

U.S. PROGRESS REVELATION TO THIS LONDONER

"My Eye! He Cried at Sight of Factory Built in Four Months Here."

By a Special Correspondent of International News Service and London Daily Express.

Rochdale, Oct. 18.—When Mr. Samuel Turner told me today that he was "staggered" by the result of his visit to the United States I was impressed by his use of the word, because he is a typical, cool, long-headed, far-sighted Lancashire man who has built up the great asbestos manufacturing concern of Turner Bros., Ltd.

Was Staggered. "I went to the United States," he told me, "to find out what were the prospects of this country and its world trade in competition with the United States under after-the-war conditions. I spent two months in the east and middle west investigating industrial conditions, and I was staggered by the result. I found that in hardly any industry are we able to compete with the United States.

"I found coal of 14,000 British thermal units—a very high quality, better than our average industrial coal—sold throughout the east at a price not exceeding \$1.92 to \$2.40 per ton, pit-mouth price. I found that pig iron could be produced at \$26 a ton, against our \$39, and steel rails at \$60 a ton, against \$82, which will be the price here when the new cost of coal is added.

System in U. S. "Looking into the question of factory construction, I found that it is now considerably cheaper in the United States, particularly so if the well-known American standardized system is adopted.

"Wages in the United States are from 25 to 50 per cent higher, the rate varying with the locality. One of the largest manufacturing concerns in Cincinnati pays unskilled labor 40 cents per hour and skilled labor, such as carpenters, 75 cents per hour.

Done in Four Months. "If a man wishes to put up a new factory in the United States he can place a contract, subject to penalty if the time is exceeded, for construction during the spring and summer, in four months. Here a similar building would take a year.

"I found evidence on every hand that the United States is fully aware of these advantages. Nationalization is out of the question there. No one wants it or asks for it.

"As to finance, the position of American firms is better than ever. No firm which came within my notice was an exception to the rule. They have practically unlimited funds in their own treasuries. For two years before they came into the war they sold their output at auction to the warring nations, making profits beyond dreams. And now they are using these funds for purposes of national aggression.

Claims Des Moines 'Want Ads' Belie With Words 'Good Pay'

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 18.—According to C. W. Davis of the United States employment bureau here, the clause, "good pay," inserted in many of the "help wanted" advertisements brings men from all parts of Iowa to Des Moines, only to find the "good pay" is far from sufficient to cover the poorest living expenses.

League of Nations Idea Suggested 49 Years Ago by Doctor

By International News Service. Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 18.—The idea of a league of nations is not a new one, as a suggestion for a league had been made 49 years ago by an Erie physician, a descendant of John Harris, founder of this city.

At a meeting of the State Medical society in 1870, while the Franco-Prussian war was raging, Dr. William M. Wallace, president of the society, whose father was a Harrisburg lawyer and whose mother was a granddaughter of John Harris, in his inaugural address said:

"To the assembly of men now before me, set apart to relieve the sufferings, heal the diseases, and lengthen the lives of men, I would appeal. Must humanity forever be chained down by murderous rulers and methodized passions to the rock of the barbarous custom that the culture of legal war may forever prey upon its vitals?"

"Cannot the still small voice of reason be heard in this center and spread throughout the medical world in still widening circles to persuade the men that war in any shape and for any cause is really madness and that it settles no principle or right?"

"Can we not add to our mission this yet further benefit to humanity, to teach men to settle national as they do individual differences by arbitrations and awards, by rules and principles?"

Settle by Arbitration. "It is a work of time, difficult and laborious, but the hundred-handed giant of medical ubiquity can, by a persevering effort, unite humanity and can force or draw to its assistance the pulpits and the forum, and Christendom may yet learn, through the most unostentatious, investigating, rationalistic physician, that he is not mad, but asserts the words of truth and soberness which declares his belief in the realization of the angel's song: 'Peace on earth and universal good will.'"

Apple Blossoms in N. Y. Rival Palm Beach Glories

New York, Oct. 18.—What's the use of going to Palm Beach or the tropics this winter? They're sprouting apple blossoms in New York this fall.

Just now, when blustering winds should begin to moan through leafless trees, this section of the country is enjoying real California weather. Overcoats are among the most useless articles in the world, and even medium weight underwear is uncomfortable.

Future British Husbands Must Wash the Dishes

London, Oct. 18.—There will be fewer marriages in Great Britain hereafter unless men are prepared to help wash dishes and aid in other household duties. That's the verdict of a newspaper symposium. The issue was raised owing to the scarcity of general servants. Englishmen are trained from birth to ignore household work—they don't even polish their own shoes—and unless there's a change, so that the British housewife, hampered by all manner of inconveniences, can get some relief, it's going to bear the marriage mart.

Total silence still marks the male side of the issue.

A "Paved Road" Through the Jungles of Hard School Studies Given Children In the Educational Series Found in The Bee

During this week The Bee will begin running its great series of Educational Articles for Boys and Girls, the installments to continue every day through the length of the school term.

