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Holland's Sound Policy.
Holland holds Java and her other outlying possessions, and maintains an important overseas trade, with a navy of very moderate dimensions that ranks perhaps twelfth among the nations. She has some submarines, and will increase the number of her destroyers and smaller protective craft. She has also an efficient army, based upon the principle of conscription or compulsory service. The ordinary field force of the Netherlands army amounts to about 150,000 men, while in the various reserves there are perhaps 300,000 more. Holland has six million people, as against our one hundred million, and is not a warlike or militarized nation. But she could put 400,000 men into active service more readily than we could mobilize one-fourth as many, using our national guard and other possible sources of supply. If we were as well prepared relatively as Switzerland or Holland to defend our homes,—while continuing to stand with them, as we now do, for the principles of justice, honor and civilization in the world,—we should have at least six million men trained and equipped for military duty.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Review of Reviews for February.

In Far-off India.
In some unknown manner a little sample of Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh found its way into an interior village of India. It was its own agent, and from that small beginning a steady trade has developed and each succeeding shipment has been larger. Adv.

Old-School Sensibilities.
"Do you remember the ballet in 'The Black Crook,'" asked the judge. "I should say I do," replied the major. "I have heard they have even better stage dancing now than in those days." "Perhaps." There's no chance of our finding out. A gentleman can't go to see a fine ballet now without being embarrassed by the presence of a theatre full of ladies.—Washington Star.

Country Judge—How long have you owned a car?
Motorist (charged with speeding)—One week, your honor.
Judge—Um—then you can still afford to pay a fine. Twenty dollars!—Pack.

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**ALLIES TO PROTEST
BERLIN'S SEA RULE**
Boycott on U. S. Ports Possible
If America Accepts View.

DIPLMACY WITH GERMANY TANGLED
Teutons to Treat Armed Merchant Ships as War Vessels and Sink Them Without Warning.

Washington, D. C.—Diplomatic negotiations of various character now will confront the United States as the result of the expected intention of the German and Austrian governments to treat armed merchant ships of the entente allies as war vessels after February 23.

Apparently it is certain that any attempt by the United States to change the present rule permitting the use of American ports by merchant ships armed for defensive purposes would be met by a strong protest. Correspondence also is likely to follow if the United States assumes a position which coincides with that of Germany and Austria regarding the right of submarines to sink armed ships without warning.

On the other hand, the United States itself may take the initiative should the entente allies impose a virtual boycott on American ports in the event that this government decides that armed merchant ships entering American waters are ships of war, and therefore subject to internment.

The view of at least some of the representatives of the entente allies here is that any change made in the rule bearing on submarine warfare during the war would be an unneutral act. The governments are represented as not being prepared to admit that there has been any change in the conditions of naval warfare which would warrant characterizing merchant ships armed for defensive purposes as warships.

In Teutonic quarters, however, it is contended that merchant ships armed for defensive purposes are really armed for resistance and that merchant ships have no right to resist. Moreover, it is contended by Germany that it is impossible to adhere to the principle of warning merchant ships, as, should they be armed, a single shell of small caliber could sink any submarine.

American officials seem inclined to the view that the contentions of the German and Austrian governments are well founded, and from several quarters came the information that the United States might warn its nationals to remain off merchant ships that are armed. This, it was said in German quarters, was precisely what the German and Austrian governments have been aiming to achieve.

The possibility of the entente allies putting into effect a practical boycott of American ports was widely discussed in official circles. The allies may permit only a sufficient number of their unarmed ships to enter American ports to take away merchandise and goods consigned to themselves. It was admitted in high official quarters that should such a plan be put into effect action might be taken.

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Kim Leaf Beetle Worst Pest.
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—The elm leaf beetle, which has already become a serious pest in Multnomah county, Oregon, and threatens to spread to other parts of the state, may be effectively controlled by the lead arsenate spray applied at the rate of three to five pounds of the paste to fifty gallons of water. Two applications should be given, the first in the spring just as soon as the leaves are out well. This is to poison the beetles that have wintered over, which deposit the eggs. The second and most important spray should be applied about three weeks after the first. This is to catch the young grubs just hatching and the remaining beetles. Great care should be taken to get this second spray on the under surface of the leaves, since this is where the grubs feed. Where these sprays are not applied an application must be made in July to catch the pests of the second generation.

