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### AMERICAN SENTIMENT.

The real sentiment of the American people do not find expression in the yellow journals. We turn rather to such utterances as that of Mr. Elihu Root at the unveiling of the Lincoln statue in Canning Square, London, a few days ago, when Mr. Lloyd George gave an important official business to be present and deliver the speech of acceptance. The presentation was made in the central hall of Westminster, in presence of a distinguished assembly which included Lord Bryce. Mr. Root declared that the identical fundamental conceptions of liberty and justice in both countries make it impossible that in any great world emergency Great Britain and America could be on opposing sides. While those conceptions prevail, he said, both nations will endure, but if they perish both nations will die. Continuing, Mr. Root said:

"We may disregard all life's prejudices and quarrels that result from casual friction and pin-pricks and from outside misrepresentation and detraction, and rest upon Lincoln's unerring judgment of his countrymen and his race. We may be assured from him that whenever trials come, whenever there is need for assistance of the inherent power, truth and triumph of justice, humanity and freedom—then, the peace and friendship between Great Britain and America will prove to be as Lincoln desired to make them, perpetual."

It is better to keep in mind the utterances of a Root than a Hearst. There is keen disappointment that the United States has not joined the League of Nations, but that event is only delayed. Partisan animosity is temporarily in the way, but the leaders of both great parties fully realize that their country cannot pursue a policy of isolation without ultimate injury to her own interests.

### THE STEEL SITUATION.

The steel situation in the United States is extremely interesting because it has so great an effect on industry and trade in general. It is noted that while the net earnings of the steel companies for the second quarter of the year have been the largest of any three months since the armistice, it has occurred in the face of rising prices for steel products, while the demand is still greater than the supply. Indeed the reports generally indicate that dealers in steel products find it very difficult to get many lines. Of course difficulties of transportation are partially responsible, but there is an actual shortage of supplies. The Iron Age of last week gave much information as to present conditions. It said:

"Barring unexpected relief, the railroad situation in the Pittsburgh district will soon force steel works there to further curtailment of production. At Chicago also the week's developments have been unfavorable, the strike at the Illinois coal mines bringing on a new fuel crisis. Five additional blast furnaces were banked there, so that the Steel Corporation now only fourteen furnaces in blast out of twenty-nine in the Chicago district. Pittsburgh and Youngstown steel purchasers have gone to Washington for relief, holding that the threatened coal famine in the northwest and the grain movement in the west are diverting an excessive number of cars."

This week's order, effective August 2, to send more coal to New England will shorten the coal supply for eastern Pennsylvania and other works. The Pennsylvania Railroad's embargo at Pittsburgh on east and west shipments has made no impression this far on the blockade there. The very high prices commanded by furnace coke are an important influence in pushing pig iron, although some conservative furnace operators are trying to check advances. The largest sales reported in the past week were in the Chicago district, where one local miller bought 15,000 tons of Southern foundry iron, of which 8,000 tons are for delivery from August through the first half of 1921, the price being \$42, Birmingham. This price, which has prevailed in the south for about three months, is now ruling for the first half of 1921. In the north, however, and also in Virginia, there is a tendency to advance prices \$1 a ton for delivery after January 1."

Under such conditions there is no hope of an early decline in steel products or lines of construction where these products are largely used. Pig iron is three times as high today as it was before the war, and the like is true of sheet steel and other products. Coke costs at least four times as much as before the war. All industries that are subsidiary to the steel industry are affected by the existing situation upon which scarcity of coal, lack of transportation and labor strikes all have a serious effect.

A bitter controversy over the question of the justification or otherwise of the steel strike in 1919 is now in progress, but can have no effect upon the market conditions.

The tariff commission has been appointed. It is composed of Sir Henry Drayton, Hon. Mr. Calder and Hon. G. D. Robertson. If Mr. Calder took himself seriously, following a speech he made when Hon. Mr. Creer resigned, he would not now be a member of the commission.

