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CURRENT POLITICAL HERESIES.

Our finance minister has the Churchill idea—one he enunciated while the conservative government was in power.

—namely, that "the people think good times are sure so long as the government goes on spending plenty of money."

Churchill had been defending the Balfour government which he was then supporting.

A few months later he differed with it and transferred his support to the liberal party.

Arthur Hawkes had a talk with him before Mr. Churchill returned from South Africa.

and learned that he was going to smash Kitchener. Something had happened in the career of the great commander.

and Churchill was going to correct it. One can imagine what it was, seeing that Churchill had been out in the war, and that Kitchener had a good deal to do with the manner in which it was conducted.

Hawkes sees, in the growth of a hostile sentiment, the end of Churchill's reign as first lord of the admiralty.

He is antagonizing the people, and the people once aroused will have their way.

Spending money profusely upon the navy may be his method of perpetuating his power, but it is not the idea that holds in Britain.

It did not save the Balfour government, and it will not save the Asquith government.

Its general policy must commend it to the popular support. Of this fact our finance minister will kindly take notice.

His plan of warding off hard times is to spend money lavishly in public works, and through them to give employment to the people.

To some of them, he means. The masses cannot be made prosperous in that way.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, declares that she will refuse to pay an income tax on the ground that taxation without representation is tyranny.

HARMONIZING THE RACES.

Mr. Nickle, M.P., at the banquet of the commercial men, last night, expressed a thought which was deeply impressive.

The audience had listened to a splendid address, one out of the common, and defining from the speaker's point of view, the relations between the French and English.

Exception was taken later to the interpretation of British history, in an impassioned speech by Rev. Mr. FitzGerald, but this did not detract from the merits of the main speech of the evening.

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MUSIC AND PEACE.

"Canadian Night in Buffalo," and on Sunday week, in connection with the Municipal Concert, synchronized into a most remarkable peace demonstration.

These municipal concerts, and usually by the Buffalo Municipal Orchestra, have a special interest for the people, the plan being to give free, to all who attend them, at stated intervals, music of the highest character.

The occasion was magnified in its importance by evidences of the harmonious relations that existed between the United States and Canada, in the music, in the resolutions that were passed respecting the centenary of peace, and by the decision to make it the beginning of a series of preparations for the great peace climax in 1914.

The peace movement is gaining strength and momentum every day. And well it might. For centuries the earth, it is pointed out, has been soaked with blood.

These and other appalling facts are being made impressive by object lessons, and Mr. Bryan has made his contribution to the literature of the times by suggesting that the United States should give at least a battlefield for peace, which means that ten or twelve millions can be diverted from the munitions of war to good roads, or houses for the people.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The gripmen have certainly a grip upon those who like vivacious and delectable banquets.

The "reform the tariff" members of the unionist party are not willing that their fad shall be sidetracked in England, and the forceful language of some of them suggests that another crisis is upon the party.

The Tango was all the rage in England for a while. It was championed by high society, and was said to be tolerated by even the representatives of the crown.

Why do the Prison Reform Commissioners repeat their warning about the tobacco vending among the guards? There is an alternative—of confession and dismissal, of trial and the penitentiary.

The Canadian consumer paid interest, to the extent of \$250,000,000 on watered stock last year," says Mr. Verville, M.P.

One appreciates the more the quips of our public men when he sees a couple of the best of them at play. The courtesies passed between Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Nickle, at the dinner of the commercial men, lent a spice to the occasion that was very pleasant.

PUBLIC OPINION

Chinese Fire. London Advertiser. The sulphur said to exist in natural gas is a fragrant essence compared to the bitumens that is being burned in Tin-Pan-Alley.

They Come Cheap. Montreal Star. Lord Haldane may consider he is not worth \$50,000 a year, but, after all, we only get twenty senators for that sum.

Woman's Latest. Houston Chronicle. Instead of making her look like a peach the new-fashioned gowns cause woman to resemble a sweet potato small end down.

Strongly Impressed. Brantford Courier. A child in Kingston has taken to swallowing coins. It has evidently become impressed with the children's saving bank movement.

He Must Be. Port Arthur Chronicle. Sixteen peers are eager to go with the British Antarctic expedition next year. Is Lloyd-George making it so hot for them at home?

Second Look Best. Montreal Mail. The Montreal courts have annulled the marriage of an Ontario couple who fell in love at first sight. It pays in the long run to take a second look.

A Hint Too Late. Guelph Mercury. A Youngtowns man put \$300 in an oven, in which his wife baked biscuits. It was a short time after. Foolish man. He wanted to put his roll of bills where no one would ever have seen it, why didn't he think of the family Bible?

Can't Eat Boxes. Ottawa Journal. When grandfather wanted some breakfast food he tramped to the grocery store and bought a few pounds of oatmeal. Now we get it done up in a cardboard box, wrapped in tissue paper, and labelled in gilt letters as "Milk Wheat," or something else—and we pay twice as much, of course.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO. James Rodden and J. D. Thompson were nominated for mayor.

Men learn while they teach—Seneca. The self educated are marked by stubborn peculiarities.—Dietrich.

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.—Young. Learning maketh young men temperate, is the comfort of old age, standing for wealth with poverty and serving as an ornament to riches.—Cicero.

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Wise and . . . Otherwise

Something to Encourage Him. "Your son," said the professor, "has been laboring under a misapprehension."

Anything to Quiet Him. "Baby cried this morning for an hour."

She Returned to Life. Boreleigh (answering a call)—Is Miss Robbins at home?

Bibber's Beak. "Many judge from Bibber's red nose that he's a heavy drinker, but he's not. His nose is like a gas meter."

Where Joy Lies. Mrs. Hiatt—Don't you feel delighted when you turn a piece of stone into a statue?

Now They Don't Speak. Mrs. Eke—Tom says that in order to be a successful poker player one must be cool, crafty, selfish, deceitful, and have a touch of meanness in one's disposition.

Will He Tame. "Do you think your wife will be happy when she gets the vote?"

Some Great Lives. Never relate your misfortune, and never grieve over what you cannot prevent.—Howitt.

There is one thing that can never turn into suffering, and that is the good we have done.—Maeterlinck.

Religion is a submission, not an inspiration; an obedience, not an ambition of the soul.—Ruskin.

Time flies on in the same rapid course, and while we still trifle eternity is upon us.—Talbot.

The trouble with most of us is not that the things we are doing are so bad, but that there are so many greater and better things we might be doing.—W. B. Thorp.

Our conversation should be such that youth may find therein improvement, women modesty, the aged respect, and men civility.—Saint Guerin.

It is not, after all, a question of the quantity of which we do, but the quality of it. God knows of how poor stuff our dreams and deeds are woven; but if it is the best we can give, if we desire with all our hearts what is noble and pure and beautiful and true—or even desire to desire it—He will accept the will and purify the deed.—A. C. Benson.

ADAGES ON LEARNING. He that was only taught by himself had a fool for his master.—Jonson.

Education is all paint. It does not alter the nature of the wood that is under it. It only improves its appearance a little.—Stanhope.

There are more men ennobled by study than by nature.—Cicero.

There is no harm in being stupid so long as a man does not think himself clever. No good in being clever if a man thinks himself so, for that is a short way to the worst stupidity.—Macdonald.

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