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# TALK ABOUT WAR

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BLAMES SENSATIONALISTS

Dwells on True Meaning of the "To thine own self be true; And it must follow, as the night the Railway and Street Car Traffic and Japan

New York, Feb. 19.—The prophetic atterances tonight of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to England, ho sees in the future a strengthening o the nation to which he is accredit ed, and a vanishing of the Japanese war bugaboo, aroused the Pilgrims of the United States to a high pitch of enthusiasm at Delmonico's banquet hall. Just returned from Washington and about to sail for England, Amassador Reid's words, carefully losen and delivered with impressive deliberation, took on a significance that strongly moved the four hundred diners whose guest he was. Having ridiculed the suggestion that war between the United States and Japan was within the range of possibility, the ambassador departed from his prepared speech to add: "So far as the knowledge and belief of the officers of the diplomatic service extends, there is absolutely nothing in ends, there is absolutely nothing in

The ambassador enlarged upon the nutual interests of Great Britain and the United States, and pointed out that there was nothing in the Great Britain-Japanese treaty inconsistent wih a still closer understanding be-tween this and the mother country. Toasts to the president of the United States and to the king of England were offered. British Ambassador Bryce, who is in Canada, was remem-bered in a toast to "absent friends." Response for him was made by Esme Howard, councillor of the British em-

Jos. H. Choate, former ambassador to England, presided.

Much of the fun of the evening was furnished by Mark Twain. Mr. Clemens said that was and led that congress was about to restore to the gold colinage the words "In God We Trust." He continued: "I knew that I was would get into difficulty if we left Trust." He continued: "I knew that we would get into difficulty if we left those words off, and straightway the trouble came. The property of the whole nation went down in a pile when we ceased to trust God in that conspicuous and well advertised way. If Pierpont Morgan had not stepped in just them.— Now that we have

around the world.
"You probably know already, but still the assurance will not be unwelcome, that everything in the relations"
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"As the demand for land still continues the initial influx will be largely increased during the summer months, at tract of land comprising \$ 000 cores."

ish talk were not mischievous you might dismiss it as merely another bit of yellow moonshine. For, first, there is no war, and not the ghost of a probability of war with Japan, any more than there is of war with Russia or Thibet or with Paraguay or Patagonia. We have every reason to think the Japanese are as sincerely our friends as we are theire.

vides that in case of aggression on Japan's recognized territory rights in the East, Great Britain would sustain her. Now what grown man outside of a lunatic asylum dreams that we have a hunger for more land that we are going to cross the Pacific and try to rob one of our eldest and truesty land we introduced to the western world, and to which we certainly tried to be useful in helping to bring the late lamentable struggle to a close. You are right, no doubt, to blame the late lamentable struggle to a close. Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—A new phase has developed in connection with those charged with breaking the Lord's Day and spreading the mischlevous foily. But I beg of you to be just, and blame till more that section of the American mople, inconsiderable in influence, and find think inconsiderable in numerical servers, who appear still so provincial, so by paying a fine weekly.

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credulous and so careless as to gulp down such stuff, open-mouthed, like half-grown backwoods fly gobblers, and seem really to relish it.

ALL MOONSHINE

Ambassador Reid Sets Forth
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"We have a little list of other matters unadjusted between our two countries. They relate chiefly to Canada. Peoples who have large interests along three thousand miles of frontier, as well as around the globe, must constantly have outsanding questions. But we rely upon the fairness of our Canadian friends, headed by the accomplished statesman whose services they enjoy as premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to get most of them equitably adjusted between ourselves, and what adjusted between ourselves, and what we cannot settle the Hague conference surely can. Where mutual good will is, all of them are simple. For that matter, all American foreign policy is simple. Old Polonius had the whole philosophy of it:

Thou canst not then be false to any

Of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in, Bear 't that the opposed may beware of thee.'

