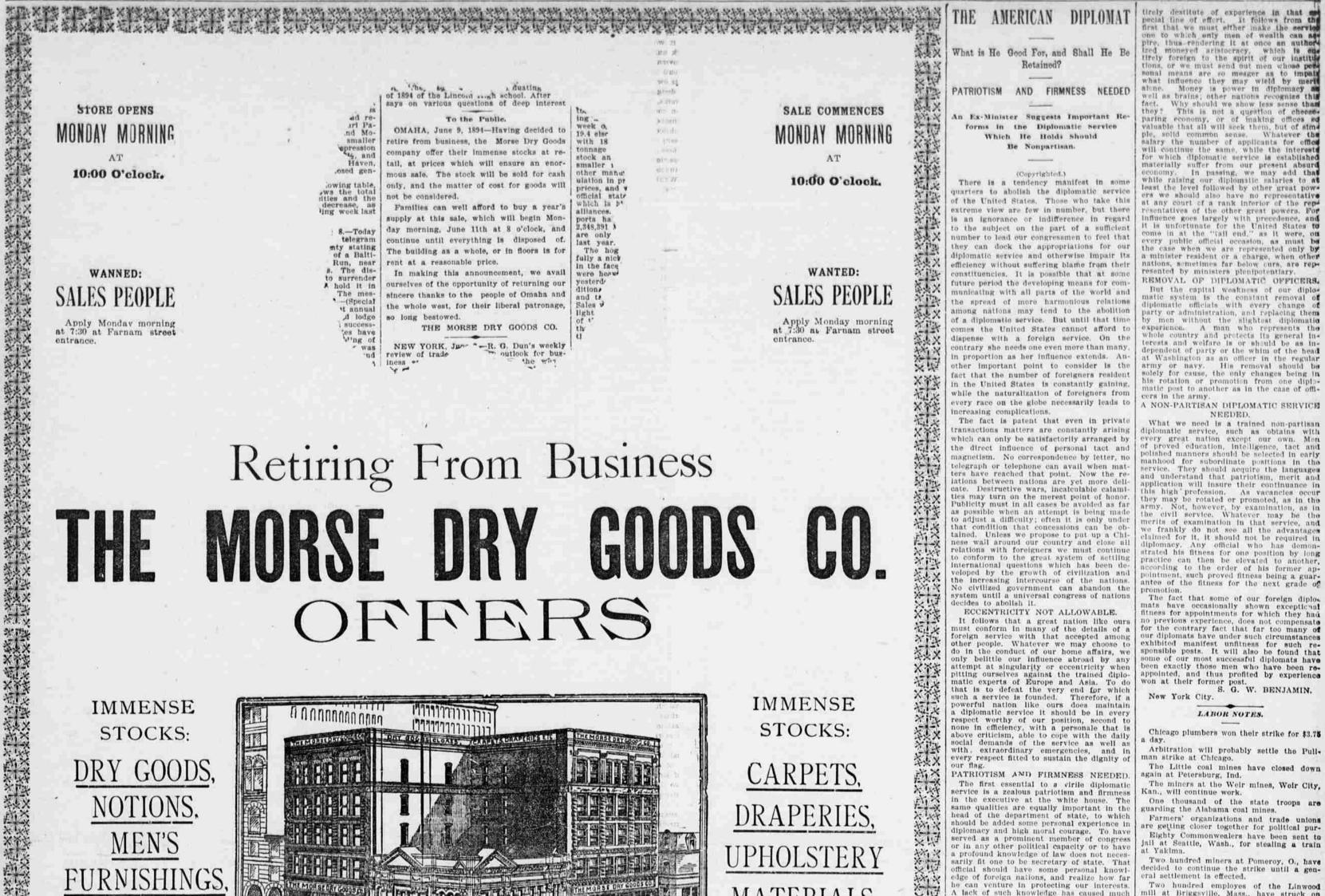
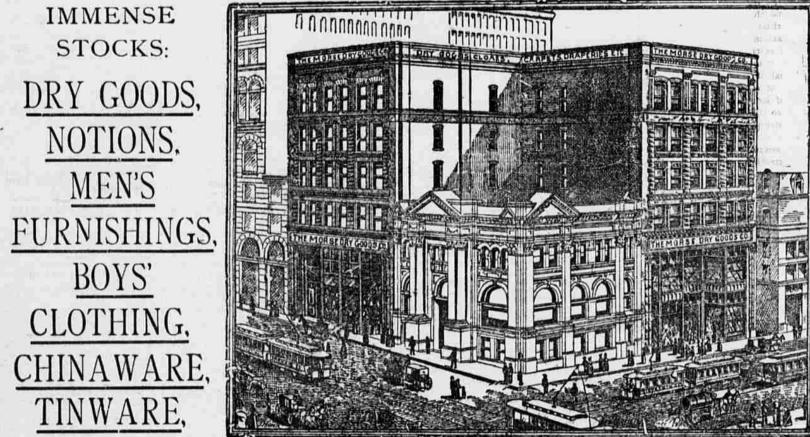
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in the United States is constantly gaining. while the naturalization of foreigners from every race on the globe necessarily leads to increasing complications. The fact is patent that even in private transactions matters are constantly arising which can only be satisfactorily arranged by the direct influence of personal tact and nagnetism. No correspondence by letter, no telegraph or telephone can avail when mat-ters have reached that point. Now the re-lations between nations are yet more deli-cate. Destructive wars, incalculable calamities may turn on the merest point of honor. Publicity must in all cases be avoided as far as possible when an attempt is being made as possible when an attempt is being made to adjust a difficulty; often it is only under that condition that concessions can be ob-tained. Unless we propose to put up a Chi-nese wall around our country and close all relations with foreigners we must continue to conform to the great system of settling international questions which has been de-veloped by the growth of civilization and the increasing intercourse of the nations No civilized government can abandon the system until a universal congress of nations lecides to abolish it ECCENTRICITY NOT ALLOWABLE. It follows that a great nation like ours must conform in many of the details of a foreign service with that accepted among other people. Whatever we may choose to do in the conduct of our home affairs, we only belittle our influence abroad by any stronger at sized and a service the service of the service XXX attempt at singularity or eccentricity when pitting ourselves against the trained diplo-matic experts of Europe and Asia. To do that is to defeat the very end for which such a service is founded. Therefore, if a X** powerful nation like ours does maintai diplomatic service it should be in every a upportant service it should be in every respect worthy of our position, second to none in efficiency, with a personale that is above criticism, able to cope with the daily social demands of the service as well as with, extraordinary emergencies, and in every respect fitted to sustain the dignity of our flag. our flag. PATRIOTISM AND FIRMNESS NEEDED.

