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#### WASHINGTON'S NOTE TO LONDON

The Washington government will make representations to London, demanding the observance of the principle of freedom of trade between neutral countries.

The new note from the British government shows beyond question that the rigors of the blockade of Germany have been greatly relaxed by that government in the interest of American trade. It shows that the British board of trade has paid American cotton shippers and owners something like \$2,250,000 for their product which had been seized. It shows that the packers themselves asked for delay in the prize court proceedings in the disposition of their cargoes consigned to Denmark, but seized en route, and that other American shippers likewise sought to delay disposition of their cases.

The British note, however, serves notice that the special concessions hitherto granted cannot be continued except in cases involving particular hardship and if the goods concerned are required for neutral governments or municipalities, or in respect of works of public utility, and where payment can be shown to have been made before March 1.

The export trade of the United States government has increased by leaps and bounds even under the restrictions imposed by the naval blockade and this would seem to answer its complaint of interference with its overseas trade.

International law experts at Washington admit that the United States is in an awkward position by reason of its own practice during their civil war. The Union fleet was guilty of many high-handed proceedings. Its blockade against cotton shipments by the South brought great distress to the Lancashire mills. It endeavored to prevent British shipments to Mexican ports, for fear that they would reach the Southern confederacy.

Further, it is admitted that marked concessions have been and are being made by Great Britain to United States trade interests. Three months' time have been given in which to deliver good purchased before March 1st from countries with which the allies are at war.

Goods shipped from the United States to enemy countries and later seized have been paid for at the prices at which they were sold.

The United States, during a world war, must expect to suffer some of the trade hardships which it inflicts upon participants and bystanders alike.

The measures taken are drastic but have for their aim the shortening of the conflict.

In view of the situation in Europe and the war practices of enemy nations, there is no possibility of Great Britain receding from its position nor, so far as it is able, preventing the unlimited shipment of merchandise to those neutral countries which are contiguous to enemy countries.

#### BY THE WAY

Premier Borden will leave Ottawa this week for London, where his presence is desired to discuss important problems arising out of the war. Sir Robert will be accompanied by R. B. Bennett, M.P. of Calgary and be absent a month. Safe journey!

That capable business man, Sir Adam Beck, has been appointed Canadian Director of Remounts. Under his supervision all horses required from Canada by the war authorities, will be purchased and shipped.

The late Samuel Barker, M.P. for Hamilton was a thoroughly able representative. He never spoke before mastering his subject and then had a message. He was of real service to the country and the Conservative party during his public career.

The Canadian Steel Foundries Co. has obtained an order from Russia for 5,000,000 artillery shells. The value of the order is placed at \$83,000,000. And is to be wholly filled in Canada. The company resents the efforts to induce skilled steel workers to go to England, claiming they are needed here.

To keep his hand in, ex-president Huerta set out to start another revolution in Mexico. Uncle Sam couldn't see the necessity of it and has taken him into custody.

An American magazine claims that Kitchener has enrolled four million instead of the one million men he ostensibly sought.

Mayor Hetz does not appear to favorable advantage as the defender of manure piles located in the central parts of the city.

#### BRYAN AS AN ORATOR

(Exchange.)

There can be no orator in the world like Mr. W. J. Bryan. During his first Presidential campaign in 1896 he is said to have made over 2,100 speeches during a tour of four months, covering a journey of 18,000 miles. The aggregate of the audiences, it is estimated, was not less than eight millions, and the candidate frequently

spoke between 30 or 40 times a day. It was at the convention preceding this campaign that he gave the world his famous phrase, "You shall not crucify mankind on a cross of gold," which made the meeting cheer for twenty minutes—or some such period. At this distance of time it is, perhaps, necessary to recall that Mr. Bryan was referring to bimetalism! Mr. Bryan is a man of big frame and apparently inexhaustible energy. There is an American joke to the effect that whenever he is seriously overdone they turn him on to his most familiar oration, "The Prince of Peace," which he has delivered thousands of times and all round the world without the change of a sentence. Mr. Bryan knows it so well that he can get a good rest while he is reciting it, so that he wakes up at the end perfectly refreshed for the next spell of campaigning. Apart from the vast conventions and political demonstrations, Mr. Bryan's platform triumphs have been achieved on the platforms of the Chautauqua organization. With these audiences Mr. Bryan is first favorite in the country. He earns without difficulty fees of \$500 or more, and has been doing so since he became Secretary of State two years ago.

#### EXTRACT OF EXCHANGE

Romance and Reality.  
(Kansas City Journal.)

Some girls at first look for a prince, But as the years get thinner Are apt to interest evince In plumber or in tinner.

In youth the distant view they scan For gallant knight and pages; But later they look for a man Who merely gets fair wages.

Some Difference.  
(New York Times.)

The difference between 189 Italian warships being added to the German navy or remaining neutral is 189 ships, but the difference between 189 ships being added to the Germans navy or going over to the allies' navy is 378 ships.

In Darkest Manitoba.  
(Winnipeg Free Press.)

