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THE KAISER'S COSTLY AFRICAN POLICY.

Unless the optimism of the German press is unwarranted, the "conversations" between the French and German foreign offices over Morocco will end shortly, and the war specter which has had the world's money markets in a cold sweat for months will be laid for the time being.

As settlement in full for the claims and demands Germany has made in Morocco, France has offered that part of the Congo which has the river Sangha as its Southern boundary, with a strip of territory giving an outlet to the Atlantic above Libreville.

Emperor William has again shown, for the third time in six years, that although last in that fertile field, he is a factor to be reckoned with in the partitioning of Africa.

It was Emperor William's strong arm and inflexible will which forced the Algeciras conference in 1906 and checked the plans of Great Britain and France for partitioning northern Africa between them.

Much good, we trust, we believe, will come of the movement initiated by the Board of Trade in naming a committee to lay plans to secure a meeting of the heads of commercial bodies, editors, etc., of all western North Carolina, in Asheville while the fair is in progress.

New York did not take kindly to the idea of having the Binford girl "in our midst," but the metropolis is very glad to receive Gaby Deslys.

The papers of the State are not at all backward about letting the Henderson authorities know what they think of the handling of the Hawkins case.

Do not call this Indian summer. In the first place, it is not time for it yet; secondly, this is the real, common or garden variety.

when Germany entered the lists, so that the Kaiser's chief battle has been for economic advantages. Germany has a large and increasing merchant marine, in which, by the way, it is said the Kaiser is heavily interested personally, and which does a thriving business in African waters.

It is thus seen that the Kaiser has been in a measure successful in his African diplomacy, but what his people think of paying the piper is another question.

THE "RULE OF REASON."

President Taft declared in his Detroit speech, in speaking of the Sherman anti-trust law: "It has required 20 years of litigation to make the statute clear. But it is now clear."

These things being true, there are some people who seem to think the President should see to it that certain trust magnates are put in jail. The New York World is of this opinion, saying: "But with all respect to the President, we do not believe he will ever put a full set of teeth into the Sherman law until he enforces it as a criminal statute."

Perhaps the fact that the President does choose his words with such marked care may be taken to indicate that the government, in handling this anti-trust weapon, will not for a moment lose sight of "the rule of reason."

Here are a few general platitudinous exhortations and remarks that might be given a particular application just at this time, or almost any time. You can be loyal to your own town or community without being a hidebound provincial.

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This conference of governors, which it but a very few years ago, was itself an innovation and extra-constitutional in its status. The American constitutions, whether federal or state, recognize no such body. Hence, the conference has developed no tendencies seriously aggressive or in the least indicative of an evolution that might establish it as a new branch of government sanctioned by the written constitution of the land.

The decision of Judge Sanborn of the United States Circuit court in the rate case in question was undoubtedly a blow at state rights in that it set on the doctrine that regulation of railroad rates by state authority within the territorial limits of the state

was unconstitutional whenever such regulation interfered with the regulation of interstate rates by the federal interstate commerce commission. If the two kinds of regulation clash, which should surrender the field? Judge Sanborn's decision was pre-eminently nationalistic. Yet there was danger in such a decision, for while effective state regulation of interstate rates may be rendered impossible, the federal authority would still be non-effective in the same area, and the twilight zone between federal and state control would appear wherein the carriers would be supreme.

From the standpoint of the state, such a situation would seem insupportable; and it is not surprising that of the 26 governors present at the conference when this subject was considered all but one joined in the movement to make the conference a party in the case before the United States Supreme court.

The crunch of the trumpeting underfoot of individual rights is still heard in the land. Kissing in public is forbidden in Kansas City.

These postmasters are first class; men of the high stamp, it might be remarked.

Playgrounds for the Children.

Editor of The Gazette-News: Apropos of the agitation by the Child's Welfare society of the question of playgrounds for children, and of Dr. Hart's expert testimony in regard to the value of such a provision, it may be well to recall a coincidence that seems to the writer very significant.

Ten or twelve years ago, more or less, a "gang" of small boys in a certain part of the town organized a "club"; and, having no better place for the same, they began to play on one of the residential streets. A "cop," in the performance of his sworn duty, soon put a stop to this. The youngsters then repaired to a vacant lot, which they found much better suited to their purpose. They were congratulating themselves on the good that had come out of seeming evil, and were ready to pass a vote of thanks to the officer of the law, when the owner of the property appeared and drove them from the field. The boys knew something of Mr. George W. Pack and his beneficent and by an unerring instinct they felt that of his sympathy. Accordingly they addressed a note to this noble philanthropist and philanthropist (if I may coin a word to suit the occasion), in which they laid the case before him and asked if they might not play on the vacant property then owned by him on South French Broad avenue. In a few days they received what might be called a "boyish" reply from Mr. Pack, so full of it of genuine insight and sympathy, touched with fresh reminiscences of his own boyhood and playful allusions to "old unhappy far-off things and battles long ago," when he too had to face the difficulties and limitations which eternally confront the boyhood of the world. He closed his note with the expression of a hope and desire that the city of Asheville might soon be able to provide a suitable playground for the boys. Within a short time after this, not more than two weeks, I think, Mr. Pack presented to the city the very piece of property the boys had asked leave to play on, which is now known as Aston park. Whether the boys' wish was father to Mr. Pack's thought, I do not know. I only know that the expression of their wish preceded the donation of the park. The coincidence seems significant. It may be that these boys picked the lock of Mr. Pack's heart, which was not a hard thing for innocent burglars to do, and rifled it of the treasure we call Aston park.

Whether this was the case or not, there can be little doubt that the city ought to provide as soon as possible suitable playgrounds for the children. Boys without an opportunity for wholesome play are not likely to develop into men with a taste for wholesome work.

R. F. CAMPBELL. September 20, 1911.

\*\*\*\*\* PRESS COMMENT. \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* DIVERSION. \*\*\*\*\* One contemporary wants us to "Just think of the disputes that are going on in the back rooms of the drug stores up in Maine!" If you have a grudge at yourself, there is diversion.—Charlotte Observer.

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