Glacial Drift to Stop Leak.
University of Washington, Seattle.—That the glacial drift material found at the site of the Cedar River dam, the head of the Seattle water system, made into a cement and placed over the 150 acres of ground on the slope below the dam at a depth of five inches will stop the leakage that has made useless the \$150,000,000 dam, is the opinion of Arnold E. Osterberg, a senior chemical engineer at the university. Mr. Osterberg began a test week to carry on tests and experiments to substantiate his plan.

For lame back use Hanford's Balsam.
applied thoroughly and well rubbed in. Adv.

A Good Mate.
Why wouldn't the girl who "took everybody's eye" be an appropriate wife for the man who succeeded in getting the public's ear?—Browning's Magazine.

The Wise Hobo.
"How is it you always pick out a bachelor to listen to your hard luck story?"
"A married man has troubles of his own, usually."

What an Automobile Buyer Looks For
F. W. Vogler, president of the Northwest Auto Company, Reo distributors, says that the fundamentals on which cars are purchased by the majority of buyers who have analyzed the situation thoroughly before making a selection, are based on four things that this class of purchaser insists on.

**SENATOR LANE'S BILL WOULD
PUT INDIANS ON OWN RESOURCES**
Washington, D. C.—Senator Lane would abolish the Indian service, do away with Indian reservations and give every Indian a full-fledged American citizen and give each Indian an allotment on which to make his home.

The bill makes no provision for the disposition of surplus lands in Indian reservations, nor does it provide for the disposition of tribal Indian funds in the treasury.

CHILDREN OF AMBASSADOR
Agnes and Stefano Macchi di Colere, the children of the Italian ambassador to the United States, who sided in the Italian war relief fund by performing native dancing in native costumes.

**Coast Hop Prices Take
Jump in London Market**
Portland—More interest is being shown in the hop market than at any time since the recent deals were completed by the Oregon Hopgrowers' association. Prices have not been advanced, but the market is on a very steady foundation.

**Big Guns Are Roaring Along
Entire Western War Line**
London—The whole western front is the scene of engagements. At some points the big guns have been roaring incessantly for days, the infantry have been engaged in hand-to-hand struggles; grenade fighting and mining operations have played a prominent part in the battles, while airmen have fought each other above the lines and have been canonaded from below by the anti-aircraft guns.

Apple Shipment Made.
Hood River, Or.—The first shipment of Hood River apples since Monday, January 31, left here this week. Wilmer Sieg, sales manager of the Apple Growers' association, said he has been unable to fill orders because of the snow. With the weather breaking every effort to clean up the stock will be made.

Ancona Claim Is Filed.
New York—Dr. Cecile L. Greil, the only American-born citizen among the survivors of the torpedoed Italian liner Ancona, announced at her home here Tuesday that she had filed in Washington claims amounting to \$120,000. From the Austrian government she demanded \$100,000 and from the United States \$20,000, including \$5000 cash which she says was lost with the liner.

Aero Record Is Broken.
San Diego, Cal.—Official announcement that Floyd Smith, civilian aviator, broke the world's hydroplane record for a pilot and two passengers when he ascended 9544 feet here Friday, was made by Captain Arthur S. Cowan, who represented the Aero Club of America at the flight. Calibration of the official barograph, strapped to Smith's seat, showed the machine climbed 544 feet higher than the altitude recorded in Smith's pocket barograph. The figure announced Friday after the flight was 9000.

Swedish Athletes to Meet Americans.
Stockholm—The Swedish football association has invited the American Football association to play a match in Sweden next summer. If this is possible, a Swedish football team will go to the United States, accompanied by an athletic team. Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister to Sweden, in a statement in the Stockholm newspapers, expressed enthusiasm over the prospects of an athletic meeting between the teams of Sweden and the United States.

**NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS:
GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS**
Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.07 per bushel; fortyfold, 97c; club, 90c; red fire, 95c; red Russian, 94c.

Green Fruits—Grapes, \$4.60 per barrel; cranberries, \$11.50 @ 2 per sack; Yakima, \$1.85; sweets, \$2.75 @ 2 per bushel.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 34c per pound; firsts, 32c; seconds, 30c. Butterfat, No. 1, 32c; No. 2, 30c. Veal—Fancy, 12c per pound. Pork—Fancy, 9c per pound. Hops—1915 crop, 9 1/2 @ 12 1/2c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18 1/2 @ 25c per pound; valley, 25 1/2 @ 26c; fall lambs' wool, 25c; mohair, Oregon, 25c. Casaca Bark—Old and new, 3 1/2 @ 4c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.25 @ 7.75; good, \$6.75 @ 7.25; medium, \$6.50 @ 7.00; cubs, \$5.50 @ 6.50; medium, 4.75 @ 5.25; heifers, \$4.60 @ 5.10; \$2.50 @ 4.50; light, \$3.65 @ 4.25.

