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THE BELGIAN PROTEST.

President Wilson's response to the delegation that came to him with the report of German atrocities in Belgium was peculiarly fitting. It made plain that he proposes under no such conditions to be moved from his proper equilibrium as the chief of a great neutral nation.

SIR LIONEL CARDEN.

Sir Lionel Carden, who was British ambassador in Mexico and was sent away to Brazil following persistent reports of opinions highly uncomplimentary to the United States, has again been quoted as saying very unwise things.

IRISH CONTRASTS.

The action of the house of commons in deciding that the home rule bill shall go on the statute books this week, although the law is to be suspended for a year, brought out one more in sharp contrast the temper of the nationalists and of the unionists.

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affair to the United States, and this, involving vast difficulty and perhaps impossibility, had greatly worried Sullivan. He was taken ill suddenly, and never really rallied.

Mr. Sullivan was one of the world's great authorities on amateur athletics. As a young man he held several American championships, as runner, boxer, and wrestler. He was always a militant fighter for clean, decent, and fair athletics.

Mr. Sullivan for many years had taken keen interest in the acquirement of playgrounds for the myriad of children in New York city, and to his effort is due the fact that many of the school and other recreation grounds were secured.

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The specter of Germany's commercial outcrochings in all quarters of the world has been impressed on the British mind much more than on the American. The Germans did not take trade away from their rivals, so much as they originated it.

The result of such an immense addition to the foodstuffs production of the country might be a continuation for another year of the disaster that now confronts the cotton section; only it would be the disaster to the producers of foodstuffs, and those of the South would suffer most.

The South is not a wheat country. It is an excellent corn country. It might conceivably increase its corn production a billion bushels; but if it did so, what would its corn be worth?

Such a condition would give a body blow to the Southern campaign for a more diversified agriculture. The South does need more production of foodstuffs; but it needs to get that increased production in natural, regular ways.

Aside from the fact that it would be a violation of the anti-trust law, the Atlanta plan, if it could be carried out in perfect order, would likely do both the South and the country more harm than good.

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Fosters Interest in Washington's Art Activities of Society

Organization of Painters and Sculptors Has Interesting History of Quarter-Century.

Included in the roster of the Society of Washington Artists is practically every artist of note in Washington.

This society's exhibition annually at the Corcoran Art Gallery brings to Washington many of the best recent works of American artists.

The Society of Washington Artists had its beginnings in the early days of the city's development.

At the present price, it wouldn't be entirely inappropriate to open a butcher shop on top of the Washington Monument.

THE OLDEST INKAB SEZ

"Time for some public spirited citizen's stuff" an' mount a beefsteak an' present it to th' Smithsonian.

The eight cylindered automobile is the latest. Probably use seven cylinders for the motor and the other cylinder to chase pedestrians up trees.

Administration would be playing safe by appointing an ambassador to Berlin who doesn't speak German, and one to Paris who speaks only English.

Blaise public soon becomes acclimated to wonderful inventions. Used to crane their necks at aeroplanes, now they won't even look twice at a crossing cop's white gloves.

MAIL BAG

Communications to the Mail Bag must be written on one side of the paper and must be signed with name and address of the sender.

Dear Sir: In your issue of the Times of August 27, 1914, you publish an article in regard to the treatment of the veterans in the Pension Bureau.

I am pleased to say that as commander of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R. I have had no complaint of the treatment of the old veterans in that office.

HERE'S A JOLT FOR OLD-TIME FARMER

Moon Does Not Affect the Weather, Declares Uncle Sam's Experts.

The old-fashioned farmer who evoked his planting by the moon's position in the sky, is being jolted by the Department of Agriculture.

"All weather changes depend on temperature differences," the bulletin says. "The temperature, as we know, constitutes of itself a most important weather factor."

EUROPEANS SEEK HORSES IN AMERICA

Exported—Number May Show Big Increase.

In the face of the well-defined rumor that certain representatives of England and France are in the United States endeavoring to buy horses and mules for the use of the armies in Europe, it is interesting to look into the export trade that the United States has conducted in horses.

For the month of June 1,200 horses went to foreign countries. The fiscal year saw exported 22,266 horses. In July 527 horses passed over the borders of the United States; the number of mules during this month was 122, and the number of mules during the fiscal year ended June 30 was 4,332.

The greatest shipment of horses, as shown by the statistical summary of the Bureau of Statistics, has been from North and South Dakota. In the year 1912 there was an unusually heavy exportation of horses from these two States into Canada.

The State Department may see fit to prevent any deals being put through on the ground that in reality though the export of stock growsers approach by men coming over here from Europe to buy up horses and mules.

Pythians to Pay Honor To Drill Team Victors

The Knights of Pythias of the District tonight will honor the members of Washington Command No. 1, K. P. who applied the leadership of the late Fred Belmont, won third prize in the Class A drill at the national convention, held at the National Congress Hotel, in August.

CONCERT TODAY

By the Fifth U. S. Cavalry Band, Washington Circle, 7:30 p. m.

March, "National Emblem" Ragly Overture, "Hungarian Comedy" Kola-Bela Medley, "Tonic's Hits, No. 5" Lampe Valtz, "Wedding of the Winds," Hall Caprice, "Revolving Stage" Latreudon

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MRS. MATHILDE M. LEISENRING.

Mr. Corcoran furnished rooms for their meetings in the Corcoran building. The Cosmos Club loaned its services for the most meritorious occasions, and galleries on Connecticut avenue were given for the society's use by Mrs. N. Y. Noble.

At first, owing to lack of funds, it was officers of the society of Washington artists was principally shown. But in recent years the scope has been extended to include the best work of artists in all parts of the United States.

Awards Own Medal. "Since the completion of the Corcoran Gallery," Mrs. Leisenring explained, "the board of managers has annually given the use of the exhibition for our exhibition. They also instituted money prizes several years ago for the best work in the exhibition."

"Last year, for the first time, the society awarded its own medal, the design for which was made by U. S. J. Dunbar, a sculptor, a member of the society. The medal will be awarded annually in gold, in silver, and in bronze."

For some years the society has been assisted in financing its exhibitions by the Washington Society of Fine Arts. Painters and sculptors shown in the exhibitions are usually for sale. A commission is charged by the society for work sold during the exhibition. A number of pictures were bought through the society's efforts.

A roster of members of the society would constitute a roster of Washington artists. N. Brooks is president, and the list includes E. C. Messers, E. H. Miller, and Lucien C. Smith. The society's officers are Henry Moser and Max Weyl, lost to the society two of its most valued members.

The work in connection with the annual exhibition is carried on by the society's executive committee, which chooses and arranges pictures to be hung. The jury of awards is composed of the society's members, and who do not exhibit."

Monthly meetings of the society are held at the studios or homes of its members. Music, frequently supplements the conduct of business.

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