

## The Evening Times and Star

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### TRADE BARRIERS.

Advocates of extreme protection find much that is pleasing in the sharp up-revision of tariff duties in European countries. An American banker said recently that "Europe seems to be agreed anyhow upon one common policy: that of building tariff walls wherever room can be found for them," and the Paris correspondent of the Wall Street Journal says:

"The addition of four new States to the European group of nations would in any case mean four fresh frontiers of protection. England, the bulwark of free trade, is about to authorize imposition of a 30 per cent duty on goods from countries with depreciated currencies. Italy, Spain and France are doing the same. And even the countries with depreciated currencies, not content with the protection afforded them by this same depreciation, are devising various measures to make the foreign exporter pay the difference, notably by the simple system of insisting on customs duties being paid in gold."

It is no secret that Italy, Spain and France have greatly increased their duties, that England has imposed a stiff duty on goods from countries with depreciated currencies, and that Holland, Belgium and Switzerland have joined the ranks of the protectionists, but it may not be so well known that they have done this in the face of strong opposition from trade experts who declare that their last state will be worse than the first. The net result, says the correspondent of the Wall Street Journal, is to hamper the trade of Europe, and hence her recovery from the war. Another observer points out that to realize this it is not necessary to be what protectionists, all unconscious of their own fanaticism, call a fanatical free trader. "For this is protectionism," he says, "the continent of Europe. Great Britain is not quite in the same position—needs, above all things, commercial unity, free intercourse between nations. In its effort to compete with the United States it is hampered by its divisions, its net work of internal customs barriers, contrasting with the free trade that prevails all over the American republic. It is that internal free trade between state and state far more than the protective ring fence around the whole, that gives the United States its advantageous position. Europe is playing into the hands of its American rival."

On the other hand, it is apparent that thinking business men in the United States are convinced that the "ring fence" is not a good thing, even for them. They have found that in order to sell a nation must buy, and that the vast debts of Europe must be paid for in goods. The majority of American experts in world trade would be much more formidable if the United States were to adopt a much freer trade policy than it now enjoys.

and Central America and West Africa; assisting Czechoslovakia in its health work; and its president is now on his way to the antipodes to open a medical college in Peking, China.

When it is stated that the Bureau of Education of the United States Department of the Interior declared in 1919 that three out of four children in the country were suffering from some physical defect which might be prevented or corrected, which meant that there were perhaps 15,000,000 such school children, and that of these 6,000,000 were mal-nourished, the importance of the public health service must be clear to every thoughtful citizen.

At the coming exhibition in St. John there will be a display related to public health and child welfare. It should be one of the most eagerly sought departments, especially by parents of young children. The gospel of infant care and of good health should be carried to the remotest portions of the province, and this exhibit, under the direction of Hon. Dr. Roberts, minister of health, should be a means of spreading broadcast a great deal of valuable information. There is even greater need of a public health programme and public health nurses in the rural districts where doctors are farther apart than in the cities.

It is worth while in this connection to note a remarkable experiment about to be made in the United States. The town of Mansfield and Richland county in Ohio have been selected by the National Child Health Council as the place for a demonstration of what a community may do for the most healthful development of children. A recent Washington despatch says:

## LIGHTER VEIN. Almost Uncanny.

"What are you reading?" "A man advertising for a wife who must be young, accomplished and beautiful." "Surely you wouldn't answer anything like that?" "No, I was merely thinking how well it fit the requirements."

Talking Sense. "Darling," he asked, as he drew his fiancée closer to him, "am I the only man you have ever loved?" "William," she replied, somewhat testily, "before we go any further I would like to ask you a few questions. You are, no doubt, fully aware that my father is a millionaire something like ten times over am I not?"

"You understand, no doubt, that when he dies all of his vast fortune will be left to me?" "Yes." "You know that I have a quarter of a million dollars in cash in my name at the bank?" "Yes." "And own two and a half million dollars worth of property?" "Yes." "That my diamonds are insured to the value of a quarter of a million dollars?" "Yes."

