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The people of Utah were never addicted, and are not now, to injuring ever another's institutions. That most odious form of selfishness which sees in another's need an opportunity for personal gain and aggrandisement has ever been as foreign to the people living in Utah's valleys as it is to the religion which brought most of them here. They have rejoiced in the welfare of their neighbors to right and left, and would be glad at any time to know that prosperity was the portion of the whole human family, and that peace and plenty crowded calmly over the entire earth.

And yet alone there are varying seasons of abundance and famine, of health and plague, of prosperity and distress, it behooves us, as a community, as it does every rational individual, to acquaint ourselves with the conditions around us, so that we may intelligently consider how far and in which direction we may most effectively contribute of any probable surplus toward the relieving of any imminent deficiency. This duty relates not only to ourselves, as governing our own action in its aspects of tariff and profit, but to those with whom we may thus deal, as an assurance of what and how much they may expect from us and on what terms.

Now, the grain, fruit, forage and vegetable crop prospects in Utah are most flattering. The season has been propitious. Kindly rains have made every growing thing look promising, much snow held back in the mountains guarantees sufficient water to supply the absence of the late storms, and a large acreage of agricultural land has been brought under the plow. Happily, the recent low prices of farm products have not deterred our husbandmen from essaying more rather than making of a living from the soil, and so far as concerns food in plenty for man and beast, there is every assurance of well-filled granaries, cellars and barns.

From California, on the other hand, come dismal reports of parched fields—a prospect of heavy shortage in wheat, necessitating importation, and in hay, requiring purchases from abroad or the sacrifice of stock. And already, in expectant regard for this condition, agents of the western railroad have been seeking information in various Utah counties as to the amount of these necessities that can be spared for the Golden state. They want to buy our surplus, and anticipate no difficulty in finding an active market for all we can supply.

Circumstances promising so favorable a change in the returns for labor expended in agricultural pursuits ought not to be overlooked or forgotten by the farmers of this Territory. Those who make it part of their business to subscribe for and read a reliable newspaper will hardly need any warning from us against trading off prematurely and without adequate compensation their prospective crops. The path of business wisdom and foresight lies in holding on for the present to all they have or expect to have for their season's work. There is likely to be a strong demand for all not needed for home consumption, and with demand will come of course better prices. As it is, the hard times have afforded the thrifty farmer has many other days in the community; the prospect now is that his line of business is likely to experience a genuine boom.

IN EARNEST THIS TIME.

The departure of the fleet for Bering sea, as announced in the dispatches of the 17th, indicate that the pinchers are to be dealt with in earnest this year, as the British and United States governments are working in harmony. Probably the first effect of this sterling act will be the seizure of the American schooner Helen, which, on the 15th, was ordered by the commander of a British war vessel to desist from taking seals, but whose captain definitely refused to obey the order. The Helen was not taken charge of by the Britisher, but the latter announced his intention of taking the step as soon as the American Bering sea fleet weighed anchor. In that event the Helen will be either turned over to an American vessel or delivered to an American court having admiralty jurisdiction.

The agreement under which the British and American fleets are acting is that when a vessel of either fleet detects a sealer violating the provisions of the award an arrest shall be made, and the arrested sealer shall be given into the custody of its own nationality for trial. The commanding officer of the ship making the seizure forwards to the court a declaration in writing, stating the condition of the seized vessel, the date and place of the arrest, and the circumstances showing guilt. If the seized vessel be American she is to be taken to the most convenient point in Alaska, Oregon, California or Washington, and if British to Victoria or Esquimalt and delivered to the senior British naval officer there, or to the most convenient port in British Columbia.

Under these arrangements it looks as though there was to be no nonsense this time, as there was some years ago when the sea was declared a mare clausum. At that time there were so few police vessels in the sea that there was only one prize, and the British sealers got off and free, as the arrests were not formal. Now, however, the arrested crew must be delivered to court for trial, and those taken for poaching at least will be removed from the Bering sea before they will be taken at liberty. Both governments seem to be in earnest this time in the steps against unlawful seal fishing.

ENGLAND SCARED ABOUT INDIA.

The dispatches have lately made reference to the uneasy feeling prevailing in England on account of the probability of an uprising in India before long. People all over the United Kingdom are rehearsing to each other around the firesides the history of the terrible Sepoy revolt in the Sixties, which at the time attracted the attention of the world, but which at this time are almost forgotten.

