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## LORD GREY AND AMERICA.

American press comment on Viscount Grey's letter largely allows that it is an intelligent interpretation of the American point of view, likely to give some offence in some quarters, but on the whole calculated to have a good effect. The Sun and New York Herald affirm that Grey has told England the truth about America's view of the covenant and both sides of the Atlantic will be better for his habit of honest expression.

Lord Grey recognizes that the United States has reasons sentimental and practical for a cautious attitude towards any departure from her traditional foreign policy. He says:

"There is in the United States a real conservative feeling for the traditional policy, and one of these traditions consecrated by the advice of Washington is to abstain from foreign entanglements. Even for nations which have been used to European alliances the League of Nations is felt to be something of a new departure. This is still more true for the United States, which has hitherto held aloof from all outside alliances. For the League of Nations is not merely a plunge into the unknown, but a plunge into something which has hitherto positively disapproved. It does not say that it will not make this departure. It recognizes that world conditions have changed, but it desires time to consider, to feel its way and to act with caution. Hence this desire for some qualification and reservation."

The veteran student of Government recognizes also that opposition to the "covenant" among politicians arises largely from the peculiar constitution of the United States. He points out that the American constitution makes possible and under certain conditions renders inevitable the conflict between the Executive and the legislature. It would be possible, he adds, for the President, as the covenant of the League now stands, in some future years to commit the United States through the American representative on the Council of the League to a policy of which the legislature at that time might disapprove. Lord Grey observes that such a conflict could not arise in England, where the Premier and the Government are responsible to the House of Commons in a way that the President and his Cabinet are not to Congress. He adds: "In the United States . . . the contingency is within the region of practical politics."

"They have reason, and if they so desire, the right to provide against it. Reservations with this object are therefore an illustration not only of party politics but of a great constitutional question which constantly arises between the President and the Senate, and it would be no more fair to label this with the name of party politics than it would be to apply that name to some of the great constitutional struggles which arose between the House of Commons and the executive authority in Great Britain in the days before the question had finally been settled in favor of the House of Commons."

## COMMISSION GOVERNMENT'S GROWTH.

The following figures indicate a certain amount of growth in St. John under Commission form of Government:

	Expenditures, 1911.	Appropriations, 1920.
Fire Dept. . . . .	\$63,109	\$125,588
Police Dept. . . . .	47,863	110,812
Lamp Dept. . . . .	26,311	42,000
Sewer maintenance. . . . .	16,493	22,660
Fire hydrants . . . . .	4,142	8,240
Schools . . . . .	142,000	410,000

In 1911 the Public Works Department spent \$195,691, and for 1920 is \$199,320. But in 1911 the Public Works looked after wharves, on which it spent about \$30,000, while its expenditures on roads included: \$5,289 for paving on German street; \$3,164 for Smyth street; \$25,351 for Dock and Mill streets; \$25,054 for Pond street, and \$9,271 for Nelson street.

In 1911 ferry maintenance cost \$43,535, and receipts were \$34,132, a loss on operation of about \$9,000. This year the city has appropriated \$67,104 to meet the anticipated deficit on the ferry service.

## CANADA'S CREDIT.

New York Herald "For more than five years Canada has been a heroic financier of the Allies in general and in particular of Great Britain. Our intrepid neighbor's contribution to the winning of the war was not merely in troops which, measured by her population, were sent across prodigally, and in food supplies shipped stupendously for her own and to other fighting forces in Europe. Canada brought raw material in the United States and else-

where by the hundreds of millions of dollars and manufactured it into munitions and war weapons and equipment of all kinds, speeding it across to the Allies on credit. Canada thus became and Canada continues to be one of the great creditor nations of the world.

"No foreign trade of this country has for us a higher potential value, industrially, commercially and financially, than our trade with Canada. No other foreign trade makes so powerful an appeal to our hearts. We must give prompt and full attention to the need for Canadian financing on this side of the border. For both the United States and Canada it will be a 100 per cent. safe investment. For both it should be a 100 per cent. sound link in the chain binding together neighbors, friends and kindred."

## THE SPANISH TARIFF.

Since the war there has been a strong agitation for increased customs duties in Spain, and the Government Tariff Commission appointed some time ago to bring in a report of the question of tariff revision is expected to complete its work shortly. Spain now has a duty on manufactured articles ranging from 15 to 50 per cent. The manufacturers have asked increases of from 50 to 100 per cent. on the existing tariffs in order to encourage home industries, and provide more employment for the people. On the other hand the agricultural interests are opposing increases in the tariff, believing that the creation of town industries will attract people from the country, and cause a shortage of farm labor or an increase of wages in the rural districts. Both sides to the controversy are making a big fight. While the findings of the Tariff Commission cannot be forecasted, it is believed that it will recommend a substantial increase in the tariff, in order to make Spain more of an industrial country, and break the spell of stagnation which has bound great sections of the country for generations.

## OPPORTUNITY IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Canadian Trade Commissioner in Newfoundland calls the attention of Canadian footwear manufacturers to their neglected opportunities in the markets of the ancient colony. In 1905, when the total importation of boots and shoes into Newfoundland was \$120,655, Canada's share of the business was \$70,353, or more than all the other nations selling boots and shoes there. Then the Americans put on the market a cheap, well-finished and stylish shoe of a quality the Canadian manufacturers declined to make for export, and Canada's export of footwear to the colonies fell off to \$28,300 last year, though the total importations of boots into the island exceeded half a million dollars.

The Canadian Trade Commissioner says Newfoundland is continually making enquiries about Canadian boots and shoes, and that if the footwear manufacturers sent competent travellers to the island to study the needs of the trade they would find Newfoundland anxious to do business with them.

