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JUSTICE FOR WILHELM II.

People wonder at the bitterness of the emperor of Germany towards Britain. The chief mechanic for Thomas A. Edison, returned from Europe, recounts his conversation with German officers and learned from them that England was the object of the kaiser's special hatred, and that his army and navy were now destined to wreck vengeance upon her. Why? Britain interfered with the kaiser's plans for a quick and successful conquest of Europe. Because this scheme was blighted Britain is to feel the force of his anger. Big fifty-two-centimeter Krupp guns are to be conveyed to the Belgian coast and made to belch forth death and destruction across the channel; and fleets of German Zeppelins are lying idle, awaiting the signal for an invasion of England, "Germany," says Adolph A. Gall, the authority here quoted, "is far more bitter toward that country than either France or Belgium." But Britain will probably survive the Kaiser's fury, and fate may decree that she shall have the dispensation of justice to Germany, and Germany's emperor, tinged, as it always is, with mercy. Germany, it is hoped, will eventually get all that is coming to her, and the account will be a large one to balance.

HONOR WORTHILY CONFERRED.

What has been aimed at and secured in the way of medical legislation has been known by many in a hazy sort of way, but it remained for Dr. Thornton, the president of the Canadian Medical Association, to outline it in a clear and concise way at Queen's convocation. The doctor is a man of energy, of vision, of tenacity of purpose. He was one of those who, many years ago, saw the disabilities under which the profession suffered, and laboured incessantly to remove them. Education is within the control of the provinces, and it required long and patient effort to bring about the change in public sentiment that finally forced the reform embodied in the Canadian Medical Act. Formerly the graduate of a university had to pass an examination in each province in which he desired to practise. Under the new order of things he can pass the tests of the Medical Council and locate and practise anywhere in Canada. A condition so complete and radical comports with the larger national spirit which abounds in Canada and is so conspicuous everywhere. Queen's has done herself credit in honoring one who has done so much for his profession. Congratulations.

MAKE THE COVENANT.

The Whig had occasion, recently, to refer to the loyalty of the business men of Kingston who had, and in a spontaneous way, decided to do the very best for the people. Now this loyalty is worthy of recognition. The people who like combination in a worthy cause should show their appreciation of it, and they can do it in no way so well as by patronizing home productions.

The Whig heard of a discussion which a number of women had not so long ago. The theme was what article of merchandise or virtue could be cut out of the general demands in order to meet their lowered resources. Some one suggested the dropping of Christmas presents. Why not exchange cards and kindly sentiments? The expenditure at Christmas, and the excesses, were sometimes remarkable. Stress of circumstances might require economy and retrenchment, but to stop all presents would be a hard blow at some of the stores that are suffering enough already. No, that will not do.

The stores must be sustained reasonably, and they will be if all that our people want is bought in Kingston and at Kingston prices. The merchants have a right to be heard from on

this point. The Board of Trade in Belleville issued a circular some time ago and appealed to the citizens to stand by the merchants and to say that not a dollar should be sent out of the city on any account. A covenant among our people, to the same effect, ought to be exacted.

TOO MUCH GERMAN.

These German professors, everywhere, must restrain themselves. Kingston had one who left the city prematurely. He claimed to have carried himself in a gentlemanly way, and to have served his college and students with the very best results. The Whig said he made a mistake in going away, when he felt that he had not, in any way, given offence. Canada has many Germans who are naturalized. Some of them, as in Berlin, have no sympathy with the old land, and they have been contributing of their flesh and blood for the defence of the British empire.

Here and there a professor is found who is allowed to assert his opinions. One was found in Toronto who saw the advisability of bottling up his views when they were not favourable to the empire. Harvard University, in Boston, has one, Hugo Muensterberg, who has been particularly noisy during the war. There is no doubt that some of the things he said and wrote gave great offence to the British, and Harvard is the resort of many English and Canadian students. The college is advertised as unbiased in its government by any narrow or irrational views, and its management only a few days ago had it made known that the personal liberty of the German professor would not be interfered with.

But they had not reckoned on the regard and opinions of those who have contributed to the treasury, and when it came to a question of the professor against a ten million dollar gift the situation became tense. The trustees do not want to lose the professor and they do not want to lose the millions. In any event—and the issue is not settled—the German professor will see the wisdom of being less virulent in the discussion of public affairs.

THE CALL TO THE COLOURS.

Sir George Foster made a spirited address in Queen's University on the occasion of the conferring upon him of an honorary degree. The speech accomplished what it was destined to do, namely, made every Canadian who heard it, and especially the student, realize what the fatherland really means, what a splendid heritage is his, and what he should do to show his appreciation of it. The newspapers have printed much about the reservists in many lands. They made earnest attempts to reach their native land, in order to join the colours. Many had obeyed this call because they could not resist it. There was something in the blood, in the fibre of the individual, that moved them to action.

Sir George was particularly impressive when he discussed the change that had passed over Canada since August 14th. The people had been united in spirit. Never again would the question be raised as to whether the colonies were at war when the mother country was involved. Britain acted independently, and at once, in support of a weaker power, but the overseas dominions had espoused her cause and in a most surprising way.