### AUSTRALIA SPEAKS.

In view of the statement of Archbishop Mannix in New York that he recognized only the flag of the Irish republic, it is interesting to read the following cable from Brisbane, Australia: "Monsignor Cattaneo, apostolic delegate of Australia and Archbishop Duhig of Queensland, visited the Prince of Wales last week and formally presented the homage and devotion to the throne of the whole Roman Catholic community of Australia. They assured the Prince of the loyalty of the Australian Catholic community and said he had gone far beyond ordinary popularity and had won the hearts of all."

In the same connection it is interesting to read this cable from Rome: "Strong remonstrances against the utterances in the United States of Archbishop Daniel J. Mannix of Melbourne have been received by the Vatican. The protests state that the archbishop's assertions do not represent the feeling prevalent in Australia and ask that some tangible public declaration be made in order to protect the loyalty of the majority of the Australian population."

Sir Edward Kemp has morally offended the profiteers. He has returned to the treasury uncashed all checks received for ministerial salary during the war period. He has thus voluntarily relinquished more than \$75,000. It is fair to say, however, that very many citizens performed great services during the war without remuneration. After all, the profiteer was the exception and not the rule, and the fact is greatly to the credit of the Canadian people.

American exports in June decreased thirty per cent. as compared with June of last year, while imports increased ninety per cent. The trade balance in favor of the country was, however, \$78,000,000 for the month. A continuance of the tendency for June would soon wipe that out.

Announcement comes from Toronto that a National Farmer-Labor party is to be organized for the federal elections. At least a move is to be made with that object in view. "This would give the electors three parties from which to choose, and a great many political calculations would doubtless be upset."

Dr. James W. Robertson is always a welcome visitor in St. John. His chief concerns now are the Red Cross and the Boy Scout movement. Both will be the gainers through his enthusiasm and his ability as a promoter of good causes.

Early action on the harbor question is promised. The early action needed is provision by the government of facilities for its own steamship and railway lines and the carrying out of the agreement of 1911. That is up to the government.

The date of the federal by-elections has been fixed for Sept. 20. If the general elections were fixed for that date there would be a good deal more interest in the campaign.

Railway freight rates in the United States are to be sharply advanced. The example will of course be followed in Canada. Labor will profit and the consumer pay.

We should soon learn whether the Soviet government of Russia is ready to deal fairly with Poland, or whether the Allies are to have a further serious task imposed on them.

Raw sugar in New York is down eight cents from the high point of two months ago, and refined granulated has been offered for shipment in bulk at twenty-one cents.

A Canadian challenge for the America's cup, if accepted, would arouse great enthusiasm in the Dominion.

Wheat cutting began in the Stonewall district, Manitoba, on Saturday with the promise of a splendid yield.

### SCHEME FOR TIDAL ENERGY.

Tests carried out in the River Mersey, England, with the Clarkson tidal turbine have shown that electrical power can be obtained from tidal currents at an estimated cost of less than two cents per unit. The turbine consists of rows of buckets or paddles attached to endless chains, these running over sprockets mounted on a floating framework. There is thus a lower row of buckets immersed in the water, and an upper row out of the water travelling in the opposite direction. It is the pressure of the current acting on the paddles which causes the sprocket shafts to rotate, and so enables a dynamo or other apparatus to be driven. By the use of reversible mechanism, the turbine may be adapted for generating energy equally well on an ebbing or a flowing tide.

The apparatus is also applicable to non-tidal streams where the velocity of flow is two miles per hour or more. In such cases the cost of power may be even less than in the tidal type, as the turbine can remain in operation during the whole twenty-four hours.



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### HOT ENOUGH?

Replying to a million jays, my dulcet voice I hereby raise, and I admit—though not with glee—that it is hot enough for me. Most of these jays at every turn; they watch me a size, scorch and burn, and they behold a wilted hard reduced to streams of melted lard, and they inquire, the whole blamed crew, "Well, is it hot enough for you? And I assure them as I feel that it is not enough for me. I've always been a bear for heat; I don't suppose you'll ever meet a gent so madly fond of sweat, and on that desert's burning face I used to play, when but a child, with rattlesnakes and all things wild. And there I learned to love the heat, and look upon it as a treat. And in the stoke-hole of a ship I shoveled coal and smoked feet. But I admit, and I allow, I've had enough of warmth just now. I do it hoping that the jays who weave around me all my days will can that query, anouddy-blue: "Well, is it hot enough for you?"

### CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

#### CHAMPLAIN IN ONTARIO.

On the first day of August, 1615, Samuel de Champlain, the great French explorer of the pioneer days, arrived for the first time at Georgian Bay, landing at what was called then Oulouagou Bay, near the present town of Penatanguishene. With him it is supposed was Le Caron, the intrepid missionary to the Huron Indians. It was the great home of Hurons and the entire district was filled with their villages and primitive "farms" where they grew their poor crops each summer when they were camped along the water front of Ontario.

Champlain had left Montreal the previous month with two other Frenchmen and a party of Hurons to make the visit to their country; they had been eager for a long time to have the intrepid discoverer see their land. Le Caron had gone there a short time before. The party travelled along the Ottawa river for many miles and encountered many hardships and trials. Day after day was spent in the monotonous paddling of the canoes or in visiting the innumerable portages across the rapids, swift and then unknown. From the Ottawa the course lay down the St. Lawrence to the mouth of the Huron river, where Champlain named Mer Doux. Following the shore through thousands of islands, now the home of a great summer colony each year, Champlain came finally to the mouth of the Huron river. Le Caron arrived late in July while the explorer came on the first day of August.

Roaming a day or two the French chief then made a tour of the villages in that district, being hailed with delight by the savages everywhere for they had heard of his greatness and were delighted at the honor paid their tribe by the illustrious Lower Canada. He spent several weeks with them, returning before winter to the old colony.

#### INVINCIBLE.

Beauty can die a thousand deaths, can pass from antique marbles fallen into dust; Clogged with corruption, ravaged deep with rust, Can fade and be forgotten in the glass Of time, wherein heroic deeds have been Caught for a moment, imaged and erased— Less than some faint and fragrant legend traced.

On brittle parchment for a fretful queen, Beauty can die. Ah, yes, but she will rise To unimagined splendor, as of old, In the quick pulse of some dreamy heart! She will be born again in the rapt eye Of dreamers, when the fires of earth are cold, And from their shadowy kingdoms men depart—

—L. N. Jennings, in Freeman.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

"The high cost of living is largely imaginary," remarked the obdurate optimist. "It is," replied Miss Cayenne. "Every condition imagines that everybody else has unlimited supplies of money."—Washington Star.

#### Poetry of the Senses.

Witter Bynner is said to have worked out a pretty good deal of the Poetry Society banquet. Some one asked him if Burns and Noyes could not be likened to each other. Bynner replied: "Well, you can feel Burns, while you can only hear Noyes."—San Francisco Argonaut.

#### Conversation Superfluous.

"Can your little baby brother talk yet?" a kindly neighbor inquired of a small lad. "No, he can't talk, and there isn't no reason why he should talk," was the disgusted reply. "What does he want to talk for when all he has to do is yell a while to get everything in the house that's worth having?"—New York Evening Post.

#### LOVELORN SWAIN WILL PAY MORE FOR SWEETIES.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 2.—The high cost of living for the lovers swain will increase during the coming season, according to President W. Hopkins of the Confectionery Salesmen's Association. "There cannot but help to be an increase in the retail price of candy of all grades," he said, "particularly those of the fancy class, during the coming year. The sugar and raw materials of all kinds have been very scarce and costly. There is no relief in sight and consequently we must increase our prices."

#### SHORTHAND ON TYPEWRITER.

Paris, France, Aug. 2.—By a new system called "brief-hand" which, it is said, is kindly neither inquired of nor used. M. Daoul Duval, ex-president of the French Shorthand Typists' Union, hopes to quicken the speed at which a speech can be recorded. It took him seventeen months to invent the machine.

#### WOMEN VOTERS EXERCISE MEN.

Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 2.—Owing to the deportation and exiles of the citizens during the German occupation, the Belgian province of Limburg has a considerable excess of women over men. Women have the communal vote and in some towns there is a majority of women.

## APPOINTMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Montreal, Aug. 1.—The Canadian National Grand Trunk Joint board announce the following appointments: D. O. Wood, to be general foreign freight agent Canadian National Grand Trunk Railways at Montreal.

The former position held by Mr. Wood, that of traffic manager export and import department, Canadian National Railways, Toronto, has been abolished. Foreman, to be foreign freight agent, Canadian National Grand Trunk Railways at Montreal.

R. H. Porter, to be foreign freight agent with headquarters at Toronto. J. A. Wright, to be assistant foreign freight agent at Montreal.

A. F. Read, who has occupied the position of foreign freight agent of the Grand Trunk Railway system of Montreal since 1908, and that of foreign freight agent since 1911, having requested relief from his official duties on account of ill-health has been granted leave of absence, until December 31 next, after which date he will be transferred to the company's superannuation fund.

Mr. Foreman will be succeeded as assistant to the traffic vice-president by J. M. Sparling, at present chief clerk of the vice-president.

## FOOD MINISTRY TO BE CONTINUED IN ENGLAND

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Aug. 1.—The food ministry bill continuing the ministry another two years was read a third time on Friday. The measure has aroused considerable dissatisfaction among Canadian interests. A member on Friday protested in the House of Commons against Canada being prevented from sending commodities here, although the right exceed what the food controller considered desirable. The dominions, he added, were protesting against such power being given to a single minister. Another member hoped Great Britain would follow the example of Canada, removing trading restrictions and realizing the necessity of bringing the Russian and Siberian markets in play for the benefit of all countries. Food Controller McCurdy, replying to the general discussion, declared the ministry confined its trading functions practically to wheat, meat and sugar, in regard to which the difficulties were well known.

## GREAT INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Ottawa, Aug. 1.—An increase of \$20,244,800 in the customs receipts for the four months of the fiscal year ending Saturday is shown by the statement just issued from the Customs Department. For the four months period ending Saturday totalled \$73,610,723 while for the same period last year they were \$53,365,924.

## ORDERED BACK TO WORK.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 1.—Illinois miners won their fight. Making this announcement Saturday afternoon President Frank Farrington ordered Illinois miners to go back to work. Monday, President Wilson's promise to the miners of wage adjustment, he said, was a victory won by the miners.

## BACK TO EDMONTON.

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 1.—All of the American aviators flying from New York to Alaska, returned to Edmonton on Saturday after nearly a month's flight. Captain Street, in charge of the aeroplanes, said on his return to the Edmonton ground that the low clouds were the cause of their return. The obscure visibility made a rapid flight impossible.

## MANY ICEBERGS.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Reports to the government service from the schooner Donaldson Line, Cassandra, arriving here this evening, state that she had fine clear weather through Belle Isle Strait, passing more than sixty icebergs and several growlers en route.

## FORTRESS TAKEN.

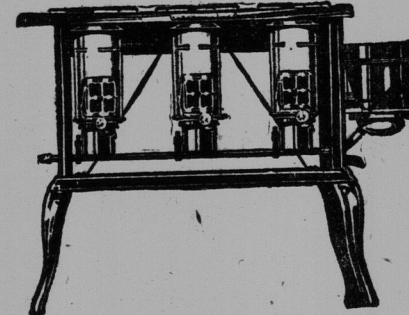
London, Aug. 1.—The fortress of Brest-Litovsk, the stronghold 110 miles east of Warsaw on the boundary of Poland proper, is reported to have been captured by the Russians, according to a wireless dispatch from Berlin today.

## COMMUNIST PARTY.

London, Aug. 2.—A report was unanimously reached from the anarchist Donaldson Line, Cassandra, arriving here this evening, state that she had fine clear weather through Belle Isle Strait, passing more than sixty icebergs and several growlers en route.

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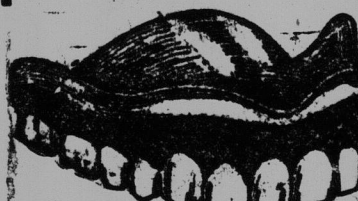
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