

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

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**THE LAKE WINNIPEG.**

It is pleasing to learn that, as a whole, the freight by the steamer Lake Winnipeg on her first trip from this port reached Liverpool in as good condition as when it was shipped. Some of the live stock, it is stated "came out better than it went in." Of course the result would have been different, if the weather had been stormy. But the fact speaks well for the management of the Lake Winnipeg under Captain Jones and will go far to assure the traders and shippers of this port who desire to use a steamship direct to the Mother Country. Captain Jones has, by his courtesy, already made many friends in Charlottetown, and we learn that more freight is offering for shipment by the Lake Winnipeg than was anticipated. There can be no doubt that a steamship service between Prince Edward Island and the Mother Country will contribute greatly to the additional development of the resources of our farmers and the prosperity of all classes of our community, if only it be carefully managed and prudently used. In the Captain and officers of the Lake Winnipeg we have, apparently, the first condition. As to the second, our shippers ought to be careful first of all that what they ship is of excellent quality, in order that the character of our products may be established; and, secondly they must watch the British markets carefully in order that the right thing may be sent at the right time.

**LIGHT ON THE PEACE PROPOSAL.**

It is stated that the Czar's peace proposal was the result of a perusal of Mr. Bliokh's book, entitled "The Coming War in its Technical, Economical and Political Aspects." In this book, Mr. Bliokh argues that the European armies have already outgrown practicable limits. The problem of the commissariat alone is now impossible. No railroad, he maintains, can offer transportation in any country capable of supplying the necessary amount of food and ammunition to a modern moving army. It would be impossible for one man, even were he a Molke, to efficiently direct the movements of the present army of Russia, Germany or France. Numbers, beyond a certain point, are, says Mr. Bliokh, disastrous from a military as well as an economical point of view. The author affirms that the European states cannot change their present relative strength which remains constant amid all the costly alternations which they are perpetually carrying out. If, however, their relative strength remains the same, argues Mr. Bliokh, it matters little what the absolute forces of each country are. Therefore they might all be divided by any given number, the greater the better, without causing the slightest perturbation or giving the least advantage to any one. This measure, being feasible, is indispensable; for unless the economical strain felt by the European peoples is speedily eased, an unparalleled economical catastrophe is certain to result. On financial, political, humanitarian and even military grounds, this proposal should be acceptable, says Mr. Bliokh. Count Mouravieff's peace circular to the powers bears evidence of full agreement with Mr. Bliokh's argument up to this point. But Mr. Bliokh laments that the decrease of armament cannot guarantee peace. The danger of war would be as great as ever. He suggests that the proposed disarmament convention be turned into a league of peace on the basis of a political status quo, and that an international arbitration court be created which will have final jurisdiction over all concrete questions. If any state fails to submit silently to the

awards of the court, the other powers will deprive it of the advantages of the postal and telegraphic union, and also deny it trading facilities, and the other powers will give every assistance to the defendant nation in case any country declares war. Furthermore Mr. Bliokh points out that complaints and criticism foster dissatisfaction and engender resistance, and seeing that the newspapers alone can complain and criticize with effect, it is to be enacted as one of the fundamental clauses of the coming peace question that an international star chamber shall have power to issue injunctions to all newspapers, forbidding them to criticize the awards of the courts. He would further make it penal for newspapers to publish any rumors or reports about the progress made in that court toward the discussion or settlement of any question. The Czar probably would be glad to witness the adoption of such an autocratic scheme, but he cannot fail to recognize the impracticability of certain of its features. Mr. Bliokh, however, meets obvious criticisms by saying that the least acceptable of his remedies is infinitely preferable to the danger of war. Perhaps, if Mr. Bliokh had stopped here, the Czar's great peace proposal would not be the subject of serious suspicion. But he goes on to point out, ingeniously, that if the scheme is adopted Russia will inevitably dominate the world! His plan, he says, only requires time and nature, operating in the growth and decay of populations, to finally solve all questions. European Russia will within a hundred years number 300,000,000, Germany 80,000,000, and France 50,000,000. Then Russia will no longer need arguments and international star chambers. Russia's will, and even her caprices, will then, he says, be unchallenged.

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**What He Is Doing.**  
She—I wonder where General Weyer is all this time?  
He—Oh, he's writing up accounts of the battles he's going to win when he joins the Spanish troops.—Philadelphia Press.

**Clear and Bright.**  
The First Mate—How clear and bright it is in the west.

The Second Mate—Why not? The captain has been sweeping the horizon with his glass.—Indianapolis Journal.

**A Pertinent Question.**  
"Soldiers today in rags? Where are their comfort bags?"  
Women folk wonder.  
"Where are the needlebooks, Love stored in such safe nooks, Least men should blunder?"

"Where are the thimbles, thread, Buttons, et cetera, love sped Off to each dear one?  
He who's in rags today With such an outfit," say They, "is a queer one!"

"Tattered and dirty men? They must be shiftless then.  
My goodness gracious! Didn't we in those bags Place, with nice, new washrags, Cakes saponaceous?"

"Wherever round the flag Men rally there our bag, Love sent, pursues them, Laden with things to bless Men who—now comfortless—Seem ne'er to use them!"

Plain now 'tis to be seen— Men can't keep clad or clean— When they are swimming Up to their necks in blood.  
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