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EUROPEAN UNION.

Formation of a European union against the United States has been one of the fondest dreams of the continent for the last ten years, hence the visit of M. Del Casse, minister of foreign affairs for France, is given that interpretation by Austrian officials, says the Spokesman-Review.

The European union idea seems to be continually held up as a club to frighten the Yankee manufacturer, but so far has signally failed to have the desired effect. What benefits are to accrue in a combine against the United States are more imaginary than real. Separately the nations on the continent have not been slow in hampering the importer on this side. The meat packer is annoyed by vexatious regulations, the fruit industry labors under a handicap because continental authorities are always finding insect pests in the fruit, machinery makers find themselves paying heavier duties and shipbuilders on this side go into business without promise of subsidies which are granted by other carrying nations, yet industries flourish over here and exports were never larger.

There is no lack of unanimity on the other side of the Atlantic when it comes to admitting the superiority of American manufacturers, neither is there any dispute about the necessity of doing something to stop the onward march, but a European tariff and commercial union would soon fall of its own weight. Trade of the continent with America is too rich to be jeopardized by a system of retaliation or boycott. When the consumption of wine falls off in the United States a loud howl goes up from the French; if it is a dull year in the raisin and olive oil market Italy sends agents to America to learn the reasons; if there are too many British ships idle the reason therefor is immediately searched for on this side of the world.

A European union against the United States is an idea containing a good deal of nonsense, and Del Casse probably has no instructions on that point to deliver to the czar. Nor can unusual importance attach to his visit. President Loubet is now at the head of French affairs and he is a level-headed fellow. Love of truth and justice actuate him and his advisers, and they will not be the ones to lead a movement cutting off a friendly republic from intimate relations and precipitating a tariff and commercial war which would act as a boomerang. It is more than probable that the trial of Dreyfus today has something to do with the sudden flight of the French diplomat.

### SCURVY SUSPICIONS.

A few Oregon papers have charged or insinuated that Portland's desire to have the volunteers come here in a body to be disbanded sprang from mercenary motives, and the hope of

profiting financially by this arrangement. Doubtless there are such men in Portland just as there are scurvy, contemptible fellows like the editors of these papers in their respective towns. But it would be no more reasonable to judge the people of these towns by such base-minded editors than it is for them to accuse all Portland's people of the avarice and meanness of a very small fraction thereof.

The only thought, and desire, and intent, and purpose of the people of Portland, with very rare exceptions, were to give the boys a genuine, unselfish welcome, such as their record as soldiers merits. Where one expected to make anything directly off them, an hundred were willing to spend something to make their homecoming a great event, without the remotest thought of ever getting any money back.

But this is known, understood, and appreciated by all people, except a few measly-minded editors, whose highest object in journalism is to attribute to others the base motives which govern themselves; not realizing that in slandering the people of Portland they equally slander those of every town that displays a disposition to do honor to the returning volunteers.—Telegram.

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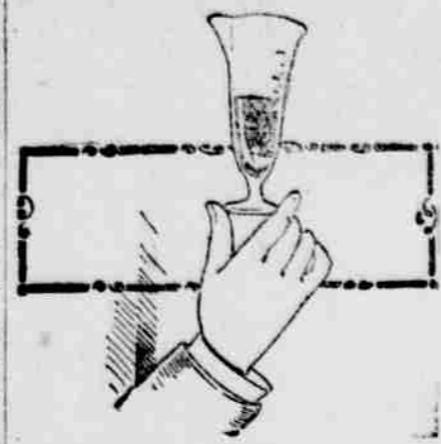
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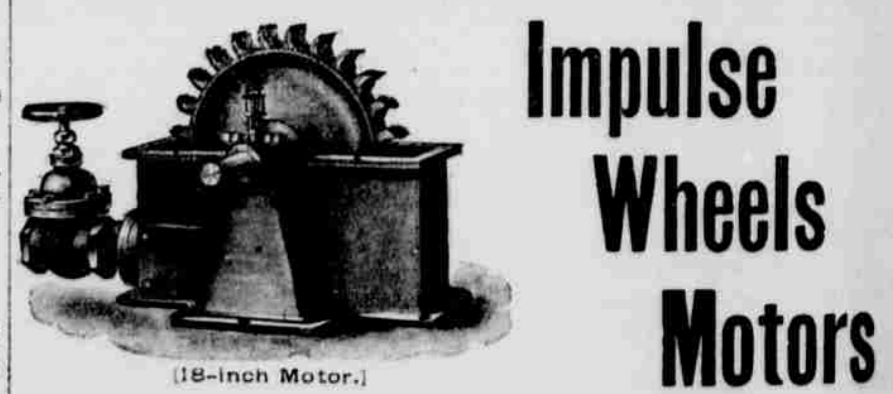
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