"The foreign service of our country has two departments. One exhausts all means of peace; the other backs our position with our armed power. May I add that whoever at home, either wantonly or only in mere thoughtlessness, seeks to cripple a man in his post in either branch of this foreign service, is really acting like the dastard who shoots his own sentry in the back. We are all watch sentry in the back. We are all watching with pride one branch of this ing with pride one branch of this ing with pride one branch of this foreign service, now the stately procession of warships, bearing the flag of the country peacefully around the western hemisphere, heralded by the western hemisphere, heralded by the joy bells of every sister republic it approaches, and followed by the acclamations of their free and independent peoples. That fleet revives friendships, stimulates intercourse, puts to shame the maligners of the navy and of the president, carries cheer to the stricken but gallantly courageous San Francisco and the Pacific coast, and recalls to our nation its comm position not merely on the Atlantic but also on the ocean that is to carry much of the commerce of the country."

## SETTLERS TO FLOCK TO NECHACO VALLEY

Immigrants to Come From Wisconsin And Other Mid-

Vancouve, rest 19. Recard fancy in Cariboo district, which will be traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, will be the objective this spring of hundreds of settlers from the middle states.

Twenty-two thousand acres of land have already been disposed of of this

Ambassador Reid said:

The work of this society and of its London twin is the same, and it is a work worthy the great name they have both invoked. The old Pilgrims under whose title you serve went out to lay foundations of a larger liberty and a better civilization.

The majority of them have bought for the same great end, for peace, harmonious relations, more intimate intercourse and progress among all the English-speaking peoples as they carry liberty and advance civilization.

To probably know already, but the large of the said acquired 52,000 acres of the Nechaco valley last year and acquired 52,000 acres of farm lands there. He was formerly western and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railways reported incoming trains three to seven hours late.

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stantially as you would have it. The oldest outstanding source of irritation between the two countries, a danger of a century and a quarter, is in the course of peaceful adjustment. In spite of the late declaration in the conference of colonial premiers, that there was nothing in the fishery question that could properly be referred to arbitration, the two countries upon the proposal of the United States have agreed to refer our differences about it to The Hague tribunal.

"In thus dwelling on our peaceful and cordial relations, I am not forgetting the nonsense you have read in the sensational press about the obligations of Great Britain to sustain Japan in war against the United States. If all that ignorant and foolish talk were not mischievous you might dismiss it as merely anothers in cordinance during the summer months. A tract of land comprising 8,000 acres during the summer months. A tract of land comprising 8,000 acres in comprising 8,000 acres in comprising 10 acres in comprising 8,000 acres in comprising 8,000 acres in comprising 8,000 acres in comprising 10,000 acres in comprising 8,000 acres in comprising summer months. A tract of land comprising 8,000 acres in comprising 8,000 acres in comprising 40,000 acres in comprising 40,000 acres in comprising 40,000 acres in comprising 40,000 acr

#### INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS

Treaty Providing For British And American Joint Commission is Drawn Up

washingtoi, Feb. 19.—A treaty providing for a joint commission to adjudicate what are termed minor claims between the American and British governments, as well as between the American and British governments, as well as between citizens of each country, has been drafted, passed upon by the state department, and delivered to Ambassador Bryce for the consideration of his government. It was explained today that it was the intention to provide for the disposal only of existing claims and not such as may arise in the future.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Several deaths, many injuries and much suffering followed today in the wake of one of the worst blizzards experienced in this section in several years. Traffic on surface and suburban lines is practically tied up tonight, and downtown hotels are filled with residents of outless from the city are very lamb of today's short sitting of the house was occupied by a discussion in remains throughout the city are very lamb of today's short sitting of the house was occupied by a discussion in remains throughout the city are very lamb of today's short sitting of the house is flux of the fill only of the house is flux of the fill only of the house of the loads a

One of the most tragic occurrences in connection with the storm was the wrecking in the harbor at Waukegan of the fishing boat Anspach, in which two men lost their lives and six others had a narrow escape from death. The boat left the harbor early in the day to visit nets set ten miles out in Lake Michigan. Caught in the storm on the return trip, the vessel battled with the elements until it regained the harbor at 6 o'clock in the evening, only to be blown against a protection wall and crushed. Capt. Oliver Rubier and five men, composing the crew, were thrown upon an ice pack, four of the men succeeding in clinging to the ice and being resued. Two slid into the water and

were drowned.

