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Secretary Root's Trip

Secretary Root's South American trip is doing much to advance the regard in which the United States is held by the people of the southern republics in this hemisphere. He has made it clear to them that this is a gentleman among nations, as one of our exchanges puts it. Sentiments such as those expressed in his address at the Pan-American congress are good to think on here at home and must be most refreshing to the men of South America, who through most of their national lives have slept with their guns in their hands. Secretary Root said:

"We wish for no victories except those of peace. We wish for no territory except our own and no sovereignty except over ourselves. We deem the independence and rights of the smallest and weakest members of the family of nations entitled to as much respect as those of the greatest empire, and we deem the observance of that respect to be the chief guarantee for the weak against the oppression of the strong. We neither claim nor desire any rights or privileges or power that we do not freely concede to every American republic. We wish to increase our prosperity and to grow in wealth and wisdom of spirit, but our conception of the true way to accomplish this is not to pull down others and profit by their ruin, but to help all friends to a common prosperity and growth that we may all become greater and stronger together."

Russian Sensation

Russian newspapers are only printed semi-occasionally, owing to the press censorship and generally disturbed condition of that country, but when they do manage to run the gauntlet and make their appearance they usually have a sensation to spring on the world at large. As an example of this characteristic the Norov Vremya, a semi-official newspaper, the other day announced to the world a wonderful discovery which laid bare the real motive of the international American conference now in session at Rio Janeiro.

This Russian newspaper pretends to see in this gathering a scheme of the United States to establish a hegemony in America. The paper raises the cry of "the American peril," and says that "the time is not far distant when the Slav, German and Latin races of Europe will be compelled to unite for self-protection against the combination of Greater America, Greater Britain and Greater Japan."

Then the riots broke forth afire and the editorial and mechanical force adjourned to the bomb proof cellar.

Those who are sweltering under the heat in New York, Boston and Washington, where it ranges from 93 to 101, might well wish to be on this coast, where the hot season, which was never severe, is practically over. This mild temperature serves to keep here many who have experienced the torrid heat of the South and East.

Eugene will come rapidly to the front as the recognized second town in size and importance in Oregon with the building of the electric city and suburban railroad. The company has filed a \$5000 bond to insure the carrying out on their part of the provisions of the franchise, as

stated in yesterday's Guard, and will no doubt begin the work of construction this fall as soon as their water works and gas plant are completed. We should have street cars in the city by January 1st, and connection with Springfield within a year. Then it will be in order to "Watch Eugene grow."

That forensic scrap during the fall between Speaker Joe Cannon and President Sam Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, promises to enliven an otherwise uninteresting campaign.

Hon. Henry Blackman, commissioner to the Jamestown exposition, says that Oregon is booming—and he has traveled over the state and ought to know.

Senator Fulton is now doing the hardest work of his position—that of deciding who shall have the federal offices in Oregon.

Mrs. Reginald De Koven.
Mrs. Reginald De Koven, who has impressed the veracity of the late Colonel Augustus C. Buell, author of "The Life of Paul Jones," is the daughter of ex-United States Senator



Charles B. Farwell of Illinois. She was born in Chicago in 1890 and is a graduate of Lake Forest university. She married Reginald De Koven, the operatic composer, in 1884. Mrs. De Koven is well known as an author, one of her best known works being "By the Waters of Babylon," which she wrote in 1901 and dramatized three years later.

THE COUNTRY BOY'S LAMENT

Can't go in the parlor now
Since boarders came.
Maw gets queer ideas somehow
When boarders come.
Must have my face washed each day
(Gosh, I wish they'd stay away)
Dassent have a word to say
When boarders come.

Got to wear a tie that's knit
When boarders come.
Maw says, "Keep spruced up a bit."
When boarders come.
Paw an' maw an' sis an' I
Must eat what's left over—why,
I ain't had a piece of pie
Since kingdom come!

Dassent go barefoot no more
Since boarders came.
Left off the patched jeans I wore
Since boarders came.
Got to lend 'em all my things.
'Trawp an' red an' ribbin' strings;
Got to show 'em all the springs;
When boarders come.

When maw gets vacation crops
Of boarder folk.
Then my vacation stops.
An' I jest coax
Her for to let me go an' stay
In the city far away.
Where it's quiet, cool an' they
Don't talk no boarders.
—F. P. Pitzer in New York Herald.

Ambition.



"Traveler wanted for mineral water firm. Steady rise."—Scraps.

The man who is expecting a panic on every train is an unwholesome person for healthy minded people to associate with.

