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ENGLAND'S REASONS

THE question has been asked repeatedly, why did England permit herself to be led into war by the mere fact that Germany had invaded the neutral nation of Belgium when she stood quietly while the Kaiser's forces prepared for war on her sworn ally, France?

The attitude of England can be better understood in Europe than here, where the importance of Belgium as a "buffer" State between France and Germany and England and Germany can be appreciated to the full.

No such friendly relations exist between the neighboring nations of the continent as are enjoyed between the United States and Canada, with their thousands of miles of mutually undefended boundaries.

On the other hand, the importance to France, for instance, of having a "buffer" between herself and Germany is well illustrated from the fact that had Belgium not intervened the hostilities of the past week would have been all conducted on French soil at the expense of French money and French lives.

In this respect Belgium is quite as important to England as to France as affording a barrier between Germany and the English coast very valuable in time of war. It was the first Napoleon who said, with his finger on the map of Belgium: "Antwerp is a gun leveled at the heart of England."

By which he meant that with Germany or some other powerful nation in control of Antwerp and the country surrounding it, it would be a comparatively easy matter to plan and carry out a quick and effective invasion of Great Britain.

It is this fear at the heart of the English government that has driven England to take sides with Belgium. At all costs Belgium, from the English view, must not fall into the hands of Germany.

Besides, it has been long recognized in England that the War Lord and the English King must sooner or later cross swords, and what more propitious time for England than the present?

FUSION AS LAST HOPE
NOTHING is more significant of the fear which grips the hearts of the Democratic reorganization bosses than the strenuous efforts of a few of them to form an alliance with the ultra-Progressives at the expense of their associates.

There appears to be little doubt that McCormick is trying in every way possible to have Dean Lewis displaced on the Washington party ticket and himself substituted. It seems to be a case of "every fellow for himself and the devil take the hindmost."

Fusion talk has been rife for several weeks, and under cover of the war excitement the ambitious little men who are to be made over—if certain bosses are successful—for the benefit of these same bosses, have been busy as nappers.

But Dean Lewis has declared more than once that there is nothing in the fusion talk and A. Mitchell Palmer, one of the White House twines, is understood to differ with McCormick, the other twin, on the fusion proposition.

to the fusion talk. The differences of the alleged principles which separate the Democratic and Progressive parties are so wide that any combination on the same ticket would be as grotesque as a Jersey match. Colonel Roosevelt, as is occasionally suggested in these half-brain midsummer stories, may be willing to further disrupt the Republican party, but to a man up a tree the conditions now seem favorable to pacification rather than disorganization.

The Colonel is not itching for further division of the Republican strength. Certain of his followers may be willing to plunge into political oblivion, as that seems the only place open to them, but the ex-President is not seeking that sort of a finish if he can help it.

But, assuming that Dean Lewis steps aside and permits McCormick to become the candidate of both parties for Governor, and that Lewis then takes second place on the mule ticket, with such other transfers as may be forced by the bosses of the two parties, the outcome would be the same.

Thousands and thousands of the voters of Pennsylvania have made up their minds to vote the Republican ticket and no fusion scheme will prevent the overwhelming Republican triumph that is as certain as the coming of election day.

As usual, the Harrisburg soldiers at Mt. Gretna, as in previous encampments, are maintaining the high standing of the citizen soldiery of this city. It is creditable to the young men of to-day that they are keeping step with those who are marching and marching with them in spirit on the famous field.

AMERICAN SHIPPING
FROM all sides and without regard to previous political opinion the demand is becoming insistent that our commerce shall be free. Speaker Champ Clark says:

The expectation even before the war broke out was that 100,000,000 bushels of the wheat crop would be shipped to Europe. The war will increase the exportation of wheat provided there is shipping enough to carry it.

Big corn and cotton crops are in sight. A failure to provide or secure sufficient shipping facilities to move these crops of the three great American staples will paralyze the agricultural activities and incidentally all other activities.

Speaker Clark, out of a long experience in Congress, realizes that further opposition to a real merchant marine for Uncle Sam will be bucking strong public sentiment. He has already expressed the hope in the interview from which we quote that the Senate may speedily pass the bill which the House sent over to the Senate, amended or unamended, looking to an increase of American shipping.