Public life has become so low that men of undoubted character and honor who enter upon it become at once suspect. The wide difference of stories reflecting upon the Norris government and the readiness of the public to believe them are starting evidences of the degradation of public life in Canada.

Not To Blame.  
(Judge.)

Mrs. Blueblood—John, who was that man who just bowed to us?  
Blueblood—Er—that is my tailor.  
Mrs. B.—Such impudence! You should make him keep his distance.  
B.—I've done my best, my dear. I've stood him off now for two years.

His Guard of Honor.  
(Cobalt Nugget.)

Bundick, the Cobalt Austrian who was sent to internment camp yesterday must have thought the authorities were paying a great tribute to his prowess when an armed guard of 36 men accompanied him to the detention camp.

A SMILE OR TWO

Nothing Lost.  
Hobson—My wife never wastes anything.  
Dobson—No?  
Hobson—No. If it's edible, it goes into the hash; and if it isn't, it will do to trim a hat.—Judge.

In the Far East.

"I have no objection to the open door in China," said the Japanese statesman.  
"I am very pleased," responded the Chinese mandarin.  
"But," added the Nipponese, "I shall be at the door taking the tickets."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

In College.

"Who's that meek-looking student we just passed?"  
"Oh, he's the Freshman who boasts that he has broken every Fresh rule and has defied every upperclassman in college."—Hobart Herald.

Hens in Revolt.

"Must be a feminist propaganda going on in the barnyard."  
"What makes you think that?"  
"I notice the rooster is scratching for himself these days."—Judge.

Tommy Set Right.

Corporal (to soldier reporting sick)—What's the matter with you?  
Tommy Atkins—Pain in my habdomen.  
Corporal—Habdomen be 'anged! Stomick, you mean. It's honly hoficers as 'as habdomen.

Germis' in Salt

We deem salt, of all minerals, to be an essential to health, as well as a vital necessity in the preparation of our food. Yet the pure, white, refined salt consumed by millions of people is alive with germs—mud germs. A famous physiologist states that salt is one of the most germiniferous foods we consume.

Grey salt is made a delicate tint by the addition of mud that has gone through no refining process whatever, and which contains from 6,000 to 75,000 bacteria per gram. The refined salt is not in a much better condition. It lies in a refinery under a blanket of clay; its refinement consists of a sea-water bath. It is then dried and heated until crystallized. This latter process kills, however, no removes or destroys the 3,000 or 2,000 bacteria per gram that have been imbibed from the clay blanket.

#### A NEW LIFE-SAVING DEVICE



Fire-fighters are interested in this gun which is designed to save life, not to take it. It looks much like a sawed-off shotgun and carries a projective cord to which is attached a light but strong cord. It is used when people are trapped in the upper stories of tall buildings, the "bullet" being fired into a window and a heavy rope drawn up after the thin cord has been secured by those in danger.

#### TALK ON STORMS

R. F. Stupart Says Temperature is the Disturbing Element

Mr. R. F. Stupart, director of the Meteorological service of Canada, gave an interesting illustrated address before the members of the Canadian Institute, Toronto, on "The Canadian Storm-warning System." By means of charts, the distribution of atmosphere over the globe's surface and the resulting winds were explained. "The great disturbing element is temperature," said the speaker. "There is a difference in temperature between the Equator and the Poles of about 80 degrees, and in winter the difference is much greater. The air near the surface over the equatorial regions is greatly heated, and expands, with the result that over the Equatorial regions any given barometric surface is at a greater height above the earth than it is over regions both north and south, and in consequence of this the upper air flows away both north and south and surface air from north and south flows towards the Equator. The air in the upper regions, as it goes north and south towards converging meridians, accumulates between 35 degrees and 35 degrees, and the effect of this is the high barometer of this subtropical zone. Another important agency affecting the movements of air currents is the rotation of the earth, which causes a deflection to the right of the initial movement in the Northern Hemisphere, and to the left in the Southern. And this leads to the surface currents in the tropics being from N.E. instead of from N., and S.E. instead of from South. But in addition to the temperature difference between Equator and Poles there are temperature differences between continent and ocean, which are reversed by the season; and with this latter system of variable air circulation impressed on the former more stable system, there is a resultant system of vast complexity; but one in which many of the component factors are closely discernible."

#### THE BUSIEST STREETS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Inquiries were recently made in order to ascertain the amount of traffic passing through the principal thoroughfares of the capitals of the world, with a view to discovering which had the most congested traffic to deal with. The result goes to show that the two busiest streets in the world are the Mansion House Corner, in the City of London, and the Place de l'Opera, Paris; the former having the greater number of foot passengers and the latter the larger share of vehicular traffic. Every week day 500,000 persons walk past the Mansion House, the number of vehicles being 50,000; compared with 450,000 pedestrians and 65,000 vehicles passing through the Place de l'Opera. After these most important thoroughfares comes the Broadway, New York, which is traversed by 450,000 foot passengers daily, although over 700,000 pass through in tram car or motor car. The next in importance is the Puerta del Sol (Gate of the Sun), Madrid, into which nine or ten great arteries of traffic discharge their streams, and which carries 350,000 people daily. Finally come the Friedrichstrasse, Berlin, and the Vladimírski Prospekt, St. Petersburg, with 300,000, and the Graben, Vienna, with a daily average of 275,000 persons.

