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A TENSE SITUATION

The action of the United States in denouncing the treaty of 1832 with Russia, followed as it is by somewhat belated utterances by the St. Petersburg press, leaves matters in a very awkward position. Russia has declined to recognize Jews who have become citizens of the United States. This is in line with Russia's traditional policy toward the Hebrew people. But whether Russia's reasons are good or bad, the United States, after vain endeavors to modify the Russian attitude, has decided to take the next logical step by abrogating the treaty in which the relations of the two powers are defined. Article 1 of the treaty of 1832, which is very interesting in view of the despatches now published, is as follows:

There shall be between the territories of the high contracting parties, a reciprocal liberty of commerce and navigation. The inhabitants of their respective States shall, mutually, have liberty to enter the ports, places and waters of the territories of each party, where ever foreign commerce is permitted. They shall be at liberty to sojourn and reside in all parts whatsoever of said territories, in order to attend to their affairs, and they shall enjoy, to that effect, the same security and protection as natives of the country wherein they reside, on condition of their submitting to the laws and ordinances there prevailing, and particularly to the regulations in force concerning commerce.

(Signed).
JAMES BUCHANAN,
CHARLES, COMTE DE
NESSÉLRODE.

Russia, unquestionably, has not been observing the provisions of the treaty. While this is clear enough, it is very difficult to see what further steps the United States can take without going to war, and there appears to be some force in the Russian newspaper statement that the suspension of the treaty will result in a grave commercial loss to the United States without any visible compensation. Still, as Russia has persistently ignored very important provisions in the treaty, the United States could scarcely have taken any other course and still have retained its self-respect.

MR. MONK'S MISTAKE

"I and my colleagues on assuming office, immediately found ourselves confronted with questions of the utmost difficulty and importance. The man in office is not only torn away from the contemplation of these questions waiting for settlement by the opportunity of office seekers, but he is left by them with a feeling of disappointment that he has not been able to satisfy the large, and not perhaps unnatural, though mistaken, demands for patronage that are made upon him."

The above remarks are quoted from a speech by Hon. F. D. Monk, minister of public works, made last week in Montreal.

Mr. Monk must surely be harassed by dreams and horrid nightmares. It cannot be true that he and his colleagues are daily beset by hordes of office seekers, hungry and clamorous. All those who voted for the Borden candidates were fired with patriotism—not greed of office. They wanted to save the Empire. They heard the bugle call. They saw the old flag in danger. They were actuated by motives so lofty that the mere consideration of pay would never appeal to them at all. Therefore Mr. Monk must be dreaming. If a man who earns the magnificent salary of \$150 per day is summarily dismissed, it must be because the welfare of the Empire demands it—not that a hungry fellow must be snuffed into silence. Only for grave reasons of state would the axe be wielded so vigorously in this joyous Christmas weather. There must be traitors holding down various positions, and for high imperial reasons they must be rooted out, and patriots installed in their place. The persons in question may not know that they are traitors, and may even be aggrieved when ordered to quit the premises; but that is because their minds have been absorbed in small matters, instead of taking the broad range of the true imperialist. There may be one hundred and fifty such persons in Ottawa, and many thousands elsewhere in Canada, concerned only in attending to their duties. The Empire needs more than attention to duty. It needs clerks and tide waiters and janitors and is batters who are conscious of the Yankee peril and the dangers lurking in trade agreements which give easier access to the nearest markets. Such men are not office seekers—they are builders of empire.

The big powers are going to force peace upon China. The price for their services will appeal later on.

Mr. Tait ought to retract the retreat from Moscow. The Car of all the Russians is a hard man to coerce.

Publicity is one of New Brunswick's great needs. If the Board of Trade is to lead in the forward movement it will have to realize the value of printers' ink.

The Standard gets a bit mixed in its long and serio-comic defence of the axe. When the power of execution is entrusted temporarily to the unworthy, there usually follows a period of official anarchy such as the country is now witnessing at Ottawa. No better thing could have happened the liberal party. The country has proof now of the nature of the Borden-Monk alliance.

The extremists of Quebec and Ontario have agreed to bury their prejudices long enough to feed the more violent and influential of the place-hunters. The woeful thing from the Tory standpoint is that busy as the axe may be, there will still be thousands of hungry Conservatives unfed.

Alderman Kolstad is threatened with a lawsuit. If he isn't careful he will be convicted of an obvious unwillingness to allow the Lid to remain Undisturbed. And that constitutes treason to the old regime at City Hall.

