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NECESSARY CHANGES.

The retirement of members of the British government, at this juncture, when a world's war is on and Britain is so largely concerned in it, is most regrettable.

All these men have occupied conspicuous places in the public life of their country, and the people, while cheering the war policy of the government, 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 government will be able to replace them with men who will continue in the successive steps that must be taken in carrying the war to a finish. At a time like this, when the future of the empire is said to 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 of the nation.

The German chancellor admits that Czerny did wrong in invading Belgium, but she had to do it, and would have been willing to hand-somely compensate the country out of the war indemnity.

HITTING THE MIDDLEMAN.

A great change has come over some of the cities, and in the matter of buying and selling produce. The movement is to bring the producer and the consumer closer together.

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.

Canadian labour leaders do not understand why Hon. Jogn Burns has resigned from the government. They know that labour usually is opposed to war, as war kills industrialism, but labour resents aggression and insult, and German offensiveness could not be stood.

An attempt is being made to abolish hereditary titles in England. It ought to succeed. Honour given to men for distinguished public service should not be carried by peers who are entirely unworthy of them.

Just when Canada was preparing to engage in the celebration of an hundred years of peace between her and the United States, the war cloud lowers, and must dutifully divert her attention to Britain's aid.

THE NEW WAR LORD.

Changes in the British government are now going on. There is a theory extant—and the late Abraham Lincoln used to emphasize it in his own homely way—and to the effect that it is unwise to swap horses in crossing the stream.

For instance, the Secretary of State for War in Britain for some time has been the premier, Mr. Asquith.

When a new situation appeared, however, when Great Britain was forced into a continental conflict by the impulsive and insane proceeding of the German emperor, it became apparent that a real war minister was necessary, and he has been found in the person of Lord Kitchener, the greatest soldier-diplomat in the empire.

It is fortunate that he has been secured. At once the British army will feel the impulse of his presence. He 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 New York Herald and the New York Times, which should be impartial critics, excuse the violation of treaties by Germans as an incident of the war. The Herald says these international agreements sound well in times of peace, but in times of war they are not worth the paper they were written on.

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Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

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There is a large gypsy camp at Barriefield.

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Some years ago in considering what the psalmist had in mind by the use of the word "fortress," I went to my dictionary to find the difference between "fort" and "fortress," and the difference there defined was so slight as to be scarcely worth noticing.

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Wise and . . . Otherwise

A man can rise in his own estimation without getting up in the air about it.

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

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

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

Paradox. In the bandsman's case a paradox lurks. Whenever he plays it's then he works.

Way To Find Out. "Have you many close friends here?" "Can't say. I've never tried to borrow a cent."

Wasn't Foreman At Rome. The new foreman was a hustler. Nothing escaped his eagle eye, and whenever he saw a workman suffering from a tired feeling he quickly woke him up.

Natural Abhorrence. The physics instructor in a Texas high school was teaching a German girl whose vocabulary was not very extensive.

That Settled It. "Willie," said the teacher, "give me three proofs that the world is actually round."

Experienced. Parishioner (to departing minister)—"We're all very sorry to lose you, Mr. Foodie."

Reasons. The old gentleman's wife was getting into a carriage, and he neglected to assist her.

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

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

Alarm Clock Routs Shark. Chief Steward Baillie, of the United Fruit liner Metapan, which arrived from Central America recently, utilized a new method of scaring sharks, when the steamship was near Puerto Colombia.

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