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CHANGING TRADE CURRENTS

There was a time when the volume of American imports was pretty small, and goods obtained from Europe close to 100 per cent of the whole amount. Today the situation is quite different. European imports for the last year have been only 42.5 per cent of the whole bill of goods bought by Uncle Sam outside his own domain. That 42.5 per cent represented an amount of goods greater than any ever before purchased in Europe, and of money paid for them, but the goods purchased by us in Asia, Africa, South America, and elsewhere count up higher still. Because we had no powerful immediate neighbors and our own problems demanded solution without too much consideration of these at other lands, the American people in the past have given little thought to the swingings of world trade and world power. For nearly a decade now the countries of Europe that used to assume they ruled the world have found these topics of absorbing interest. While the more than a billion dollars worth of goods sold to us as that 42.5 per cent is not to be despised, the fact that more than half our purchases are now made elsewhere than on the European continent is keeping the trade experts awake. The situation suggests somewhat the fable of two dogs fighting over a bone. While they skirmished, a third dog walked off with the prize. It is evident that if European nations wish to continue to sell goods to Uncle Sam they will have to stop their fuming and bickering and get on the job.

THE SODA'S VICTORY

For 30 years England regarded the American habit of chewing gum with an amusement which was not always tolerant. At last the land succumbed, and the consumption of flavored chicle is steadily gaining there. Now another American favorite, ice cream soda, has invaded the United Kingdom, and has won popularity without so prolonged a struggle. An American restaurant company, organized on the familiar Childs basis, has just opened a white marble palace which will accommodate 3000 soda sippers at a time, while several hundred other emporiums, with the accepted marble counters and arcades, have been opened under the same management in greater London. The stuffy little tea rooms which, a century ago, put England's historic coffee houses out of business, are further ousted by marble fixtures and shining metal. It is a notable victory for the American idea. In the days of Harriet Martineau and Mrs. Trollope, English visitors to our shores were most impressed by the chewing of tobacco, as their travel narratives reveal only too plainly. More recently our British cousins have written much of the soda fountain as a major factor in our social life, and this, at least, seems to have found favor in their light. Who knows but the characteristic tile floor may be the foundation of a new, and better, international understanding?

THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT

For more than a year a group of American scientists has been engaged in preparations for observation of the solar eclipse which is scheduled for next September. The eclipse will be visible in Central Mexico and in a few other localities. Scientists from all over the world will go to those places to watch it. The American group has made

careful arrangements for taking a picture of the eclipse. The largest photographic instruments ever made for solar observation are now nearly completed and will be placed in due time in position on top of a high mountain in Mexico. Impressions will be made on the finest plate glass. There are two cameras to be operated simultaneously. The purpose of all this careful preparation is to try to determine whether there is motion within the corona during an eclipse of the sun. And the more than 12 months of preparation have been necessary to enable these experts to be fully ready to take their pictures within the 189 seconds' duration of the eclipse.

This experiment entails a great expenditure of labor, time and money. Yet its successful consummation will not prevent future wars or improve the nation's educational system. Is it then all foolishness? Far from it. It is by this constant seeking after new knowledge that man has advanced so far along the road of human progress.

If, as Senator McNary is the latest to suggest, the wheat growers of the nation deserve a bonus, it should be paid to them; but it is to be earnestly hoped that congress will not pass a law guaranteeing a high price for wheat. The wheat market is depressed now because of over-production, and guaranteeing a profitable price would merely make over-production worse. The surplus that would be thus created would tend constantly to hold down the price of wheat in the open market, and the result would be an increasing demand upon the government to maintain the guarantee. Deliberately inviting over-production of any crop is bound to bring serious trouble sooner or later.

A convict who escaped from the Salem penitentiary the other day returned voluntarily after a few hours. Observation doubtless convinced him that the convict's life is better off than the poor devil of a taxpayer who pays the convict's 'keep.'

The president of the national association of clothiers says the Sunday suit has become a thing of the past. Shucks! Hasn't he noticed the pretty pants the men wear every Sunday on the links?

Senator Johnson's advice after seeing Europe is to "stay out." Most returning tourists feel that way about it.

The value of the German mark is reported to be still falling. How much below zero is it now?

