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PROTECTION v. POCKET-BOOK.

We have been favoured with the following communication:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY RECORD.

Marshall Field & Company,
Chemnitz.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the article "Protection versus Pocket Book" I am surprised that you should publish in your paper such a silly, blatant and incorrect article. Marshall Field & Co. have no foreign glove factory and have no money invested in any, and other statements are on a par with this. If you want to educate, give facts. If you don't care about that part, continue to encourage your breezy correspondent to make statements about things of which he appears to have no knowledge in fact. Such Americans should take up their permanent abode outside of the borders of the United States, because they are not worthy of the citizenship of a country which contains as many noble, and as high-minded men as any country on which the sun shines.

Yours truly,

Wm. J. Watson,
British-American.

Chemnitz, August 20th, 1909.

We accept Mr. Watson's correction on the one item mentioned, but we would point out to him that his letter contains little else calculated to throw doubt upon the statements made by our correspondent relative to the devious methods of the American Trusts. Abuse is certainly not argument. We would also point out that while it is permissible to criticise a letter or an article appearing in a newspaper, strong exception must be taken to criticism of the editorship of that paper. Because a letter or an article is published by the editor of a journal, it does not follow that the opinions voiced therein are those of the editor. We should have thought it unnecessary to emphasise that most elementary principle of newspaper correspondence.

We are not quite able to grasp why the fact of our correspondent having written an article that may have injured the delicate susceptibilities of Trust supporters should disqualify him for American citizenship. The writer of the above letter probably knows as well as we do that the abuses briefly sketched by our correspondent exist beyond all doubt, and that they are a source of grave anxiety to such men as Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft. In fact, the whole policy of Mr. Roosevelt while in office bore an anti-Trust character, and his attitude in the matter was heartily supported by the vast majority of thoughtful American citizens, who perceive the danger to their country and are not afraid to face it.

The nobility or high-mindedness of Americans was never brought into question by our correspondent who, it may be as well to say, is a native-born American himself. To paraphrase the last sentence of Mr. Watson's communication:—Americans who are fully aware of the Trust evil and its consequences if unchecked, and who still persist in closing their

eyes and burying their heads in the sand, are not worthy of the citizenship of a country which contains as many noble, and as high-minded men as any country on which the sun shines. —The Editor.

TOPICS OF INTEREST.

ANOTHER MAURETANIA TRIUMPH.

A cable despatch to the *Berliner Tageblatt* from New York reports that the Cunard liner *Mauretania* has made an entirely new record for the Transatlantic trip. Following the shortest, or summer, route, the vessel crossed from England in 4 days 14 hours and 38 minutes, or 22 minutes less than the best passage of her sister-ship, the *Lusitania*. By this achievement the *Mauretania* has broken all previous records for both the western and eastern passages.

DANGEROUS NAVY COAL.

According to all accounts, the recent discoveries of explosives in coal destined for use in British warships is greatly agitating the British naval authorities. As we reported yesterday, the armoured cruiser *Duke of Edinburgh* was the scene of the last discovery, which consisted of four packages of dynamite distributed among the coal brought alongside. The great majority of coal for naval purposes comes from Wales, and is loaded at Penarth, near Cardiff. It is not impossible that the explosive is in reality blasting-powder used in the pits, which may have accidentally got among the coal; but as no fewer than four separate discoveries have been made within a few days, the theory of accident is discredited. It is estimated that these occurrences placed the life of 3,300 officers and men in jeopardy, because, had the stuff exploded, it would have blown the bottom out of the most powerful ironclad. A searching investigation has been set afoot, and all coal recently taken aboard at Portsmouth and Sheerness will be carefully examined before use.

ALFONSO THE BEARDED.

The Press Agency reports from Madrid that when King Alfonso arrived at San Sebastian on his recent visit to his consort, the Queen and her suite were astounded at his appearance. He had, it seems, taken the opportunity to adorn his face with a full beard, which struck terror into the hearts of all observers. The sudden appearance of His Majesty in this altered guise so embarrassed the ladies and gentlemen of the Court that they had great difficulty in suppressing their mirth. The shock was all the greater because the King had also had his hair cut very short.

CHINA AND JAPAN MAKE FRIENDS.

A memorandum has now been signed at Mukden by the Chinese and Japanese representatives whereby the Antung-Mukden railway dispute is practically settled. It states in effect that China withdraws all objection to the extension and improvement of the line, and a copy of the memorandum will be despatched to the Powers interested.

THE BLACK HAND IN AMERICA.

The two detectives who were despatched from America to Sicily and Italy to investigate the murder of Lieutenant Petrosino at Palermo by members of the "Black Hand" have now returned to New York and resumed their search for the confederates of the assassin. Inspector Baker has made a statement to the effect that the two officers have brought with them from Italy much valuable information respecting the organisation of the "Black Hand" in the States. They also arrived at an agreement with the Italian police, which should prove very advantageous for future cases. The Italian police will advise the American authorities every time a known Italian criminal emigrates to the States. It is further reported that the New York police have now an exact knowledge of the identity of Petrosino's murderers, and that in consequence of their enquiries a number of suspected Italians will be forthwith deported from America.

AMERICAN SHIPPING DISASTER.

A New York cable reports the sinking of the American fishing schooner *Orinoco*, some 22 miles distant from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Eleven members of the crew of 17 hands lost their lives.

DRASTIC LAW IN ARKANSAS.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* reports from New York that the State of Arkansas has issued a decree prohibiting sixty fire insurance companies from carrying on business in that State, because the companies in question have formed a rate agreement between themselves.

THE RUSSO-GERMAN BALLOON INCIDENT.

We are informed from Berlin that an investigation of the envelope of the balloon Tschudi has been undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining whether the balloon was really struck by bullets. It has been found that a rifle bullet pierced the envelope and passed out and that the shot must have been fired by the Russians while the balloon was fully inflated and still over German territory. The investigation will continue in the presence of military experts.

THE KING OF ITALY AS ARBITRATOR.

A Rome despatch says that the Governments of France and Mexico recently approached the King of Italy and requested him to decide a dispute as to the sovereignty of the island of Clipperton, to which claim is laid by both Governments. The King has now accepted this office, and his Ministers will investigate the affair.

THE KING OF BULGARIA.

The Turkish Government has officially decided to recognise the title of "King of Bulgaria" as applied to King Ferdinand.

HEALTH OF THE NEGUS.

An Addis Abeba telegram reports the condition of the Emperor Menelik to be satisfactory. He received the members of the Diplomatic Corps on the occasion of his birthday.

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