The boy and girl who wishes to get ahead in studies with the least effort, cannot overestimate the value of these articles.

It is an exploded idea that the one who has to do the hardest work in looking up his studies is the one who retains the longest what has been learned. The time spent in searching through half a dozen books or more to find a reference is time wasted that could be spent in learning something else, if the reference had been right at hand.

Found at Glance. This is what these educational articles provide. They are to the student in the subjects of his studies what the dictionary is to him in his pursuit of the right word to express his thought. It gives him at a glance, or a moment's search exactly what he must look up.

The value of a ready reference of this kind is double-fold to parents. In the first place they have assurance that no lack of a proper reference book will deprive their child of the advantages that may be enjoyed by another, and a second, and lesser but none the less agreeable, feature is that it in a measure puts an end to the numberless questions asked by children, concerning studies which the parents of their day, did not find in the curriculum, and with which they are not familiar.

Subjects for Week. The articles will be run under a general subject for each week, each day's installment referring to some form or branch of the study for that day.

Each Monday the article will treat of "How to study skillfully" and "nature study."

Tuesdays will deal with things for boys to make, and things for girls to make.

Wednesdays will tell of some adventure that made some American great, and of woodcraft.

Thursdays will take up sports for boys, and things for the all-around American girl.

Fridays will teach of ways to earn money outside of school, and of everyday science and home mechanics, and Saturdays will discuss what future lies before boys, and what girls can become.

Leading Educators.

The twelve articles have been carefully prepared by leading educators in the country in the subjects handled, and will be published only in The Bee. They are interesting reading of the highest and most instructive class, and afford the boy and girl of today another wonderful opportunity such as was never enjoyed by their parents. It is those who embrace opportunities who forge ahead of their fellows. Don't let the boy or girl next door get ahead of you for lack of this "nicely paved road" amid the jungles of school studies. Order The Bee today. Tyler 1,000, Circulation Department.

Pacific Will Soon Surpass the Atlantic In Commerce, Says Admiral of British Navy

Building of Panama Canal Was Considered Only as a Means to Increase Shipping, Not to Establish Naval Prowess—Growth of American Navy from Natural Causes.

By SIR CYPRIAN A. G. BRIDGE, G. C. B., K. C. B. Famous Admiral of British Navy, Who Was on a Mission to America During the War.

London, Oct. 18.—We should do well to devote attention to the conditions in the vast Pacific area and the countries which form what may be called its basin. About a dozen years ago I called attention to the important addition that the completion of the Panama canal would make to the naval power of the United States. This was contrasted with the relative naval insignificance of the Kiel canal. The virtual increase of the American navy was due to natural causes, to the course of natural development, and was not and need not be thought an indication of aggressive designs. It is quite likely—indeed, it is almost certain—that when the American people decided to make the Panama canal, not one in a hundred thousand of them ever thought of naval power at all.

What they had in view was the expansion of sea-borne commerce,

and especially reinforcement of land lines of communications, crossing the North American continent by sea routes shortened through the adoption of a maritime canal, so that there might be such a reduction of time and mileage of voyages as would render sea transport capable of competing in the matter of cost with transportation by land. The world moved on while the Panama canal was being made. As regards traffic between Atlantic ports in either the old or the new world, and Pacific ports, the canal is going to fulfill, if it is not already fulfilling, expectations; but all the traffic that it can accommodate—or even that other canals if made can combine with it to accommodate—will be a mere trickle compared with the immense maritime activity which will originate and terminate in the seaports of the Pacific ocean.

Science in Pacific.

It is a good thing to take note of science when examining problems of the Pacific. At one time the word meant knowledge; and that is just what we want—anyhow; to start with. When we have got hold of the necessary facts we can let the philosophers have their way. It is possible that they will have it without waiting until we have finished the fact-collection operation.

No one would willingly say a word in disparagement of philosophers; but it will be generally admitted that, if they have a fault, it is that of too often coming in after the hunt. When the practical man has done the job they will explain how it was that he did it.

Commercial Gravity Center.

Let anyone who is interested look at a chart of the Pacific ocean, and mark the point at which the 170th degree of longitude west from Greenwich cuts the 10th parallel of north latitude. He will be getting somewhere near the spot which promises to be before many generations have passed away, perhaps before only one has had a share in the commercial center of gravity of the world—as, dozen years ago, I thought it justifiable to designate it.

If we take half the population of countries like the United States, Mexico and Canada—which have both an Atlantic and a Pacific coast—the whole of the populations of Germany, France and Spain, which have coasts on inland seas as well as upon the ocean, we shall find that whereas the Atlantic is bordered north and south by countries inhabited by about 325,000,000 of people, the Pacific ocean—populations being halved where necessary for proper comparison—is bordered by countries with more than 630,000,000.

Connects Huge Masses.