By 4 o'clock in the afternoon, seven inches of snow had fallen, and it was still coming down heavily. The weather bureau forecasted a foot of IN CALDVE snow by morning. The wind at frequent intervals blew with a velocity of 50 miles an hour, and it hurled the snew through the streets in such blinding clouds that it was impossible to see for a greater distance than a half bleek and often the range of the streets in the street of th half block, and often the range of vision would be limited to a few feet A great number of accidents of A great number of accidents of a minor character were caused by the collisions between wagons and street cars. Up to 6 o'clock tonight no serious accidents had been reported, although quite a number of persons had been injured by wagons and by falls on the pavements. The heavy increase of show that came in the afternoon made desperate work for the afternoon

whole nation went down in a pile when we ceased to trust God in that conspicuous and well advertised way. If Pierpont Morgan had not stepped in just them—. Now that we have resumed our tribute to God we will discharge Mr. Morgan from the high office of honor."

Messages from President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, Secretary Root and Governor Hughes were read. Ambassador Reid said:

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Several trains are said to be more

## LEADER OF BOXERS **PASSES FROM SCENE**

General Tung Fuh Siang, Who Gave Most Trouble to Allies

Shanghai, Feb. 18.—General Tung Fuh Siang, the leader of the Boxers in the uprising in 1900, is dead. He had been banished to Kansu.

been banished to Kansu.

General Tung Fuh Siang was regarded at one time as the ablest and most powerful of the Chinese generals. He was neither a Chinaman nor a Manchu, but was born in Central Asia among Mohammedan people. His early career is unknown, but nearly twenty years ago he was a brigadler general in Akua, Kashagria. Lafer he was entrusted with the task of subjugating the Tungan rebellion in the province of Kansu, in which he was conspicuously successful. For that he was put in command of the troops in Shensi and Kansu.

In the uprising in 1900 he appeared

#### DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1908

COMMONS DEALS

WITH TOLL ROADS

Battlefields

Macleod, Alta., in 1904. Mr. Ward said this was clearly a miscarriage of jus

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The Semi-Meekly Colonist,

Remarkable Exploit of Desperadoes in New Orleans—Diamonds Worth \$50,000 Taken

New Orleans, Feb. 19.-A \$50,000 diamond robbery in broad daylight in the heart of New Orleans, with hun-dreds of persons passing at the time, was perpetrated here this afternoon at

Record Storm of the Season

Season

SEVERAL DEATHS REPORTED

Railway and Street Car Traffic Blocked in Several Districts

Several Districts

Record Storm of the Sewelry establishment of M. Waldhorn & Co., Royal street. Two men drove up in front of the store in a buggy. One of them alighted and smashed one of the large plate-glass windows in the front of the store. He seized two trays filled with diamonds and jumped into the buggy, which was driven off. A large crowd started in pursuit, but the men, buggy and horse were soon lost to sight in a cloud of dust in the old French quarter.

The proprietors of the jewelry store say the tray contained 112 diamond Pattlefields

Railway and Street Car Traffic Blocked in Several Districts

Bank's Reorganization.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Feb. 19.—William Martin, United States consul at Hankow, China, arrived in Dunkirk, his former home, today. He will report at Washington next week. Mr. Martin will return to China next June. China, he says, is rapidly becoming modernized, and two decades will see it one of the greatest countries of the world, commercially and from other level him of an awkward situation by and from last year's figure to considerable to suffice the discussion was carried mainly and will result in considerable to suffice the discussion was carried mainly in French, and by Quebec members, and an amusing complication arose when Mr. Lemieux was addressing the house. He wandered off into a discussion of the Caughnawaga Indians when Mr. Monk rose to a point of ordered to the carginal merchants of this city.

Engineer at Winnipeg Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—W. In the argument, but Mr. Lemieux relieved him of an awkward situation by the carginal merchants of this city. it one of the greatest countries of the world, commercially and from other standpoints. China is forming a modern army and planning to build up a modern navy. Mr. Martin believes there is not the slightest danger of a clash between China and Japan over the Manchurian question.

