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THE TORONTO MARPLOT.

The Toronto World keeps up its Machiavelian tactics. Out of a spirit of mere partisanship it is doing all it can to engender strife between Canada and the United States.

It pretends to fear that England and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Dominion premier, will trade off Canadian interests for the sake of the Anglo-American alliance, and to support its absurd contention gives a grossly inaccurate review of historic incidents bearing on the fixing of the boundary between Canada and the United States.

England, it claims, has made a wanton surrender of Canadian territory, and on that line it refers to the Oregon treaty, saying: "In 1846 the Oregon treaty was made. By it England gave away northern California, Nevada and the states of Washington and Oregon without compensation of any kind, and through ignorance of the value of the territories. A young lord's letter, it was said, had quite an influence. He was hunting in Oregon, and he wrote home that the fish and game there were no good."

The converse is the case. England drove a wonderfully shrewd bargain for Canada. The United States had superior title to the entire watershed of the Columbia. By treaty it had acquired the discovery rights of Spain, and these rights were fortified by Captain Gray's discovery in 1792 of the Columbia river, by Lewis and Clarke's explorations in 1804-5, by John Jacob Astor's occupation of the country long before the Hudson's Bay Company came in, and by actual possession and settlement.

Although Polk was elected on a platform expressly declaring for American ownership of the Oregon country up to the line of 54-40, "with or without war with England," British diplomats wheedled him into a square backdown, and he shuffled upon the senate the responsibility for the adoption of the unpopular treaty.

These historic facts are not recalled in a lamenting spirit, but to point out the unreasonableness of the Toronto paper, in finding fault, at this late day, with England's adroit settlement of the Oregon question.

Some Englishman, pretending to know more about the Filipinos than Admiral Dewey or General Merritt, recently declared that Americans promised the natives of the Philippines independence, and that under this promise the Filipinos resisted all overtures from Germany and France. The Englishman makes a mistake. The Americans made no promise of independence. Admiral Dewey went to Manila to destroy the Spanish fleet and to take possession of the city. The Filipinos were in no way concerned, and no promises were made to them.

If it becomes necessary for the United States troops in the Philippines to whip Aguinaldo and his heathenish followers, we hope they will make a complete job of it—so they will know for all time they are whipped. Some of the sort of medicine the English used in India to show the natives the disastrous consequences of opposition to civilized methods will likely have to be administered to the obstreperous Filipinos, and it ought not to be stunted. It should be given in allopathic doses.

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This, too, notwithstanding the fact that the species selected for breeding are the most pestiferous that can be found. The bug hatchery, or "insectary," as it is called, is a brick building close by the department of agriculture. In construction it resembles a greenhouse, the upper part being of glass, so as to admit plenty of light for the insects. It is divided into two compartments, one of which is artificially heated for the benefit of tropical and other species that require warmth, while the other is cold.

On shelves all around the interior, and on the floor as well, are glass jars and queer glass-sided boxes containing a great variety of odd-looking objects. The objects in the glass jars are parts of plants, fruits, dried-up vegetables, pieces of branches or roots, etc. One does not see any bugs at all, and the reason why is simply that the vegetables, fruits and so forth are the natural food of the insects, and the latter are either inside of them or else are "done up" in cocoons for the winter.

For example, there is a huge cocoon nine inches long hanging from a twig in a jar of exceptional size. This is the temporary communal dwelling built by the so-called "gregarious butterfly" in Mexico. More correctly speaking, it is the caterpillars—transformed later into butterflies—that construct the cocoon for a residence while they are undergoing their metamorphosis. The cocoon looks and feels as if made of thick parchment, and at the lower end of it is a small hole that serves for a door. The labor employed in building it must be enormous. Under a powerful magnifying glass, it is seen to be composed of an infinite number of shining and very slender silken threads, crossing each other in every direction. When cut into, the nest is found to contain 100 or more chrysalids, attached to the walls on the inside—each one representing a future butterfly.

The habit of combining together to build a house seems to be peculiar to this species among butterflies. The silk composing the nest is exquisite, and from 20 to 25 sheets of it can be stripped off from the great cocoon as if woven in a loom. If the silk could only be spun, the "gregarious butterfly" would soon displace the silkworm, and the silks and satins of commerce would be of butterfly manufacture. Unfortunately, the difficulty remains unsolved, though many attempts in this direction have been made. Could a solution of the problem be found, silk would become at once enormously less costly, inasmuch as the cocoons of this kind of butterfly are to be gathered in immense numbers as a wild crop in the forests of Mexico.—Boston Transcript.

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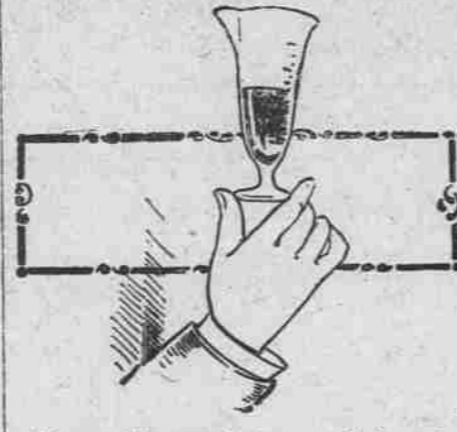
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