Earlier Days in Eugene

(From the Eugene Morning Register, July 27, 1904.)
The Portland Southern Electric Railway company filed articles of incorporation with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The purpose of the company is to construct an electric road from Portland to Eugene and branch roads therefrom to summits of the Cascades and the Coast ranges. To produce and sell electric power and operate telegraph and telephone lines are also included in the objectives of the new corporation.

Reports come from the Belknap Springs resort that no less than 50 pleasure seekers are camped about the grounds or partaking of the caravansary's entertainment. A party of hunters trekked out and brought back a deer and a bear as trophies.

The sixth anniversary banquet of Company C, Separate battalion, was held last evening. Following a social session at the armory, the boys repaired to Otto's place, where they partook of ice cream, sherbet, lemonade and accessories.

Eugene, 9: Springfield, 9. That was a good game of amateur basketball at Recreation park Sunday afternoon. The local high school boys demonstrated that in generalship they have the finer points of the game right at their finger ends when they beat our team and stand there to be a return game.

A specific charge, that of assault with intent to kill, has at last been entered against Mr. James Kimman of Mabel, who recently peppered the anatomy of W. W. Korn with small shot. It was preferred by Justice Adams of that place. Bond has been set at \$1500. Korn is recovering.

VANCOUVER OPENS ARMS TO HARDING

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ornaments as well as by the people themselves. Premier's Message Bids Welcome
Premier Mackenzie King, unable to come to Vancouver, sent his minister of public works, Dr. J. H. King, here to welcome the American chief Executive and also a message of greeting in which he said:

"It is with sentiments of the profoundest gratification and pleasure that I, on behalf of the government of the people of Canada, extend to you, on the occasion of your visit to the dominion of Canada, a very warm welcome and most cordial greetings."
"For more than a century, the peoples of the great neighboring republic of the United States and of Canada enjoyed a period of undisturbed harmony and concord, unique and unprecedented in the history of nations."
"Your visit, marking as it does, the first with which our country has been honored by a president of the United States during his term of office, comes with particular appropriateness at this time as affording us an opportunity of demonstrating to the American people through their illustrious president, our desire that these happy relations shall continue."

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City in Gala Attire
The city of Vancouver was profusely decorated with British, Canadian and American flags in honor of the visit of the presidential party and the military display, consisting of British naval and army units, two companies of Canadian royal mounted police and other units, was greater than has greeted the President anywhere on his present trip. The downtown section of Vancouver was jammed from curb to building line during the passing of the parade which inaugurated the President's visit and even out in the residential section, people lined the streets four and five deep. Mr. Harding in addition to participating in the parade, making two addresses and attending the state dinner and an after reception, got in eighteen holes of golf, the first time he had played in a month. He was a member of a foursome at the Shaughnessy country club, consisting of Minister King, Frank Rogers, western manager of the Canadian Pacific railroad, and Chief Justice MacDonald of British Columbia.

WILSON WARNS OF DANGER TO NATION

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whom they used as mere instruments of profit, whose physical and mental powers it was legitimate to exploit? Ought we not to seek a way to remove such offenses and make life itself clean for those who will share honorably and cleanly in it?

World Safe for Democracy

"The world has been made safe for democracy. There need now be no fear that any such mad design as that entertained by the ignorant and ignorant Hohenzollerns and their counsellors may prevail against it. But democracy has not yet made the world safe against irrational people. That supreme task which nothing less than the salvation of civilization, now faces democracy, is, in my opinion, imperative. There is no escaping it, unless everything we have built up is presently to fall in ruin about us and the United States, as the greatest of democracies, must undertake that."

"The road that leads away from revolution is clearly marked, for it is defined by the nature of men and of organized society. It, therefore, behooves us to study very carefully and very candidly the exact nature of the task and the means of its accomplishment. The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. Here is the final challenge to our churches, to our political organizations and to our capitalists—to everyone who fears God or loves his country."

BANDITS KILL RANCHER

R. E. NEWMAN, HELD FOR RANSOM BY MEXICANS, SLAIN

EL PASO, Texas, July 26.—R. E. Newman, rancher of the San Andres mountain section, near Tulaca, N. M., has been killed by bandits south of the international line at Columbus, N. M., according to a report received here today.

The report is being investigated by the American consul in Juarez. Mr. Newman was being held for ransom and was killed by the Mexican gang because the money was not forthcoming, the report said. About ten days ago, J. A. Gilliland, who ranches with Mr. Newman in the Tulaca section, received a message that his partner, who had gone to the section south of Columbus with some cattle, had been captured by bandits and was being held for ransom. Mr. Gilliland left at once for the scene of the capture.

