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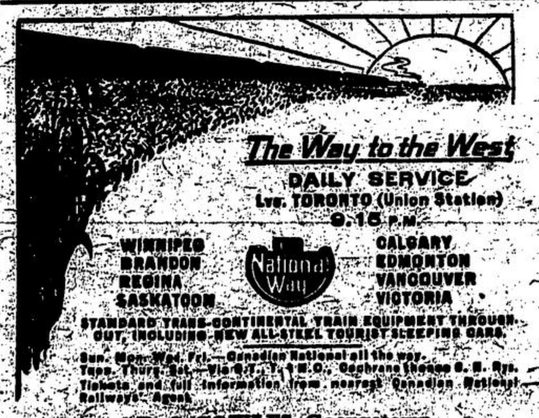

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A STRANGE SUGGESTION.

Other Governments Besides Germany Covet Canada.

It was announced the other day that William G. McAdoo, the son-in-law of President Wilson, had made the suggestion that the United States might buy Bermuda and the British West Indies, in order to enable Great Britain to pay their debt to the republic. This proposal caused something like consternation in the British Dominions mentioned, and many meetings of protest were held. At first sight it did not seem as though Canadians need be concerned, but developments that have followed indicate a carefully-arranged campaign to spread abroad the idea that the Dominion of Canada might be sold like a sack of valuable merchandise to Uncle Sam.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce is a gentleman of vivid imagination, or else he has an anti-British slant to his neutrality. At any rate, it is entirely clear he does not know the facts regarding the British financial position, as it is now, and has been "doctored" by some bureaucratic friend. He says: "There is no prospect that England can pay interest on this debt (four billions owed to the United States). Indeed, it was a matter of certain knowledge in the mid-summer of 1918 that Great Britain would not be able to meet her interest obligations after the war. The leading financial men of the United Kingdom said this was a foregone conclusion, and this Government from that time forward, with all the enormous advances of moneys that were made, knew what the prospects were from the best authorities on financial matters in Europe." This correspondent utterly ignores the fact that the British Government is now making revenue meet expenditures, that this year it is expected British export trade will be a billion dollars more than imports, that arrangements have been made to pay in full the Anglo-French loan when it comes due, that not only is Britain paying all interest—except that suspended for three years on the debt to the United States Government—but raising the money by taxation to pay it, and that, within a year or two, the prospects are that British exports to the United States will be paying not only interest on the debt, but also the principal. But the correspondent of the usually careful Journal of Commerce discloses the object of the misrepresentation of the British position when he argues, not only for sale of the British West Indies to the United States, but also Canada. His dream is this:

"The sweep of the proposed scheme for the extinguishment of the British debt to the United States has included Canada, but no steps looking to any definite discussion of such a transaction have yet been taken. The plan, of course, is in entire disregard of the principle of national self-determination now so fritely regarded in all comment on the adjustment of political boundaries. Canada might not relish the idea of being exchanged 'body, soul and breeches' for any part, even all, of the huge international debt of Britain to the United States. With the small dependencies in Central America or the islands of the West Indies, however, it would be another matter."

The article includes a minute description of the British colonies in the West Indies and South and Central America, and says that efforts are being made to arrive at some basis of negotiation. There is propaganda at Washington toward this end, evidently, but the false foundation of the whole story lies in the Journal correspondent's assertion that the British debt to the United States is ten billion dollars. That is the amount of the total allied indebtedness, not Britain's, which is only about four billions, and which certainly can be repaid in a reasonable number of years. The inclusion of Canada in this "propaganda" to stir up United States opinion in favor of demanding British colonies to liquidate the debt shows how scatter-brained is the conception behind it.

Hun Agent Coming.

Alvo von Alvensleben, German financial baron of the Pacific Northwest before the war, and interned at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, since May, 1917, was granted a conditional parole on March 6th, and it is expected he will journey to Vancouver soon to gather together what may remain of the fortune he had invested in mines and timber lands in that region.

During the war Von Alvensleben is declared to have been an active agent against Canada. He was a former lieutenant in the German army, but was expelled from that country because of a dispute with a superior officer. Claims that he is a cousin of the former kaiser have never been proved, but it is believed much of the money he invested in the Northwest was furnished by William of Hohenzollern.

Parole conditions did not stipulate that Von Alvensleben return to Germany.

Artist Was Honored.

Miss Emma Goring of St. Catharines has at the request of the Societe D'Historre de la Guerre, of Paris, France, forwarded two drawings for posters to be reproduced in color and sold the world over in aid of an organization to reconstruct the devastated Homes of the country. Artists all over the world were asked to submit drawings, choosing their own subjects. Miss Goring sketched the Twelve Mile Creek at its junction with the old Welland Canal, and the surrounding scenery.

A Quick Change.

Mrs. Bacon—Do you remember the night you proposed marriage to me, Henry?

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The old idea that spanking days were over, when a boy grew too big for his mother or father to do the job, has received a rude shock, as seven young men sent to the Ontario Jail Farm can testify. The young men's ages ranged from 17 to 22 years, and they were slapped six times in the good old-fashioned way, with a very healthy-looking school strap, about 16 inches long, two inches wide, and thick enough to make an impression on the culprits' feelings.

Officials connected with the prisons are not allowed to talk about the matter at all. Instructions are to that effect, so do not try and pry into the secrets of spanking at the Jail Farm.

However, the job has been well done, as Major W. J. Morrison, superintendent, has notified the York County Clerk of the Peace to that effect. The spanking was carried out on the recommendation of his Honor Judge Emerson Coatsworth.

