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### AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

One Senator New has expressed his views regarding a foreign policy for the United States. In describing what he regards as a proper policy, he says: "It is directed toward the interest of the preservation of civilization. It declares no direct alliance and countenance none. But it is notice to the world that the United States, determining for itself when and how it shall interpose, will stand ready to do its full part for the preservation of world peace whenever and by whosoever assailed."

The New York Times falls upon Senator New in this derisive fashion: "This means that the United States is to set itself up as the international bully, or as the international constable, or that in future, it will take the course it takes in the present, without any antecedent proclamation of policy from the executive or from the senate. Had the United States joined forty-seven other nations in the pact of peace, all of them would have stood by its side in any action taken to prevent war. Can any reasonable human being believe that this country would act more wisely and more effectively standing alone than as a member of that great league?"

It appears that a number of Republican senators attributed to Mr. Viviani, the French envoy, views and opinions he did not hold or express, and made it necessary for him to voice a protest through the Associated Press. These senators, says the New York Times, "were willing, for their own selfish purposes, to compromise the distinguished envoy of a friendly foreign government, and did not shrink from an exhibition of the worst of international bad manners, but they concealed their names." And then it adds:—

"At a moment when the administration is confronted by problems that involve not only the peace of the world but our standing among nations, our prosperity, our national pride and dignity and honor, the Republican leaders in the senate, putting aside all these great matters, concern themselves only with plans for their own aggrandizement. The most disgusting thing for the country is that they exhibit thus conspicuously before the world their mental and moral smallness, their complete incapacity for the formulation of constructive policies."

Such influential newspapers as the New York Times and Evening Post continue to urge the United States to enter the League of Nations, or take such action as will terminate the policy of isolation. They do not believe the interests of their country or of world peace can be best served by standing aloof. Thus far, however, the Harding administration gives no indication of a policy that would be satisfactory to these great journals—and to the world.

### THE EX-EMPERESS

The death of the former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany leaves the ex-Kaiser as perhaps the loneliest figure in all Europe. Alone and in exile, with all his dreams shattered, it will require supreme fortitude to bear his lot, and there are few persons who would wish him a more severe punishment than the torture of his own thoughts. The ex-empress was naturally of a kindly nature and more interested in her home and family than in affairs of state; and it is doubtful if she exercised much influence in shaping her husband's policy. She lived to see that policy ruin her country and deluge Europe with blood, but she remained faithful to the last, and despite her failing health must have done much to relieve the mental torture of the man who had seen all his great ambitions crumble into dust. There are now no Central Empires, and the collapse of Charles' effort to regain the throne of Hungary is the death knell of the bid autocracy. The ex-empress will be mourned by many of her old friends, but it is quite improbable that there will ever be another Empress of Germany. The war has changed Europe, and the old dynasties which challenged the world have given way to a new freedom of the people to which they are now laboriously and not without trouble seeking to adjust themselves.

In an address in New York last week on the future of Palestine, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise paid a warm tribute to England. Among other things he said: "It may be well to recall to Americans that in the late war Germany was not our ally and England was not our enemy. I regard it as a crime against our civilization and against humanity to attempt to embroil in conflict and perhaps ultimately in war the two great English-speaking democracies which will never have more reason for going to war than New York and Pennsylvania."

The United States congress assemblies today, and President Harding is expected to reveal the government policy in regard to national and international affairs of pressing importance. It may be hoped that his message will not be lost in a deluge of words. The Republicans have a good majority in both houses. The tariff, tax revision and relations with Germany are suggested as subjects of immediate concern that will be dealt with at this session.

### TRAINING THE ADULT BLIND.

The Maritime Division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind is appealing to the governments of the maritime provinces for financial assistance to care for the training of the adult blind of these provinces. Those who are under twenty-one are cared for in the School for the Blind at Halifax, and it has also done much for those between twenty-one and sixty years of age; but now an industrial department for their special benefit has been established at a cost of \$40,000, of which \$20,000 was money contributed by the National Institute from funds contributed by other provinces. It is now urged that the maritime provinces assume the care of their own blind and assist in this work for the adult blind. There are 251 blind persons registered in New Brunswick. Of these 61 are under twenty-one years of age; 124 are between twenty-one and sixty, and 66 are over sixty years of age. The new industrial building at Halifax will accommodate about fifty adults and it is for this institution larger provincial contributions are necessary. Other provinces of Canada give liberal grants, and the maritime provinces cannot in fairness to the nearly one thousand registered blind persons within their borders do less than render such aid as will make the institutions in Halifax equal to their task.

