

Armistice Day

The Silent Two Minutes of November 11th.
The roar and rush of traffic, the babel tongues of trade,
The whirl and grind and clanking of machinery are stilled;
The noise of busy spindles, the strident voices cease,
And over the laboring world there falls a momentary peace.

The peoples of the Continents, the family of mankind,
Acknowledge them in unison the sovereignty of Mind;
Things are got chief in War or Peace—arms, money, ships, supplies,
The core of all is Spirit; Soul at the centre lies.

And this is soul and centre of the history of those years
Of bravery and suffering, gallant deeds and bitter tears—
That those who perished ransomed us; died in our room and place,
And a holy whisper comes, "No man hath greater love than this."

So at one moment 'round the world all labor we suspend,
And in the quietude of thought our heads in reverence bend;
In the silence of the graves that spread o'er land and sea
We enter, and in spirit we bow the grateful knee.

Words have no power and volume to utter what we feel,
And so no words at all we use; louder than thunder peal
Says universal silence, as now the stillness falls.

Of human hearts—fain would we count the hapless hearts of foes,
That truculently have withstood harsh condemnation's blow.
Perchance this sacred silence, as a still, small voice of God's,
May reach them, too; if they are hearts and not insenacible clobes.

Within a moment we retake the tasks that bunt us down,
And toll on bravely to repair the glories overthrown,
Let this solemn pause's lesson gild our every enterprise—
The core of all is Spirit; Soul at the centre lies.

—J. W. Bengough.

Infant Mortality in England Shows Decrease

A despatch from London says—Only a little while ago alarmists were indulging in all sorts of dire predictions concerning the future of England because, it is alleged, not enough babies were being born. The great middle class, called the backbone of the country, was declared by some pessimists to be doomed to speedy extinction.

Now these lamentations have ceased. Some farseeing and logical statistician points out that the future of a country is not determined so much by the number of babies born as by the number of babies which grow up. Looked at from that angle, England is not doing so badly.

The August death-rate of children under one year old was only 41 per 1,000 births. In 1919 London's rate for the same period was 55.

Compared with the beginning of this century, the baby saving figures give still greater cause for rejoicing among those who reckon the future of England depends, above all things, on babies. The first four weeks of August, 1921, gave an infant mortality rate for London of 267—more than six times that of 1922.

Ship Brings Relief to Near East Refugees

A despatch from Constantinople says: The Marie Lacelle, a 3,000-ton ship chartered by the Near East Relief as a "floating warehouse" to supply its stations in the Greek Islands, completed its first round trip and is coming to Constantinople to obtain fresh supplies. The ship was a tremendous value in meeting the needs of the refugee camps, as it was able to carry a sufficient cargo to provide each station for more than a month. It visited Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Rodosto and several smaller ports. The next trip will embrace Kavalla, Deliagatch, Salouka and Crete. It carried food, medical supplies, clothing, blankets and a variety of smaller relief necessities to a total value of \$200,000.

Britain to Discharge War Debt to United States

A despatch from London says—The new Chancellor of the Exchequer has declared that his first duty will be to settle the debt to the United States. He made this announcement in a speech at Cardiff, when he alluded also to the necessity of a prompt settlement of the reparations problem.

Regarding the amount owing the United States, he said: "It is a heavy debt, but we have told America that we are responsible for it to the last penny, and we are going to pay it."



Lord Hardinge:
The British Ambassador at Paris, who has resigned his diplomatic post.

Paris Has New Idea in Operating Rooms

A despatch from Paris says—By a new idea in operating rooms just perfected by Dr. Victor Pauchet, no longer will operations be conducted in a stifling atmosphere while a score of clinical students crowd around the table listening to the explanation of the head surgeon.

Dr. Pauchet has decided henceforth to separate himself from all students by a glass partition covering the entire operating space. The observers will be permitted merely to look down through the glass from elevated rows of benches. Opera glasses will be placed at their disposal for following delicate incisions while a small wireless telephone connected with an amplifier behind the observers will be used in describing the various stages of the operation.

By the use of a constant antiseptic spray before and during the operation, Dr. Pauchet believes a greater degree of surgical success will be possible, as it is quite conceivable that under the old system dangerous bacteria frequently were exhaled into wounds by the unintentionally careless watchers.

