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### RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES

The Montreal Witness in discussing the relations of Russia and the United States at the present time speaks of the prominence given just now in the press of the United States to the secret history of the alleged friendship of Russia for the United States. That friendship is now shown to have been a mere myth, with even less foundation than many other myths of history. When Count Cassini referred to it as a fact a while ago, he was promptly confronted with proofs that the Empress Catherine offered to place an army of Cossacks at the disposal of King George to be employed in reducing the revolted thirteen colonies to subjugation. To the honor and credit of the King, he declined the offer. And now Henry Clews, the well-

known banker of New York, has written a letter to the Marquis Ito, his friend of many years standing, in which he gives the true explanation of the presence of the Russian fleet in New York harbor in 1861. At that time, Napoleon III. was making strenuous efforts to induce the European powers to recognize the independence of the southern confederacy. Mr. Clews says that Mr. Seward, United States Secretary of State, hearing that a Russian fleet was cruising in South American waters, conceived the idea that if it could be induced to come to New York, it would give the impression in France and Great Britain that an alliance had been effected between the United States and Russia, and would postpone action on their part leading towards recognition of the confederacy. An invitation was accordingly sent to the officer commanding the Russian fleet to visit New York. The invitation was accepted on the officer's own responsibility, the fleet arrived in due course, the desired impression was produced, and the independence of the confederacy was not recognized. Mr. Clews says he obtained this information from Secretary Seward's own lips. Thus the last shadow of the Russian claim on the gratitude of the United States has been dispelled, much to the apparent satisfaction of our neighbors.

### THE NEW HOTEL.

The attention of all our public spirited citizens is directed to the meeting of those interested in the new hotel at the City Hall this afternoon at four o'clock. The time has come when action must be taken if the work is to go forward in the coming spring. With more than half the money subscribed, with a general public feeling of sympathy in the movement, and with sufficient public interest in the welfare of our city and the province at large necessary capital should be at once subscribed.

### WHAT IS RUSSIA'S STRENGTH.

Readers of the papers will recall the despatches published before the Russo-Japanese war which recounted the elements of the military strength of Russia and fixing her actual force in Manchuria at not over 180,000.

This report is now confirmed by the Vienna despatches received from The London Times based on despatches from St. Petersburg. The authority cited reckons that the total force of the Russians in the Far East will not exceed 177,000 by the 20th of March, and of these 25,000 are railway guards. It is also stated that this is fully as many troops as can be supplied with food and ammunitions necessary for active operations over the Siberian Railway. If this estimate is correct—and it comes from trustworthy sources—the practically defensive attitude of the Russians can readily be understood.

### COMPULSORY TRAINING.

Great Britain is about to introduce a system of compulsory military training. A scheme is now being prepared and will be placed before Parliament at an early day. All males between the ages of 18 and 22 are to be drilled under the supervision of army officers. The period of drill is to extend over four years, and a fortnight annually will be utilized for advanced drill gymnastics, and physical culture will be introduced. The whole term of compulsory training will extend over three and a half months, and by their twenty-third year all young England will be capable of bearing arms, and will know how to use them. It is estimated that the number of young men under training in the British Isles will be 1,165,000.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The standing of the parties in the Senate when the vacancies are filled will be 45 Liberals and 36 Conservatives. This does not include two senators which are to be given the Northwest under recent legislation.

Liberals and Conservatives alike will read with admiration for Canada's old war horse, Sir Charles Tupper, the statement in today's despatches that he is willing if it be the wish to fight before the English public the battle for preferential trade. Sir Charles is now in his eighty-third year and is still full of vigor and imbued with the fire that has marked his life career.

