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BRITAIN'S VALUE TO FRANCE IN EVENT OF WAR WITH GERMANY

It is curious to see, says the London Spectator, what difficulty even the ablest men find in understanding the meaning of sea power. Especially is this true of Continental publicists and statesmen. Their eyes are so constantly fixed upon their armies, and upon the plains aspects of military strategy, that they are always forgetting how great a part the command of the sea plays even in land warfare. A remarkable example of this is to be found in the two articles which have appeared during the present week in the Temps newspaper—articles calculated to raise doubts in the minds of Frenchmen as to whether France can safely trust to a close understanding with Britain as long as Britain is not possessed of an army on the Continent.

Before we examine the criticisms contained in the Temps, let us say that we do not resent but welcome them. Frenchmen have the clearest and most obvious right to discuss their relations with this country in all their bearings, and we should be the last to condemn anything in the nature of plain speaking. Any matter which affects the peace of Europe, and consequently the future happiness of mankind, must be treated, not in a vein of sentiment or enthusiasm, but with the utmost care and seriousness. But though we welcome the determination of the Temps to consider all the facts of the situation, we are bound to point out its curious blindness to the strategic aspects of the command of the sea.

NOT ONE-SIDED.
With regard to the possibilities of the Entente ripening into an "Alliance," the Temps in effect tells us that such an arrangement would be one-sided unless Great Britain is able to bring far more military power than she now possesses into the common stock. France, that is, would suffer from the Alliance unless she could look to Great Britain for substantial military aid. But according to the Temps no such military aid could now be given to France by this country. Here is a capital example of thinking that strength in war rests only upon soldiers. For ourselves, we believe that even without any increase of our present army we could, should it be necessary to go to the aid of France, do a very great deal more on land than the critics of the Temps assume to be possible. A hundred and fifty thousand men acting upon the flank of an army attacking France from the east might be quite enough to turn the scale. When two forces are evenly balanced the determining factor need not necessarily be large.

AND OF INCALCULABLE BENEFIT.
Putting that aside, however, and assuming for the purpose of argument that the military aid we could bring to France would be a negligible quantity, we hold, nevertheless, that the fact of

or so where the attack is coming and to make ready to meet it. It is the nature of invasion by sea that the enemy can conceal their place of attack and that it is impossible to know where to look for them.

That is the reason why sea power can alone give complete protection from invasion, and why islands which do not possess sea power are always invaded with special ease. The silver streak does not give protection, but only the long black or grey things which float upon the silver streak. We do not wish to be pessimists, but we say without fear of contradiction that the position of France, face to face with Germany, unless she possesses the command of the sea, either in her own person or through our help, is one which no true friend of France can contemplate without grave misgivings.

There is yet another point of view from which it is essential that France should be able to feel secure as regards sea power. It is of the greatest importance that Italy should not join in any attack upon France. That Italy is most anxious to refrain from joining in such an attack and to remain on good terms with France, is what we may call a commonplace of diplomacy. But if France were without sea power herself and without ally possessed of sea power, Italy might be constrained by the nation which did possess sea power into taking up arms against France. Italy is so weakly vulnerable to the attack of those who possess the command of the sea that she is almost bound to do the bidding of the power which controls the Mediterranean. If Great Britain were neutral, and Germany had obtained the command of the sea, Italy would hardly refuse to do the bidding of Germany. The same considerations apply to the other states of the Mediterranean. The sea might easily be bullied into hostility to France by the possessor of sea power.

POSITION OF STRENGTH.

We have dwelt upon the perilous position which France would be in if the command of the sea had passed to her enemy. Compare this for a moment with the position of strength which she would obtain had she on her side a power which possessed the command of the sea, even although that power brought her no military aid. In the first place she need have no fear of Italy or Spain. Neither power could possibly be coerced into attacking her even in the remotest chance of which it would not for the gains would be too dangerous. Next, she would be able to feel secure as regards her coast and her commerce, and could put every single man into the fighting-line. Again, she would be able to feel safe in regard to her colonial and overseas possessions, and could draw from them a considerable portion of her garrisons.

