

which for a century has been barred against all foreign ships?

But the real animus is stated by the New York Evening Post in these words:

"As to the mere flapdoodle that was uttered in considerable quantity over the Panama tolls question, no comment is necessary. It was not only so silly but so transparent that no one could have been taken in by it. In the opinion of those who speak with greatest authority the exemption of American coastwise vessels from tolls was a violation of our treaty with Great Britain; and we suppose even this glorious republic, with its star spangled banner flying, its eagle screaming, and its more vaporous politicians spouting fervid rhetoric, can live up to its agreements without lasting humiliation or without craven trucking to an ancient foe.

"Aside from any treaty, the toll exemption was only a covert subsidy to shipping interests; and the day of subsidies ought to be past. True, our shipping languishes; and we hope it will continue to languish if there is no way to revive it save by government bounty. This is hardly the congress to demand a special privilege for any interest."

Find anyone who wants the coast shipping of the United States to pay tolls, and you will find an endorser of that extract.

It is only necessary to say that on all international questions during the past thirty years the New York Evening Post could not have served England so well as it has, had it been published in London on a subsidy of a million dollars a year. It is impossible for anyone who has watched its course, not to believe that it long ago was subsidized by English manufacturers and ship owners to serve them under the guise of being an independent American newspaper.

Great Britain and France pay regular subsidies to their chief steam lines, Great Britain has paid \$500,000,000 subsidies to her ships in the past forty years. Germany pays bounties to her shipping, Italy pays subsidies, so do Japan and little Greece. The only power that we know of who does not pay subsidies or bounties is Norway, and her ships on the sea compared with the others is what a peddler is to a merchant.

Formerly the Post sneered at our shipbuilding and said we could not build first class steel ships, such as were turned out at English shipyards, until our new navy stopped its sneer. Then for years it declared that all we lacked of having a merchant marine was the cost of American ships, though it was plain that if a company had been presented with a line of first class ships in New York harbor, it could not, unaided, pay expenses with them in any foreign trade.

Now it expresses what it has all the time felt, "the hope that our shipping will languish and continue to languish."

That is what it has worked to accomplish for more than a generation, though it has seen \$300,000,000 per annum go out from our country in fares and freights to foreign ship owners, which money is lost to this country forever.

To pay a part of the interest on the amount to establish a merchant marine, it would call robbery. So would President Wilson and Mr. Bryan though it would give employment to the bread-winners of ten per cent of our whole people and in ten years make ours the richest of the nations. The example of what Germany has done in thirty years, the finding of employment for all her people though they have doubled in number and making her from one of the poorest the richest nation on the continent makes no impression on our Bourbons.

It has all come through the bounty paid her ships, enabling them to extend her trade, enabling her young men and capitalists to explore new lands and seize upon their opportunities

There is too much brain in the office of the Post to fall to see these things, hence it is fair to set the paper down as a renegade sheet that for reasons of its own continues to serve as a false teacher of its countrymen.

### Recessional?

(With profound apologies to Kipling.)

God of our Fathers, who of old  
Gave to our earthy sires the light  
A flaming standard to unfold  
To Freedom, Justice and to Right  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

The clank of chains; the savage wild  
Have melted under Freedom's way  
The tyrannies that hearts defied  
Are but the wrongs of yesterday.  
Lord God of Hosts, have mercy yet  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

Our Father's God, it was Thy plan  
That on our soil should grow a hope  
Of mercy to long-suffering man,  
A new thought glorious in scope,  
Judge of the nations, guide us yet  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

If infirm judgment dulls the light  
Where Sovereign Wisdom so long reigned,  
And plain men wonder at the sight  
And sages stand aghast and shamed  
Lord God of Hosts, have mercy yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

Watch o'er our country, God above  
Give to our rulers light and grace  
Guide Thou our Destiny in Love  
And make our standard symbol Peace  
Have mercy Lord, upon us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

### Is The Wireless Dangerous?

THE French Press is insisting that the Hertzian waves of the wireless where gasoline vapors or fulminating powder is near, or in coal mines at the contact point of two sets of wireless waves are filled with danger. The scientists deride the belief, insisting that the vibrations of the waves are harmless. Such, too, has been the experience in our navy, no accident having ever been reported from the use of the wireless.