点 後 The first essential to a virile diplomation service is a zealous patriotism and firmness in the executive at the white house. The same qualities are equally important in the head of the department of state, to which should be added some personal experience in diplomacy and high moral courage. To have served as a prominent member of congress or in any other political capacity or to have 刻 a profound knowledge of law does not neces sarily fit one to be secretary of state. That official should have some personal knowl-斜 edge of foreign nations, and realize how far he can venture in protecting our interests. A lack of such knowledge has caused much of the timidity displayed for so many years, with a few rare exceptions, in our dealings with the great powers of Europe; we some-times show pluck enough when dealing with が inferior nations. It is not fully apprehended at Washington that, aside from the impossi bility of any foreign nation being able to land any force on our shores that could cope with the enormous armies we can put into the field, they are so situated towards each other that not one of them could dare for a XXX moment to enter into war with the United States, even if with her fleets she could damage our ports. Such a war would demand every effort and resource on the part of the nation making it, and would lay her open to **※**校 a fatal attack in the rear from enemies are only waiting for her to sign her death **教教** warrant by such a prodigious blunder. No, we have nothing to fear from any foreign power. It is sufficient for our government to be firm in order to secure every reasonable demand. But few of our secretaries of state realize this fact. Hence one source of the frequent weakness of our diplomacy, for we can hardly expect our diplomatic agents abroad to exhibit a spirit that would be disavowed at home. A SOURCE OF WEAKNESS. Another source of weakness in our state department arises from the large number of naturalized citizens now in our republic. A secretary of state who aspires to become president or who dreads the attacks of the press and the censure of constituencies naturally hesitates to provoke difficulties with a nation from which we have recruited many our citizens, for their still lingering love of fatherland may temper their judgment of the acts of the state department. It is in such cases that moral courage to execute duty without flinching is required, but is sometimes lacking at Washington. It is not in the lack of native ability that our diplomats are wanting, but in the requisite fitness and experience for that particular service. American adaptability often enables them in a measure to overcome this defect, as service in war eventually enables a volun-teer to become an efficient veteran. Still he must suffer many reverses in his encounters with them. This is about the condition of many of the diplomats we send abroad. If they are sometimes laughed at, bringing derision on our country and inefficiently accomplishing the purposes of their appoint-ment, we only have ourselves to blame. A man who can make a good stump speech or manipulate a caucus or win his millions on the stock exchange is not thereby es-pecially fitted for encounters with the finesse or bluff of foreign diplomacy and to exhibit a knowledge of etiquette, courts, policies a knowledge of eliquette, courts, policies or foreign tongues which are essential to make him a persona grata without which he might as well stay at home. Further-more, the battles of diplomacy are won not only by general ability or by a knowledge of law, international or otherwise, but quite are well by balage socially pliable and agree. as well by being socially pilable and agree-able. To this end every one in diplomacy should have respectable speaking knowl-edge of the French language; the better he knows it the greater his influence, ceteris paribus. There is hardly a court and no diplomatic corps where French can be dis-pensed with. If to this be added a knowl-164 edge of the language of the country to which the diplomat is appointed so much the bet-ter. But French he should have in any case. While English is destined to become the ianguage of diplomacy, it has not yet reached that point. The rules and principles laid down in the instructions given to our diplomats, the discipline and practice of routine duty followed in the department at Wash-ington, and the general character of our diplomatic service in such matters, offer little ground for dissatisfaction. A century of national existence has enabled us to **狭** evolve a system which is on the whole satis-factory. More life and vigor might, perhaps, factory. More life and vigor might, perhaps, be infused into the Washington end of our diplomatic service if officials who have been there for a considerable term of years were transferred to the foreign service some-times and were replaced by those who have already been for a time. TWO GREAT DEFECTS. But the two great defects of our diplomatic service arise from the meagerness of the salaries and other appointments ai-lowed and the all but invariable rule of

