

The London Westminster Gazette, the able organ of the liberal-radical party of Great Britain, declares that the additional millions that are to be raised by Germany and France represent "sheer waste."

Germany is arming against Pan-slavism and against France. France is arming against Germany. Austria, largely Slav, is arming against Russia and the Balkans. Industry and commerce are to be bled in time of peace by forced contributions frankly called war taxes.

Will not some level-headed ruler suggest another conference for the discussion of armament limitation? The year, 1898, was in advance of public sentiment. Perhaps since then experience has taught the world that, after all, the best way to peace lies in the cultivation of and preparation for peace.

The Germans are the greatest producers of potatoes in the world. They have increased the production enormously, until the average annual output is one and one-half billion bushels.

Bread, it appears, came second at fourteen and two-thirds ounces, but potatoes are the staff of life and they are the food gift of the new world.

SERBIA AS A NATION

The birth of Serbia as a nation, settled in or near its present home, may be dated in the first half of the seventh century.

They were Slavs, but the Croats perhaps had, like the Slavs of Moravia in after years, adopted the name of a Tartar tribe.

The country rose to great heights under Stephen Dushan, the czar of the Serbs, but after his death Murad I. conquered the country, and it was not until 1815 that the Serbs partially threw off the Turkish yoke.

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Gangrene.

Gangrene is the death of a part of the living body. Sometimes it results from an injury, such as burning or frost-bite, or from a surgical operation.

Gangrene may be either "moist" or "dry." In the former case, the death of the part has been sudden, while it was still abundantly fed with the body fluids.

As impaired circulation is at the root of the trouble, the treatment must try to restore the circulation, and combat the inflammation.

Sore Throat.

The causes of sore throat are: Inhalation of dust and irritating vapors, as tobacco smoke, smoke of smelting furnaces, factory dust, etc.

In the cure of sore throat, says the Family Doctor, the first thing, of course, is to remove the cause.

FRENCHMEN FEAR AIRSHIPS.

Think They Are Being Outlashed By the Germans. French opinion is waking up to the fact that Germany, in the sphere of military aeronautics, is leaving France badly in the rear.

LOGIE.

"What are you doing, dear?" asked the little girl's mother, as she paused to look at some very strange marks the child had been making on a piece of paper.

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Wasted Sarcasm.

Indignant Wife—"I wonder what you would have done if you had lived when men were first compelled to earn their bread by the sweat of their brows?"

Indolent Husband—"I should have started a little notion store and sold handkerchiefs."

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, APRIL 6.

Lesson 1.—Jacob and Esau.—Gen. 25. 27-34; 27. 1-45. Golden text, Isa. 30. 18.

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The hands of Esau—Hair and rougher than Jacob's. Rebekah had taken garments of Esau her elder son, and put them upon Jacob her younger son; and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hand, and upon the smooth of his neck.

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