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ENGLISH AND GERMAN SHIPS.

The London Daily Mail of Sept. 18, contains a reproduction of the first photograph of the new German Dreadnaught, the "Wesfalen". The picture shows the disposition of the guns, and other outward details, and we fancy it is not particularly edifying to English readers who fear Germany. The Kaiser will have five such battleships ready next spring.

The German ships have a powerful battery of big guns, and also a large number of medium-sized weapons, all behind armor, while the British boats have only 15-pounds to support her 12-inch guns.

These changes both in customs and law have found their way to the older settlements, and, being adopted, have modified the conventions existing there; so that the spirit of liberty which has been fostered on the frontier has, like the leaven which leavens the whole lump, affected materially the nature of all of our political institutions.

The American frontier has now disappeared and those to whom the society of the crowd is irksome can no longer find an abiding place with elbow room. In other words, the western type of American citizen must shortly disappear as the conditions which breed him disappear. What effect will this have upon the future of our government and institutions?

IMPROVING LABOR CONDITIONS.

Eastern labor reports reflect the condition of returning prosperity. In the larger cities, and quite generally in the east, the panic of last year was more keenly felt than it was in this part of the country.

The picture well illustrates the statement made recently by Hamm Taylor, former U. S. minister to Spain, in an address before an international assembly in Washington, representing both European and Asiatic nations. He said that a few weeks ago Lord Rutherford expressed the opinion that never in the history of the world were such gigantic preparations for war in progress as at the present moment. The world no longer thinks of international arbitration, its eyes are intently fixed upon the great military nations whose approaching conflicts by sea, by land, and in the sky will soon make fresh ditches upon army and military hospitals and upon military surgeons.

That is the condition, and it will remain until the people shall wake up and assert their power in the interest of civilization.

Some place their hope in airships, Shields' Magazine for October states positively that "war is a thing of the past," because the airship, with its possible cargo of dynamite, has made playthings of the world's great navies and fortifications. "A 100 pound can of dynamite, dropped from the clouds, would destroy," the editor of that magazine says, "any Dreadnaught ever built or would wipe a whole regiment of infantry or cavalry off the roster. Armies and navies will be kept hereafter merely for carnivals, world's fairs, Fourth of July, and for social or official intercourses between nations."

We can only hope that this view is correct, but the probability is that the airship will suggest the airship destroyer, and that war will go on, until civilization shall have advanced far enough to make war as loathsome as cannibalism.

THE POLAR CONTROVERSY.

The Peary-Cook controversy has assumed a phase in which the public can begin to form an idea as to the points in dispute. Peary claims that Cook cannot have been at the Pole and gives many reasons. These are among the principal:

Dr. Cook claimed to have crossed in one sledging season twenty-five and one-half degrees of latitude, equal to about seventeen hundred miles, whereas no previous explorer, though furnished with vastly better equipment, has ever made more than eleven degrees.

While it is the recognized custom for an Arctic explorer, when he has reached the farthest point made by a previous traveler, to take possession of the records left there, Dr. Cook failed to take the record left at Cape Hubbard by Peary in 1898. The two Eskimos who were Dr. Cook's companions in his last expedition had personally told Peary, this explorer claims, they had never gone out of sight of land.

The ledge on which Dr. Cook claimed to have traveled to the Pole was totally inadequate.

No one who had gone to the Pole would have entrusted his instruments, his polar flag, and records to a stranger, as Cook did in turning his material over to Harry Whitney at Anoosuk, Greenland. "I would not," Peary is reported to have said, "have entrusted those things to my father, mother, or brother, to any human being. They were sewn to me, fastened to me, and would have gone to the bottom of the Arctic Sea with me before I would have turned them over to a son." These are Peary's reasons for questioning Cook's story.

Another reason for doubt has been given by Professor John N. Stockwell

of Cleveland, Ohio. He calls attention to the statement by Dr. Cook that he first saw the midnight sun on April 7. If this is correct, he claims, Dr. Cook must, at that date, have been 250 miles from the Pole. Professor Stockwell does not intend to throw any doubt on the veracity of Dr. Cook's story, but his conclusion is that if the explorer erred in reading the latitude on April 7, he may have erred in his calculations at other times.

Until Dr. Cook has published his rights, the public can only be perfectly neutral.

CHANGING CONDITIONS.

Has an end to democracy come in this country? That is a question which thinking men and women ask themselves. Who can answer?

Every student of history and observer of modern institutions knows that America of today is not the America of James Madison's or Thomas Jefferson's day. Within a hundred years our population has increased over thirty times; our great western expanses have filled up with farms, villages and towns, and, most important of all, our frontier has disappeared. Ever since the days when our fathers landed on the bleak Atlantic coast, there has been to the westward a boundless frontier where the bold and adventurous could betake themselves and live free from the constraints of society, with no other laws to obey than those imposed by nature and their own will. As settlement increased, towns grew up and local governments were created, patterned always after those of the older communities, but always more liberal in form and character and always giving more freedom to the individual.

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British German
Dreadnaught. Dreadnaught.
Tons..... 17,500..... 18,500.
Speed... 21½ knots..... 20 knots.
Guns... X 12-in..... XII 11-in.
" XVII 8-in..... XII 6-in.
"..... 2,700 tons..... 2,700 tons.
Coul.... 11-in..... 12-in.
Armour.... 11-in..... 12-in.
Broadside 6,950lb..... 7,000 lb.

The comparison seems to be in favor, of the German war engines.

