

### TIME TO USE SENSE IN FOREIGN POLICY

#### OTHER NATIONS NOT FAIR

#### China and Nicaragua Also Have Duties to Rest of World Which Has Helped to Make Them

We have heard a great deal of late about our duty to Mexico, our duty to Nicaragua, and our duty and the world's duty to China. Isn't it about time, asks the National Republic, that we spend a few of our spare moments inquiring whether Nicaragua and Mexico and China have any duty to the rest of the world? Some of the professional friends of Mexico, and China in America tell us that we have only been in these two countries for motives of trade and profit, that the unfortunate peoples there have had their raw products taken away from them by fraud.

#### Had to Be "Greased"

Had to be "greased" in some cases. In the case of concessions, although Americans and Europeans in foreign trade are probably about as honest as those engaged in other callings. But if there has been bribery and corruption in some instances, it has generally been because the wheels of "justice" in these benighted countries generally require greasing of a financial nature before any business can be done. This does not excuse bribery, of course, but it demonstrates that the corruption is not one-sided. And if the Mexican and Chinese people have been at times cheated by foreigners, they have not been outraged by these aliens one thousandth as many times as they have by their own rulers and by one another. Revolutions in these countries have not been patriotic but generally inspired by the desire to rob and plunder.

#### Should Play Fair

Of course we ought to treat the Mexicans and Chinese fairly and squarely, and permit them so far as possible to work out their own destiny. But honesty and fairness, on the part of these people, is just as great an obligation. The murder and outrage of foreigners is not a commendable custom either.

Practically all the progress China and Mexico have made has come through foreign capital and in China by foreign missions. Foreigners have concessions in Mexico and China because the Mexicans and Chinese sold them to the outlanders. The foreign capital has brought most of the business and prosperity which the people have on occasions enjoyed. It would seem, therefore that this duty of any one nation to the rest of the world ought to be a fifty-fifty proposition.

Soviet Russia has rebuffed the League of Nations, according to press dispatches, and this is one rebuff that the league ought to be able to bear with a great deal of fortitude.

### ABANDONS WAR TO RAISE CHICKENS

#### German Baron, Leader In Great Conflict, Now In U. S., Has Poultry Farm

An old farmhouse at Brandywine, Maryland, is the headquarters of a poultry-farm which is producing the finest chickens now on sale in the Washington market,—chickens which are being served on the White House table from time to time. The owner of this farm is Baron Bernhard Rechenberg, late of the court of Emperor Wilhelm of Germany and during the war a major of infantry in the Kaiser's Own. He is an American farmer, now making a start with poultry.

An interview with the Baron on American poultry raising is a feature of the February issue of Farm and Fireside, which has been called the most widely quoted farm paper in the country. "America is 200 or 300 years ahead of Europe in its poultry methods," says the Baron enthusiastically. "It is wonderful how you have made a science of it. When I write home that I have a poultry farm, people think I must be crazy."

"In the old days, the estates of my family in Saxony totalled over 80,000 acres. Here I find it astonishing how much work there is on 67 acres when done intensively.

"I am a pioneer here. My hen-houses are not imposing, yet I have put into them much study and care. The hens are big Langshans and Jersey Giants. It is a new business, but a fascinating one.

"I was, by trade, you see, a soldier. But no more,—war is fought now by men who do not see one another. It is fought with gas and lice and pieces of paper. Yes, and wars are made by people who do not see one another. When we meet, we find, do we not, that we are much the same?"

### RED CROSS PROVIDES READING FOR BLIND

#### Ex-Service Men Without Sight Are Furnished Books In Braille

Blinded ex-service men are furnished the latest and most popular reading matter through the Red Cross. During the past year 136,599 pages of Braille, a system of raised dots on paper for the use of blind readers, were written from books, magazines, newspapers, and pamphlets by volunteer workers of the American Red Cross throughout more than sixty cities of the United States. The Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross was the pioneer of this transcribing work in America, and maintains its corps of some eighty volunteer transcribers, who in 1926 wrote 12,721 pages of Braille. Miss Madeline Loomis has been the volunteer director in Braille in the Chicago chapter since the war, and has organized the work in all parts of the country.

Mrs. Theodore Keehn, one of the Chicago chapter volunteers who has transcribed more volumes than any-

one else in the United States, recently completed the "Outline of Science," making fourteen volumes, or 2,935 pages; and "Janice Meredith," which required 1,427 pages of Braille writing. Since only four or five pages can be transcribed in an hour, Mrs. Keehn's work represents almost 1,000 hours of writing on the Braille machine.

Various organizations such as the Chicago Public Library, the American Library association, the Congressional library at Washington, and the William Nelson Campbell fund have contributed largely to the work of proof-reading, binding, and circulating of the books which the Red Cross has provided for the ex-soldiers. While ex-service men have first choice in the Red Cross books done into Braille, the Chicago Public Library circulates them to any blind readers, and also does the proof-reading and binding.

London has a parrot which is 126 years of age and still retains its tail feathers—which is a good indication that Poll has never been in politics.

### VIRGINIA COLLEGE GIVES CIVIC COURSE

Citizenship instruction, through single lectures or short courses, is announced by the University of Virginia. Assistance in arranging citizenship institutes is also offered local communities or organizations by the bureau of citizenship education of the university, which will furnish information on any subject in the field of citizenship and government. A short-course meeting presents popular demand in connection with the proposed reorganization in Virginia of state and local governments, embraces a general study of city, county, and state government, and includes public health, education, public welfare, and other activities in which there is state and local co-operation. Lectures will be arranged to suit local convenience, the only expense being for travel and maintenance of the lecturer while absent from the university.

Don't forget sauerkraut as a winter standby, and a source of vitamins.

### MANY CHILDREN IN WINTER GARDEN CLUB

Nearly a third as many children in Cleveland, Ohio, are enrolled in winter school garden clubs as were enrolled for summer work. During the fall 2,585 children were happily occupied in planting bulbs and making Christmas wreaths, and already many plants have been started for exhibition in the spring flower show. Clubs are conducted during school hours or after dismissal, and the plan is to correlate garden projects with work in science classes. Through a school garden department and a special committee provision is made for both activity and information, and the effort is to develop among the children a social atmosphere rather than mere maintenance of discipline.

Mussolini has placed a tax of 25 lire per head on bachelors in Italy, and doubtless there will be some bachelors mean enough to say that any price is cheap to pay for freedom.

### NO BOOZE CANDY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Candy containing liquor cannot be sold legally in British Columbia, according to a final ruling handed down by the Appeal court of the Province, thus reversing the judgment of the Supreme court. It is expected the case will be left with the Appeal court so that the ban on liquor chocolates is now complete.

The Appeal court holds, in brief, that it is illegal to sell candy containing liquor in liquid form or flavored with liquor. The decision is aimed at a large traffic in liquor-containing candy which had developed in recent months under the government control liquor law.

The psychology class at the University of Chicago has succeeded in teaching a bunch of mice to turn to the right. In time, it is hoped, the lesson can be taught even to sidewalk shoppers. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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