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SPLENDID "AD" FOR THE EXPO.

Whoever was responsible for the naming of some of the members of the advisory board of the Jamestown exposition certainly deserves unlimited credit for their foresight and shrewdness. When they were named nobody in the wildest flights of imagination even dreamed that they were born press agents; that in some members of the board they had persons who could make a star actress out of any ordinary woman, if they ever had a chance, but such has proved to be the case. That "manifesto" issued from Boston on Friday night and which was published in the Daily Press yesterday was just about as fine a bit of advertising as ever came down the war path. It certainly tells the American people that there is a to be the greatest and grandest military and naval show that the world has ever seen in Hampton Roads during the coming summer, for which we are all truly grateful.

The protest sent out by some of the members of the advisory board will do the exposition a great deal more good than it will harm. The great news gathering associations placed it on the wires as straight news, something the publicity bureau of the expo could not do. The story was read by millions and beyond a doubt it contained information that would not have reached millions in any other way and will cause a great many to come who would not have done so. The members of the advisory board who sent out the protest did not mean to boom the exposition, but they did just the same and everybody that is interested in the enterprise should be glad that some people are lacking in common sense.

The protest was signed by some eminently high persons of distinction, but just the same our humble opinion is that their theory that the military and naval display will work mischief can be summed up in one word—ROT.

DRUMMERS FOR CONSULS.

Senator Hemmenway, of Indiana, proposes to appoint commercial travelers as American consuls in foreign countries. The proposition sounds most commendable. During the past fifteen or twenty years a gradual change has been going on in the selection of persons for consular purposes. For about a century the idea prevailed that all that was needed in a consul was some one to occupy the place and occasionally to look after shipwrecked American sailors. With that idea of the little importance of the place it is not to be wondered at that broken down politicians were selected for the minor positions, and broken down literary men for the more important ones. It might be said, in passing, that as a rule, the appointees carried out the American idea of consular importance. In those days it was never dreamed that a consul should in any way assist in finding a market for American products, and he never did. A few years ago the necessity for a change became so apparent that a closer scrutiny was exercised in making selections for consular positions, but still our consular service has not been

raised to the high standard of efficiency it ought to possess. America has come to be the great producer of the world and foreign markets are a necessity to use up our surplus. Those markets must be obtained or there will come a season of financial depression such as the country has never witnessed. A great over-production without a market means the closing down of mills, reduction of wages, and throwing of millions of idle men upon the streets of our cities, as was witnessed in 1893 and 1894. A system of wide-awake, alert, enterprising consuls means continued prosperity. Commercial travelers are familiar with what Americans have to sell; they would be quick to see how changes should be made in manufacture, packing and shipping to meet the requirements of the people of those countries who want to buy. In short, they would be "drummers" for American goods, and American food products.

LOOKING FOR CROPS.

One of the important branches of the work of the Department of Agriculture is that of exploring foreign lands for new crops. At present this part of the service is not as large as the Department would like, but it is hoped Congress will make provision for an extension at this session. During the past year a trained man has been in the cultivated fields and wild mountains of North China and Manchuria, searching for new plants and seeds worthy to be transplanted to this country, and for wild forms of our cultivated fruits and vegetables which may have characters of hardness or unusual vigor which will make them useful for plant breeders of the United States. Shipments of seeds and of seeds representing hundreds of interesting things have been sent by him and are now undergoing trials at the gardens of the Department in Washington.

What is believed to be a discovery that will be an epoch in the agriculture of the northwestern prairie regions of this country, has been made by the Department's explorer, Prof. N. E. Hansen, of the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, of a Siberian alfalfa, an excellent forage plant with yellow instead of the usual blue flowers. This plant is a native of dry steppes of Siberia, where the mercury sometimes freezes without snow. It is said the plant can withstand a temperature of about forty degrees below zero, with no protection. Dr. Hansen is making a study of the plant with a view to its cultivation in this country, and has sent the Department quantities of the seed which will be given a thorough trial at an early date. It will supplement durum wheat in a rotative system and avoid the necessity of summer fallowing.