"Freightage from America is the richest in the world," says the Philadelphia Ledger. It amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. It is not reasonable to suppose that with such a prize available American capital will neglect its opportunity, provided there is nothing in our own law to prevent the acquisition of ships that are offered for sale.

There are many more, registered under belligerent flags, which will be purchasable. It was agreed at a conference in New York of the National Foreign Trades Council, which consists of thirty-five national representative manufacturers, bankers, merchants, railroad and steamship men, that that body collectively standing for the general interest of all elements engaged in or affected by foreign trade, should work for national unity of action in setting American export and import trade free from the paralysis of transportation.

The council decided to maintain daily touch with all its members in all parts of the United States and with the numerous commercial and industrial organizations which have telegraphed to it for information regarding shipping. Its object is to cooperate with every effective agency for the extension of American commerce.

Resolutions were adopted at the New York conference urging the prompt passage of the bill now pending in Congress which would provide immediate means to increase the American merchant marine. It was also recommended that the government at once provide war risk insurance at reasonable rates on both the hulls and cargoes of American vessels engaged in over sea trade.

As further showing the changed attitude of the Democratic leaders on the question of a merchant marine, William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, returning to New York from a scouting expedition after a conference with the President, said he found everybody more interested in the war and in protecting himself against financial loss on account of the war than he is in politics.

Everywhere the interest is all-absorbing on the proposition of effective legislation looking to the creation of a merchant marine that will still further increase American commerce and keep open the lanes of the sea to American industry. On this paramount issue a writer in the New York Sun says:

Never before has a great nation been afforded such an opportunity as is now offered the United States to strike and maintain a merchant marine commensurate with her size and rank in the commercial world. The opportunity has been created almost overnight and must be grasped almost as quickly as merchant ships are needed at once, and as they cannot be built in time, they must be bought, and bought immediately. If the opportunity is to be grasped—grasped it should be at once, for the financial situation in this country makes the securing of the necessary capital comparatively easy, and there will shortly be hundreds of foreign vessels for sale—this country will enter upon an era of prosperous foreign trade that even the most optimistic did not dream of but a few weeks ago.

Already South America, the Orient and the neutral countries of the world are crying for American foodstuffs, farm products, machinery and practically every commodity for the great European war has completely demoralized and upset the commerce of the world.

EVENING CHAT

People officially connected with the new borough of Paxtang are commencing to realize that service as officials of a municipality just created entails an amount of negotiation and work that is little appreciated by those who have never been through it.

The organization of the machinery of the council and the school board is the least of the detail to be handled. Take the borough matters, for instance. The borough has to arrange with Swatara township for its share of the township tax. This tax is used for roads and administrative purposes and it was one of the reasons advanced for the establishment of the borough that the residents of Paxtang got next to nothing in the way of road improvement or maintenance for the sixes they paid.

Other matters will also have to be adjusted and then the borough will arrange with the State as to what it must do about maintaining the school for its share of the new municipality. The Paxtang school board will have to reach an agreement with the Swatara township school board as to the allowance to be made for the school in the borough and apportion any debts. Then the borough is entitled to a certain share of taxes for school purposes collected in the borough prior to the creation of the borough.

Another point to settle will be the education of children living adjacent to Paxtang but not within its limits. There are about sixteen such pupils and they will either be allowed to attend Paxtang school and payment made for their education or the township will open a school for them. Starting a borough is a good bit like getting housekeeping started. There are a lot of things to be made and things turn up of which the town interested never dream until they bump into them. But after a while things get going and everyone is happy.

Friends of ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart in this city have sent him their congratulations on his election as a member of the Federal Reserve Board, which was announced a few days ago. Since leaving the governorship the former governor has been active in affairs in Philadelphia, having been elected to a number of boards, and is being mentioned as a possible mayor, although he has been discouraging the use of his name.

People who watched yesterday's storm say that the city was visited by four distinct storms. Whether this is true or not the weather observer does not say, but there was a succession of showers, culminating in a couple of hard rains that swept the streets clear and caused the usual amount of trouble on hillside streets.

Just what actuated several people to visit the top of the Capitol dome during yesterday's storm could not be told, but there were several persons noticed on the narrow balcony far up over the city just about the time the 2 o'clock storm broke. They were standing holding to the railing and apparently facing a stiff wind. Suddenly they ducked and went inside, it being evident that rain was coming. About three minutes later rain began to fall hard in Third street near places to be in a storm and the top of the Capitol is one of them.

