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THE DANISH ISLANDS.

An arrangement is said to have been tentatively agreed upon between the governments of the United States and Denmark for the purchase by the United States of the Danish West India Islands for the sum of \$5,000,000.

In case of a war between this country and another power it would be entirely possible that Denmark might be drawn in by skillful maneuvering for the specific purpose of having the islands wrested from her.

Efforts for such a transfer have been made on several former occasions, but they have failed by the way. Germany is said to have entertained a strong desire to possess herself of the islands, and to have been instrumental in influencing the Danish government against the consummation of a bargain with the United States.

MEXICAN NEGOTIATIONS.

There appears to be at least a fair prospect of agreement between the representatives of the United States and of Mexico with reference to the stay-in scope of action of the American troops in Mexico, and also as to the attitude of the forces of the de facto government.

ARGUMENTATIVE AND INCONCLUSIVE.

Two weeks ago the government of the United States notified the German government that "Unless the Imperial government should not immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels the government of the United States has no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German government altogether."

After mature consideration a reply has been made to the communication containing that ultimatum. The reply is wordy, argumentative and inconclusive. Its gist is found in the paragraph in which Germany declares that her commanders have been directed as follows:

"In accordance with the general principles of visit and search and the destruction of merchant vessels recognized by international law, such vessels, both within and without the area of the naval war zone, shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives unless the ships attempt to escape or offer resistance."

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dispatches indicates at least a probability that a better understanding than has heretofore existed will be reached, and that important steps will be taken in the direction of actually making northern Mexico a fit place to live in, and of removing from the American border towns the menace of being raided by bands of outlaws, a menace which for some time has been constantly present.

If this is the result, everyone will have cause for gratification. The people of the United States desire above all else that some responsible government shall have a fair opportunity to demonstrate its ability to handle the Mexican situation. No body on this side, that we know of, is especially interested in Carranza, it may be that at an earlier period as good results could have been secured by the recognition of Huerta or some other man as the head of the Mexican government.

PEACE MAY NOT BE DESIRABLE. New York Times: A particularly fortunate phrase marked the speech made by President Faunce of Brown university before the clergymen who met this week in Garden City, instead of here, probably because they found more room there for the prodigiously long name under which they are trying to promote international friendships.

Of that statement the "no man desires" awakens some doubt as to its accuracy, and some inclination to substitute for it "is not desirable." We happen to know lamentably well, just now, that there are people, even in this country of the brave as well as of the free, for whom any sort of peace is good enough, and who would not dream of rejecting any kind because of its vacuity.

Certainly peace is a mere vacuum to those for whom it is a beautiful abstraction, the opposite of war as an equally horrible abstraction. Refusal or failure to consider either with regard to their content and relations does at once create a vacuum—space with nothing in it. Science denies that "nature" really hates vacuums, still, in a way, she shows strong dislike for them and always fills them up with something or other when their extent passes the limit of her toleration.

Whoever says "peace," without qualification or condition, should at once be asked what he means by it and what it means to him. The term "international friendship" needs a like investigation, for to be desirable it must be deserved, and another name must be found for the calm that can be gained by submission to wrong and injury.

COMMEMORATES THE SIGNING OF TREATY

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Commodore Perry, who opened up Japan to the western world, subscribed to the treaty for the United States and Lord Hayashi, Diagaku no Kami for Japan on March 31, 1854. The signatures of these representatives of President Millard Fillmore and the Japanese Shogun were affixed to the amity treaty under an old camphor tree which is still standing in what is now the compound of the British consulate general in Yokohama.

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national rules on which the United States has insisted with reference to the character of merchant vessels. And the reference to the behavior of Germany's enemies leaves the situation in such shape that American citizens at sea must depend, not on recognized laws and customs and the purpose of Germany to observe these in her relations with those with whom she has no quarrel, but on whether or not the U. S. secures from Germany's enemies such modifications of their methods of warfare against Germany as Germany claims from them.

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YORK TO HAVE BIG JUNE CELEBRATION; OX ROAST FEATURE

"Appreciation Day" will be celebrated in the live wire Benson county town of York on Tuesday, June 20, when the occasion will be fittingly observed.

One of the unique features of the day will be an ox roast. The program will be an elaborate one and a credit to the town of York. Music will be furnished by one or more bands, and addresses will be made by some of the leading business men in the history of Benson county.

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Many Land Transfers Are Filed Yesterday

Grand Forks County and City Property Changes Hands—Considerations Private. Land transfers filed yesterday at the office of the register of deeds of Grand Forks county follow:

ANNUAL CONCERT GIVEN BY CLUB

Pleasing Entertainment Delivered in Auditorium Last Evening by U. Men. The annual home concert of the Men's Glee club of the North Dakota state university was given last evening in the city auditorium to a small but appreciative audience.

CONTEST IS HELD BY GRADE STUDENT

Alpha Pederson and Clarence Lodmell Declared Winners of First Prizes. Miss Alpha Pederson was declared winner of the girls and Clarence Lodmell the winner of the boys in the preliminary declamation contest held yesterday afternoon by the eighth grade students of the Roosevelt school.

LEIPZIG TO ADOPT GOD-FATHER SYSTEM

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UNEASINESS IS CAUSED AGAIN

Rumors of Trouble in Palace Arouse Populace of Peking. Peking, April 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Rumors of troubles in the palace and the possible desertion of Yuan Shi-kai's personal troops have caused great uneasiness in Peking, especially among the Chinese.

INVENTORY OF STATE BUSINESS IS TAKEN

Board of Directors of Organization for Industrial Preparedness at Work. Chairman Calvin H. Crouch of the board of directors for North Dakota of the Organization for Industrial Preparedness, has received a quantity of inventory blanks to be used in the taking of an inventory of the manufacturing concerns of the state.

FIRST BOAT THROUGH PANAMA CANAL SINCE THE BIG SLIDE.

The St. Veronica of Liverpool, England, followed by scores of other vessels to go through the channel since the great slide of seven months ago occurred. The steamer is the first vessel, is here shown passing through the cut in the Panama canal where slide from Culebra hill blocked passage for all boats.

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