deliver three hundred tons of limestone, which will be crushed at a central point in Lower East Pictou. The Agricultural Department are also endeavoring to locate a quarry near Bailey's Brook to serve the farmers of West Pictou.

Principal Cumming is also endeavoring to establish a large crushing plant in a central part of the county near the railway, and has been looking over the ground and spending considerable time in this effort. He has interested J. R. Porter, of Stellarton, a well-known coal mining man, and part owner of the Greenwood Coal Company, in the project.

WARREN STONE SAYS CONDITIONS ARE WORSE THAN EVER SINCE THE WAR.
Toronto:—Warren S. Stone, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers who is attending the meeting of the Canadian Locomotive Engineers here, in an interview today said economic and social conditions in the United States offered the first problem with which the administration should cope, rather than the "state of Europe." "There is," he said, "a prevalent spirit of unrest. Twenty per cent of the farmers are bankrupt, the coal mines are largely closed down, in that only enough coal to meet present requirements is being moved, and many of our steel mills are shut also. The result is that we have a more serious unemployment condition on our hands than ever since the war."
 "How do we propose to remedy it?"
 "By suitable and economic legislation," Mr. Stone replied.
 "I think that the government should give some attention to this before interfering in European affairs."

HIGH PRICE FOR BOXED APPLES.

(London, Eng., paper.)
 A vivid illustration of the possibilities for Canadian fruit in Britain is furnished by the placing of carefully selected and properly packed apples on Covent Garden market for sale in the open market in half boxes containing 48 apples and full boxes of 96 apples, consisting of Spitz, Newtons and Winesaps which brought the highest prices ever recorded, half boxes at 22 shillings and boxes at 40 shillings.

A dealer wrote to the department of the Canadian Exhibition Fruit Commissioner that he would take all he could get of this quality of fruit and same packing and guarantee the highest prices. Incidentally Hamburg dealers have offered to purchase 500,000 boxes of Canadian apples, while a Stockholm fruiterer has offered to pay transportation and a week's expenses if the Canadian fruit expert will go there and arrange for a shipment.

It is pointed out, however, that Canadian fruit men must adopt a uniform grade, pack their apples in boxes and not attempt to crowd the packing unduly as the slightest bruising would mean a small price and damage the reputation of the whole pack.

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Here and There
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 The manufacture of wooden boxes is an important industry in British Columbia. There are 25 box-making plants in the province, representing a capital of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, about 1,200 employees and an annual payroll of not less than \$1,250,000.
 So popular has the bungalow camp system established by the Canadian Pacific Railway become that it will be necessary to extend it greatly. This statement was made recently by C. B. Foster, Passenger Traffic Manager, after a visit to the hotels and camps in the Rockies.
 That the farmers of Western Canada are now giving increasing attention to the improvement of their home surroundings is shown by the fact that they have not only planted 5,250,000 trees distributed by two government forestry stations this year but have also purchased large quantities from private nurseries.
 Summer fishing commenced on Lesser Slave Lake on July 28th and will close September 30th. Operators have been limited to a catch of 1,500,000 pounds of whitefish but no limit has been placed on pickerel and jack fish, as the market for these varieties is restricted. Four fish companies are operating this summer and will ship to Chicago via Dominion Express.
 Imports of Canadian produce and manufacture into Australia received during the year ended June 30th, 1924, amounted in value to \$5,064,283, an expansion of \$1,899,803 over the previous year. It is the largest volume of trade yet recorded between Canada and Australia. The greatest increase was in motor chassis though a good volume of trade was also done in rubber goods, boots and shoes.
 What is claimed to be a world's record for relaying rails was established by a crew of men on the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the New Brunswick district recently. In two days the 220 men in the gang tore up 29.7 miles of old 95-lb. rails and replaced them with new. All available data states that the former Canadian record was 11.7 miles, which exceeds that established in the United States.
 The "Empress of Scotland," one of the Canadian Pacific Railway's finest liners, docked at Quebec on August 8th with a passenger list crowded with important names. Among them were Lord Beaverbrook, the Canadian financier, Edward W. Bok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, whose offer of a fifty thousand dollar prize for the best plan tending to maintain world peace created so much interest recently, and E. W. Beatty, K.C., Chairman and President, Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Beatty had just concluded a most successful tour of Europe with the object of attracting capital and immigrants to Canada. He spoke with great enthusiasm of the prospects of obtaining both and especially anticipated an influx of fine new Canadians from Denmark.

NOT FEASIBLE NOW TO SPEND \$35,000 ON I. O. O. F. HOME
 Grand Lodge Finance Committee Rejects Proposal—Rev. G. W. Whitman Is New Grand Master

WOLFVILLE—At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee, Thursday morning, it was voted unanimously that the recommendation of the Home committee for an appropriation of \$35,000 for an enlargement of the Home is not feasible at the present time.

OFFICERS ELECTED
 The Grand Lodge met Thursday morning and conducted routine work until 11 o'clock, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.
 The results of this election were: Grand Master, Rev. G. W. Whitman, Grand Pro: Deputy Grand Master, A. C. Barnaby, Bridgewater; Grand Warden, M. L. Robinson, St. Stephen; N. B.: Grand Secretary, J. J. McKinnon, Charlottetown; Grand Treasurer, J. M. Donovan, Halifax; Grand Representatives, 1924-1925: A. A. Gunn, Stellarton, Trustee of Home, 1925-1929: H. R. Brown, Truro; Trustee of Home, 1925-1927: Le Mert McKenzie, Westville. The Lodge voted unanimously to hold their next convention at St. John, N. B.

Excited Passenger: "Can I catch the five o'clock train for Winnipeg?" Official (calmly): "That depends upon how fast you can run. It started three minutes ago."

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