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NECESSARY CHANGES.

The retirement of members of the British government, at this juncture, is so largely concerned in it, is most regrettable. Yet Lord Morley, Mr. Masterman and Mr. Burns, have no doubt duly considered their relations to the state and feel bound to resign rather than approve of war, and, by so doing, appear to compromise their principles and professions.

All these men, have occupied conspicuous places in the public life their country, and the people, while cheering the war policy of the gov ernment, and in that way endorsing it do not always reflect, as their leaders have to do, and are not called upon to reconcile present attitude and past opinions. The ministers who conscientiously object to war, and to Britain's engagement in it, do well relieve the situation of their presence.

The government will be able to re place them with men who will concur in the successive steps that must be taken in carrying the war to finish. At a time tike this, when the future of the empire is said be at stake, it does not do for even one man to stand in the way of that progress which an alert and anxious government must make in defence the nation.

The German chancellor admits that loys Curmany did wrong in invading Belgium, but she had to do it, would have been willing to hand compensate the country ou of the war indemnity. Payable whom? The Germans have been taking things for granted.

HITTING THE MIDDLEMAN.

A great change has come over some It will not if the German practice sumers are very much improved. gard it. ... s Clubs are usually formed, and through the operation of them purchases are made in the country and delivered direct to the persons in the city, with the help of the telephone, the mail, and the express company.. The express people are forcing the pace. They are doing missionary duty. They are forcing the middlemen out of business. Paterson, N.J., has sixty buying clubs; Fort Wayne, thirty; New York, 150; all relying upon the extress companies. A dozen know that labour usually is opposed other cities have them. In parts of the country the express com- but labour resents aggression and inpanies are sending experts into the sult, and German offensiveness could country districts to tell the farmers not be stood. how to pack his eggs, how to grow the kind of vegetables the city consumer wants, and how to grow to ish hereditary titles in England. suit the market. "Look behind and ought to succeed. Honour given to below," says a contemporaty, "all men for distinguished public service this, and you see the silent influence should not be carried by peers who of the parcel post."

The defence in the New Brunswick scandal has reached a point where it declines or refuses to produce books containing the evidence boodling. It is convenient for some dred years of peace between her and men to take vacations just now, and the United States the war cloud lowit would never do, not even for the ers, and must dutifully divert honour of the state, that they should attention to Britain's aid. 'Sir Wilbe trespassed on.

THE NEW WAR LORD.

Changes in the British government are now going on. There is a theory extant-and the late Abraham Lincoln

For instance, the Secretary of State questions of state. That is suffifor War in Britain for some time has cient.

been the premier, Mr. Asquith. He is not a military man, though he per ormed a useful service in accepting the war office at a time when a strong to meet a certain public emergency. Mr. Asquith filled he bill in this particular case, and

When a new situation appeared, however, - when Great Britain was forced into a continental conflict by the impulsive and insane proceeding of lot from J. P. Gildersleeve on which about it. the German emperor, it became ap- to build a church. parent that a real war minister was necessary, and he has been found in the person of Lord Kitchener, the greatest soldier-diplomat in the em-

It is fortunate that he has been secured. At once the British army will feel the impulse of his presence. can be depended upon to assume his duties without any misgivings, and to order the campaign with the calmness knowledge, and decision of a master mind. The emergency that brought this appointment about was most unexpected, but it is an appointment that will count very much for the suc cess of the British army, in a fight which her honour, not her prestige or power, is at stake.

HONOUR AMONG NATIONS.

The New York Herald and the New York Times, which should be impartial critics, excuse the violation treaties by Germans as an incident of the war. The Herald says these international agreements sound well in times of peace, but in times war they are not worth the paper they were written on. The Times assumes that in the forty years during which Germany was preparing for when a world's war is on and Britain the events of to-day, it is a question whether the violation of neutrality in Luxemburg, away back in 1867, was alightest scruple. And yet there is such a thing as honour among nations, and these nations have a respect for it even in times of war.

Luxemburg, away back in 1867, was quaranteed absolute immunity from trespass, and Prussia, (the old kingdom), was a party to the agreement, and a party that would have brooked the insult now conveyed in the statement that it was at the time only shamming. Belgium was assured of her neutrality, under the treaty of London in 1831, she has been living up to her high privilege in all the years that have led. transpired since then.