He returned with a report of bandit activity near the New Mexican line since Oregon became president of Mexico.

MAN HELD 20 YEARS FREE

INNOCENT OF MURDER OF HIS FAMILY, SAY OFFICIALS

THOMASTON, Me., July 25.—Henry Lambert is a free man after 20 years confinement for a crime which the governor and his council now are convinced he did not commit. Lambert was convicted of the murder of J. Wesley Allen, his wife and 15-year-old daughter, Alice, in 1901. Evidence of foul play found among the ruins of Allen's burned farmhouse led to the conviction of Lambert after a sensational trial. He was freed yesterday and given an official document expressing belief in his innocence.

Fliers Bear Message to Harding
SEATTLE, July 26.—Lieut. C. C. Mosley and Edward H. Morrison of the Army Aerial Reserve arrived here today by air from Santa Monica, Cal., bearing a message inviting President Harding to visit Clover Field at Santa Monica, which they expect to deliver to the president tomorrow.

MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

One Mother Says:
Children whose appetites lag in hot weather should be allowed to eat as many meals as possible outdoors, either on the porch or in the yard. I bought a tray for each of us, and these each one fills up from the kitchen table and carries out to the garden swing. This makes the "picnic" no bother for us, as we all clear up our own things.



At City Auto Camp



Tourists now fill grounds
Veteran tent still good
"Canada to Mexico" trip on
Jazz orchestra hits camp

Broad smiles wreathed the face of Park Superintendent H. B. Barker, for the hundred mark has been reached at last. Night before last 103 cars were parked at the cool camp, and "Tex" says "everyone was happy and satisfied. But 100 campers a night just about fill up the camp, and every facility at the grounds is needed for travelers coming in." Hence he requests that townspeople refrain from using the shower baths after five o'clock in the evening. The park swimming hole is one of the most popular bathing places in town, and is always open to everyone, but dusty travelers should have first chance at the hot water, of course. A charge of 50 cents, which is the same as the tourists pay, may be collected from those not registered, if they continue to use the baths. It is announced.

E. S. Fisher and wife and O. H. Tatch, of Alliance, Ohio, are very proud of their old camping tent, which they say is now on its fourth season. It has turned a dark gray, but so far has never sprung a leak, they claim. The party has traveled nearly 4000 miles already this year, but have suffered no bad luck. A few storms have been encountered, and they arrived in a little South Dakota town just after a cyclone had wrecked the town. But over storm-swept roads, steep hills and long pulls, their Auburn has performed perfectly. Mr. Fisher is the Auburn dealer in his home city, and is making this trip in a "beauty six" to test it out. They are now southbound, and will return via the Texas route.

When Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sears left Camano, Alaska, Canada, they inscribed on their car, "Canada to Mexico." They have been averaging 250 miles a day so far, and are two whole days ahead of their schedule. "Things look so nice around here that I think we'll spend one of these days looking over your scenery," said Mr. Sears. They have had no trouble on the road, and since they pilot a popular brand of motor, expect none. Tia Juana, in Mexico, is their objective, although both declare that they will not "play the ponies" nor do any of the other things that Americans are supposed to do in that city.

Clinton, Oklahoma, is quite a peanut shipping center, says S. M. Rich, who has driven out from there with his family. Considerable cotton is also grown, and the fact that since the war the cotton farmers have made little money, he states. But Mr. Rich, although confessing his name is a misnomer, has a large garage, and reports that the automobile business this year has been exceedingly good. "I've learned more about automobiles since I've been on the road than I learned in the six years I spent as a mechanic," he says. And this trip has provided him with more enjoyment than he ever had before in his whole life, he adds. The party plans on going to Portland, from there to Astoria, and after crossing the "Pacific ocean, start back home."

Hollywood seems to be the starting point for "gypsy orchestras," says a large garage owner, and reports that the automobile business this year has been exceedingly good. "I've learned more about automobiles since I've been on the road than I learned in the six years I spent as a mechanic," he says. And this trip has provided him with more enjoyment than he ever had before in his whole life, he adds. The party plans on going to Portland, from there to Astoria, and after crossing the "Pacific ocean, start back home."