The culprits were given six good honest slaps, and the ceremony was witnessed by the superintendent, deputy, surgeon, and clerk. Of course, it wasn't possible to place young men of 17 to 22 over the knee of the slapper like mother used to do," so a change was made in the position of the victim of the whacking.

No! he is not even stripped. Only the section of the anatomy especially arranged by nature for the purpose of spanking was laid bare. The young man is told to stand up with his face to the wall, and his hands held high over his head grasp a certain steam pipe. Each of these seven young men will probably have no admiration for a steam pipe after this, as a tingling sensation will follow, as soon as any one of them seek a steam pipe.

But, listen, it is declared that the real punishment is not in the slapping, as "the young men took the medicine fine." It is the outrage to the feelings of the culprits which has the salutary effect. It is declared "they feel like two cents."

It is claimed that since the spankings were ordered, there has been a material decrease in the stealing of autos in Toronto. And those who know best say that the punishment is a good one, and is much better than long prison sentences.

Wanted to Fight.

Among the most restless and unwilling stay-at-homes during the war were the Eskimos living on the Arctic coast of Alaska.

The eagerness of the male members of the Eskimo tribes to get into the fighting in the war on Germany is one of the most interesting tales brought back from Alaska by William B. Van Valin, leader of the John Wanamaker Alaskan expedition, who has just returned to Philadelphia, after an extended sojourn in the north.

The Eskimos listened with horror to the accounts of German atrocities and the sinking of defenceless ships by submarines, Mr. Van Valin says. They grew so angry that the white men in the section were obliged to use all their powers of persuasion to convince them that their higher duty was to remain at home and attend to their families.

News of the armistice did not reach the Arctic coast until last September, and then there took place one of the most picturesque victory celebrations in the world. The natives lit fires, dressed in fancy skins, took their war weapons and danced and sang until they could hardly stand on their feet. The celebrations ended with feasts in all the Eskimo hamlets on the coast.

Hurt by Exchange.

The adverse exchange situation in Great Britain and Europe presents a serious problem to the lobster canning industry in the Maritime Provinces—one of the provinces' major industries, whose turnover last year was valued at approximately five and a half million dollars.

Representatives of three of the largest firms in the provinces have just returned after reviewing the lobster market in England, France and Belgium. Three-quarters of the annual export of lobsters is consumed in these countries.

On account of the exchange situation the brokers are not taking delivery of the shipments, and these packers say they saw large quantities of the lobsters on the wharves at the European seaports. As a result the packers are faced with a serious loss, no markets being in sight.

Alberta Coal.

Alberta hopes to develop a coal market in Ontario this year. The mines of this province can produce more than enough coal to supply the whole Dominion, but of course adverse freight rates prevent shipments east of the Great Lakes. Not until there is an all-water route from Alberta to Ontario can there be any large movement of coal to the eastern province. However, just to show that coal can be shipped, orders in Ontario to the extent of 620 tons were filled last year. This was about double the tonnage of 1918. Saskatchewan was Alberta's biggest customer, taking 1,115,329 tons; Manitoba, 314,390; British Columbia, 95,461; and the United States, 121,213 tons. However, the total production, owing to labor troubles, was considerably under that of 1918.

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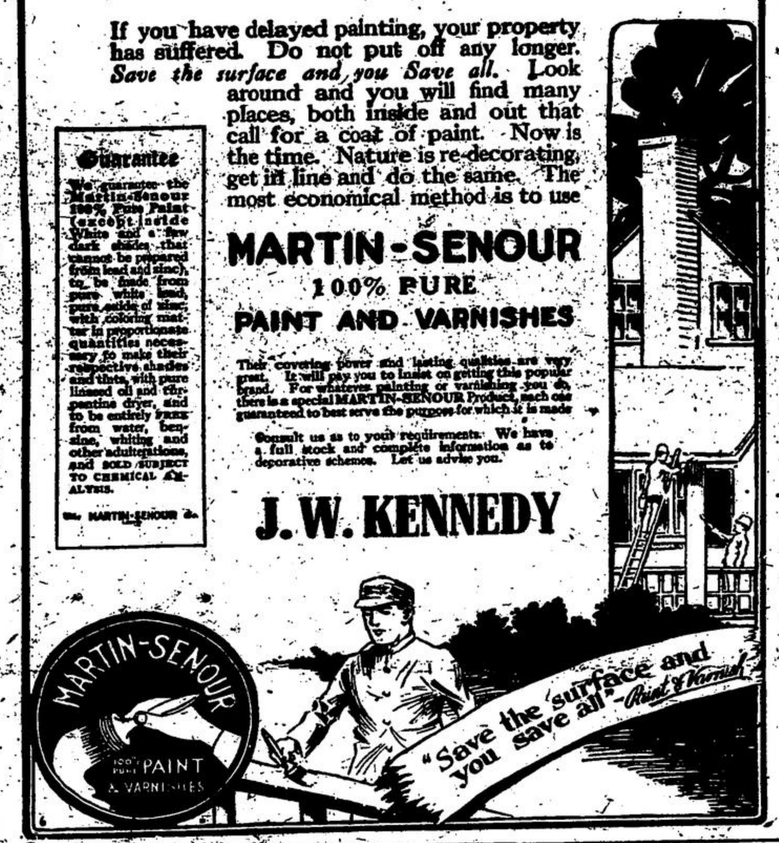

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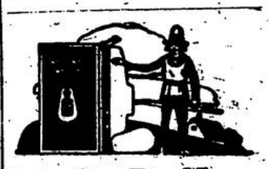

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