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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 24.—Some fear is being expressed that a European agreement relating to agricultural products, especially wheat, will be detrimental to the United States. A conference representing twenty-four countries is now in session at Paris for the purpose of devising some system of international farm relief for Europe. It does seem somewhat strange to learn that more food is being produced there than can find a ready market. No doubt improved farm machinery has had the same effect as in the United States.

As our farmers have secured the adoption of a policy practically excluding importation of many of their products, we cannot object to a like policy by others. Yet we do import about $700,000,000 worth of farm products. While we may suffer some temporary loss of exports from a European agreement, in the long run our interests are so vast and varied that the economic strength of that continent will be greatly beneficial to us. Compared to the injury that we would suffer from a breaking down of the finances of that region, any agreement they may make would be distinctly to our advantage. European prosperity will be much better for us than European depression.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 25.—The movement sponsored at Washington for enlarging public activity for child welfare holds a promise of much good. For many years some of the states have had charitable organizations for the prevention of cruelty to children which have maintained offices and agents that work in conjunction with public officials. They have been chiefly concerned with delinquencies and have not extended their activities broadly into the constructive field of general improvement of hygiene and educational conditions.

While there is no complete substitute for the right kind of parental influence and supervision, health and education are so much questions of public policy that both the government and organized social effort may well intervene to supplement the home in increasing the physical and mental powers of the young.

The unification and extension of the disconnected and sporadic efforts already in existence for child welfare will have an elevating influence over the whole country. The door of opportunity will be opened wider, the race will be improved, the social order will be stabilized, and the foundation of citizenship will be strengthened. The progress of a nation requires its children to be well born, well nourished and well educated.

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