A RISK FOR GERMANY.

On the other hand, Germany would have a good deal to fear for her own coast. It is true those coasts are not very long, but still to guard them effectively in the French prize of trouble must be kept back from the frontier. It would never do for Germany to risk the possibility of sending out on her coast a quarter of a million Frenchmen and Englishmen being landed for the immediate attack of say, Hamburg or Bremen, with the further possibility that if the first landing were unsuccessful another half-a-million might be brought round to attack the German armies in the rear.

VITAL IMPORTANCE.

There is no need to emphasize further the vital importance to France of the command of the sea not being in hostile hands, and the importance of a good understanding with the power which commands the sea. We feel sure that our countrymen will have set forth as soon as they are pointed out to them. Meantime we desire to express a hope that our words will not be misunderstood in Germany, unless she should attack us without warning and unprovoked attack upon Germany, no one in Great Britain would hear of backing her up.

If, however, Germany were to force war upon France, then unquestionably opinion here would be unanimous in supporting France to the very utmost. It is absolutely inconceivable—France had in previous years, and that she did not want or desire an understanding with us in the matter of foreign relations.

NO WANTON ATTACK.

France will as we have said, never perpetrate a wanton attack on Germany. She is, we believe, the most peace-loving of all the Continental powers, and therefore she is essentially the power with which we, who also desire peace above all things, ought to arrive at an understanding. Whether this understanding should be called an alliance or not seems to us rather a matter of names than of things. For ourselves, however, we are inclined to think that "understanding" or "entente" is a much better name than "alliance." "Alliance" has a somewhat aggressive air about it. But the object of both France and Great Britain is to show the world that when acting together they are thinking of nothing so much as of peace, and that they have no desire to injure, or even to isolate, any other power.

Peace is the principle upon which the understanding rests. We hold that both nations may rely upon their common determination to prevent any power from disturbing the peace of the world, or from taking aggressive or oppressive action as the best possible form of alliance. The fact that Russia is also the friend of peace and of liberty, while these three powers hold together, the risk of Europe being plunged into war is reduced to a minimum. Their rulers know this, and therefore are not likely to allow interests so vast and so beneficial to be jeopardized by a punctilio, or by any injudicious and misinformed computation of the exact amount contributed by each nation to the common insurance fund against war.

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Ladies' Costumes, regular price 15, sale 10.98
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Ladies' Silk Waists, worth 6.00, for 4.48

Ladies' Silk Waists, worth 5.00, for 3.98

Ladies' Silk Waists, worth 4.00, for 2.98

Ladies' Silk Waists, worth 3.50, for 1.98

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AMUSEMENTS.

NICKEL'S SINGER'S DREW GREAT CROWDS.

After the hilarious holiday in the out-of-doors crowds of people turned to the reliable old Nickel again last evening, and the large auditorium was completely filled every show. Today there is to be a brand new programme and tonight and this afternoon the attendance is sure to be up to the standard. Miss Isabel Foley was the bright particular star last night, her sweet, strong mezzo voice being heard to excellent advantage in the ballad Sweet Adeline, which revealed her as the finest lady singer heard yet at the Nickel. Mr. Curcio, or the adventures of a "poor" man who got tangled up in a pair of ancient handkerchiefs, a Pathe comedy, On Bad Terms With the Janitor and a social-comedy, An Interrupted Romance.

BUSTER BROWN AT THE PRINCESSES.

The large crowds that thronged the Princesses last evening went away feeling that they had received more than their money's worth, and every one who has not seen Buster Brown and his dog Tige cannot afford to miss it, as tomorrow will be their last opportunity. Today there is a complete change in the programme. The charming style in which Buster handles his part is worth more than the price of admission. The new pictures are above the average, and one especially "The Bar-Tender's Dream." A bar-tender fell asleep. In his dream he sees the faces of all those to whom he has supplied liquor and the result of their drinking. What a weird parade it is. Here comes the man who gave his child's shoes over the counter for drink. Besides him the millionaire who drives his coach and four. For almost a half hour this terrible nightmare continues, until the bar-tender feels that he is upon the verge of insanity. Some of the scenes are extremely pathetic and others approach very near to comedy. This is one of the most extraordinary pictures on the road. Three other new pictures and new songs by A. Munroe Dorr.

