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THE TIMES ON THE CORONATION OATH.

On the subject of the coronation oath the London Times thinks a change can be made by which the contumacious epithets can be removed. It says: "The oath prescribed by the Bill of Rights was incorporated in the Act of Settlement, when the British people had just shaken themselves free from the tyranny of James II. and from the power of dispensation by the Pope, on which the monarch relied in evading his constitutional pledges. The circumstances have been altogether changed in the last two centuries. Similar oaths by which private persons and ordinary officials were bound have been modified so as to do away with offensive and contentious matter. Yet there are still ample guarantees for the maintenance of the Protestant character of the British constitution, which, indeed, will never be in any danger while the British people remain, as they will certainly remain, Protestant to the very marrow of their bones. An Act of Parliament bringing the language of the declaration to be subscribed by the Sovereign into harmony with the amenities of modern life might be passed, without touching any point of constitutional policy or giving the slightest opening for any conceivable advance of Roman Catholicism to political power by the exercise of personal influence over the ruling Sovereign."

RUSSIA STRIKES THE FIRST COMMERCIAL BLOW AT UNCLE SAM.

The New York Press takes the view that Russia's action in discriminating against United States imports is the outcome of a well-matured and vigorous policy of retaliation. It does not believe in the theory that the recent imposition by the United States of a surtax on Russian beet sugar was the exciting cause of the commercial war that has just been declared by the Czar. Russia's commercial hostility to the United States was clearly manifested towards the close of last year, when a prohibitory tariff was placed on United States imports into Siberia. The tariff took effect on Jan. 1 last. The 30 per cent. discriminatory tariff is to become effective on March 1, so that after that date the United States will be practically ousted from both European and Asiatic Russia. "The immediate and sweeping nature of the retaliation," says The Press, "shows that the Czar's Government not only sought, war, but sought to avoid peace." The loss of Russia's trade does not in itself cause much alarm in the United States. The total exports of the United States to Russia amounted last year to only \$11,000,000, or less than one per cent. of the country's total export trade. Russia's action is serious only because it is believed to be the forerunner of a combined policy of retaliation by the other European nations. M. de Witte, we are told, has accepted the invitation of the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs. He has headed the anti-American crusade. "He has struck the first retort, if not exactly staggering, blow for European commercial independence of the Yankee invader." What the United States fears is that the loss of Russia's trade may be followed by the loss of that of Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and other European countries. The United States official returns show that during the year 1900 the exports of merchandise from that country amounted to the enormous value of nearly a billion and a half of dollars. The imports for the same period were less by \$650,000,000, showing an enormous balance of trade in favor of the States. It is this excessive adverse balance that is upsetting the equilibrium of Europe. Of the exports of the United States last year the value of upward of six hundred million dollars was sent to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Against these exports the imports from Great Britain amounted to a little more than one hundred and fifty millions in value. The returns show that in value more than one-half of the total exports of the United States last year was shipped to Great Britain and her colonies. The next in importance in the trade of the United States is that with Germany, the exports to Germany last year having amounted to nearly two hundred millions and the imports to little less than one hundred millions in value. Last year the Netherlands bought commodities from the United States to the value of nearly eighty-four million dollars and sold to the American people only to the value of seventeen millions. The exports to Holland in 1900 were greater than to France.

It is evident from these statistics that the countries of Europe have it in their power to deal a crushing blow to the United States if they choose to follow the precedent of Russia. The New York Press, however, consoles itself with the fact that, come what may, Europe cannot get along without United States petroleum, cotton and other products. Moreover, if it continues, "the effect of all Continental restrictions will be to increase our trade with Great Britain and her colonies, whose markets are of more importance to us than those of all the rest of the world together. Canada takes more of our goods than France, Australasia more than Austria-Hungary, with Russia combined." We do not think the United States is justified in counting on the markets of Great Britain and her colonies as its special preserve. Canada feels the injustice of the United States tariff just as keenly as do the European countries, and when this country is blessed with an up-to-date business Government, Canada will undoubtedly adopt the Russian policy of retaliation. If the United States will not agree to the principle of reciprocity of trade, Canada will some day adopt the principle of reciprocity of tariffs.

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The London Lancet, a medical authority, says that mud is comparatively harmless, while dust is the vehicle for diseases of all kinds. Mud gets into the sewers, while dust finds its way into the human breathing apparatus. That being the case that in the spring and fall positively ought to be regarded as health resorts.

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If the C. C. I. is going back in attendance, it is only the natural result of trustees keeping back reports. Who wants to send a child to an institution in which dark lantern methods play any part?

The postal deficit this year is a trifle less than half a million. The farmer who writes few letters and gets little benefit from the reduction in postage, will, however, contribute his full share towards making up the shortage in revenue.

We may get cheaper coal oil ere long. A Montreal despatch says: "Mr. Tarte has opened his guns in the Patrie on the Standard Oil Co. The country, the Patrie declares in a leading article, is being oppressed by the Standard Oil monopoly, and if the only remedy is the abolition of the duty it should be applied. Mr. Tarte's assault on the Standard Oil monopoly, which was introduced into Canada by the Laurier Government, is regarded as very significant."

Mr. Britton, M.P., is moving to have the trial of divorce cases taken from the senate and placed in a divorce court. If divorces are to be granted at all they should be granted by a court open to all. Under existing conditions divorces are possible only to the rich. It is not desirable to popularize divorce, but it is wrong to make it a special privilege of a class. It is well that the sanctity of marriage should be safeguarded, but let the safeguard be moral and legal, not financial.

Lord Roberts has considered it worth while to publish a denial of the story that once in South Africa when despatches were brought to him he was found nursing a Boer baby, and said, "Don't you see I'm busy?" The most extraordinary part of the matter is that anyone should have believed that a general with 250,000 men under him should be guilty of such disregard of his responsibility. Yet the story has gone the rounds and has even been perpetuated in a cheap photograph of the affecting scene is on sale in the picture shops of Old London.

A writer in the New York Sun tells of the difficulty he had to get rid of a Canadian dime in that city, finally in despair giving it to a beggar. It would do no harm if the people of Canada were a little more particular in refusing to accept foreign silver. They will reach this conclusion some day.—London Free Press.

It might do for London or St. Thomas, but in a live business place like Chatham, which is constantly filled with Americans, we could not afford to refuse their money as long as they will take it back at par. When London gets important enough to attract foreigners it will feel the same way.

HOW THE WIND BLOWS OUT WEST

Fernie, B. C., Free Press.—In Lethbridge a short time ago, a dog was blown against a telephone pole and stuck there for hours, until the wind went down, before it could get away. At least this is what a man named Tuff told.

THE MAYBRICK CASE.

Ottawa Citizen.—A contemporary remarks on hearing of the denial of the report that Mrs. Maybrick had been pardoned: "It looks as if poor Mrs. Maybrick was destined to remain in prison." That is so; and it looks as if poor poisoned Mrs. Maybrick was destined to remain dead.

EIGHT HOURS FOR MINERS.

British House Passes the Bill Reducing Time of Labour.—London Mar. 2.—The House of Commons yesterday, after a long debate, passed the second reading of the bill restricting the work of miners to eight hours daily.—The vote was 212 to 199.

Opponents of the measure, which is a private one, urged that restriction of the hours of labor would enormously enhance the price of coal. Sir Alfred Hickman (Conservative) said the country had had an object lesson the past year of the effect on trade of dear coal. The British Government of Uganda, Egypt, and Barmen. The railroads bought rails in America, and even coal had to be imported into this country. In the United States miners produced fifty per cent. more coal than they did in England, not because they were more skillful, but because they worked ten hours a day.

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