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Free Trade Is No Short Cut to Peace

Mr. Bolee, in his "Newer Ideals of Peace," does not rely upon the money cost of armies and navies to cause their dispersal, though he shows that the nations are fatuously spending \$3,000,000,000 a year in order to protect an international trade that yields a profit of only \$2,400,000,000. A merchant who should spend on watchmen more than his annual profits would be put in a sanatorium. Unfortunately there is no power to place peoples under similar restraint when they do the same thing. But as international trade grows and credit expands, as the commitments of financiers in different lands multiply, and as industrial connections ramify across the oceans, the resulting panic when war disturbs one nation will be so disastrous to all nations that financiers, who control statements, will forbid the declaration of war. Such is Mr. Bolee's forecast.

So many similar hopes have been belied that our confidence is shaken. De Bloch predicted that the perfection of war's weapons would make war impossible; but the Japanese have shown how night attacks and scientific audacity, united with indifference to death, can conquer armies and capture fortresses despite arms of precision. Commerce, it was promised, would supersede war; but nations now go to war most often to extend their commerce. The military budgets, it was hoped, would prove unbearably heavy and force the gasping peoples to halt the dove of peace; but wealth has grown as fast as the budgets, and "the past ten years have witnessed a world saturnalia of success." Germany, one of the most burdened, has answered the drum call of the emperor by returning to the reichstag a thumping majority to support his military, naval and colonial policy. Therefore we are not sure that, should America adopt free trade and develop that vast European market which Mr. Bolee would have her enter, the short cut to universal peace will have been discovered.—The Independent.

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To Guard Against Fire Damp.
Consul J. I. Brittain of Kehl quotes from a recent issue of a Strassburg paper the account of a discovery by Professor Grihant which should become valuable in mining:

It is said by the use of the apparatus of Professor Grihant that the presence of fire damp in the air of a mine may be determined even when the gas is present in the atmosphere in so small a proportion as 1-200 or 1 per cent. The article says the invention is simple in construction and easy to understand. It consists of a column of metal, supporting above the little inverted cup at the top and with an electric current. Between the rod below is placed a graduated tube, bell shaped, into which is introduced the gas for analysis. Experimenting with his invention before spectators Professor Grihant demonstrated by a simple calculation that the explosive mixture used in his test contained 5 volumes of fire damp for 15 volumes of oxygen, and 30 volumes of air, which has been introduced to moderate the effects of a too violent explosion. The gas serving for this analysis was 10 per cent. Professor Grihant experimented a second time with gas at 4 per cent, and, although reaching his conclusions by a slightly different method, arrived at equally convincing and exactly similar results as at first.

By the invention it will thus be easy to determine the presence in the air of a mine the existence of fire damp in small quantities before it becomes dangerous.

Just Because

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Control of Mexican Railroads.

Consul General A. L. M. Gottschalk, of Mexico City, writes that the Mexican government is now practically in a position where it controls the transportation situation of the country from a political and strategic as well as economical point of view. The government has succeeded in merging into one corporation the Mexican Central railway and the National lines, which embrace a number of roads, having a combined mileage of 19,000 miles. The consul general writes:

It is contemplated to form a Mexican company, of which the majority of the stock will remain in the hands of the Mexican government. It will be controlled by a board of 21 directors, which will have a general board of 12 members residing in Mexico and a local board of nine members which will make its headquarters in New York. It is expected that by the reduction of the general charges and expenses, and the doing away with all harmful competition, the new company may provide the country with an economical schedule of freight rates. The company, I am told, will make a limited issue of prior lien bonds at 4 1/2 per cent and the general mortgage bonds of 4 per cent, the principal and interest of the latter being guaranteed by the Mexican government. In addition to the bond issues the company will issue first and second preferred and common stock. It is proposed to leave an ample reserve in cash and securities for future improvement, development and extension of the lines of the company and for the acquisition of additional rolling stock and motive power.

Doing Business Again.

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The Capital Journal sustains the effort of the State Grange in its labors to secure the referendum on the official pass bill, and the bill appropriating \$100,000 for armories. It also supports the effort of the Linn county Grange to secure the referendum on the State University bill that fixes the tax for that institution at \$125,000 per annum. We also advocate the initiative being taken on the state printer to put that official on a flat salary, and several other important initiatives that are in preparation.

As a free and independent newspaper, The Capital Journal scorns the idea that the referendum and initiative are only to be resorted to when it suits the pleasure of Mr. U'Ren, or any other supposed leader and molders of public opinion. By knuckling down to bossism of any kind the people are always exposed to the danger of mistakes of the individual, and sometimes the corruption of the so-called leaders of the people. We do not say that has ever been the case with anything that Mr. U'Ren has been connected with, but public officials and political leaders have sold out the people of Oregon so many times that it behooves them to get wise and trust others less to do things for them that affect their own pockets. Booted and spurred and over-ridden by self-styled bosses, the people have been looted and spurned until patience with such leadership has become almost a crime against the constitution itself.

This is not a political fight. It is a fight to put up the bars against extravagance and to check the greed of political combinations that go in to loot the taxpayers.

The editor of The Capital Journal is a Republican, but not of the free-booter variety. He believes in freedom of action, instead of slavery to machine. The Capital Journal fought the big combine and log-rolling appropriations, and will continue to fight them as extravagant grabs.

North Salem Talks.

Ed. Journal: With the rapid progress that Salem is trying to make, it would seem to parties interested that our city had reached such proportions that the city council should elect a permanent city engineer. Nearly a month has passed since the citizens of the fifth ward petitioned for a number of streets to be graded and graveled, and some paved with crushed rock, and up to the present time no grades have been established, and men are anxious to get to work, and only a lack upon the part of the authorities to furnish grades is holding the improvement back, and it seems where property owners are willing to improve they should be allowed to do so.

Street commissioner and the city engineer should be combined in one official, and all work be of a permanent character.

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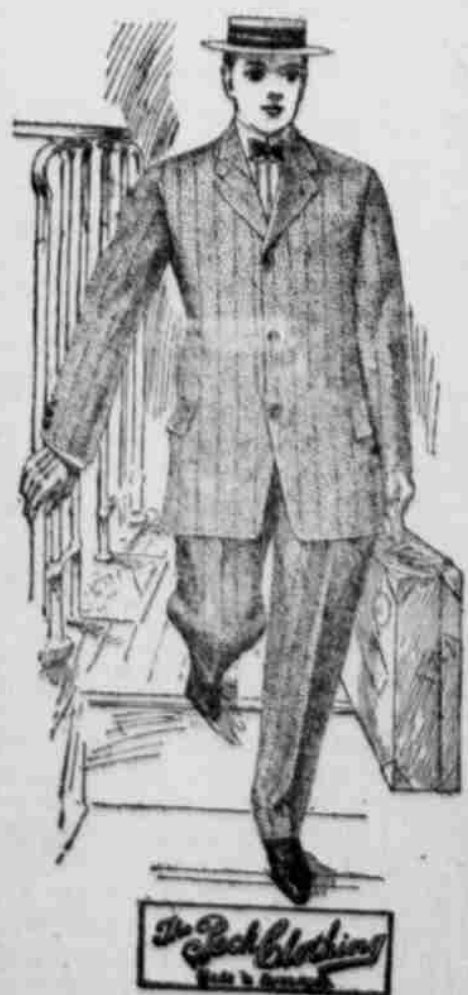
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