assigning to foreign appointments men

tirely destitute of experience in that me pecial line of effort. It follows from the first that we must either make the eervice one to which only men of wealth can ap-pire, thus rendering it at once an author

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for which diplomatic service is established materially suffer from our present absurd economy. In passing, we may add that while raising our diplomatic salaries to at least the level followed by other great pow-ers we should also have no representative at any court of a rank interior of the rep-resentatives of the other great powers. For influence goes largely with precedence, and it is unfortunate for the United States to come in at the "tall end," as it were, on every public official occasion, as must be the case when we are represented only by a minister resident or a charge, when other nations, sometimes far below curs, are repnations, sometimes far below curs, are rep-resented by ministers plenipotentiary.

REMOVAL OF DIFLOMATIC OFFICERS. But the capital weakness of our diplo-matic system is the constant removal of diplomatic officials with every change of party or administration, and replacing them by men without the slightest diplomatic experience. A man who represents the whole country and protects its general in-terests and welfare is or should be as independent of party or the whith of the head at Washington as an officer in the regular army or navy. His removal should be solely for cause, the only changes being in his rotation or promotion from one diplomatic post to another as in the case of officers in the army.

A NON-PARTISAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE NEEDED.

What we need is a trained non-partisan liplomatic service, such as obtains with yvery great nation except our own. Men of proved education, intelligence, tact and polished manners should be selected in early manhood for subordinate positions in the service. They should acquire the languages and understand that patriotism, merit and and understand that patriotism, merit and application will insure their continuance in this high 'profession. As vacancies occur they may be rotated or promoted, as in the army. Not, however, by examination, as in the civil service. Whatever may be the merits of examination in that service, and we frankly do not see all the advantages claimed for it, it should not be required in diplomacy. Any official who has demonchaimed for it, it should not be required in diplomacy. Any official who has demon-strated his fitness for one position by long practice can then be elevated to another, according to the order of his former ap-pointment, such proved fitness being a guar-antee of the fitness for the next grade of promotion. promotion.