"My horses and motor cars are worth \$75,000?" "Yes." "Then for goodness' sake talk sense! What difference would it make to you if I had been killed by a thousand cars before I met you?"

Must Collect It Yourself. "The world gives every man a living," "Yes, but you don't need to think the world is going to do any running around trying to pay it."

Saying It With Clocks. Speaker—"And in conclusion, I ask you to give to your utmost capacity to the slavers for the fund to buy alarm clocks to send out to Uganda to combat the frightful sleeping sickness which reigns there."

Not As He Meant It. The Boss—"What do you mean by such language? Are you the manager here or am I?" Jones—"I know I'm not the manager." The Boss—"Very well, then, if you're not the manager, why do you talk like a damned idiot?"

The Long-Felt Want. "Sit down," said the eminent publisher to the tattered genius, who had just entered his elaborate sanctum. "I have read your manuscript, and I think I shall publish it. It seems to me a good book, and I think it will fill a long-felt want." "I am glad to hear you say that," said the genius, "but why do you want to publish my book?" "I want to give you a long-felt want you speak of."

Matter of Punctuation. The meaning of a paragraph depends very much on the punctuation. An editor wrote: "When Mrs. Jones lectured on the subject of punctuation, it was remarkable." How the compositor came to the conclusion that this should read: "When Mrs. Jones lectured on the subject of punctuation, it was remarkable." That was remarkable.

Tactfulness. A speaker who thought very favorably of his own tactfulness was asked to deliver an address, and started as follows: "My friends, I shall not call you ladies and gentlemen; I know you too well."

## IN CITY CHURCHES.

Rev. A. L. Fleming, the new rector of St. John's Stone church, conducted both services in the church Sunday and large congregations, both morning and evening, heard with evident appreciation the eloquent sermons which he delivered. Mr. Fleming has been warmly greeted by former friends. This evening he will be inducted in his new charge by Bishop Richardson. At the morning service yesterday Mr. Fleming before his sermon made reference to the three previous rectors of Stone church, Rev. George Armstrong, he said, had been a great rector; Rev. John DeSoyes had been a great preacher, and Rev. Canon G. A. Kuhring, with the pastoral and preaching offices, had combined that of soldier. Mr. Fleming asked the prayers of the congregation that the spirit of these good men might rest on him.

Rev. Wellington Camp, the former pastor of the Leinster street church, was warmly greeted when he occupied his old pulpit once more and preached an eloquent sermon at the evening service in the Central Baptist church on Sunday. Some of the congregations which have held union services during July and August, on Sunday returned to their usual customs, meeting in their own churches and having the services conducted by their own ministers. Centenary church services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. G. Fulton. Rev. Neil McLaughlin occupied the pulpit of his church in Queen square. Rev. J. Heaney was the preacher for his congregation in the Carleton Methodist church in the evening but exchanged with Rev. E. E. Styles of Carmarthen street in the morning. Rev. J. A. Morrison conducted the services in the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Gertrude Hasbrouck, child welfare expert of New York, spoke on subjects connected with child welfare, in the morning she spoke in the German street Baptist church; in the afternoon at the Ludlow street Baptist church, and in the evening at the Victoria street Baptist church. The second annual service, in commemoration of the founding of the Grand Bay Outing Association, was held in the clubhouse on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and was attended by an overflow crowd. The service was conducted by Rev. R. G. Fulton, assisted by Mr. Titus, a student. Rev. Mr. Fulton delivered a powerful discourse and Mrs. Hasbrouck, on his behalf, on his behalf. Solos were rendered by Mrs. W. B. Latham and Mrs. Stanley Harrison. The collection taken up for the service was donated to the Protestant Orphanage Fund and a generous contribution was made towards this worthy object.

In St. George's church, West St. John on Sunday morning the rector, Rev. W. H. Sampson, announced that the beautiful connecting doors between the church and the new hall had been presented to the church by Mrs. Pidgeon in memory of her husband, some time warden of the church. A brass tablet suitably inscribed will be placed on the doors in acknowledgement of the gift. Mr. Sampson made feeling reference to the late Mr. Pidgeon, commending the church as the most suitable place for memorials to perpetuate the memory of departed loved ones. The doors are painted and dark stained and add greatly to the dignity and beauty of the church and hall.

