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Foreign Trade Is An Exchange; Cannot Be Too Much One-Sided

By EDWARD EWING PRATT Chief of United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Co



Foreign trade is really trade. It is an exchange.

Trade cannot be built up in one direction. The United States cannot expect to export continuously unless we provide for our customers some method by which they can pay their bills. The easiest of the various methods available is to provide for and purchase their exports.

Let me point out a fundamental fact. In the seventies only 14.50 per cent of our total imports were raw materials, and 46.62 per cent were manufactured products. From that date there has been a steady increase in the percentage of raw materials imported and a steady decrease in the percentage of manufactured products. In the five-year period just before the war 43.45 per cent of our imports were raw materials and 41.23 per cent were manufactured articles. I have cited these facts in some detail because of their significance of the fact that what is happening now is merely the climax, somewhat hastened of course, of a movement which has been going on for about five decades. In spite of these facts, the great markets for most of the world's raw products have been established not in the United States but in Europe. We have bought at second hand and through European middlemen many of our fundamental raw materials. We have paid a commission to European middlemen, and we have paid a profit to European bankers for services which we could just as well have performed for ourselves had we developed the market machinery in this country.

Military Training May Free Schools of Some of Absurdities of Past

By DR. WOODS HUTCHINSON

If the world war rid us of militarism and of the drill sergeant idea in the schoolriom, it may be worth all it costs. Modern war calls for science, and science is precisely what our present system of education doesn't give as yet. Military training in the schools may prove the great emancipator for whom we have been waiting to free our system of education from the elerical shackles and classical absurdities of the past, and place it upon a hygienic, rational and scientific basis. Instead of deploring it, we should meet it half way and see whether we cannot easily obtain in the name of war-what we have not been able to obtain for the bodily welfare of the shill in the frivolous name of play. Entead of a hardin the name of war-what we have not been able to obtain for the bodily welfare of the child in the frivolous name of play. Instead of a hardwan and bardy tolerated section on school hygiene, we may be able to make all schooling hygienic and all education improving to the body and health of the child as well as to his mental development. To paraphrase Scripture, if we seek first the kingdom of Mars and its efficiency, all other things may be added unto us.

Modern military ideals can be made to work a real transvaluation of educational values. It would do us no harm to reverse our ideals for a few decades, for there is no danger of our being dragged too far out of the rut.

First and foremost, the war-school curriculum demands and aim at a vigorous, healthly, well-balanced and well-trained body, "a fust-class fighting man," or, what is equally important, fighting woman—a real militant. Get (that under modern conditions and you also get all the brain power and all the beauty that the individual was born with. Schol-

brain power and all the beauty that the individual was born with. Scholars can be made in any kind of a cell or garret, but soldiers must be manfactured in the open air. This solves the problem of ventilation, also of eyestrain, and of crooked backs from too much desk work.

The things that the soldier must do, the things that the engineer must do, the things that the munition worker, the hospital nurse, and the army cook must do, are the very things that children of both sexes are most keenly and intensely interested in—the very things on, which they get no principal information in the present curriculum. We have so-called science courses in the schools, but they begin at exactly the opposite end from the child's interest. They are making him hate science almost as much as he now hates good literature. The war point of view would reverse all this and solve the great pedagogic problem of interest.

Teaching of English Language Is First Step in Education of Aliens

By ELSA ALSBERG Secretary Department of Immigrant Aid, New York Council of Jewish Wom

A realization of the responsibility of governmental agencies for the education of the adult immigrant is a matter of comparatively recent con-sciousness on the part of the public. With this consciousness there arose the consideration of methods—of ways and means of reaching the adult alien, to interest him, to ascertain his educational needs, and to devise

away of supplying them.

The various processes of immigrant education are mainly processes of assimilation. They include a knowledge of our customs and institutions, both social and economic. But these are processes fundamentally dependent on a working knowledge of the English language and upon some command of the three R's.

Without this knowledge of our language the foreigner cannot have

without this knowledge of our language the foreigner cannot have that social contact with the native born that takes him out of the isolation of his "foreign quarter" and introduces him to American dustoms and ways of living. Without English he cannot have access to that great Americanizing influence—the newspaper.

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On the economic side, also, the non-English-speaking alien is at a great disadvantage. He is unable to learn of opportunities offered. In competition with the English-speaking employee, he must be able to understand odders given in English by his "boss," to read signs of warning in factory and streets, printed police and safety regulations, and quarantine placards in the tenement house in which he lives. His industrial advancement depends in a large measure on his ability to speak and understand English and on his having at least a rudimentary education. cation

The immigrant of either sex wants and nexts a working knowledge of the English language and some appreciation of our American customs and institutions. It is time that we not only recognize this fact, but take active measures to supply these needs in acceptable and reasonable form.

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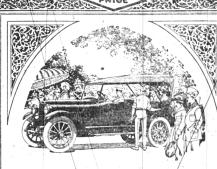
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