It will probably be news to most people that the Angora goat industry has developed remarkably during the last five years, it being estimated that there are in this country about one million Angoras, distributed in all the States and Territories. The largest flocks are in Texas, but the Northwest has also successful flocks, and no part of the country is unfitted for them. Their chief value is in their long, silky fleece, known as mohair, which is largely used in the making of plush, imitation astrakan and mohair dress goods, or brillian-tines.

The demand for a change in the date of inauguration of our Presidents from March 4, to April 30, appears to have been side-tracked. Last year this movement was backed by a number of States through their Governors and legislatures, but nothing has been heard of it for some time.

Carrie Nation in Washington the other night entered a dance hall and issued a diatribe against hugging in the waltz. Cheer up old girl. There is no danger; you are not built on the proper lines.

There ought to be some high old times during that big balloon race which is to be started from St. Louis.

By the way what has become of that wonderful jiu-jitsu, which was to completely change our whole system of physical culture?

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS

Some will say that Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Rockefeller together gave \$20,000,000 to the public in 1906, and others will say "gave it back."—Boston Globe.

With a Democratic primary under absolute fair play and a Republican primary under the same conditions, the people will win, no matter who loses.—Baltimore News.

We don't like to guess what Senator Foraker was thinking about when he pulled his Christmas wishbone.—Cleveland Leader.

One of the learned scientists says

that man is made of soap. Perhaps that is why he so often cleans out the treasury when he gets into office.—Kansas City Journal.

A speaker at a banquet in Berlin said that the future belonged to the United States and Germany. Evidently the statement was made carelessly and without consulting Japan.—Chicago News.

What a great comfort the navigable givers are as a future opportunity for improvement! They offer the only reasonable hope of permanent relief from freight congestion.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Senator Smoot is so much of an issue himself that he hardly gets a fair chance to inform himself on the other questions in Congress.—Washington Star.

A few more subways and tunnels, and some enterprising New Yorker will make money by starting a "seeing-the-sky" elevator.—New York American.

The Philippines commission reports that ladronism has been broken up in Cavite and Batangas, but the Pulajanos are still out in Samar. A generation or two hence the complete pacification of all Filipinos may be a fact.—Buffalo Express.

As this is not the season of the year when they can play ball and swear at the umpire and so forth, the baseball people are just contenting themselves with a little row over the schedule for next season.—Philadelphia Press.

The reports showing the rise in wages and the increased cost of living only go to prove that the great American public is bent upon attaining the Higher Life, however much it costs.—New York Tribune.

We must set our faces rigidly against the proposal to substitute alcohol for gasoline in automobiles. Hard enough to dodge them when they are sober.—New York Herald.

A cable dispatch referring to Mr. Bryce as a mountain climber says he first made the ascent of Mount Ararat. But Noah got there first by an easier route.—New York Globe.

Carrie Nation is at Washington, quite prepared to be a lobby all by herself.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

San Francisco may go even further, and decide to bar President Roosevelt's works from its public library.—Kansas City Star.

DR. OSLER FAVORS MILK

The Chlorform Theory Man Says That the Cow Product is a Great Thing for Man.

Comparing the human body and the steam engine in a lecture at the Workingmen's College, Professor Osler said one differentiating feature was that while the engine had only one furnace, and a large one, the human body consisted of myriads of little furnaces—that is, cells. Milk was the original food of man. It contained the four things that were necessary as food—fat, curd, sugar and salt—all dissolved in water. Dr. Weir Mitchell once showed him a robust-looking patient, and he remarked, "He looks as if he had been living on the fat of the land." "No," replied Dr. Mitchell, "on the fat of the cow." That patient had a five-year milk diet, except on Sundays, when his wife insisted on rice pudding. If vegetarians would eat their vegetables and say less about it, they would do well. Man vegetarians were not as robust mentally as physically.

Alcohol was quite unnecessary. If all the beer and spirits could be dumped into the Irish channel, the English channel and the North sea for a year, people in England would be indefinitely better off. "If," he continued, "on the second day you dumped all the tobacco into the sea it would be good for you and hard on the fish."—From the London News.