Still the matter should be fully investigated for the wireless plays upon a current, the forces of which are immeasurable. They cannot be resisted, but can be turned aside and this fact ought to enable men to construct an apparatus that will prevent the rays from possible contact with what may be combustible or explosive in a ship.

### The Wrong Word

THE Oregonian begins a fine article with the sentence: "Sherman's Atlanta campaign was the most brilliant military feat of the Civil war." Brilliant is not the proper word. Dramatic would be better.

The supreme brilliant feat of the war was the capture of Vicksburg. Nothing else compares with it in brilliancy if the feat is to be judged by the genius that conceived and the skill and tenacity displayed in executing the task.

Again the practical annihilation of Hood by Thomas at Nashville was more brilliant than the Atlanta campaign. When Sherman asked Grant for permission to make the march to the sea, Grant wired back: "Detach Thomas with force enough to look after Hood, then go ahead."

Sherman of course took the flower of his army, leaving the rest to Thomas. In his

force Thomas could do nothing but fall back with Hood in full pursuit. This continued for three hundred miles to Nashville. That was as far as Sherman was obliged to go to reach Savannah.

Reaching Nashville Thomas made his arrangements for a final settlement with Hood. In the meantime the country had become most apprehensive lest Hood should defeat Thomas and invade Indiana and Grant sent urgent orders to Thomas to bring on a battle. Thomas was a general who like Von Moltke had reduced the science of war to exact mathematics. He was always ready to fight, but at the same time was determined never to lose a battle through any mistake that might be anticipated and provided against. He had detached Schofield at Franklin, with orders if attacked to do Hood all the damage possible, then at night to steal away and join him. Hood made five distinct charges upon the works behind which Schofield with his division 7,000 strong lay and fought until night. Hood's losses in officers and men were terrible and it was with a broken-hearted army that he confronted Thomas at Nashville. When Thomas was all ready for the final battle there came a storm of sleet which left the ground covered with ice upon which the smooth-shod cavalry of Thomas' could not maneuver so Thomas waited two days, then, when he did strike, there was nothing left of Hood's army but some scattered bands. It was the most decisive single battle of the war. But so impatient and apprehensive had the military authorities east become, that Grant had sent Logan across the mountains to supersede Thomas, in case Logan after taking in the situation thought it best. Logan reached Louisville on his way when he learned that the work had been finished by Thomas at Nashville. The apprehension lest Thomas fail had reached Sherman's army, but when the news from Nashville was flashed to it, Sherman read the dispatch and with a smile said: "Thomas has done as well as any of us could—maybe better."

But was not that war a fearful retribution for the mistakes the fathers had made in not giving full meaning to the Declaration of Independence from the first?

### Our Flag Is Not There

A GREAT exhibit of the book industry and graphic arts is now on in Leipsic. It was opened by the king of Saxony. It will remain open until October. Our government has declined any participation in the show, presumably because Germany declined to make any showing at San Francisco next year and our tourists in Germany are much humiliated that among all the nations exhibiting there our flag is not in evidence. We know no reason why our government has not responded to the invitation to join in the exhibit, except that just now the flags of Mexico are in full evidence, and which one to honor is a problem that it is hard to solve.

Germany declined to participate in the San Francisco show, ostensibly on account of the expenses; our declination in the German show is probably want of interest.

FOR ten days Los Angeles has been drenched with rain and enveloped in the grey fogs that steal in from the deep sea. Salt Lake has had just rain enough to keep the foliage green; the trees have on all their best clothes; the hawthornes are glorious; the lilacs, the snowballs, the bridal wreaths and tulips are in full evidence, the roses have already commenced to bloom; the air has lost all its chill and the sunbeams turn the world to gold at dawn and sunset and all the long days smile down on this end of the world like a benediction. How we pity people in an outside town like Los Angeles.