People around telegraphic offices these days talk a big interest in war stuff and occasional letters who know dots and dashes can get an inkling. However, the use of code is so general now that unless a man is hooked up he is liable to get a good deal of the wrong thing. For example, England is just EG; Russia is RUS; Turkey is TK, and so on. Of course, there are other combinations on these words and others. When they are worked out may be understood when it is said that champion of the world is sent just plain COW.

To-day was a peach market and there were tons and tons of the luscious fruit on sale about the city. Some of the baskets offered were at prices which were lower than in years and which may not be reached again for a long, long time. The thrifty housewives are buying their peaches for canning now, because next winter they will be worth something, as Europe will be buying our fruit.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
—John Bach McMaster, the Philadelphia historian, about whose safety fears were entertained, has been heard of in London.

—S. C. Purves, the Philadelphia banker, has returned from a month's vacation.

—P. C. Knox and his family are at White Sulphur, Va.

—William H. Feck, elected to the Reserve Board, is president of the Third National, one of the big banks of Scranton.

THE ANTI-BOSS CAMPAIGN
[From the New York Sun]
Dispassionately considered, the Colonel's plight with respect of the Progressive nomination for governor presents itself thus:

On the issue of bossism Harvey D. Hinman assured the Colonel he held sound Progressive principles. Thereupon the Colonel decreed his selection as the Progressive candidate for governor. No sooner had this been done than certain mentally defective Progressives, irreverently and audaciously applying the doctrine of anti-bossism to the practical affairs of their party, impudently began to question Mr. Hinman as to his acceptance of other articles of their creed.

This inconsiderate conduct compelled the Colonel to order his followers not to bother Mr. Hinman on these subjects while he was in the city. He then threw up Mr. Hinman the high desirability of certain concessions to the recalcitrant Progressives in the way of endorsement of the initiative, the referendum, the recall and votes for women. In spite of this Mr. Hinman, and his associates, have refused to cease directing their inquiries to Mr. Hinman, and they remain obstinately declining to revise his political beliefs to relieve the situation.

Surely the gentleman who has never found himself in a more embarrassing predicament than that from which the Colonel now surveys the party of his creation.

NATURAL CURIOSITY
Prisoner—Your honor, I should like to have my case postponed. My lawyer is sick.
Judge—But you were caught with your hand in the gentleman's pocket. What can your counsel say in your defense?
Prisoner—That's just what I am curious to know.

FUSION HANGING IN BALANCE TODAY

Dean Lewis Talking It Over With the Colonel Where the Waves Wash Oyster Bay

M'CORMICK IS TOO ANXIOUS Has Everything to Gain if a Deal Can Be Pulled Through With Bull Moosers

The scheme to better Vance C. McCormick's chances for Governor by sacrificing all Democratic nominees to the Bull Moosers in return for their endorsement of the Harrisburg is hanging in the balance to-day.

McCormick is willing to throw everyone off the ticket to save himself and Senatorial Candidate A. Mitchell Palmer and William T. Cressy, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, are willing to retire from the hopeless fight to let the Little Boss have a better show. Some of the Bull Moosers are willing to take up with McCormick, much as they distrust him, for their candidates for Senator, but William Draper Lewis, the Washington party candidate for Governor, said yesterday that he was not inclined to retire and then hurried off to Oyster Bay to consult with Colonel Roosevelt about matters.

The fusion game has been under way for some time. Palmer has been talking because his financial position is hopeless and McCormick wants it to help him make a showing. Recently it was upset by refusal of Roosevelt to stand for it. Later Progressives have been wondering what the Colonel is driving at, his refusal to speak at Scranton on Labor Day and his pronounced attitude against Wilson's Administration. Some fear that he has decided to let the Pennsylvania Progressives shift for themselves. Hence the visit of the Dean to-day.

It is possible that even if Lewis should agree to get off the ticket in favor of the Little Boss that some of the other Democratic candidates would refuse to go along with him. William T. Cressy, N. McNair, candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs, will not withdraw and some of the Democratic candidates of the Congressional committee are said to be resolutely opposed to making sacrifices of themselves in favor of Bull Moosers whose national policies, as enunciated by Roosevelt, are all against Wilson, or to offer themselves up to help McCormick. Just how McCormick, who poses as the defender of Wilson hereabouts, could make a deal with Bull Moosers on Congressional nominations is not elucidated at the State headquarters.