Chicago two weeks ago was just starting to be sultry all night long. Chicago J. Ross, who is well known as a "gypsy orchestra" leader, has decided to go on to Los Angeles, and if it is all that has been reported, they may winter there. "For the East is just as cold in winter as it is hot in the summer," they say.

T. B. Vickerman and daughters, Alma, 17, and Marie, 16, are driving around the country from Tracy, Minn., to Los Angeles, Cal. They claim that they came out of Vancouver, B. C., from their home, and now intend to circle the United States. With their locks shorn for comfort, and equipped in really good-looking suits of knickerbockers, his daughters have now become regular "alligators" at touring, says Mr. Vickerman, as he sat in a patent easy folding chair while the girls prepared supper. They are traveling to see the country and so today and tomorrow they will tour around Lane county, up the McKenzie, and perhaps up other scenic roads as well.

Three tourist parties have joined into one merry group, and unless they stray from each other on the road, intend to travel together to their homes at Bozeman, Cal. "It's a new fad," says H. Orton. "We call it 'auto-partying' and like a house party, everybody just has a good time." Different forms of diversion are provided for every night, and since Mr. Orton's daughter is an excellent pianist, even dancing is enjoyed. Those in the group are H. Orton and wife and daughters, Mary and Theresa; J. C. Wilcox and wife, and Henry Brat in.

Others from out of the state last night who enjoyed the camp comforts were A. C. Curtis and family, of Bozeman, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Almira, who are touring from Casper, Wyoming, to Los Angeles; R. W. Denton and wife, of Omaha, Nebraska; M. W. Winton and family, of Boise, Idaho; and John Ranier, of Spokane, Washington.



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START ON ELIMINATION OF 12-HOUR DAY SECRET

U. S. STEEL OFFICIALS MEET BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Bethlehem Corporation Also Announces Progress in Planning For Shorter Work Period

NEW YORK, July 26.—Heads of manufacturing subsidiaries of the United States Steel corporation and Chairman Elbert H. Gary made a start in their plans to eliminate the 12-hour day in the industry at a conference behind closed doors today. At the same time, Eugene G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, announced his company was making progress in formulating plans for the discontinuance of the much criticized 12-hour shift, and expected within a very short time to begin the actual rearrangement of the working forces.

Chairman Gary declined to make any statements other than that the conferences would be continued, when the meeting with the United States Steel officials adjourned late in the day. It was thought likely that the matter would be considered tomorrow at a meeting of the directors of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

The chief problem involved, according to officials of the United States Steel corporation and of the independent companies, is that of obtaining the additional workers required in maintaining three shifts of eight hours instead of two of 12 hours, as at present. With steel mills running at about 80 per cent capacity, the labor problem is a formidable one.

FLOOD LOSS NOT GREAT

RIVERTON, WYOMING, WAS NOT FLOODED, IS REPORT

CASPER, Wyo., July 25.—The town of Riverton, Wyo., reported inundated by flood waters of the Wind river has not suffered heavy loss from flood, it was learned today, when telephone communication with that place was restored.

A telephoned report to the Wyoming State Tribune here from Riverton stated that although the Wind river is swollen, the water has not encroached upon the town and no great damage has resulted. Telegraph service to Riverton was restored late this afternoon.

Finley McFee Dies
EVERETT, Wash., July 26.—Finley McFee of Hamilton, wounded by highwaymen on the Pacific

OCCUPATION HITS SWISS

TOURIST TRAFFIC SUFFERS FROM FRENCH INVASION

(Correspondence of The Associated Press)
BASEL, Switzerland, June 17.—Swiss tourist traffic has been hard hit by the French occupation along the Rhine, and the consequent up- setting of through travel from Scandinavia, Holland, Poland and France which formerly drained through the Rhine valley. Trains still run, but they are slow and irregular as compared with the service which formerly connected Ostend, Paris, Brussels, Rotterdam and Copenhagen with the German watering-places along the Rhine and in Switzerland. The public was accustomed to the old route and is slow to start by the French occupation, but cannot offer the old-time de luxe service.

John Bull Misses Again
Several Americans and an Englishman were touring the Pacific coast in an automobile. The Americans were much amused at a roadside sign which read:

"Three miles to San Francisco. If you can't read, ask the blacksmith."

When nearing San Francisco, the Englishman burst out laughing, saying that he had just caught the joke. When the Americans asked what it was, he said:

"Suppose the blacksmith wasn't at home?"—The Open Road.

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