The cause of that insurrection was the dissatisfaction with European rule prevailing in India, and only waiting for a suitable opportunity to break out. This came when the government resolved to introduce in the army a new kind of rifle with greased cartridges. This was considered an attack on the religion of the sepoys, inasmuch as they were required to tear the cartridges with their teeth, thus bringing their mouths in contact with animal fat—a sacrilege in the eyes of the Hindoos. The government withdrew the new cartridges, but the excitement had already reached a point beyond control. The cry of assault upon creed and caste was raised and soon the revolt rolled its thunders over the provinces of the peninsula. Europeans were massacred in great numbers. The Mogul dynasty was proclaimed with capital at Delhi, and for the next two years the government had its hands full in restoring peace and order.

The fact that the rebellious spirit then manifested has never been subdued entirely, although kept in check, is admitted and the fear of a repetition of the events is natural.

The present panic owes its origin to the discovery that thousands of mangoes throughout the province of Behar have been smeared with meal mixed with pig's and cow's hair. The work was done with such secrecy that no clue to the authors of it has been obtained. The supposition is that these dacoits of meal are a secret signal to the initiated to hold themselves ready for some great event, and the question is, What great event can there be prepared in secrecy except an attempt at an insurrection? Another explanation is offered by Indian officials, who suggest that the episode is nothing but an attempt to divert Hindoo pilgrims from one sacred shrine to another. This theory, however, is not accepted as satisfactory.

It is well understood that the Indian people are suffering under the rule of England, and their condition has not been bettered by the recent financial experiments in the country. A correspondent from London to a New York paper says stories are told of taxation so horribly increased that a native who last year was assessed at a rupee now pays on it, and his dissatisfaction has been augmented by the work of surveyors who have actually altered the land boundaries in some districts, to the infinite disgust of the people. The idea among the natives is that the Europeans cannot carry on a successful campaign to the heat of the season, and many are therefore speculative that before long the English will have to fight for their lives in India and throughout the country.

THE TORPEDO BOATS.

The squadron now with which the torpedo boats Cushing and Stiletto entered the harbor at Newport, R. I., on Wednesday night, without being discovered by the warships were wide awake to their act were aided by a powerful search light, including the important position, these adventurous vessels would secure to enemies waters. Being almost wholly unengaged they are not easily discovered even in open day, while at night the small portion of the vessels exposed to view is so difficult to distinguish from the dark, rolling waves that torpedo boats can enter an enemy's harbor, mingle with the shipping and begin to engage in their deadly work before their presence is discovered, and in getting away after their task is performed a very few miles to sea will put them out of sight of any pursuer that might be spared from their onslaught.

It is a recognition of the value of this class of war vessels that led Secretary Herbert to order three now in course of construction completed as soon as practicable. The United States now has the two boats named, and a third, the Ericsson, will be turned over to the government for trial in the early part of next month. The Ericsson is named in honor of the inventor of the Monitor, and is the only war vessel constructed in the interior of the country for the navy. She has been built at Dubuque, Iowa, and is one of the boats authorized in 1891, but owing to financial reasons of the builders was not sent out in 1892 as required by the original contract. There now remains, however, only a little finishing work to prepare her for the official test.

The trial of the vessel will take place at New Orleans in June, and if she fulfills her requirements she will be taken to New York and have her torpedo tubes and equipments placed on board. The Ericsson is larger than the Cushing, draws less water, and has the most powerful engines ever placed in a vessel of her displacement yet built for the navy. Her length on normal load water line is 152 feet, breadth 15½ feet, normal draft amidships 4½ feet, normal displacement 120 tons. The indicated horsepower of her engines is 1,800, and with this she is expected to make a regular run of 23 knots per hour—a speed equal to that of the fastest steam launches yet built. Even this great speed is slightly below that of the Hornet, the crack British torpedo boat. The Ericsson is an exceptionally strong vessel, and contains more room for her crew and for coal than any other like marine craft. A turtle-back deck accommodates the torpedo tubes and loading gear. The armament of the vessel will consist of one fixed tube in the bow, two diverting tubes or training stories aft, and four one-pounder machine guns, making her a very formidable antagonist. The tubes will accommodate the new 18-inch Whitehead torpedo, said to be more effective than any other kind yet produced for maritime warfare. The Ericsson will be provided with a feature not heretofore part of the equipment of a torpedo boat—she will be fitted with a powerful search light and will be lighted throughout with incandescent lamps.

With the torpedo boats now on order completed, the American navy will not be inferior in this regard to that of any other nation. Still others are under contemplation, as are additional warships also. While the United States is essentially a peace nation, as proved by its foreign policy from the early days of the Republic and the ardent support given to international peace unions, yet the elaborate preparations for an efficient navy show that the leaders and people have no intuitable hope of entering upon that promised time when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." On the contrary they believe that peace can be best maintained by keeping in view the ability to fight, as is being done by making a good show with the navy.

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