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TAX-FREE FOOD FOR CANADA.

The proposal to remove the duty upon wheat entering Canada from the United States so that Canadian wheat may enter the United States duty free is the big political problem of the moment, says the Toronto Globe. The Conservative press generally has preserved a discreet silence, which is not surprising, when we remember that two years ago the Conservative leaders told us that if our export trade began to follow north and south lines instead of flowing to and from the seaboard within the Dominion the imperial tie, and even the national existence, would be imperilled. It was all humbug, of course, but the public still remembers the argument and might begin to jeer were it too suddenly abandoned.

Political consistency demands that Mr. Borden, instead of removing the wheat duties on both sides of the border—for that is in effect the power now conferred upon him—shall prevent the calamity of which he warned the Canadian people two years ago, by levying an export duty on Canadian wheat shipped to points in the United States.

EXCURSIONS TO THE ARCTIC.

Two Russian government steamers which have been engaged in exploration work on the northern coast of Siberia have discovered the long talked of continent in the Arctic seas, as told in these columns re-

cently. They have done more than this and of almost equal geographical interest. Having taken their departure originally from Russian ports in Europe, these vessels have successfully accomplished the northeastern passage, a feat which has not heretofore been duplicated since the time that Nordenskiöld made the passage, in 1878-79.

The trip of these vessels through the Arctic from Europe serves to recall to those who have forgotten the fact that if there is a practicable open summer passageway through the Arctic it might be possible to make the voyage from Rupert to Northern Europe by that route at not much greater expenditure of time than is spent in going from here to Hongkong. The actual sailing distance by the Northeast Passage from Rupert to the northern ports of Norway is about the same as from here to points on the east coast of Southern Asia.

This does not mean that there are any possibilities of a commercial route to Europe being opened that way. It does mean that when the route is clearly explored and defined it would be easily possible in an ordinary season for a summer excursion to be taken through the Arctic to Europe, a matter of three weeks' time or so, should all conditions be favorable.

Possibly, in a few years from now, such excursions may become fairly popular. There are too many risks and uncertainties at present, but they can possibly be overcome in the future.

THE GUGGENHEIMS LOSE SOME OF THEIR GOLD BY ROBBERY

TWO UNKNOWN MEN BIND WATCHMEN AND RIFLE RIFLES OF SLUICE BOXES, GETTING ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DUST.

Two unknown men last night held up two hydraulic men on the Yukon Gold hydraulic works on Lovett Gulch, and got away with a large quantity of virgin gold, estimated to be worth somewhere near \$20,000, says the Dawson Daily News.

The robbery took place on the north side of Lovett Hill, right where the hydraulic men were washing down the gold bearing gravels. Milford Halliday and Fred Bowers were the men held up. Halliday was in charge of the pipe, and Bowers was doing other work about the place.

Bowers left Halliday at 12:30 o'clock to build a fire and prepare a lunch for the two at the nearby mess house. While Bowers, carrying a lantern, was proceeding along the flat caused by the hydraulic operations, only a few hundred feet from the giant, two mysterious looking men suddenly stepped up in the dark and gave the command, "Throw up your hands." Bowers was completely surprised to find himself looking into the muzzles of two ugly guns, and to see two masked men standing behind the guns, not moving a muscle. The men with the guns made it plain to Bowers they wanted him to make no resistance or it would be all off with him. One man kept Bowers covered while the other whipped out cords and other material and gagged the man and then bound him.

Bowers' hands were tied behind him and his feet were tied and drawn up and tied as closely as possible to the hands. Bowers was trussed up like a chicken. After the robbers had tied Bowers, they rolled him over in a small ditch and told him to be quiet and to make no effort to get away or it would be his finish.

The men then had a long wait. Halliday, as was customary, was at the nozzle, washing down the gravel, and was to remain there until the return of Bowers. Only one man was to be off shift at a time. But Bowers did not return in the short time expected, and the time dragged on for an hour and a quarter. Halliday then walked over toward the mess house to see what delayed Bowers. Once Halliday was away from the giant, the robbers knew he could not use the big stream of water to resist an attack, and they stepped up in the dark and held him up after the manner they had held up Bowers. They then gagged Halliday and tied his

hands and made fast his feet, but did not connect the hands to the feet. Then they rolled Halliday over in a trench and covered his head with sacks, after warning him that if he attempted to get away or make a noise it would mean his finish. They went off to the sluice boxes and went to work. Every once in a while a man would return and give Halliday an easy kick and tell him to lie there. It was an exceptionally cloudy and dark night, but the robbers had lanterns and could manoeuvre quickly. Evidently they had visited the place before during the daytime, for they knew about what steps they wanted to take without parley. Before they put the ropes on Halliday they asked that he shut off the water in the pipe feeding the giant, which was near the long sluice he could not do that without bursting the pipes. They then asked him to switch the stream from that nozzle to another, which would carry the water to another spot and leave them free to work at the desired spot in picking up the concentrated gravel containing the gold. Under the persuasion of the guns Halliday made the switch.