The board of management of the Maritime Division of the C. N. I. is composed of Sir Frederick Fraser, Dr. J. A. McDonald, Miss Evelyn Ellis, Dr. F. H. Sexton, Mr. E. Kauback, Rev. W. T. Townsend, Dr. G. W. Walter Allison, Senator L. G. Power, Mr. Gerald Ter-nan and Mr. T. H. Estabrooks. Of what is being done elsewhere for the training of the blind, the petition of the Maritime Division says:—

"Canada is not alone in its awakening to the vital problem of the adult blind. In Great Britain an Act entitled 'The Blind Act' has recently been adopted by parliament whereby most generous provision has been made for the training and employment of the adult blind, and in the United States, many of the state governments have in recent years taken action with respect to the adult blind, have provided special workshops for their training and employment, and have granted pensions to those not in a position to earn an independent living—for example, the state of Massachusetts is spending annually \$70,000 in promoting the well-being of the adult blind."

It is pointed out that what has been done for the blind soldiers shows what may be done for any of the adult blind, and the petition adds:—

"The worst feature of blindness is not so much the inability to see, as it is the dependence upon others which in many cases the handicap entails. It lies in our power to make community assets of what might easily be social liabilities, and in this day of social service no true citizen will question the wisdom of such effort."

Such an appeal cannot but meet with the sympathy of legislators and of the people at large. The visit this week of Rev. Canon Cody, ex-minister of education for Ontario to St. John is a notable event, and his addresses before the two Canadian Clubs, along with other addresses he will deliver, will give great numbers of citizens an opportunity to hear the message of a man who has had a distinguished career as a clergyman and for a time as the head of the educational department of a great province. Canon Cody will speak on education and child welfare, as two of the subjects he has chosen, and his message should be of much value to the people of this city, for he is in a position to speak with knowledge gained by experience as well as by study. Ontario occupies an enviable position in regard to education and the care of children, and the lower provinces may learn much of value from her legislation and experience.

The mine owners and mine workers in Great Britain are in conference today, and some hope is expressed that the strike may be settled. The government, however, continues its preparations to meet an emergency. The loss involved by the strike is estimated at £16,000,000 per week. Noting the wide divergence between the demands of the mine workers and what the owners hold to be a fair settlement it is clear that the situation is full of danger.

St. John is developing too many young persons who regard theft lightly, and spend their leisure time in ways that do not make good citizenship. This is a matter for community action as well as home training. The community should know what its boys are doing.

### MAINE LEGISLATION

Augusta, Me., April 11—A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to permit absentee voting was one important measure passed at the biennial session of the Maine Legislature which adjourned early today.

Among the laws are those authorizing women to serve on juries, prohibiting the treatment of war veterans as paupers, increasing teachers' pensions, providing penalties for bomb outrages and blackhand activities and increasing the fees for non-resident fishing men.

### GRANDMOTHER.

(May Probyn.)  
Another new gown, as I declare.  
How many more is it going to be?  
And your forehead all hid in a cloud of hair—  
'Tis nothing but folly, that I can see.  
The maidens of nowadays make too free;  
To right and to left is the money flung;  
We used to dress as became our degree—  
But things have altered since I was young.

Stuff in my time was made to wear;  
Gowns we had never but two or three;  
Did we fancy them spilt, if they  
chanced to tear?  
And shrink from a patch or a darn?  
Nonsense among the young and the fair;  
For pleasure, a gossiping dish of tea,  
Or a mushroom hunt, while the dew yet hung,  
And no need, next day, for the doctor's fee—  
But things have altered since I was young.

The yellow gig, and a drive to the fair;  
A keystone bought in a booth on the way;  
A sixpence, perhaps, to break and share—  
That's how your grandfather courted.  
Did your grandmother blush, do you think—not she!  
When he found her, the churn and the  
carry on his grandfather like her the less?  
Not he!  
But things have altered since I was young.

Envoi  
Child, you pout, and you urge your  
Better it were that you held your  
tongue.  
Maid should learn at their elders  
But things have altered since I was young.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN.

#### A Husband's Luck.

"Was there a doctor attending your husband when he died?" asked Mrs. Chatter.

"No, indeed," replied Mrs. Malaprop. "He died a natural death."

#### The Possible Lure.

"The girls in our set are going in for golf," "Interested in athletics, eh?" "I don't know," said the speaker. "You can get some novel effects in stockings."

#### Putting One Over.

"If I were so unlucky," said an officer, "as to have a stupid son, I would certainly make him a paragon." "A paragon?" "You think differently from my father."

#### Ma is Stumped.

"Mother," asked her daughter, "where does the wind go when you turn the electric fan off?" "It goes where the light goes when the electric light is turned off," was the mother's reply.