Miss Mienda Thompson, who for seven years has been choir leader and soloist of St. David's church, has been engaged as contralto in the Centenary church choir. Centenary choir will have Mrs. L. M. Curran as leading soprano, assisted by Mrs. George Lockhart; Miss Thompson, contralto; William Lanyon, bass; William Charlton, tenor; Bayard Currie will be organist and choir director at St. David's, but the personnel of the choir has not yet been decided upon.

The church services conducted in the Fair Vale Outing Club's hall during the summer season were brought to a close Sunday afternoon with service and sermon by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan of St. David's church. W. H. White, chairman of the church committee, in a short address before the sermon, thanked the different ministers who so kindly conducted the services during the summer. He also extended the thanks of the committee to the automobile owners who brought the clergymen and the musical talent and from Fair Vale. It is the intention of the committee to continue the Sunday school throughout this month.

OBTAINED SULPHUR BY CLEVER METHOD. H. S. Davis Read Paper Before Canadian Institute of Chemistry. Perhaps the most extraordinary method of operation known to the recovery of substances that lie under the earth was referred to in a paper read before the Canadian Institute of Chemistry by H. S. Davis of the Mellon Institute of Pittsburgh, says the Montreal Gazette.

Mr. Davis pointed out that practically all the sulphur, about one million dollars worth per annum, used in Canada, principally by the pulp and paper mills, comes from the state of Louisiana. The possession of great deposits of sulphur at that state, he said, had been known for about forty years, but owing to their great depth under ground (some thousands of feet) no work was made of them until 1890, when an eminent engineer gave himself to the problem of finding some way of mining them to make the deposits economically workable. This engineer conceived the idea of melting the sulphur in the bowels of the earth so that it might be worked, something on the principle of an oil well, except that pumping operations would be necessary to bring the fluid sulphur to the surface. With this purpose in view he experimented with shafts or wells were sunk and superheated steam carried down and ingeniously applied to the sulphur areas. These shafts, those experiments which rewarded their engineering enterprise with a first flow of yellow fluid which filled many barrels in quick succession and proved the existence of sulphur mining problem was economically solved, many hundreds of thousands of tons of sulphur have yielded to this mining process, not only in Louisiana but in Texas, where the Grand Matagorda Dome (the sulphur deposits occur in domes), contains some twenty million tons of sulphur. These experts have been able to produce one thousand tons of sulphur a day. One well or shaft alone in this field has produced 120,000 tons of sulphur.

In Canada, it was pointed out, there are no sulphur deposits known to exist. What sulphur is produced here is taken from the iron ores and is made into sulphuric acid. Prior to the opening up of the Louisiana and Texas deposits the sulphur supply of this continent was chiefly imported from Sicily.

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## N. Y. MOTHER OF 16 CHILDREN WINS HARDING'S AID

President Writes Mrs. Zaccachia That He Himself was One of Eight. Washington, Sept. 3.—Some weeks ago President Harding, glancing through the photograph section of a Sunday newspaper, noted the picture of Mrs. Zaccachia, a mother of sixteen children of New York City, and their sixteen children, whereupon he wrote Mrs. Zaccachia, congratulating her on being the mother of such a splendid brood, and at the same time stating that he himself was one of eight children.

In mentioning the latter fact, he recalled that his mother in her declining years had once said that she would have been happy to have been the mother of only one little Harding, if she had her life to live over again. Replying to the letter of the President, Mrs. Zaccachia said that she had borne her husband nineteen children, of whom sixteen were living, her letter concluding with a plea to "Your Excellency" to request a better job for her husband, who was at that time working for John Wanamaker, receiving a weekly salary of \$20. The President wrote Mr. Wanamaker, who in replying stated that Mr. Zaccachia was receiving \$2 more a week than other men doing the same work, and added that he would promote "the worthy father just as fast as he can make himself better understood with the people who have to work with him."

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