Sheep—Wethers, \$6.75 @ 7.25; ewes, \$4.25 @ 6.55; lambs, \$7.65 @ 8.55.

Local officials, however, have no encouragement as to exports of fruit for the coming season or for heavy sales of late export apples. The Fruit and Vegetable Producers and Distributors' joint committee, a London organization, is now engaged in a gigantic campaign to educate English people to use only home-grown vegetables and fruits. The local association has received from London a circular letter, issued by the organization, which says:

Change Is Smallest in Years.
Portland—Owing to the strains incident to the annual settlements, some expansion in the country's business mortality invariably occurs during January, yet the commercial change in commercial failures last month was the smallest noted in several years. As reported to R. G. Dun & Co., there were 2009 insolvencies, with an indebtedness of \$25,963,286, against 170 for \$19,605,274 in December, 2848 for \$49,640,575 a year ago, 1857 for \$39,874,347 and 1814 in 1915, when the liabilities were \$22,972,769.

4000 Americans to Enlist.
Toronto—A full brigade of approximately 4000 Americans now living in Canada will be recruited for service with the Dominion forces on the firing line in Flanders, it was announced Sunday. General Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has authorized Major C. Seymour Bullock, who came from New York and joined the 97th battalion, American legion, to undertake a Dominion-wide campaign. To facilitate the speedy enlistment of the men General Hughes has directed special recruiting offices be opened.

He had just paid a dollar and a quarter for having the differential in 1913 car overhauled when another man drove in the garage and said:
"That's just the job I want done—go to it at the same price."
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"Sorry, but it can't be done. Why, it would take five dollars' worth of time just to get to your differential before starting to work on it."
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There are 297,888 Sunday schools in the world.
Cuba is seeking designs for a memorial of the battleship Maine.
New Zealand is to have its first roof garden, over a six-story department store now building.
Kings in the earliest days were merely "fathers of families" and the word is derived from the same source as "kin."
A plant has been discovered in Cuba bearing fruit like figs in which flies lay their eggs, to be hatched by the sun.

Annual production of honey and wax in the United States has gradually mounted until it now totals in value more than \$6,000,000.
Millions of bad eggs are seized every year in London, and the way they are destroyed is to tip them out of their cases and run a steam roller over them.
A revival in hemp growing is reported from Kentucky. This year's crop is estimated at 8,000,000 pounds, against 1,500,000 last year, and 6,500,000 in 1909. Wisconsin also increased its acreage.

Forty states of the union have taken some legal action toward safeguarding the sanitation of public school buildings, according to a recent bulletin issued by the federal bureau of education.
Dr. W. T. Grenfell, noted for his work among the Labrador fisherfolk, has accepted an invitation to take charge of a division of a hospital unit that has been sent to France by Harvard university.
A dynamometer mounted on an ordinary dray is used by the United States department of agriculture to register the tractive force required to draw various weights over different kinds of roadways.

For wire cuts use Hanford's Balsam.
Adv.

To Safety.
A wedding company on their way to church had to cross a river in a skiff, when, as luck would have it, the bridegroom fell into the water.
Wringing her hands, the bride cried out that somebody would save her beloved.
"What for?" asked one of the company. "He's a good swimmer."
"That's just it!" cried the bride. "Don't you see that he is swimming the other bank?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Solid Grub.
"Mrs. Van Wombat's buffet lunch made a great hit with the men present."
"Something new?"
"At a woman's lunch, yes. In addition to the fruit salads and macaroni, she provided a few ham sandwiches."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

This Didn't Really Happen.
"I won't wear my new dresses at Atlantic City after all."
"And after all the money you spent?"
"Yes; but you see they're packed so nicely that I hate to take them out of the trunk."
—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Speaking Of Cars.
"Some are so intensely modern that they prefer a Corot to a Rembrandt."
"If it's a better hill climber I don't blame 'em. Me for the French car every time."
—Pack.

Chopping Him Off.
"I don't want to interfere with your business, but—" began the village bore.
"All right," interrupted Cyrus K. Snapper, "Go ahead and interfere with it!"—Judge.

All For Nothing.
"Mother was rather angry with you last night."
"Why, I didn't kiss you!"
"Just so. And she waited all the evening at the keyhole for nothing."
—Philadelphia Record.

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