Interest in air-craft development is keen in Europe, and Great Britain is finding serious competitors in the race to secure an international air-craft trade. Great Britain's prestige gained by the flights of her airmen across the Atlantic and to far off Australia is still undimmed, but she has keen rivals in France, Italy and Germany. In organization and method Great Britain appears to have a decided lead. No other country has a separate Air Ministry or Civil Aviation Department. Great Britain had also taken the lead in carefully planned and executed flights, which are regarded as one of the best methods of propaganda.

## WHAT THEY SAY

Did Liberty Die. (Nashville Banner.) The New York World thinks that liberty in America died when the prohibition amendment became effective. Yet we have not heard a single shriek from Liberty since John Barleycorn fell.

Hair Cut in Hospital. (Baltimore American.) The man who drinks hair tonic as a substitute for beer should be duly warned that eventually he may have to go to a hospital to get a hair cut.

Of General Application. (Buffalo Courier.) When the new French premier, Alexandre Millerand, said "Yesterday France had to win the war or die. Today she must produce or disappear," he made a statement that applies to every country that is trying to recover from the war.

The Turk Escapes Again. (New York Herald.) Still cynical and shameless, untaught and unchastened by the war, European diplomacy has decreed that the Ottoman Empire is to continue not only in Europe but also in sovereign-

ty over Christian peoples. Constantinople is to remain in the hands of the Turk and such historic Christian shrines as St. Sophia are to abide under the crescent. The last vestige of pretence of respect for the world's opinion has been discarded, and the mockery of formal acceptance of America's war aims has been abandoned.

## One of the Great.

Mr. Gompers' own local union—the cigar-makers' union of which he has been a member since his young manhood—has just rejected him as one of its representatives; the younger and more radical members obtained control and seized the opportunity to condemn the Nestor of the labor cause because he is not radical enough to suit them. This action will not, however, lower Mr. Gompers in the esteem and confidence of organized labor generally. His position is secure while he lives, and after his death he will be accounted one of the great men of his generation.

## A BIT OF VERSE

## AT REST IN FRANCE.

(By Caroline Russell Bispham in The N. Y. Herald.)  
 Short lives, brave deaths, and lo!  
 Their souls were free to go  
 Straight home from France.

Shoulder to shoulder they  
 Marched on to clear the way  
 Across fair France.

Their young blood dyed the ground  
 (Hundreds lie in one mound)  
 In "Fighting France."

To pay a splendid debt  
 They gladly died—and yet  
 They live in France.

Live in a Nation's heart  
 Of whom they are a part.  
 The heart of France.

They live in memory,  
 Live close eternally,  
 Yet lie in France.

They're with you everywhere,  
 Only their bones are there  
 In far off France.

They lie where good men lie  
 Beneath the tranquil sky  
 Of sunny France.

They died for liberty  
 And lie where they would be—  
 At rest in France.

Above them poppies grow,  
 And guarding, soft winds blow  
 O'er fields of France.

Leave them at peace to rest,  
 They gave their glorious best  
 To help brave France.

Let them lie tranquilly,  
 Their bodies, dear, will be  
 Safe there in France.

Their honor in this, too,  
 For now belongs to you,  
 A part of France!

## A BIT OF FUN

## Yea, Verily.

Essential No. 1 in a recipe for making laundry soap. "One can lie." At times, dear reader, can't one?

## Those Exacting Cooks.

Wife (time 7 a. m.): "For heaven's sake, hurry, get up and put the kettle on!" Cook: "I'm rigging down from her bedroom for her early morning cup of tea."—London Opinion.

## Fooled Again.

While seemed deep in thought, says London Ideas, a puzzled frown marked his chubby face. "I can't make it out," he muttered. "Take what out?" asked his mother, who had been watching her little son with an amused smile. "Why, everyone calls little brother."

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BY LEE PAPE

## POCKETS.

Peoples pockets are one of the most private parts of their clothes, and if you waked up to somebody and sed, "Wats you got in your pockets?" it would be one of the most impolitest things you could do and nobody would tell you enyhow. If you stood on a corner long enuff, you would see hundreds of strangers go past and each one would have about 10 pockets and you wouldnt know wat was in eny of them, and maybe some of the strangers wouldnt even know themselves, unless they looked to see.

Boys generally have something in all their pockets, awften including their hands, especially wen they see girls coming down the street and they want a excuse not to tip their hats in publick, in case it makes them nervous.

Men awften go around without enything in their vest pockets, being a grate waist. Girls dont hardly ever have eny pockets, and even wen they do theres never enything in them but a tiny little bit of a hankerchief, proving girls dont think of enything but stifle.

Wen a fellow pulls everything out of one pants pocket looking for sumthing, he is libel to pull out more than you would expect, such as 2 tops one without a peg, 2 top cords, a pece of string rolled up and a loose pece with nuts in it, 4 different size rubber bands not around enything, a pen afte, 2 stumps of pencils one with a rubber on the end, a cent, 3 tooth picks, a hankerchief, a nale, the top off of a sassaquilla bottle, 3 different shape pens one rusty, 5 stamps from different countries, the hammer part of a hammer, and some loose dust, and some other things.

In winter it dont matter wat you put in your pockets, but in summer it is bad to put chocklit candy, kee, or butter.

a bouncing baby," "Well, isn't he?" smiled mother. "No," said Willie. "When I dropped him this morning he didn't bounce a bit."

## Change.

"Well, the doctor says I must have a little change." "Sorry, dear, but I need it all for car fare."

## The Unexpected.

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