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Discretion is the safer part of valor.

While Boy's name should be changed to Willy Boy.

A soft answer turneth away wrath but not importunity.

The weather man's pride goes before this kind of a fall.

The grave digger never has a skeleton in his closet.

The deadbeat doesn't always tread the well beaten path.

There is an awful lot of ignorance where there is no bliss.

A practical joke is indulged spite under the guise of humor.

After a man paints the town red he generally has a fit of the blues.

Inflated prices, no more than inflated currency, do not make prosperity.

Tall people do not necessarily live high, nor short people lead low lives.

It now looks as though ex-Hacker Morse would have 15 years of remorse.

A Boston poet has written a poem, "Welcome to Peary." He's welcome to it.

It would be better for everybody if secrets were always kept in secret drawers.

The foul's paradise—a room that echoes back the praises a man sings of himself.

When one man says that he knows another man like a book, the book is usually a blank one.

The height of effrontry is for a bald-headed man who wears a wig to act as a mask for a hair restorative.

Buiders should take advantage of this kind of weather so that they won't have to break the Sabbath.

At last Mr. Wood said—and I am repeating the words as they were told to me by Mr. Wood's friend:

"My Bennett, I have recently seen

the debt of gratitude. Cash can't do it and few have the tact to discharge it.

Man always pays for his experience on the instalment plan. It would be better in the long run to buy it outright.

Like the advice to the lawyer in "Betsey and I Are Out," Commander Peary wants to draw up his case against Dr. Cook "good and strong."

Minister Crane's offense seems to have been, in the pique-English of the land to which he was to go as United States minister, "too much talk."

sires it and has the price to pay for it, he can't be a liberty, one of the greatest pillars on which rests the foundation of the United States. All of this would be quite true if the promiscuous sale and drinking of liquor only affected the individuals who engage in them. But the trouble is that liquor selling and drinking has many and varied ramifications of a disastrous character which makes it a menace to society. Saloons are the breeding places of crime of all sorts. It is the members of the drunkard's family on whom the burdens of his liquor drinking fall most heavily. Numerous other instances could be cited to show that the public sale and drinking of liquor bear the most severe toll on those who neither profit or have their cravings satisfied by them.

BUILDING A STORE BY CO-OPERATION.

The Bookkeeper.

In Lewiston, Idaho, is a store where they have demonstrated that paying dividends to employees is profitable. H. A. Free, treasurer of the Great Department store, says that they have formed an employees' club for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of each employee. Free recognizes that a man is paid according to his efficiency, and that the man who is most efficient is the one who is most likely to render without supervision. Some one says we are all down on the books for \$10 a day, but we do not annex this amount because it is necessary to pay something to those who supervise us. The manager of the Great Department store meets each two weeks in a special room in the store. Papers are read and discussed which deal with the welfare of the institution. The clerks discuss the selling of goods, how to make window displays, how to advertise successfully, how to prevent losses in exchange, how to increase sales, to secure new trade, how to make known a customer, how to do more work with fewer movements, how to make the business machinery run more smoothly—everything is discussed that has to do with the increasing of the efficiency of the institution. To this club all employees are eligible.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER.

By George F. Butler, A. M., M. D.

Many of the ideals that we have inherited help to narrow and cramp the inner life. We must change our habits of thought. The proper adjustment of our life and environment and the daily effort to gain one's poise and self-confidence is effective in proportion to the clearness and strength of our thought and the confidence we put into it. The power of self help is within us like the air we breathe, even awaiting our recognition. By a determined effort you can rise above any difficulties, difficulties or push through it with comparative ease. Approach any trouble that may confront you with quiet confidence that you have sufficient strength to overcome any obstacle. Help abounds. The spirit but awaits our co-operation. There is no cause for fear. Things are not so bad as they seem. There is no reason for worry or discouragement. If you try earnestly, you can lift yourself into poise, restfulness and self-confidence. We find what we look for; if you look for trouble, trouble will surely come; if you believe firmly that you can surmount all difficulties in all probability you will succeed. Do not despair, but take hold of yourself and say, "This shall be so."

JUST FOR FUN.

Thought of Her.

Mother, Tommy, have you eaten all your candies without even thinking of your little sister?

"Tommy! Oh! no, mamma. I was thinking about her the whole time. I was afraid she'd come before I had finished.—Ex.

Echoes of the Game.

"There is no doubt about Charley's being a thorough optimist," said young Mrs. Turkin.

"How do you know?"

"I overheard him at a card party he gave to his men friends. He said scarcely anything all evening except that's good!"—Chicago Tribune.

HISTORY OF A HIGH FINANCIER.

He toiled for wealth both night and day.

A chance for gain he never missed.

At last he had enough to pay.

The cost of a nerve specialist.—Washington Star.

DRINKING AND LIBERTY.

Topeka State Journal.

Dr. C. J. Hexamer, president of the National German alliance, declares that the German drinker is to the state of the past hundred years. It is far enough east to be "back east" to the western pioneer; it is far enough west to be identified with the restless and restless progress of the great west and the new nation city is connected with Atlanta and Mobile. It is a splendid example of the American cosmopolitanism which embodies the best elements of all these sections, the four corners of our American world. In the advancement of St. Louis all generally rejoice, for it has achieved things which no other city has done in the world's fair.

It has survived many vicissitudes and has risen, with the fine courage of every American community, from the horrors of a great elemental blow of nature. It is today a worthy member of the sisterhood of American municipalities.

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