#### Not Too Preserving.

Which reminds us that a new Lackaye story is going the rounds—the story of Mr. Lackaye in a London actor-manager's dressing room. Enters a friend of the actor-manager, who says: "This is the fifteenth time I have seen this play, Mr. Lackaye. You in America do not go to see a play as often as we do?" "No," answered Mr. Lackaye. "If we don't get it about the fifth time, we give up."

#### All There to the Last Touch.

He—They say that Maud never in the slightest degree forgets herself. She (catfish)—Indeed! I call that remarkable, considering what a lot of there is to be assemblé. — Boston Transcript.

#### A Sure Sign.

"Ma's going to get her new dress all right?" "What makes you think so?" "A book agent just delivered another set of books pa signed up for."

#### Found Toot Sweet.

A portly Dutch woman applied at the post office for a money order to send to her son in the Far East. She told the clerk she had left her son's letter at home, but said he was at "some place out by China, dot sounds like der noise a motor-car makes." The clerk asked her, turning to another near by, he said: "What kind of a noise does a motor-car make, Jack?" "Honk, honk!" the other suggested. "Yah, cut's it!" exclaimed the woman, her face brightening. "Honk, honk; dot's der place." So the clerk made the order payable at Hong Kong, and the woman went away happy.

#### The Eternal Straphanger.

Increased subway facilities, vehicular tunnels, and the many projected plans for increasing transportation conditions will not benefit the subway traveler for long, according to an official of a large corporation. The number of business firms which will establish New York offices as soon as new lines of traffic will permit them will, adds the official, quickly eat up all the added space. "It reminds me of a story of a member of the American commission which lately visited Japan," he continued. "The American, watching a subway train pull out of a Tokyo station with the platforms and even the roofs packed with commuters, asked his Japanese host: 'Why don't you put on another train?'" "What's the use?" was the answer. "They would only fill it up again!" — Wall Street Journal.

#### Wanted a Live One.

A dealer in stuffed animals, who also kept a few live creatures for sale, gave his shop boy, who was permitted to sell the stuffed specimens, orders to call him when a customer asked for any of the living animals.

One day a man called and demanded a monkey. "One of these?" asked the boy who was in charge. He pointed to the stuffed specimens.

"No; I want a live monkey," answered the customer. The boy stepped to the back of the shop. "You're wanted, sir!" he called to his master.

#### Question of Title.

Foreman—What is all that arguing down the road? Laborer (indignantly)—Why, the man running the steam roller wants us to call him a chauffeur. — Pearson's Weekly.

### ANNIE LOUISE CARY.

(New York Evening Post.)

Annie Louise Cary, noted contralto of half a century ago, greatest American singer of her time, who retired from the stage in 1892 after her marriage to Charles Monson Raymond, a New York banker, is dead, in the seventy-ninth year of her age.

Born in Wayne, Me., October 22, 1846, Miss Cary went to Boston to sing in church at the age of eighteen years. She remained in that city six years, singing and studying part of the time under Lyman Wheeler. At the age of thirty she went abroad and remained three years in Milan studying under Cusi. Then she appeared in Copenhagen, Sweden, and Germany, and in 1869, at Baden-Baden, studied under Signora Viardot Garcia.

Not long after she sang in Brussels and in Italian opera at Covent Garden and later in the year returned to this country, appearing in concert at St. Mary's Hall in September, in company with Christine Nilsson and Vieuxtemps, under the management of Maurice Strakosky. Three years later she began her operatic career here, making her first appearance at the Academy of Music as Amneris in "Aida," taking New York by storm by her glorious voice. In the same season she sang Ortrud in "Lohengrin," the first American woman to sing a Wagner role.

Miss Cary continued to sing in opera, concerts, and festivals until the spring of 1882, when she made her last appearance as a professional artist at the Seventh Regiment Armory, in Theodore Thomas' music festival, being married in June of that year. She was only forty years of age then, and said upon her retirement that she proposed to stop when her voice was in its prime and leave pleasant memories of her friends. After that she sang occasionally in concert for charity and in church on Easter Sundays and gave large sums for charity. Her husband died in 1899.

### THE GOSPEL OF SPORTS.

(Ottawa Journal.)

Educationalists and social and community workers are deeply impressed with the value of clean and healthful sports not only for students at the universities and young people generally but for everybody capable of participating in them. Particularly is the place of sports in the national life recognized by those who have had war experience. One of Sir Arthur Currie's first utterances as principal of McGill College was on the subject of sports. Since the war it is often a subject of public lecture. The Ontario Teachers' Association in convention at Toronto professed last week by addresses on the subject by Rev. Bruce MacDonald, principal of St. Andrew's College, Toronto, and General Sir A. C. Macdonnell, commander of the Royal Military College, Kingston. Both of these men have had opportunity to witness the effects of sports on students at college and on Canadian soldiers during the war. Both strongly urged the importance of the promotion of amateur sports on community and national life. The object of those who are promoting the cause of amateur sports is to get the citizens of Canada to participate in them, instead of being content to enjoy them as spectators. And the idea is to get the citizen to slowly, perhaps, but to a promising extent. The teachers of Ontario can help to spread the gospel of sports.