An editorial in The Seattle Post-Intelligencer has a hearty ring about it. The writer says that whether Russ beat Jap or Jap beat Russ was of no deep interest to Americans. If Britain should become involved it would be a different thing, however. "When that time comes," the article continues, "then, as Tatnall said nigh half a century ago at Peiho, they shall find that blood is thicker than water." More than that. Neutral as we will try to be and should be between Russian and Japanese, let England once be involved and neutrality is bound to cease. We cannot stand by idly then, but—hands across the straits—we may say to our blood-brethren over the border, as the poet of our common heritage said:

Come the three corners of the world in arms,

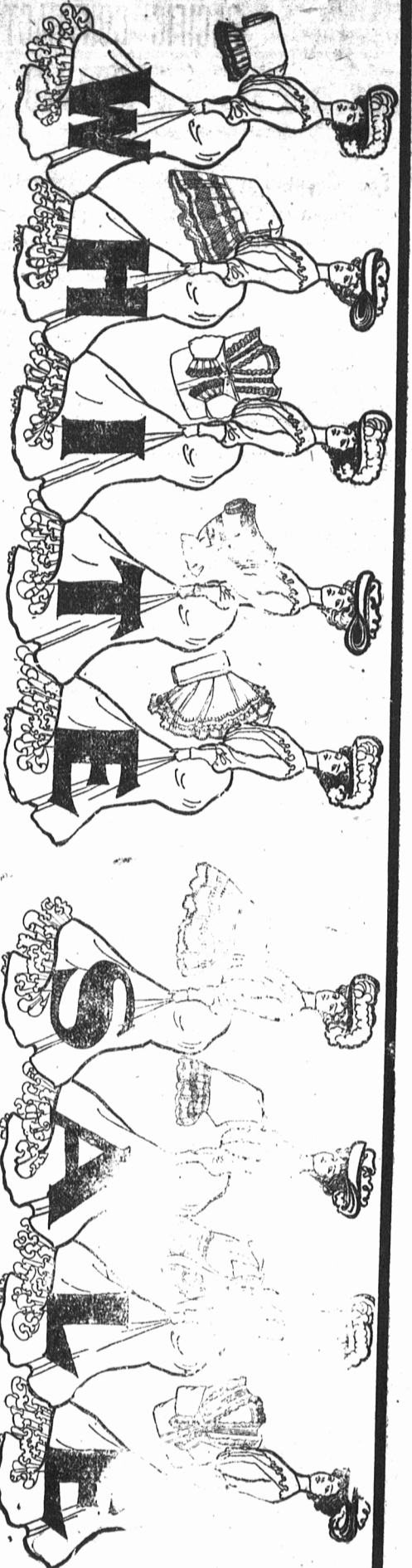
And we shall shock them. Nought shall make us rue,

If England to itself do rest but true."

Such expressions of blood brother hood are appearing in quite unexpected quarters in the United States press.

The letter from the manager of the Dominion Packing Company, published in The Guardian this morning shows that he is willing to meet the farmers half way in arriving at an amicable understanding. It is to be hoped that the Farmers Institutes will act on the advice of Mr. Callbeck

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A Wager Lost.  
"She's a treacherous thing," asserted the girl in blue.  
"How is that?" asked the girl in gray.  
"Why, we fixed it up between us that she was to refuse him if he proposed, and then I made a bet with him that she would."  
"Well?"  
"Well, she didn't."

Topsy's Full Name.  
"Mamma, what is Topsy's other name?"  
"Topsy in the play? I don't know, dear. I guess she hasn't any other name. It's just Topsy, that's all."  
"Oh, she has another name! I heard papa speak it yesterday, but I can't think of it now. Oh, yes, I remember! It's Topsy Turvy."

Do you think?  
"Do you think," inquired the inquisitive man, "that a college education pays?"  
"Well," replied the man who had just paid a tuition bill for his son, "I'll bet it pays the college."

Custom's Reprehensible Work.  
"Custom made pants," soliloquized the professor, observing a sign in a clothier's window. "Did it? Well, custom was in mighty small business when it cut pantaloons down to pants."  
—Chicago Tribune.

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought.  
I got a whole lot of faith in my fellow man; but, all de same, I don't ink 'ee Brudder Simpson put his thumb so fah down on the inside of de col-luhun basket, Mistah Jackson.—Baltimore News.