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It is difficult for a nation to repudiate its solemn obligations without proclaiming its bad faith to the whole world.

Nothing could be plainer than that. By going back to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty we understand the full strength of the British contention that the Hay-Pauncefote arrangement provided absolutely against any discrimination on the part of the United States in the matter of canal tolls affecting British shipping.

The president has undertaken to show that what we propose is no violation of the treaty, being merely a domestic regulation, and that in any case, if British subjects have a grievance they may plead it in our courts.

Many of the other leading newspapers of the United States spoke with similar honesty and force, and many men con-

spicuous as high-minded and thoughtful Americans endorsed the plea for honesty made by the newspapers.

Whereas the United States voluntarily negotiated with Great Britain the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, in which, for due considerations, it agreed that in respect to all tolls on any isthmian canal built by it there should be "no discrimination against any such nation" as observes these rules;

THE LOVE OF BOOKS This is the day of lectures about books and people, and on any subject that may prove of passing interest.

But how incalculable the love of books! One reason why teachers and leaders fail to stimulate this love is that they have no intimate affection for or knowledge of the books they commend.

DO ANIMALS THINK? The question whether or no animals think, continually recurs, but is never settled.

NOTE AND COMMENT If Canada is going to spend \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 for warships, at least the greater part of it will be spent at home.

ABE MARTIN Will reduce the size of his muscles or will he? Abe Martin's "Life of Charles XII" bought for a penny, that pleased John Burns' feet on the road to the British cabinet.

DARKNESS IN BRITAIN The Morning Post of London appeals for the retention of the poll tax in Great Britain on the ground that the abandonment of that policy would throw Canada back upon the United States.

THE INCIDENCE OF TAXATION The fight for the separation of site value from improvements for taxation purposes, is almost world wide.

THE SUMMER-BRINGERS The latest proposal of the scientific engineers is to abolish leishera. A plan is being laid before Congress, and incidentally to change the climate of England and Greenland and of several other countries that are not loved by the Gulf Stream.

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DEMOCRACY IN THE ORIENT Much of the so-called conflict between eastern and western civilizations has its origin in the fact that the European in the Orient never forgets to assume that Orientals are by nature inferior to the people of Europe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The opinions of correspondents are not necessarily those of The Telegraph.

THOSE TEMPERANCE PLEDGES To the Editor of The Telegraph: Sir—Enclosed is a copy of letter handed to the Standard on December 13 last with request for publication.

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