#### A LOVER OF BIRDS

John B. Doolin, state game warden of Oklahoma, has undertaken a campaign to teach children the economic value of birds as insect destroyers.

#### GALLINGS WORTH WHILE CALLS FOR INDUSTRY

The Farm is Not the Only Place for the Man to Avoid Who Dies Likes Work

The country has natural advantages over the city which the latter can never hope to duplicate. There is a sweet communion with nature to be enjoyed on the farm that is impossible along the walled boulevards of the busy business city. There is freedom, fresh air, good water, health in its fullest measure and eternal joy for the lover of nature in the unlimited outdoor life of a Canadian home. For all this has existed through the years in which the goat of the soil have been shaking the clay of their fathers' farms from off their heavy boots and donning the patent leathers of city pavements. Conditions are changing. The mail is now delivered at the farm gate; the ring of the telephone breaks the monotony of the kitchen, and facilities for travel are yearly being improved. The farm is not the isolated wilderness which many believe it to be. But when it comes right down to brass tacks, are any of the previously mentioned advantages or improvements destined to become the real magnet which shall inseparably attach the farm boy to the farm or exert such a drawing force on those already in other walks of life as to attract them back and hold them fast to that which is good? We are afraid not. People cannot live on beautiful scenery fresh air loaded with the scent of apple blossoms, and water, be it ever so pure. While these, with your conveniences now being enjoyed, are factors towards improving conditions, they are not life itself. They may aid in throwing agriculture into a new light, but they are not destined to be the fundamental cause of the changed conditions which are coming. If the majority of our farm boys are to make farming their occupation they must see in it an attractive life, and the greatest incentive to the young man is a fair and sure profit on his operations. The young men of the farm are not afraid of work. They know that farming means work, but so does any other occupation, and as a usual thing according as one works so he succeeds. The farm has no place for him who is afraid of work, but neither has any other calling worth while.—Farmers Advocate.

#### Hole in Bottom of Sea

It is said that a hole nearly a mile deep was formed in the bottom of the sea off the coast of Panama by Central America earthquakes. As a result of these earthquakes, a submarine cable was broken, and a cable ship was sent out to make repairs. The ends of the cable were found to be buried under enormous masses of material, and where the Government charts published in 1904 showed a depth of 1,000 feet, soundings made from the cable ship found a depth of 5,000 feet. This remarkable depression is located off Los Santos Province about 15 miles from the mainland, and is about half a mile wide.

#### AN EXTINGUISHING GEYSER

Hot Lake at Banff is Resolved by a Tunnel

Few persons ever heard of a de-luct geyser, but they are not uncommon. It is said that that beautiful widening of the Mississippi River known as Lake Pepin is really a de-luct geyser or perhaps the crater of a volcano, but the most remarkable one on this continent is near Banff, the Canadian summer resort.

Here is a large cave or chamber within a mountain, and in its centre is a small, hot lake. The domelike roof comes to an apex some twenty feet above the water, and in this is an opening, or vent, two feet or so in diameter, which pierces the rock roof six or eight feet until it reaches the outer air. This is thought by scientists to be an extinct geyser, and that the vent in the roof has been caused by the eruption of the waters.

One reaches this hot pool now by means of a tunnel, but formerly it was necessary to descend through the vent, and a story is told of a distinguished Canadian official who, some years ago, tried to make the descent. Half way down the shaft this corpulent person stuck—to the alarm of himself and friends. He remained a fixture for some time, in spite of strong language on his part and various devices used by outsiders for his extrication.

The entrance tunnel was afterwards constructed by the Canadian Government, but the process of squeezing through the hole, leaving some catclaw in the descent, and the knowledge that a slip would mean a ducking in a hot lake below was a novel experience that the tunnel cannot furnish.

#### LEARN TO RELAX

If You Are Troubled With Insomnia Rest Your Brain

Sleep is a habit. It is a very natural and beneficial habit, but one that can be easily broken through injudicious living and thinking. Poor sleepers are usually high-strung, nervous people, who have too active bodies or brains, or both, and who are ambitious and inclined to neglect themselves.

Insomnia cannot be cured by drugs. It is always dangerous to use drugs to produce sleep, and they should seldom be resorted to except in serious illness, and then only on the advice of a physician.

If you cannot sleep, and find that your sleeplessness is becoming a habit, begin immediately to go slower. Curb your ambition, leave off all unnecessary work and learn how to rest. Your body and your brain need repose and rest, but the trouble with the people who "cannot sleep" is, they do not know how to rest. They do not stop thinking, planning, worrying, and go to bed with active brains and only partly relaxed bodies and then worry because sleep does not come. Perfect relaxation of the body and mind is the first essential, and relaxation of either one helps to relax the other.

There is one exercise, which, properly practised, will be found beneficial in more ways than one. Stand erect, but without stiffness, arms hanging easily at the sides. Now very gently inhale air through the nostrils,

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