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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 24.—Investigation of the Amtorg, which is a Russian trading company, may raise some important question. Our government has no diplomatic relations with Russia. But it is perfectly lawful for our nationals, at their own risk, to trade with Russia, or for her nationals to trade here. Our law excludes from this country persons of certain beliefs and practices which we think are inimical to our government and institutions. But it is not the practice to inquire very minutely into the beliefs of foreigners coming here temporarily for genuine mercantile purposes. Besides, we have held the opinion that trade and time would be the means of restoring Russia. It had been supposed that the agents of the Amtorg were not engaged in anything but trade. If an investigation shows that they are taking advantage of the hospitality we have granted them as merchants to participate in activities against our peace and order, our government will take proper notice of that fact. Meantime it is proper to await proof before reaching final judgment. Our people are so thoroughly attached to their own system of self-government that we need not feel it is in imminent danger.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 25.—The vacation season has come again. Rightly used it restores the vigor of mind and body by change and relaxation. We cannot always dwell on the heights. We cannot always be at our best. If we are to do work of the highest excellence our periods of high activity must be followed by periods of rest. Some firms where the pressure is very great require their members to take two or three months' vacation.

A great wealth of out of doors awaits those who seek it. The long stretches of shore by sea and lake, the woods and hills of our Northern states, all have a variety of scene and charm which the world cannot surpass.

But many of us would pass by the great scenic beauties, the natural wonders of the nation, or the fashionable watering places, to revisit the quiet, secluded and humbler regions of our childhood home. It may be changed now. The old familiar forms may be gone. But memory remains. The love of a mother and a father dwelt there. From that shrine we return always bringing with us a renewal of the strength of the hills or the plains and the inspiration to a nobler purpose.

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