License C Toronto, F missioners that it was the duty of the federal government merely to receive any over turns that the provincial government might make, and this was finally adopt. ed by a vote of 108 to 13, most of the low the argument, but Mr. Lemieux re-lieved him of an awkward situation by abandonment of the point. Sir Wilfrid moved an amendment that it was the duty of the federal gov-

## IN CALDWELL CASE

New York, Feb. 18.—The commitment of Robert Caldwell to a state insane asylum while he was under ball to appear before United States Commissioner Alexander to answer to a charge of perjury brought against him by the British government was the subject of some sharp questions by the commissioner when the case came before him today. Caldwell was the witness in the famous Druce-Duke of Portland case who testified that he knew Druce as the Duke of Portland. His counsel, W. C. Cobell, informed Commissioner Alexander to day that his client had been committed to an insane asylum by an order of a justice of New York state supreme court. The counsel for the British government to make a grant of \$300,000 ment stated that they were not informed that Caldwell was to be placed in an asylum, and that Caldwell's previous failure to appear before the commissioner to answer to the observation of the Quebec battlefields. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will move a resolution to answer to the phages. knew Druce as the Duke of Portland.
His counsel, W. C. Cobell, informed Commissioner Alexander today that his client had been committed to an insane asylum by an order of a justice of New York state supreme court. The counsel for the British government stated that they were not informed that Caldwell was to be placed in an asylum, and that Caldwell's pre-

well landed in this country?" asked the commissioner. "You must have had this matter in view before he landed. Never again will a man arraigned before me for extradition be admitted to dency, and the directors immediately hall."

Counsel for the British government was asked what action his client would take to secure possession of Caldwell, but he replied that he would need an adjournment of two weeks to adjournment of two weeks to ascer-tain the wishes of Great Britain. The

Negotiations for the Re-Insurance Policy Holders With Imperial Company

#### tain the wishes of Great Britain. The hearing was postponed until March 4. BLIZZARD SCOURGES MUTUAL RESERVE LIFE NORTHERN NEW YORK

Railroad Trains Delayed and Traffic Generally Hamp-Toronto, Feb. 19.-It is understood

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Officers of Farmer's Bank.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—It is understood that negotiations are on for re-insurance of the policy holders of the Mutual Reserve Life of New York with the Imperial Life Assurance company of Canada.

While the negotiations with the latter are not absolutely completed it is Plattsburg, N.Y., Feb. 19.-A severe northwest storm is tearing across nor-thern New York tonight, and rapidly ter are not absolutely completed, it is believed that satisfactory arrange-ments will be made. It has been stated that the amount to be paid for rein-surance will be about \$250,000. There adding inches to the layer of snow that covers the whole Adirondack region. Reports from Clinton county as far west as Malone and south into Essex county tell of heavy snowfalls and strong winds that have made country roads in many places impassable and is now on deposit with the government about \$265,000, and the Toronto Gen-eral Trusts Corporation holds an ad-ditional \$75,000. roads in many places impassable and delayed railway traffic.

#### LIQUOR REGULATION

Premier Roblin of Manitoba Makes Promise of Further Restrictive

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.-Further extenion of local option and the abolition Time Taken Up With Question of the bar were the chief features of the demands made upon the government this morning by a large deputa-tion, comprising many representatives of churches and public bodies in Winwhen Premier Roblin forecasted vig-orous measures to anticipate the sent-iment of the province on bar regula-tion, he was cheered vociferously by those-present. Crowded galleries and hundreds of citizens packed into the legislative chamber, hore testimony to legislative chamber, bore testimony to the deep interest with which the sub-ject is regarded by the general pub-lic. The great majority, not only of the government, but also of the legis-

Toronto, Feb. 19 .- Two of the commissioners of the Toronto license board have resigned because of the action of the city council in cutting off

## members being ignorant of the merits of the question. Col. Ward, of Durham, moved for papers regarding the conviction of Frederick Blonden for cattle stealing at IN NFW YORK

tice, evidence having come to the possession of the Northwest Mounted Police that the man was innocent. A pardon was not asked but a new trial Mr. Aylesworth consented to bring Arguments For and Against it can possibly obtain from the Proposed Amendment to

that on racetrack bills, and was held in the senate chamber, while the racing question was being threshed out in the assembly chamber.

