

NO FORTS, NO GUNS.

DEFENSELESS CONDITION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Contrast Between Fort Wayne, Detroit, and the Citadel, Quebec—Strategic Importance of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The possibility of a war with Canada over the fisheries question is being talked about in a pretty lively manner just now, and while there is little probability of a war with Canada just at present, the discussion now being waged may serve to open the eyes of Americans to the fact that, in the event of a clash with the Dominion Government, the United States is better prepared for it than "Uncle Sam."

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC. In one respect particularly is Canada's advantage very clear. The Canadian Pacific railway, while it is built sufficiently near the boundary to be available as a means of transport for troops, ammunition, supplies, etc., is nevertheless far enough away to be safe from the dependent and numerous bands of United States troops. Forces might, for instance, be landed from England at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and thence whirled at a rapid rate to the points where they might be needed most.

The Canada Pacific railroad was built by government aid, and there is no doubt that this aid was given for the reason that England appreciated how valuable the road would be, in case of trouble with the United States, as a means of communication with the various dependencies. Thus, while it would be a means of transport for her troops, it could also furnish an uninterrupted postal service. It was given as a prophetic omen of the future importance of this railway, that the first loaded train that passed over its entire length from ocean to ocean was freighted with naval stores, belonging to the imperial war department, being transferred from Quebec to Vancouver. It was also a remarkable commercial coincidence that the first cargo of merchandise consigned to British Columbia was a cargo of Jamaica sugar, rolled in 4,000 tons and sent to the Pacific terminus, about 4,500 miles under the British flag.

DETROIT. Of all the American lake cities perhaps no one occupies so miserable a position, while at the same time affording so convenient an entry for foreign troops, as Detroit. This city, therefore, would be the great objective point in case of a war with Canada, and a glance at the maps above will show how easily it could be reached by sea. The question which naturally presents itself to the mind of the reader is: "Has Detroit sufficient fortifications to successfully withstand a well organized attack?" Most emphatically it has not.

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"MOTHER BICKERDYKE"

The Famous Hospital Nurse of the Civil War.

"Why don't you write something about 'Mother Bickerdyke'?" was an inquiry put to a New York reporter by an old army captain recently. This resulted in an inquiry as to the character of "Mother Bickerdyke." Said the captain: "There are few soldiers who have not heard of or known Mother Bickerdyke. In the early months of the war she was the only woman nurse in the large hospital at Cairo, Ill. She was a woman of strong character, fine executive ability, much energy and a great force in emergencies. The hospital at Cairo had become notorious for the incompetency and intemperance of the surgeons. They charged their patients and spent their nights in riotous living, drinking over the coals and riling the refrigerators and pantries of the delicacies that were furnished by the sanitary commission for the sick. Mother Bickerdyke stood this for two or three weeks and then she appealed to Ulysses S. Grant, then colonel of the Twenty-first Illinois volunteers, to whom she preferred charges against the surgeons. Grant was astounded. With a determination to make certain of the situation he put on citizen's clothes one evening and went down to the hospital, where by some strength he contrived to enter. He found the worst statements that had been made to him by the faithful nurse. There was prompt action the next day. The surgeons were dismissed and the hospital was reorganized. From that time Mother Bickerdyke always had access to Grant, and her recommendations were generally carried out. As he rose in position in the army her power in the hospital became greater and greater, until she overshadowed all with whom she came in contact. She remained in the volunteer hospitals until the close of the war. If she could be induced to write her experiences they would prove as interesting as any chapters of the great rebellion. Thus while the brief story of Mother Bickerdyke's army work. Many more old soldiers, who were recipients of her kind services in the day of misfortune, would like to know in what has become of Mother Bickerdyke since the war? It would be a hard task to follow her, so immediately has her work been carried on, but she has been engaged in philanthropic work all over the world, and is still helping others than herself. Her marvelous ability was called upon during the Chicago fire, and since then through suffering occasioned by the grasshopper plague, droughts, forest fires and other public calamities. She brought copious stores of food from the east to suffering Kansas on several occasions. In the intervals she has ministered herself by acting as matron, nurse and housekeeper in charitable institutions.

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THE SMALLEST SECT IN THE LAND.

The Church in Which the Whole Body Worships.

One of the peculiarities of the Sandemanian form of worship is that they have a weekly love feast in which the whole congregation dine together. It was the original intention of Robert Sandeman, one of the founders of the sect called Sandemanians, and in the same town is the only meeting house of the people of this continent. The illustration given is from a photograph and gives an excellent idea of the appearance of this church which is in size 25,000 feet. Here assemble every Sunday a faithful band of ten people who comprise the descendants of the followers of Sandeman who settled here in 1764. So that this sect was in existence when the Wesleyans and Baptists were almost unknown.

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After the brake manufacturers were organized the whole railway world could be supplied with his superior machinery. The Union Switch and Signal company next came into existence, followed by the American Brake Shoe and Manufacturing Company, and about a year ago the Westinghouse Air Brake Company was organized. In all of these enterprises Mr. Westinghouse has been a leading spirit, and the number of men employed in his works is about 1,500.

Many people have an idea that Mr. Westinghouse struggled from poverty to his present millions. This was not the case. He is the son of a Scotchman, a native of Scotland, and graduated from Cornell in 1861. He enlisted in the civil war as engineer on the war ship Massachusetts and was a member of a New York cavalry regiment. His experience in repairing railroad wrecks after Confederate raiders had destroyed the railroads for replacing railroad cars. This was the beginning of his career as an inventor. He settled in Pittsburgh and has since lived there. Mr. Westinghouse's house is in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa. It is a most charming home and his residence is the scene of many of his inventions and experiments. Receptions are held every Friday and the Westinghouse dinner parties are said to be elegant. Mrs. Westinghouse was a Miss Walker of New York. She has but one child, a boy of 3 years.

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