ONE OF RICHEST SENATORS.

George S. Nixon of Nevada Has Made a Big Strike.

Since the close of the last session of Congress George S. Nixon of Nevada has become one of the richest members of the Senate. He was one of the original boomers of the Tonopah district, having picked up there numerous prospects that developed into properties of vast value. His interests in three mines alone represents a cash valuation of \$20,000,000, and he has other properties that have not yet been developed, but which are said to be quite as promising as any of those that have made him a millionaire. Senator Nixon went to Nevada in 1881 from California as a railroad telegraph operator, and has lived in the State ever since. He had been a resident of Nevada only three years when he was elected president of the biggest bank at Reno. This gave him a start that he utilized to the best advantage. He made and lost several good-sized fortunes in the cattle business before coming to the Senate, and when he came here two years ago he was a comparatively poor man. He had been dabbling in mines 20 years before he finally struck it in the Tonopah district, and it is estimated that he sunk over \$2,000,000 in unprofitable ventures. It is believed that within the next two or three years he will rank among the biggest millionaires of the country.—Washington Herald.

TO HUNT TREASURES BURIED IN THE SEA

Company of English Capitalists Going to Search for Gold Off South African Coast.

The taste for treasure hunting is not dead. A month ago the South African Salvage Company (Limited) was registered at Somerset House, with a nominal capital of \$25,000. The company has been formed, "to search for, prospect and explore, recover and salvage, in South Africa and off the coasts thereof or in any other part of the world, wrecks, wreckage, vessels, lost, stranded derelict or otherwise, and the cargoes thereof."

The Alfred Nobel, a vessel formerly belonging to the Nobel Explosives Company, has been chartered by the company. After being fitted, an operation which will take about a month, the vessel will leave for South Africa under Captain C. A. P. G.

Some of the wrecks on which it is proposed to start salvage operations are as follows:

The troop ship Meresteln, lost in Saldhana Bay, off Jutten Island. Believed to carry \$100,000 in gold and \$20,000 in silver.

The Dorothea, lost off Zulu coast. Reputed to have had on board \$650,000 in gold, believed to have been stolen from the late Transvaal government and consigned to South America.

The Thermopylae wrecked in 1898. Value of remaining cargo said to be \$42,835, in copper, tin, silver ore, and silver bars.

The Wilhelm der Secunda. Reported to have been carrying treasure captured from three pirates from Batavia to Amsterdam.

The Cravenstein an armed Netherlands merchantman, wrecked in 1698.

The Middleburg, an old Dutch wreck, believed to have been loaded with crockery, bullion, tin, lead and silver.

Notifications of thirty-eight wrecks however, has been given to the government in Cape Town, and satisfactory assurances have been received from the assistant treasurer that with regard to the Thermopylae (upon which salvage operations will be commenced toward the end of January) and the Meresteln, "and similarly in regard to any other wrecks notified from time to time," the company's right to search and salvage shall be protected.

Capt. Gardiner's adventurous record is as follows: Served through the Egyptian campaign.

Was on the Changyuen at the time of the China-Japanese war as a lieutenant. Had left the ship in a torpedo boat but a few hours when Capt. Togo sank her from the Nanhai.

Fought through the Chilean revolution on the side of the revolutionaries. Was on board the Blanco Encalad when she was blown up by a torpedo from the Admiral Lynch, and escaped by swimming to the lighter Georgina Thompson. Afterward became lieutenant, on the Esmeralda.

Served through the Boer war with the Australian contingent. Wounded nine times.

The Charming Woman is not necessarily one of perfect form and features. Many a plain woman who could never serve as an artist's model, possesses those rare qualities that all the world admires; neatness, clear eyes, clean smooth skin and that sprightliness of step and action that accompany good health. A physically weak woman is never attractive, not even to herself. Electric Bitters restore weak women, give strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, beautiful complexion. Guaranteed at the Ideal Pharmacy 50c.

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