The suffragists by no means had it all their own way, for strong delegations of women from all parts of the state were present in opposition to the swoman suffragist proposition. Later in the afternoon the women of both sides crowded the executive chamber to of present their arguments pro and con the Governor Hughes.

This hearing vieu in and was held railroad managers, or as a justification for failure to treat fairly the wage-earning employees of the company. Moreover, any industrial company. Moreover, any in lution to appropriate the amount on Friday, "towards the preservation of the historic battlefields of Quebec in the historic pattieueds of Quebec in connection with the tercentenary of the said city of Quebec." This practically assures \$400,000, as the provincial government will give \$100,000.

bery. The complainants were members of the Pearse camp, a rival Gypsy tribe. The robbery is alleged to have tribe. The robbery is alleged to have occurred on the night of December 26 last, when the two tribes were in camp near each other in the Bronx. It appears that the two tribes had been at odds for some time, but that a temporary truce was declared to permit a joint celebration of an engagement to marry which had been entered into by two youthful members of the rival bands.

During the celebration a bag said to contain money and jewels valued at

contain money and jewels valued at \$15,000 disappeared from the Pearse

Asia among Mohammedan people. His early career is unknown, but hearly composed in many leaves a brigadicy service of the state of the company and the company

## RAILWAYS' MOVE TO LOWER WAGES

FIFTIETH YEAR

President Roosevelt Urges Importance of Securing Mediation

#### OFFICERS ARE AVAILABLE

Letter Provoked by Charge Levelled at Federal and State Laws

The discussion was carried/mainly tions from last year's figures for the tions from last year's figures for the wages on their employees. One these, the Louisville & Nashville, Engineer at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—W. A. Astley, ests of the railways which have in the formerly engineer at Dawson City, has been appointed assistant city engineer here.

the urastic lamb ests of the railways which have in the past year or two been enacted by congress and the state legislatures are largely responsible or chiefly responsible for the conditions requiring the radictions. announcing the reduction, states that the drastic laws inimical to the inter-ests of the railways which have in the

such cases either party may demand the services of your chairman, and of the commissioner of labor as a board

These reductions in wages may be IN NEW YORK STATE

Warranted, or they may not. As to this the public, which is a vitally interested party, can form no judgment without a more complete knowledge of the agential feets and the real control pleadings certain to be put forth by each side in case their disputes should bring about

to Governor Hughes.

The arguments were practically the same as those which have been presented for several years past. The supporters of the bill argued in favor sented for several years past. The supporters of the bill argued in favor of giving the women a voice in elections and abolishing taxation without representation, while those opposed contended that there was no great demand for woman suffrage and that women had sufficient duties already without burdening them with those of politics.

GYPSIES IN COURT

Members of Stanley Tribe Charged With Stealing Bag of Money And Jewels

New York, Feb. 19.—Scores of gally clad Gypsies crowded into Justice Dowling's court in general sessions today, when four of the members of the Stanley Gypsies were put on trial charged with grand larceny and robbery. The complainants were members of the Pearse camp, a rivel Gypsies.

In the preservation of the public peace, and the real merits of the controversy and the real merits of the controversy are necessarily lost from view. This vital consideration should be ever kept in mind by all law-abiding and farsighted members of labor organizations. It is sincerely to be hoped, therefore, that any wage controversy that may arise between the railroads and their employees may find a peaceful solution through the methods of conciliation and arbitration already provided by congress, which have proven so effective during the past year. To this end the commission should be in a position to have available for any board of conciliation of arbitration relevant data pertaining to such carriers as may become involved in industrial disputes. Should conciliation fail to effect a settlement and arbitration be rejected, accurate information should be available in order to develop properly informed public pointon.

It copinion.

I therefore ask you to make such investigation, both of your records and by any other means at your command which will enable you to furnish data concerning such conditions obtaining on the Louisville and Nashville and other roads as may relate, directly or indirectly, to the real merits of the possible controversy. (Signed) Theoindirectly, to the real merits of the possible controversy. (Signed) Theodore Roosevelt.

Doctor Found Dead. Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 19.— Pringle, C P. R. doctor at Schreil was found dead in bed.

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