### CANADA'S GREATEST ASSET.

(Toronto Globe.)

The governor-general says that the other colonization agency can compare with the cradle. It is true that the children born in Canada are the best of all newcomers. A high birth rate is not enough. The most important of all questions is the health of the children. The milk campaign in Toronto is beneficial from this point of view. Then comes the question of education and training. We hear much of the necessity for development of our natural resources. The most important of all these resources are the men, women and children of the nation. The standard of living is the measure of the strength of the nation, which can rise no higher than its homes. The granting of the franchise to women ought to have the result of directing increased attention to the welfare of the family, in regard to which women have a wealth of knowledge and experience that men are not so well equipped to handle. It is individual effort that is required, though the state may do useful work in disseminating information as to health and in educating the youth of the land.

### ONTARIO JUSTICE.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Ontario justice is about to be a sister of Jersey justice. Both are swift of foot. If any young American feels impelled to commit a violent crime, our advice is to get out of the province across the lake while he can. It is individual effort that is required, though the state may do useful work in disseminating information as to health and in educating the youth of the land.

On January 20, at Woodstock, Ont., two brothers murdered a confectioneer. One of the brothers was convicted, one of first degree murder and the other of manslaughter. On June 2 the one will be hanged. The other, having in France, during the war, saved a life sentence and will serve twenty years.

Here is justice swift and sure. No fumbling by police or sentimentalism on the jury's part. No long delay over counsel, no fussing over bail, no recommendation for mercy. A murderer was committed to cold blood, as the evidence showed, and the application of the capital penalty comes as a matter of course. Promptness and certainty of punishment are better crime deterrents than coddling. The machinery of justice in the average American community needs lubricating with some of the Ontario brand of common sense.

### He Knew Her All Right.

"But I don't know you, madam," the bank cashier said to the woman who had presented a check. "Oh yes, you do," replied the lady. "The red-headed old virago next door to you, whose 'scoundrelly little boys' are always reaching through the fence and picking your flowers. When you started to tow this morning your wife said: 'Now, Henry, if you want a dinner fit to eat this evening you'll have to leave me a little money. I can't keep this house on plain water and sapsena day—'"

"Here's your money, madam," said the cashier, pushing it towards her and coughing loudly.

Among the instructions which a mistress had given her new maid from the country was one to bring in a glass of milk each evening at 7 o'clock. The first evening Jane brought in the glass clasped tightly in her hand. The mistress said: "Don't do that again; it's bad etiquette, Jane," ordered the mistress. "Always bring it in on a tray."

Next evening Jane appeared with a tray full of milk in her hand. "Excuse me, madam," said the maid. "Do you want a spoon, or will you lap it up?"



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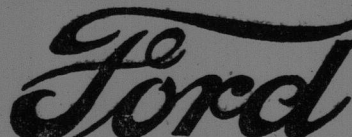
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### GERMANS CUT POTASH PRICE.

Americans Conclude an Agreement Running Five Years.

The agreement, department officials explained, means the delivery of more than \$2,000,000 worth of additional potash to those American importers, who bought German potash during the season ended March 31. These American importers effected the agreement with the Kall Syndikat through the state department and will be entitled to the rebate on condition that they take 80 per cent. of their requirements for the next five years from the German syndicate.

Storage charges, insurance and freight will be borne by the syndicate, the department explained, and deliveries will be made from stocks now on hand in the United States. It is understood the department added, that should the syndicate's competitors offer potash during the five-year period at a lower price than that granted by the Germans, the

five year obligation would not be binding.

In the negotiations between American importers and the Kall Syndikat, the commerce department said, "the department of state acted merely as a friendly intermediary in transmitting the various inquiries and proposals which led to this settlement, and it of course, assumes no responsibility for the carrying out of the various contracts."

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Drink to me only with your brew,

And I will pledge with mine,

Put raisins in the Apple-Ju

And I'll not look for wine.

The drinks in other days we knew,

Volsteadfastly decline,

But might I have a barrel from you,

I'd not exchange for mine.

I sent thee late a cake of yeast

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As giving it a hope to be

In your next recipe.

But thou there didst only breathe,

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—W. M. G. in N. Y. Evening Post

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