The fact that some of our foreign diplomats have occasionally shown exceptional fitness for appointments for which they had to previous experience, does not compensate for the contrary fact that far too many of our diplomats have under such circumstances exhibited manifest unfitness for such responsible posts. It will also be found that some of our most successful diplomats have been exactly those men who have been re-appointed, and thus profited by experience won at their former post. S. G. W. BENJAMIN.

New York City.

LABOR NOTES.

Chicago plumbers won their strike for \$3,75 a day.

Arbitration will probably settle the Pullman strike at Chicago. The Little coal mines have closed down

again at Petersburg, Ind. The miners at the Weir mines, Weir City, Kan., will continue work.

One thousand of the state troops are guarding the Alabama coal mines.

Farmers' organizations and trade unions are getting closer together for political pur-Eighty Commonwealers have been sent to jail at Seattle, Wash., for stealing a train

at Yakima. Two hundred miners at Pomeroy, O., have

decided to continue the strike until a gen-eral settlement is effected. Two hundred employes of the Linwood

mill at Briggsville, Mass., have struck account of an 18 per cent reduction. The New York Advertiser is authority for the statement that 43,087 tenants ejected in the metropolis during 1893. Four thousand miners who have been out since April 21 have returned to work at Knoxville, Tenn., at the same terms as be New Zealand absorbed 10,000 immigrants last year. All are employed. Wages are higher than anywhere else, and the country is prosperous. The eight-hour bill for miners has passed the second reading in the English Parlia-ment by a large majority, and will undoubtedly pass finally. The Bigelow Carpet company, at Clinton, Mass., have stopped work in their woolen mill. How long they will remain shut down is not known The hard times have put their hand on the stone industry at Osgood, Ind. All the quarries will be closed down. Business is the dullest for years. Between 200 and 300 employes of the Millar knitting mill, at Baldwinsville, N. Y., struck for a restoration of wages, which were reduced 20 per cent last fall. The 'longshoremen of Elizabeth, N. J., struck against a reduction of 20 cents per 1,000 feet for unloading lumber from a schooner at Heidritter's dock. The scale adopted by the Amalgamated Association of Tin, Iron and Steel Workers at the Cleveland convention has met with the approval of the employers. The Paterson, N. J., silk manufacturers and striking weavers had a conference but failed to reach an agreement. Each side refused to make any concessions. Vessel owners and lake seamen will henceforth arbitrate their differences. The owners have agreed to employ none but members of the Lake Seamen's union. The government of New South Wales has made a contract with the Railroad Tie Cut-ters' union to supply ties for the fiscal year. The union underbid the contractors, Carpenters at Tampa, Fla., organized a co-operative building association to take work at contract without depending upon bosses, who have been cutting wages. Carpenters organized eleven new unions last month; gained nine hours at Bangor, Pa., Battle Creek, Mich., and Galveston, Tex., and eight hours at Lynn, Mass. Eight hundred men employed in sev-eral brickyards along the river front of Kingston, N. Y., struck because a reduction of 20 cents a day was made in their wages. Miners to the number of 150 in the Da Koven mines at Henderson, Ky., and 100 men in the Jarvis-Bartley mines, have gone out because they were required to mine coal for shipment. Charles Kulkman of the general execu-tive board of the International Furniture Workers' union is traveling through the middle states visiting local unions and organizing new ones. Clothing operators in the employ of Contractor Brovoski, Boston, Mass., have struck to enforce a demand for an increase of 20 per cent in wages. Brovoski says he can fill their places easily. About fifty hands employed at the Rock-well yarn mills at Leominster, Mass., have struck for a restoration of the wages paid last fall. They were cut at the time from \$1.40 to \$1.25 per day. Taking advantage of the duliness prevailing in that city, the contractors of Baltimore are making strenuous efforts to substitute a nine-hour for the eight-hour day now prevalling in the building trades there. The Ohio Central lines, which control a great amount of the Ohio coal traffic, have given notice of a cut of 33½ per cent in wages of all employes on the road, to take effect at once, and continue during the coal miners' strike.



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