Perhaps fewer men would prostitute their talents to the uses of the soap manufacturer if art paid as well as advertising.

Warships Should Be Limited by International Agreement

By Captain A. T. MAHAN, U. S. N., Retired



HOW long is the present race OF SIZE in shipbuilding, with steadily increasing cost, to be maintained? In all nations the responsible authorities soon will have to recognize that naval development has become a mere matter of international competition, to which no logical—and, what is more important, NO PRACTICAL—end is in sight.

This cannot endure indefinitely; sooner rather than later the representatives of the people will intervene, and, as usual under such circumstances, will do something MORE RADICAL THAN BENEFICIAL unless anticipated by well weighed professional suggestions.

Eliminate the question of size, and other qualities will fall rapidly into their true RELATIVE proportions. How shall this be done? I see no way save by INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, as, for instance, an accepted limitation that no naval vessel should be built exceeding a certain displacement. With that sole restriction, leave the question of classes, speeds, armaments, numbers, to the determination of each state. Undoubtedly such limitation would affect countries differently. One with relatively shoal waters would be advantaged by a size not transcending the channels of her ports, but those enjoying greater depths might protect themselves in the negotiations without sacrificing the principle of SOME limitation. In the present race, also, wealthy nations have an advantage over poorer; but, as all suffer, that one's neighbor suffers more is scarcely reason for refusal. Money spent on naval shipbuilding is spent, doubtless, within the country, but, while the benefit obtains to a class, THE COMMUNITY BEARS THE BURDEN.

It is said the suggested limitation would be artificial. Doubtless, but all conventions simply are artificial methods of solving difficulties which, in the nature of things, cannot otherwise be overcome; the remedies of the physician are artificial means for combatting a disorder of nature, and the nature of things naval has constituted now a set of conditions in the obviating of which all nations are interested, though not all equally.

The original motive of the first Hague conference was the limitation of armaments. As far as known to me, no well reasoned plan for attaining this end was then submitted, and the question of arbitration took precedence of all others. It remains to be seen whether anything more definite in the way of ARREST OF EXPENDITURE will come before the next conference.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT NATIONS WILL CONSENT TO RESTRICT THE AGGREGATE STRENGTH OF THEIR NAVIES BY ANY OTHER METHOD THAN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR OWN DISCRETION, BUT IT MIGHT BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE RACE FOR GREAT SIZE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIGHER SPEED WITHOUT THE SACRIFICE OF OTHER QUALITIES HAS NO GOAL ATTAINABLE.

New Royalty In Wealth

By Rev. JUDSON TITWORTH of Milwaukee

IF the possession of the most money is to denote the best man in America—and it looks very much as if it were—then a disregard of ethical distinction is likely to become characteristic of the popular mind, for the suspicion is rapidly gathering in the average mind that ALL WEALTH IS TAINTED.

The greatest questions which society has to handle today lie in great accumulations of wealth. WEALTH HAS BECOME A NEW ROYALTY. The throned potentate may nowadays have less power than the multimillionaire whose father may have been a laborer. The aristocracy of wealth is doing away with social distinction.

But the real danger lies in the BLUNTING OF ETHICAL DISTINCTION. Great power often destroys men's perceptions of right and wrong and great power coming suddenly, as wealth frequently comes, is almost certain to do so.

OUR NEXT GREAT ETHICAL TRIUMPH, I BELIEVE, IS LIKELY TO BE THE ASSERTION OF THE RIGHTS OF COMMON MAN AGAINST HIM WHOSE WEALTH ENABLES HIM TO VIOLATE THESE RIGHTS.

The line of success in life is not the line which divides the "successful" from the "unsuccessful" man, if we define success as wealth. The distinction is between making a living and LIVING A LIFE WORTH LIVING.

A Poem for Today

HOME, SWEET HOME

By John Howard Payne



JOHN HOWARD PAYNE, author and actor, was born in New York city June 9, 1792, and died in Tunis, north Africa, in April, 1852. He made his first stage appearance in New York at the age of sixteen and met with great favor. He played also in England and France and retired from the stage in 1832. From 1832 to 1836 and in 1841-42 Payne was United States consul at Tunis. He was the author, translator or adapter of more than sixty plays. His most popular song, "Home, Sweet Home," occurs in his opera "Clari; or, The Maid of Milan."

MID pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home!
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.

Home, sweet home!
There's no place like home!

An exile from home splendor dazzles in vain—
Oh, give me my lowly thatched cottage again!
The birds singing sweetly that came at my call—
Give me them, with the peace of mind dearer than all.

Home, sweet home!
There's no place like home!

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