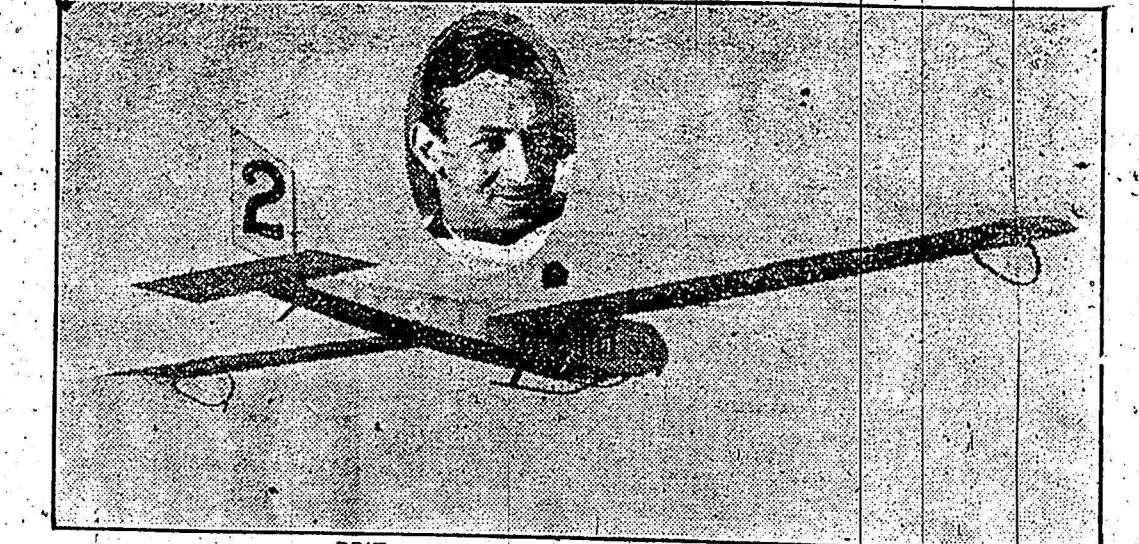
Public Health Nursing

The Department of Public Health Nursing is the latest to be added to the continually increasing number of faculties and departments in the provincial university. Three years ago the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society arranged with the University of Toronto to meet the expenses of this new department for three years. That period expires on June 30th, 1923, and, at their meeting last week, the Board of Governors decided, subject to the approval of the Government of Ontario, to take over the Department of Public Health Nursing on July 1st, 1923, as a regular university department. The course in public health nursing comprises eight months' work. It is open only to graduate nurses and the number is limited to fifty. These nurses are trained in school nursing, child hygiene, municipal health nursing and in any form of community work in which the health of the public is concerned. The public health nurse is trained to be a health teacher in the home, the school and the clinic. The Department of Public Health Nursing has proved its worth in the three years of experiment and will, no doubt, now that it is to be permanently provided for by the University of Toronto, be an important factor in the welfare of the Province of Ontario.

Discovered.

Waiter (fishing for tip)—"How did you find the steak, sir?"
Diner (not taking the bait)—"Oh, by strategy, you know; the little beggar was hiding behind one of the peas!"

—Oneisphore Turgeon
After being a Liberal M.P. for twenty years, he has been elevated to the Senate, at the age of 74 years. He has represented Gloucester, N.B.



BRIT. PILOT BREAKS WORLD RECORD.

Raynham, a British pilot, broke all records in the gliders' contests in England when he remained in the air for one hour and fifty-three minutes in his gliding monoplane. He was also one of the entrants for the Trans-Atlantic flight some years ago, but his machine was disabled in that contest.

Fall Clean Up Campaign.

By L. F. Burrows, Secretary, Canadian Horticultural Council.

Old experienced gardeners advise that the gardens, grounds and orchards be given a final clean up before winter comes in order that diseases and insects may be prevented in so far as possible from finding harbor during the winter.

The importance of the proper preparation of the ground cannot be too strongly impressed upon amateur gardeners because of this, probably more than on any other one factor, does the success of the planting depend. It is admitted that the greater part of the losses in planting are due to putting stock that has come out of well cultivated nursery ground into that which has had little, if no preparation and then leaving it to shift for itself. Such practice is discouraging and expensive to the gardener, and unfair to the nurseryman who supplies the stock.

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C.N.R. President Begins Duties This Month

A despatch from London says—Sir Henry Thornton, the new president of the Canadian National Railways, will sail on the Olympic on November 22, and will take up his new duties as head of the National Railways in Canada upon his arrival in the Dominion. The former general manager of the Great Eastern Railway has been much feted and dined since his return from Canada to wind up his business in England, preparatory to taking over his new duties.

"THE GENTLEMAN WITH THE DUSTER"



Balfour—"Shall we? Let's..."
From: Reynolds' Newspaper (London, England).

Halt Work on Hudson Bay Railway

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The Eclipse.

Astronomers, wherever are re-

joicing that the expectations that ob-

served the total eclipse of the sun on

September 21 were completely suc-

cessful. The sky was cloudless, and

the photographic apparatus worked

perfectly. The American, the Can-

adian and one Australian expedition

set up their instruments at Wool in

Australia; the British, the Dutch and

the Germans on Christmas Island. All

the expeditions observed the eclipse,

when the sun was high in the heavens, and where the totality lasted longest; that is, nearly five minutes.

The most important object of all

the expeditions was to test the Ein-

stein theory—that there is no absolute

space and no absolute time, but that

every point in space, and every mo-

ment in time, is merely relative to

other points and other moments. The

theory also carries us to the concep-

tion that the constitution of the uni-

verse is not limited to the three di-

mensions of length, breadth and thick-