BRITAIN'S RECUPERATIVE POWER TOO OFTEN IGNORED

In Her Overseas Possessions She Has Unlimited Natural Resources, the Value of Which is as Yet Unknown—They Offer a Field for Magnificent Commercial Exploitation, and a Potential Market to Which Will Flow Goods from All Parts of the Empire.

(New York Sun.)

In the current discussion of Great Britain's financial recuperative power the value of the pound to parity in the money markets of the nations sufficient emphasis is generally laid on the historical precedents, on the acute business sense of the British people, on their intrenched position in the trade of the world, on the reputation for honest, straightforward dealing which has contributed so much to the unparalleled success of John Bull in commerce, on all the other factors which immediately occur to the historically inclined; but there is one circumstance which for some reason is commonly ignored. This is the enormously improved situation in which the British Empire, whose heart is England, is placed today by the new colonial possessions which have come under its rule through the division of spoil at the Paris conference.

Arguments about the League of Nations, disputes about the penalties Germany must pay for bringing on the war, commiseration for France, the relatively unimportant row regarding Fiume, consideration of the moral effects produced on the human race at large; these and other incidents of the peace have obscured the fact that the farseeing statesmen who labored at Paris for Great Britain insisted that under one form or another sovereignty should be ceded to her over vast territories with productive capacity of which most of us are wholly ignorant, and having possibilities as fields of legitimate profit when intelligently exploited about which probably even the British are not completely informed.

We do not recall having seen an estimate of the area thus transferred to Great Britain which pretended to be more than a guess. In many instances the boundary lines have not been drawn except in the vaguest fashion. We do not recall an attempt to catalogue the agricultural, mineral, commercial or industrial potentialities of these great territories which aspired to be more than speculative. Profound as is the knowledge of the earth's surface possessed by those Britons who act as unofficial scouts of empire and keep their homeland informed as to the details of many things, we doubt that at this moment all of them together could tell what the Empire has won in the lands which now for the first time acknowledge England's King as their ruler. As a concrete example, who at present knows what Persia's newly assumed relationship will bring forth to English advantage?

It has been an interesting aspect of post-bellum dialectics that much more has been written of these new British possessions as assets of military importance than as centres of trade and industry. In a world bent on beating swords into ploughshares the soldier has been more conspicuous than the farmer, the admiralty more talkative than the department of agriculture during the debate on the value of these direct or indirect acquisitions of war.

Yet it is apparent to everybody who gives the subject thought that in these new colonial possessions, whether they be held as protectorates or as colonies or as Crown possessions or as dominions more or less self-governing, Great Britain has a field of magnificent dimensions for legitimate commercial exploitation, and all history testifies that in such exploitation Englishmen have been unapproachably successful.

In the colony over which the British flag is raised justice and domestic peace are assured. In the colony which flies the British flag trade prospers. Development of natural resources, encouragement of production, fostering of industry, extension of trade; these are cardinal principles of British colonial policy. Their fruit is honorable profit in which all the Empire shares.

From the new British possessions in rapidly increasing volume will come raw and finished materials for the support of countless multitudes in the remotest corners of the world; to them will flow goods from every division of the British Empire. Employment for Britons, men and women, on the land, in the workshops, in the counting houses, in the banks, in the merchant marine will be stimulated and sustained by the trade of these vast, and as yet unmeasured accretions. New impetus will be given to enterprise. New opportunities will be open in them for the daring. New avenues for the increase of individual riches and of national wealth will develop as their resources are explored. From them the Empire whose heart is England will reap a harvest as yet incalculable, and to overlook them in the discussion of England's future is to overlook one of the mightiest influences for the quick and complete rehabilitation of industrial and commercial England and the British Empire. It is not the pre-war England and Empire which are to be considered, but a new, greatly changed England and an enormously expanded Empire of resources as yet unknown with which the world has to reckon.

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In the course of his sermon recently delivered at Farm-street Chapel, Father Bernard Vaughan said that in a day gone by women dressed for dinner, now they undressed for it.

"To my thinking," he said, "women's clothing ought to serve the three purposes of decency, warmth and ornament.

"Today, when there is a mad craze for what some women call the "emotional gown," dress sins against every canon of good taste. It is immodest, unhealthy, and as ugly as it is expensive.

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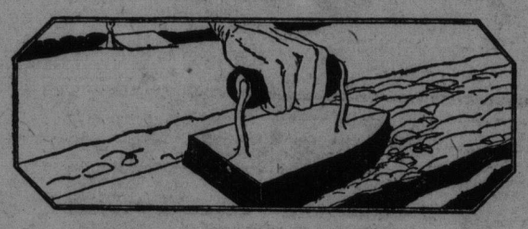

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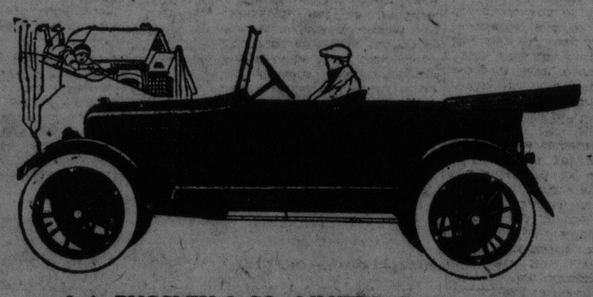

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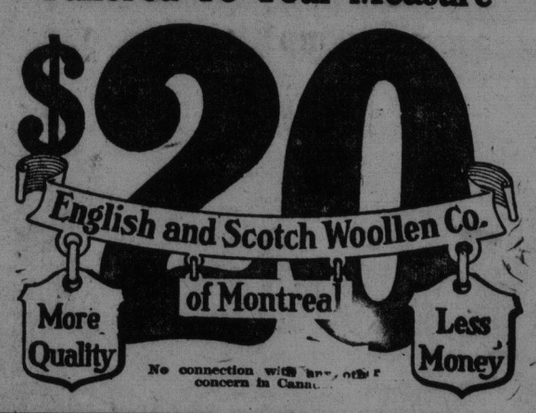

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