It is not a condonement of a great erime, (not a mere breech of faith, which can be lightly esteemed), that Germany gives, in her assurance that Belgium's independence will be observed, and that she will later be compensa?ed for the wrong that has been done her. Belgium has a keen sense of national honour, and repels the of briber and bluffer, and takes the field to sacrifice the life of her people for he freedom and independence she en-

"The neutralization of small and weak states is a product of the nine teenth century," says the New York Times, "due to the desire to preserve the balance of power and make 'bluffers' between great jealous states. Whether the process will stand the test of hiseory i? now

of the cities, and in the matter of is admitted. It will stand if the Belbuying and selling produce. The move- gium idea is endorsed by the other ment is to bring the producer and nations; and before the war is over the consumer closer together. It is a half a dozen small kingdoms, and movement which improves upon the two or three large ones, will have old farmers markets because the re- given, by actual experience, a memfations between them and the con- orable illustration of how they re-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

How long will this wat last ? Leo ple ask. Not long. It cannot. With vast armies marching against each other and moving rapidly. But while it does last business generally will be paralyzed.

Canadian labour leaders do not un derstand why Hon. Jogn Burns ha resigned from the government. They some to war, as war kills industriatism,

> An attempt is being made to abol are entirely unworthy of them. The action now projected should have been taken long ago.

Just when Canada was preparing to of engage in the celebration of an hun-Fid Laurier's phrase must be constantly kept in mind-when Britain is at war Canada is at war.

A-coalition government in Britain, used to emphasize it in his own home- for war purposes only, if necessary. ly way and to the effect that it is All parties are cordially united in unwise to swap horses in crossing the the war which Germany has forced stream. Still these swaps can be upon the mother country, and the made to the very greatest advantage, government is quite willing to consult with the opposition leaders

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Thomas McAuley gave some of city officials a trip in his yacht to-day.

There is a large gypsy camp' It is likely that the Anglican people of Williamsville will purchase a

FORT AND FORTRESS

Few Know The Difference Between The Two Words. hristian World.

Some years ago in considering raise the wind Psalm 91 I became puzzled to know what the psalmist had in mind by the use of the word "fortress." went to my dictionary to find the difference between "fort" and "fort resss", and the difference there fined was so slight as to be scarcely worth noticing. And yet in talking with soldiers and army people I noticed that they made a difference, never speaking of a "fort" as a "fortress," or a "fortress" as a "fort." So one day I went to an old army general and said, "I am puzzled to know the difference between a 'fort' and a 'fortress.' I have gone to the dictionary and it seems no wiser than I." ? said, "First of all, is there any difference?" He said, "Of course. fort is a fort," "Yes", I said, "a very good definition, like I expected!" He said, "Hold a bit. A 'fort' is one 'fort' but a 'fortress' is two or more 'forts' I came back to the ninety-first Psalm with an entirely new light upon its meaning, and I read in it what I had not seen before. "He is my 'fortress' -God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, a trinity of forts so placed at every angle as to protect me against the approach of the enemy, and to defend me when the enemy does make an approach.

GRANNY'S TRIBUTE

How Pastor's Going Affected Members of Family.

Youth's Companion Rev. Mr. Lawrence has boarded for so long a time with the Granby family that when he was obliged to remove toga new field of labor the family keenly felt his loss.

Granby heartily. see his equal again.' "Such good company," said Mother

least thing went wrong." "He was the best man to cook for ily. ever knew," continued Aunt Ann.

"He had such a serene disposition," sighed Sister Laura. brought an atmosphere of peace whenever he came into the house."

"Granny" Granby, in her corner by the fireplace, shook her head dolefully as she added her tribute of al-

at ketching moth millers ever I did extensive.

There was a certain bishop who Home Companion. had a pleasant habit of chatting with anybody he might meet during his country walks. One day he came across a lad who was looking aftersome pigs by the roadside, and the bishop paused to ask him what he was doing, that being an usual opening to conversation. "Moindin' swoine, the lad replied

thoughtfully.

"Ah, is that so?" he commented. And how much do you earn a week? You, Mr. Foodle. "One dollar," was the reply.

bishop. Then he continued, pleasantly, "I, too am a shepherd, but I get! more than a dollar." The lad looked at him suspiciously or a minute, then he said, slowly:

"Mebbe you gets more swoine nor me to moind.'

Too Quick.