The clouded Democratic outlook, the possibilities of fusion and the problems of patronage, prospective and already divided, were themes of conversation until far into the night at the country home of McCormick last night. The men who "conferred" were Big Boss Palmer, Little Boss McCormick and "Farmer" Cressy. During the day Cressy and A. Nevin Dertich, chairman of the Washington party, had a talk on various matters, but they denied that fusion had been mentioned, although they formed a point of contact. It will be noticed that McNair was not at the conference and neither were any of the Democratic candidates for Congress-at-large. Palmer went back to Washington this morning and Cressy is accompanying McCormick and Cressy on their barnstorming tour to northeastern counties. He does not appear to be enthusiastic about all that will have to be done over again in the Fall, and, anyway, he is not burrowing over the outlook.

Congressman Robert E. Diefenderfer, a reorganization pet, has decided to quit the contest over the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Bucks-Montgomery district. He was beaten in Bucks and decided to throw up the sponge in Montgomery. He gives way to a brother of Webster Grim. The news of Diefenderfer's overthrow jolted the bossism while here yesterday. It is said that at the Democratic windmill there are grave fears for Frank L. Dershem, who is running in the Seventeenth district, and Orblison have made trouble for Dershem, already bothered by appointments in Union and Snyder.

Senator Boies Penrose will come here from Mt. Gretna late this afternoon and remain in the city until to-morrow. He will attend the Penrose Due the farmers' picnic in City This afternoon. The Senator plans to meet a number of representatives railroadmen while in the city this evening to discuss legislation, and men from nearby counties will be here to see him. The Senator spoke yesterday in Philadelphia to the grand convention of the Brotherhood of America on the place America is occupying. He will go to Chambersburg on Wednesday, to Boiling Springs to-morrow, where a big reception will be given for him.

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CHARTERS GRANTED AT CAPITOL TODAY

Farmers Organize Hardware and Fertilizer Companies to Handle Business

The following State charters have been granted: Hertz Lumber Company, Pittsburg, capital \$8,000; Johnstown Bros. Paint Company, New Castle, capital \$10,000; Jaffa Coal Mining Company, Briston, capital \$5,000; Washington Development Company, Washington, capital \$30,000.

Bird Real Estate and Improvement Company, Westleyville, capital \$33,400; Farmers Hardware Company, Inc., Westfield, Tioga county, capital \$5,000; Robert Scott and Son, flowers, Sharon Hill, capital \$35,000; Scranton National Paving Company, Scranton, capital \$5,000; Espy Hume Fertilizer Company, Espy, capital \$5,000; Elk Dairy Products Company, St. Mary's, capital \$10,000; Courtland Building and Loan Association, Philadelphia, capital \$1,000,000.

OUR DAILY LAUGH
A Girl of High Ideas
Don't you think it is wrong to marry for a home? Certainly, I should marry for nothing less than an apartment hotel.

Dead
How's business in New York, Hiram? Awful dead! I was in Broadway one whole day and I didn't see a single load of hay moving anywhere.

Democrat May Buck on Proposition
I wonder how old you are? Yes, just told you my age. Yes; that's what set me to wondering.

How They Do It
I have invented a new dance. What do you call it? The Wall Street Wallop. You swing corners, change partners and side step.

'T WAS EVER THUS
By Wing Ding
I ran across a fellow, About two months ago, Who kicked about the weather. He said, "I'll tell you, boy, This dry spell's going to put all The crops upon the bum, And things will cost like sixty If rain don't shortly come."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT
THE DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK
[From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.]
The administration is fortunate that it will escape more than general observation to the immediate future.

Robbed of \$50
A man named John Carson, of Mercersburg, was robbed of about \$50 at the depot yesterday.

TEUTON AND SLAV
[From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.]
If Austria-Hungary's ambitious plans for expansion southward to Salonica had materialized, the Dual Monarchy would have become more German than ever with non-German populations.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY
[From the Telegraph, Aug. 12, 1864]
Milk Goes Up
On and after Monday next, the price of new milk will be 10 cents per quart; skimmed milk, 5 cents; cream, 15 cents.

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with beautiful natural grain makes an attractive appearance. Smooth, good quality lumber costs no more than ordinary lumber when you consider the time and work it saves the carpenter.

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