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NEW FORM OF CONSERVATISM

Withdrawal of public lands for use rather from use is the latest piece of practical conservatism. The president, by executive order, under the withdrawal law has withdrawn from entry many tracts of unappropriated public lands which contain springs of small streams. The watering places control the public range over large areas in Utah and Wyoming and the withdrawal of these lands will in no wise interfere with the use of the springs or streams but will in fact insure the possibility of public use. Control of watering places by strong private interests and the resultant monopolization of grazing on the domain are believed to be prejudicial to public interest, and the president regards the setting aside of these watering places for public use as serving a distinct and beneficial public purpose, in harmony not only with the letter, but with the spirit of the act of 1910.

The three withdrawals already approved by the president represent an aggregate area of about 80,000 acres in six counties in Utah and Wyoming.

known to include 210 springs and streams.
This practical development of the conservation policy in order to prevent monopolization of the public grazing lands will not only insure equal opportunity, under the present conditions but it prepares the way for future legislation. Should congress at any future time decide to pass a grazing law the retention of these watering places in public ownership makes the enactment of a satisfactory law possible; whereas if the water should pass into private hands the framing of a law providing for the control of grazing on the public domain would be useless, because the law itself would be inoperative.

The present action will really be beneficial to both large and small growers, although it will doubtless not be pleasing to those who desire to exclude rivals from the range by acquiring the watering places. The competition and struggle for existence have in many places, however, grown so keen that even to the largest outfits have become burdensome, and to some of them, at least, the removal of one of the causes of contention by the reservation of the springs and streams for the common use of all will be a decided relief. To the small stockman who has been fighting for existence and who has seen his grazing area diminish year by year as he has been barred from this spring or that stream, it will be welcome news that the government has taken steps that will at least make the competition fairer.

OUR TRADE WITH CANADA

Canada's foreign trade during the last fiscal year aggregated \$847,372,000, which was \$93,000,000 more than the year before. The feature of the showing is the gain in dealings with the United States, which were more than half the total and \$200,000,000 more than those with Great Britain. It appears from the statistics the Dominion trade with this country is increasing twice as fast as with the mother country. The bulk of the the business with the United States represents imports, which shows that Canada finds the nearby market most desirable, notwithstanding a big preferential duty in favor of English products. How reciprocity would improve this larger trade with the Dominion does not even need to be left to the imagination.

It crops out that there are no less than twenty-seven Indians who are ball pitchers this season. And some people say the poor Indian is not a success in business.

Fredrick Townsend Martin is to write a play of New York society life which will depict it truthfully. The authorities will probably close after the first performance.

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of the passengers and crew, numbering altogether about 5,000 persons. The most powerful Marconi apparatus ever set up at sea will be installed on the vessel, the unusual height of her masts making it possible to receive or transmit messages across the broad expanse of the Atlantic ocean. It is expected that she will always be in direct communication with either Europe or America.

"THIS IS MY 60TH BIRTHDAY."

Sir Valentine Chirol, who is regarded as the foremost authority on foreign affairs in the world, was born May 23, 1852, and is the son of an English clergyman. Educated in Germany and France, he became a clerk in the British foreign office in his early twenties and then traveled in the Orient for several years, also visiting the British colonies and the United States. Later he became Berlin correspondent of the Lond Times, and, in 1899, succeeded Sir Donald MacKenzie Wallace as director of the Times foreign department, a position he still holds.

Peace Commission.

Washington, May 23.—Appointment of five "peace commissioners" is expected soon from the white house. They will be delegates from this country to an "international peace conference," to be held this fall at some foreign capital yet to be selected. Glory, but no pecuniary honors, go with the new jobs. The commission-

ers will not receive a cent of salary, but are allowed \$10,000 for traveling and other expenses.

Whether Colonel Roosevelt will be given one of the commissionerships is an amusing speculation at the capitol. He was once offered one of the positions by President Taft, before

political relations between Oyster Bay and the white house became strained.

The peace conference is a pet project of the president. He has been sounding other governments to secure their co-operation, after securing the necessary authority and appropriation from congress.

By June 25, 1914, the bill which

was passed by congress requires a report from the American commissioners. Rep. Bartholdt, Republican, Mo., was sponsor for the measure in the house.

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