After disposing of Halliday, the men went to work in the upper end of the sluice boxes. They found far more gravel, perhaps, than they anticipated, and could not take up much of it. They got probably enough to fill four gunny sacks. It covered approximately twenty square feet of riffles and rock. Much heavy gravel was in the plunder, but it is estimated something like \$20,000 was taken. The washing of a similar spot of gravel which was next to that missing will indicate approximately the quantity of gold taken.

The robbers then got away in some direction, probably along the road for some distance, with the sacks, and disappeared, maybe into the hills leading back from Bonanza. Their location is now a mystery. The police are working on the case and scouting every direction in hope of finding some clue.

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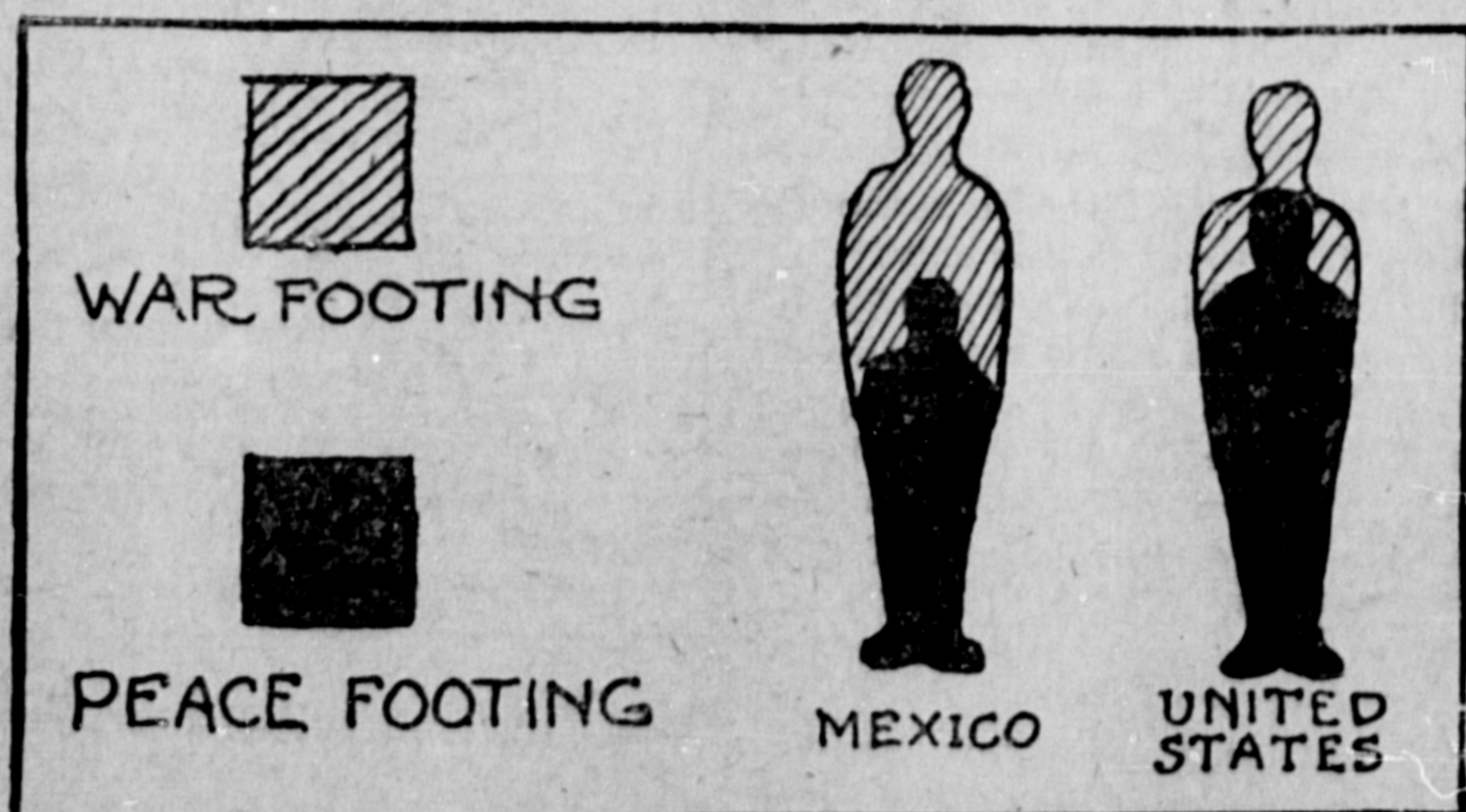
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SOME COMFORT FOR MEXICO.

The Central American republic of Mexico may find some comfort in this diagram drawn from the report of General Wood of the United States army. It seems to place the military strength of Mexico and the United States just about on a par. The peace strength of Mexico is 29,556, and the war strength 70,913. The peace strength of the United States is 49,581 and until General Wood's report came out the United States fancied that they were stronger in armed men than the Mexicans.



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