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France has the credit of being the pioneer in co-operative organizations, and in that country there are now 1190 co-operative societies with a membership of 600,000. Great Britain has 1516 associations and 900,000 persons interested in them. In the German Empire no less than 5950 organizations have been formed on this principle.

The war of tariffs now fairly on between Germany and Russia is no doubt due to more than one cause. Traditional enmity and jealousy have doubtless had a good deal to do with it on either side. Then there have been some indications that Russia, through negotiations with Austria, has been trying to put Germany in a position of commercial isolation, and this the German rulers have resented. They have had the further political motive of gratifying the members of the Agrarian Party in the border provinces, and so making sure of needed votes to pass the Army bill. Judging by the figures of Russo-German trade, the New York Post predicts Russian exports are likely to suffer more than German from the mutual application of maximum tariffs. Russian exports to Germany in 1891 amounted to about \$114,000,000, while Germany exported to Russia in the same year only some \$61,000,000.

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