German politicians, having an election coming, are resorting to an old device known as "standing by the flag." After the elections they will set about raising the tariff so that the German workmen may enjoy their home most undisturbed by foreign competition.

Fifteen years of opposition made the Tories savagely hungry for the spoils, and their rush to secure them, regardless of justice or the public good, is a spectacle that disgusts every fair-minded man in Canada.

RECEIVERS MUST GIVE BONDS OF \$300,000

Will Take Charge of Wabash Railway as Soon as This Is Done

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Receivers will take charge of the Wabash railway as soon as they appear before Judge Adams in the United States court and qualify by giving \$300,000 bond each.

Henri Miller manager of the road, in a room, today, says the receivership in no way will affect the operation of the road. There are 16,000 employees. Frederick A. Delano of Chicago, president of the road, Edward B. Prior of St. Louis, vice-president, and W. K. Bailey of St. Louis, are the receivers appointed late yesterday by Judge Adams, on the application of the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. of Pittsburgh, which filed a claim of \$18,000 and alleged the road was insolvent and unable to meet unpaid vouchers of \$1,800,000 and had bonded obligations due on January 1, 1912, which would be defaulted.

SWAPS RANCH FOR A NOVA SCOTIA FARM

Englishman Was Tired of The Life Near Medicine Hat

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 19.—A somewhat curious exchange of property has just taken place near here. Not long ago an Englishman who made a success on a ranch near Medicine Hat visited Brookfield, eight miles from Truro. In conversation one day with Benjamin Merchant of that place he expressed himself as tired of the west and a desire to settle in the east.

FATHER SHOTS SON AND KILLS HIMSELF

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Samuel P. Ayres, of Boston shot and wounded his son at a hotel here and then committed suicide. The Ayres, father and son had here about three months. The elder man lost his wife some time ago, and last week remarked that he had nothing to live for. Joseph Ayres, the son, was shot in the back of the head. The bullet penetrated the brain, but the surgeons said he had a slight chance of recovery.

POPE CONSECRATES CARDINAL DELAI AS BISHOP OF SABINE

Rome, Dec. 18.—The Pope yesterday performed a most fatiguing ceremony, proceeding himself to consecrate Cardinal Delai as bishop of the Sabine district, also bishop of Cracow. After a long function the Pope gave refreshments to all those present, presiding himself at the table a seat higher than the guests. The sight was most interesting, as according to etiquette the Pope never takes meals with anybody.

WALL STREET NOTES OF TODAY

Wall Street Notes.
(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire Telegram)

New York, Dec. 19.—Americans in London irregular.

Persian National council refuses to dismiss Shuster and Russian soldiers expected to advance on Thursday.

Peace conference began at Shanghai adjourned until armistice is enforced.

Con. C. strike postponed until after the holidays.

Up-State Public Service Commission holds hearing today on N. Y. Central application for permission to buy New Haven's interest in Ontario & Western.

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A melody made in the morn.
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Of the rose that hides the thorn.

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With his red pipes shattered and torn?
I heard him weep with winds that keep
The toll of hearts on the land and the deep.

Why will you say that Pan is dead,
With his red pipes shattered and torn?
For still today you must hear him play,
Nor Gold nor Hell can drive him away,
In the fields of the sun or the mart.
Oh, listen awhile! Ah, is he dead?
Each day he has come as the years have fled.

And piped the songs in your heart!
—Glenn Ward Dreshbach, in The Smart Set.

IN LIGHTER VEIN SHE HAD TRIED.

"Why don't you take an interest in affairs?" said the offhand adviser. "Why don't you read the newspapers so that you can converse intelligently with your husband?" "I tried to," replied young Mrs. Torkins, "but I made a mistake. I read the president's message instead of the football news."—Washington Star.

A PARTIAL OBSERVANCE.

The Old "Does your boss let the force off on holidays?" The Other: "Not entirely. On holidays he compromises by stopping the clocks and letting them rest."

FATHER'S PREDICAMENT

When mother asks me what I want, In truth I'd like to say I want a set of brain pipes. Three b and double A. I'd like a watch of solid gold. With something "graved" therein. But every year I answer her: "My socks are getting thin."

When Daughter Jane looks up to me, And mutters: "Father dear, It is so hard to buy for men, What do you want this year?" I faint would tell the things I crave But let my thoughts revert Unto the custom of the time, And say, "Another shirt."

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