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CANADA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PACIFIC PROTECTION

The contention of Borden and his party for a free gift of thirty-five millions to relieve the British taxpayers has taken no account of a veritable danger zone that exists in Canada. Her own ungarded shores be the Dominion's first and greatest responsibil-The problem of the protection of the Pacific is the supreme problem not only for the British Empire alone, but for those ideals of life and that type of civilization we call Anglo-Saxon. Writing upon this question in the Nineteenth Century Dr. F. B. Vrooman raises some profound ques- BRITAIN LOOKING ON tions and argues to definite WITH DEEP SADNESS conclusions pertinent touching the whole problem. He says in part:

"We are entering a life and death struggle upon the Pacific ocean, the white against the yellow races. This involves no vulgar color line. Alas! we are learning the economic superiority of the yellow man white-perhaps the militant, certainly the diplomatic. He is superior in this also, that he will learn from us and we will not learn from The divergence in interest between the white and the vellow races in the Pacific is fundamental. There is a gulf over which no treaty or convention can make more than a temporary bridge." On the bearing of that situation on the question of naval defence Dr. Vrooman has this word: "There is a rapidly approaching crisis on the Pacific which cannot be met by a navy in the North Sea that has got to stay North Sea. cannot put Canadian money in the North Sea. Britain does not need it so long as London has money to invest in Japanese warships at a rate of four per cent., and without a possibility of being paid back except Japan borrow more money to do it. Great Britain can defend the British Isles. . The plan of a cash contribution will ease momentarily a nation exchequer already full,

and will be equivalent to our

Canadian navy in the Atlantic formation. Ocean will place our defences and that on the wrong basis. lieved he will interfere. It is un- and take unfavorable notice. The plan of a Canadian fleet of the Imperial navy in the Pacific ocean, while fulfilling entirely every obligation we sustain to the Mother Country. will revive British prestige in the Pacific ocean, put us in a position to help defend the British Empire, and at the same time begin the necessary training of men to make her a self-defending as well as a self-depending nation."

The London newspapers are just now handling the Canadian naval situation with caution and reserve, but there is a tone of sadness that such a condition of afairs should exist and that Great Britain is a pivotal point. The Pall Mall Gazette treats the debate as the principal item of the day's news, describing it as greatest party struggle in the history of the Dominion and deploring that a great party conflict should have come on an issue so important on the an issue so important to imperial interests. 'The Daily News says editorially: "It is hardly a pleasant augury for the promotion of Imperial unity when the first result of the proposed contribution is to provoke a domestic crisis of the most acute description. It is clear the more it is discussed the more the advantages of Laurier's alternative are approved in Canada. It avoids constitutional problems both here and in the Dominion. Borden's plan weakens the already imperfect control of the British parliament of armaments and withdraws from Canadians the management of their own ships. Obviously there is no element of permanence here, but rather an ample promise of future opportunities for friction which all wise statesmanship will seek to avoid."

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President Wilson does not believe he can prevent the passage of the bill. The President and Secretary of State Bryan conferred again this morning over the measure and decided watch closely the situation, and if necessary, to send a represenpouring so many millions into tative to the state department to the North Sea. The plan of a Sacremento to get first hand in-

President Wilson holds that a

declaration that the California planning to boycott American Association, the party of German anti-alien land bill is aimed dir- goods. The President is trying manufacturers whose tour to demonstrate to Japan that the through the Dominion was reectly at the Japanese, despite at- general feeling in the United ferred to at the last meeting of tempts to conceal its real pur- States should not be judged by the board of trade are scheduled

Sacramento, Cal., April 19anese ambassador in renewing The effort of the California leg- catch them with an invitation to other nations in the anti-alien The party embraces, 135 Gersage in the senate is coming from those within the state derather than from the Nipponese government.

where they are not needed and state's right to enact legislation his virtues from the housetop minion. At present there is

THAT GERMAN PARTY NOW TOURING CANADA

Reach Victoria in September-Will Be Invited to Visit Prince Rupert.

From a statement made by the president of the Canadian Press

to arrive at Victoria early in September, but it might be well to

bill, which late yesterday was man manufacturers and journalpassed in the assembly by a vote ists. Most of the business men of 58 to 15, has led to a situa- are presidents of boards of trade ARE YOU GOING EAST tion today where the most deter- in various towns in Germany, mined opposition against its pas and they are coming to study the potentialities of a more thoroughly exploited Canadian marpendent upon European capital, ket. They are men who are keen critics of financial matters and is certain that their impressions! will have considerable effect upon When a man begins to shout German investment in the Doprobably will never be used, is paramount, and it is not be- his neighbors proceed to sit up great deal of German capital account of this, as much as a de sire to study trade possibilities, that they are making this tour.

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