While reporting a term of court in an outlying county a village merchant was prosecuted for "arson." developed that the business men of the town had retained a "special prosecutor" to assist in the case. The attorney for the defendant invariably asked each witness if he had ever contributed anything toward the support of the "special prosecutor." One old man was very zealous in his ef forts to convict the defendant. The yer. attorney started to ask him the regular "contribution" question, but the witness interrupted him and gave his answer in the middle of the ques tion, with the following result: "No, sir; I never did-not a cent

"-of your family?" The witness was excused and amid the laughter of the court, jury and audience. He left the room mad as I a hornet and was heard to mutter "I ain't got no family."-West Publishing company.

Alarm Clock Routs Shark.

Chief Steward Baillie, of the United Fruit liner Metapan, which arriv ed from Central America recently. Of scant-clad sirens on the beach utilized a new method of scaring sharks, when the steamship was near Puerto Colombia. An I8-foot There's no one else to do it here, man-eater persisted in following the ship and eating everything thrown

The chief steward procured alarm clock, which he would up and I shall abide at home this year. set the alarm to go off within 21 minutes. Tying the clock to a rope. The cost of living is so high, he dropped it near the water. The No matter how I long to fly, shark swallowed it, but still followeds The butcher haunts me with his bill; When the alarm went off the shark The grocer and the butcher, too; began cutting capers, standing on And I must yet my coal bin fill, its tail, turning somersalts and trying to stop the clock by swallowing lots of sea water, and finally headed There is no chance of leaving here, for the open sea at terrific speed, I shall abide at home this year. lashing the water with its tail.

Many a man has taken a hand in And Willie shoes. O Goodness knows politics and then put his foot in it. The drains upon my slender purse! Fish is no good as brain food un- She must be fitted out for school, ss it has something to assimilate You see, my plight could not be

People wish a newly married coue happiness, but they don't expect I must keep up the dull grind here;

tion without getting up in the air

No, Maud, dear; we should scarcely call sitting down on a bent pin

You can never tell. Many a man builds castles in the air who can't

Charity begins at home which may explain why the average man is so good to himself.

In the bandsman's case paradox lurks. Whenever he plays It's then he works.

Way To Find Out.



"Have you many

Wasn't Foreman At Rome. The new foreman was a hustler. "The best pastor we've ever had Nothing escaped his eagle eye, and in this town," declared Father whenever he saw a workman suffer-"I don't expect to "ing from a tired feeling he quickly

woke him up. So when he discovered a bricklay-Granby, "and so sympathetic if the er snatching a quiet pipe behind a wheelbarrow his wrath arose might-

"What do you thing you're paid "He was always satisfied with what for? Get on with your job, if you he had to eat, and he never grumb- don't want to get fired pretty sharp." "All right, boss," rejoined the workman. "Keep your 'air on, Rome wasn't built in a day, you know." "That may be," rejoined the hustler, "but I wasn't foreman of that job."-Kansas City Times.

Natural Abhorrence. The physics instructor in a Texas ""I'll miss him dretfully," she high school was teaching a German mourned. "He was the best hand girl whose vocabulary was not very

"What is a vacuum?" he asked. "I have it in my head, but I can't express it," was the reply.-Woman's

That Settled It.

"Willie," said the teacher, "give me three proofs that the world is actually round." "Yes," said Willie, cheerfully:

"the book says so, you say so and ma says so."-Ladies' Home Journal.

Experienced.

Parishioner (to departing minister)— We're all very sorry to lose Mr. Foodle (modestly) -Never "Only one dollar?" remarked the mind, Mrs. Toodle. I've no doubt you will get a better man next time Parishioner --- Ah, no Mr. Foodle That's just what the last minister

said when he left .- Sydney Bulletin. . Reasons. The old gentleman's wife was getting into a carriage, and he neglected to assist her.

"You are not so gallant, John, as when I was a girl," she exclaimed, in gentle rebuke. "No," was his ready response, 'and you are not so buoyant as when I was a boy!"-Tit Bits.

Just His Luck. "You are not the boy who usually "No, sir, I tossed up wif 'im for

"And you won?" 1 "No! I lost." -London Mail.

In The City. Ah, tedious are the summer days Amid the city's maze, When at the break of early dawn, While raucous-throated milkmen

push the mover o'er the lawn, And eke again ere sunset fall, There's no one else to do it here, shall abide at home this year.

The folders over which I gaze Remind me, with their glowing

Or merry maids by mountainside-Each and every one a peach. With whom I would the tango

But lack of "dough" will chain a

I shall abide at home this year.

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