NEW PICTURES AT THE UNIQUE.

For the balance of this week the management of the Unique have secured an especially fine lot of pictures. The leading picture is over 1000 feet in length and is one of the best features since ever produced. It is entitled The Old, Old Story, a mighty persuasive pathos, but the story is with its intense pathos and emotional brilliancy, is neither more nor less. It is a story briefly told of woman's faith and trust and man's duplicity. The plot scene is laid among the beautiful impressive landscapes of Pennsylvania, where the Lehigh River winds its hillside and rugged mountains that the blacksmith's daughter elopes with a dashing young man from the city who has promised to marry her. A few weeks of mad dissipation, the brief and guilty love, and then the awakening, the girl deserted, destitute, ill. She writes her father and mother and they take her home. But a raging fever has laid hold of her and Death saves her from the hands of her former companions. The mother overcame with shame and disgrace soon follows her daughter to the grave, and the father, takes to drink. He vows by the side of his dead loved ones to have revenge. Years afterward he meets his daughter's betrayer in a large Eastern city. In a few stirring thrilling moments (that hold the spectator breathless) the man meets his just deserts at the hands of an outraged father. Two other new pictures and new songs by Wm. Lanyon, W. H. Harrison, and Robert Butler. Matinee every day at 2.15.

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ROYALTY AT HAPPY HALF HOUR TODAY.

The new programme at the Happy Half Hour today is another one composed of all new pictures, and late rer. The Meeting of The King of Italy, and The Germany which took place at Naples a short time ago. The picture is a splendid one photographically, and shows the state barges, the German Emperor's Yacht and the German battleship Hamburg. Unfathomable! An End is a dramatic story, full of pathos and tells the story of an old workman discharged by his employer because of his age. The Enchanted Hat is a trick comedy picture, and A Handy Servant is another comedy picture. He was a jewel of a servant, and he was after the jewels. Prof. Titus sings I Like Your Way, and Harry LeRoy sings When The Robin Sings Again. The show is fully up to the high standard set by this house.

COLE BROS' CIRCUS.

Cole Brothers' circus this season offers at least one novelty that must interest every resident of St. John. The only Canadian clown on the road is the latest innovation, and W. J. Langer, who was born in Halifax, is the claimant to this distinguished honor. At a rate Mr. Langer is the only Canadian who has produced clown plays with a circus, and a comedian as a clown. He has occupied a unique position in the circus world. A comedian as a clown with an inferior show, he worked unceasingly, gradually working into the ranks of better companies until he signed contracts with Cole Brothers. During the first season he introduced several novelties, and this year is the principal producing clown with the aggregation.

In his own clown conceit "the merry widow hat" Mr. Langer has a most ludicrous farce, and forty able assistants are required to carry it to a proper completion. "The clown's execution" is another offering that must excite the risibilities of every audience. Besides his ability as an originator and writer, Mr. Langer's efforts in animal training are by no means a small item. A trained pig, educated posters and donkeys are employed by the clown department, and even these dumb animals are really comedians. Numerous little sketches and fun making specialties require the services of these animals, and every animal thus employed has been trained by Mr. Langer.

"Domination anterior" is strictly a Canadian interpolation and can only be appreciated by Canadians. This number occupies the entire hippodrome and consumes some ten minutes. The clowns are at work one hour before the performance commences, and from that time until the races are announced the merry Andrews are cavorting around the ring and hippodrome. While their work is irrepressibly funny it is not idiotic, and genuine humor comes from every pore of these white-faced comedians.

Mlle. La Sablon, the only French woman clown, is also in the ranks, and disguised as an old woman she makes merry with her male companions. She is the only woman clown on the road, but her methods are decidedly new, and she is a valuable addition to Cole Brothers' staff of savant comedians.