These huge masses of people face an ocean which, as it were, invites them to use in for lines of communication. Among them are included some of the most enterprising and some of the most astutely commercial of mankind. What is more—the resources of the countries in which they dwell have not been nearly so thoroughly developed as have the resources of the countries which border on the Atlantic ocean.

The increase of intercourse between the two sides of the Pacific ocean, which some people now living are likely to see, will be such that the whole trade of the Atlantic—which will itself go on increasing—will appear small in comparison with it.

It may be some excuse for the deep interest which I take in the question of the Pacific that many years of my life were spent in that ocean, and that I am personally acquainted with it from Sitka to Tasmania and from Kamchatka to Tierra del Fuego.

Poor Care of Orchards Is Cause for Lack of Apples

Burlington, Ia., Oct. 18.—Because there are none for the purpose, no apples will be packed here this year. Not many years ago many thousands of bushels of apples were shipped from Burlington each year, and the work of packing gave employment to considerable numbers of men for several weeks each fall and winter. One reason there are no apples for packing is said to be lack of care for the orchards. Grimes and Jonathans are being shipped here and sell at \$11 to \$12 a barrel wholesale, but farmers say that does not bring any greater return than potatoes at 60 cents a bushel.

Invite Yank Engineers.

Stockholm, Oct. 18.—The Swedish Association of Engineers has invited the engineers of America to attend an engineering congress in Stockholm next year. Details of the plan are now being worked out with the aid of Americans residing in Sweden.

NEBRASKA MAN 71 YEARS OLD IS NOW AT HARVARD

Col. Lyon of Nelson, Banker and Cowboy, Chums With 14-Year-Old Student.

By HERBERT CARYL, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 18.—Youth and old age are regular "buddies" at Harvard university.

Fourteen-year-old Jacob Shankman, a sedate little chap in "knickerbockers," is often seen hustling along to class beside Col. George E. Lyon, jr., tall, gray-haired, 71 years young, and a college boy. And often these two intellectual marvels talk things over in the colonel's rooms, which were used by Washington back in the Revolutionary war days.

Things in Common.

They have a good deal in common—these two extremes of Harvard's student body. Literature, history, current events, and the whole range of intellectual topics deeply interest them both. It gives them a wide field for discussion.

However, the remarkable part of it is that the colonel is the one who thinks and dreams and displays the spirit of youth. The boy carries with him an academic air. Colonel Lyon is full of pep and ginger. The "Crimeron infant," as Shankman is called, appears to be always in deep thought. "I'm on easy street and have come back from Nebraska to play again at being a student at my old college," exclaims the colonel. If Shankman engages in sports he has not revealed the fact. "Every morning I go through a set of exercises of from 600 to 1,000 movements and in the afternoon I take a swim in the gym tank and some more exercise, exclaims the colonel. The infant prodigy lives quietly at home. Colonel Lyon has a big study aflame with college banners and "prep" school flags—also a fine life-size statue of Venus de Milo.

Would Be Doctor.

The boy aspires to be a great doctor. But, mind you, before that, coxswain of the Harvard crew. The 71-year-old student wants to be the world's greatest expert on literature and the finest orator. His coming back to college is more of a "rest" for him than anything else.

What of their lives—these two marvels? Young Shankman was born in Chelsea, Mass. He is the son of Isaac Shankman, one of the leading Jewish communal workers of Boston. At grammar school in Chelsea the boy averaged 96 and 97 per cent in all his studies, leading his sections.

From Nelson, Neb.

Colonel Lyon is traveler, minister, cowboy, Indian fighter, stage manager, banker, politician, editor, teacher, singer and author. He was

Andover Joins the Drive Craze; Seeks Million Endowment

Andover, Mass., Oct. 18.—Phillips Andover academy, through the agency of its alumni committee, has begun a drive for \$1,500,000 so that its professors can meet the high cost of living.

One million dollars of this fund will go forward toward raising the income of its professors, as it has been discovered by the finance committee of the academy that an ordinary carpenter gets a rate of wages that nets him over \$300 a year more than the average professor at Andover. The professor's income averages \$2,097.68 a year, while the carpenter's at \$1 an hour for 300 working days of eight hours each is \$2,400.

It is estimated that with an endowment fund of \$1,000,000, invested at 5 per cent, the academy will be able to increase the salaries of 36 members of the teaching staff \$1,000 each, leaving \$14,000 for increasing the salaries of the principal and various academy employes, and also for offering inducements to secure the best teachers available in secondary education.

Iowa Veterinarian Would Have Federal Fowl Inspection

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 18.—Dr. Robert Wall, state veterinarian, estimates that 16 per cent of the hogs and 8 per cent of the cattle in Iowa have tuberculosis. That is considered a comparatively low estimate. Dr. Wall asserts that he is strongly in favor of extending the government inspection now applied to beef, pork and other meats, to poultry. He says that chickens pick up tuberculosis from human beings and from animals, but there is no inspection in chicken packing establishments.

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