Without depreciating in the slightest degree this magnetic address the Whig, speaking for itself, would have preferred to hear Sir George discuss the trade issue, and the duty of the people at this particular time. What can and should be done to develop business, within Canada, to launch new enterprises, to profit by the paralysis that has fallen on Europe through the invasions of Germany, must be pressed home by all the power and logic our public men can use. Sir George Foster is a very attractive speaker. He has the faculty of interesting the audience in his theme. He has the greater, or rarer, faculty of carrying his hearers with him, of making them see certain patriotic objects as he sees them, and of lifting them to the climaxes in which they must give expression to their feelings in loud applause.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Watson and Sir George Foster are of the same age. What? Never mind. The point is that both are young and vigorous. They have evidently found the elixir of life.

One can pick out, by a close scrutiny, the professors of Queen's who take exercise on the bowling green. All the "pros" would bow if they realized how much it improved their looks.

So it was the mission workers that made India loyal, eh? All honour to them. Render under Caesar's things that are Caesar's, is no new doctrine among the Christian missionaries.

The kaiser is going mad. There is no doubt of it. He commands his troops to shoot at everything in sight, even the women and children. And in all this he professes to be under the guidance of the Almighty.

There will be no trouble in recruiting another army corps, or complete

unit, for overseas service. In all the stations the names of men are handed in with the accompanying request that the applicant be booked for active service "at the front."

Queen's University keeps its positions for the staff men who have gone to the front. It recognizes in them the duty of the citizen soldier as paramount to any other duty, and in magnifying this duty honors itself.

The Belgian fund is worthy of the gifts and sacrifices of the people who can make them. Some people of means have given generously. But what a pittance after all goes from this city to the millions of impoverished refugees!

Hon. J. P. Pelletier declines to be turned out of the government in order to make room for T. Chase Casgrain. Mr. Pelletier's health was said to be affected, but it is wonderful how well he has become suddenly and how tenacious of his grip on office.

The spy system in Canada will not get a complete check until an example is made of some men. They do not value their lives, or they would not be conspiring against the country for a few pieces of silver. It will not be amiss to shoot a few of them.

Harvard University defends Prof. Hugo Muensterberg, and says that nothing must interfere with his freedom of thought. Mental independence is one thing, and the abuse of privilege is another. The professor's discourses against Britain are very offensive.

The members of the Canadian Club present at the convocation in Queen's University, appreciated the humour of the speaker, who said he had to modify his discourse in order to win their appreciation. Practical men, you know, have no patience with the vapourings of men who want to exhibit their learning.

The Mail announces that the minister of militia is visiting the military establishments abroad, and the scenes of war, in order to get pointers before organizing the second contingent. If Kitchener would send some man to Canada, to mobilize the troops, one who knew his business and had no political axes to grind, he would be doing this country a great favour.

Public Opinion

Need To Hurry. Hamilton Herald. The empire not only needs Canada's aid but needs it as soon as it can be given.

Changing Name. Montreal Mail. Already the Germans are calling the kaiser "William the Great". History may change that to "William the Goat".

Acting The Friend. Hamilton Times. If Britain has been unable to save Belgium from the hands of the destroyers, she is certainly succoring the sufferers.

Army Of Spies. Toronto Globe. To-day the German government has an army of spies, estimated at twenty or thirty thousand, drawing salaries from the German Secret Service fund.

Got His Deserts. Toronto Mail-Express. When we read that a German spy with the Indian troops was "detected and captured," we are at liberty to assume that something else happened a few minutes later.

Keep Col Sam Home. Toronto News. In order to prevent partisan controversy and ensure perpetual Christian communion between the parties it is suggested that parliament should be continuously in session.

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

Ald. Adams was presented with a handsome gold pin by an admirer. Frank Quinn, late night clerk in the Hotel Frontenac, has taken a position as day clerk in the Grand Central hotel at Brockville.

Dr. William Spankie was elected president of the county teachers' association, and R. K. Row president of the city association. Thomas Hanley was elected third vice-president of the Canadian Ticket Agents' association.

MAY CARRY GIFTS FREE.

No Railway Charges on Toys for War Orphans. Washington, Oct. 17.—American railroads may transport, free of charge, if they decide to do so, gifts made by the children of the United States for presentation of Christmas Day to the children made orphans by the European war.

This ruling was announced by the Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day in connection with the plans of American newspapers to send a "Christmas ship" abroad. The commission said that the transportation of such articles would fall within the terms of charity and that such transportation was entirely discretionary with the railroads.

It is proposed that each of the metropolitan county boroughs in England shall have at least two women constables. A woman likes to get into society so that she can help keep others out.

RUSSIANS REST CONTENT.

Not Contemplating Further East Prussian Operations. Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The German left flank, having suffered heavily before Warsaw, attention has now been turned to the other flank south of Przemysl, where heavy fighting is in progress. Obviously German tactics once more require some success on one flank or the other for their development.

The Russians are not contemplating at the moment any considerable operations into East Prussia, contenting themselves with having driven out the invader and holding him back beyond his own frontier. That is, immobilizing at least six or seven German army corps while the great battle takes place elsewhere. So far the Germans have not had any success on their right flank south of Przemysl, where, on the contrary, the Russians have inflicted a partial defeat on the Austrian troops, holding this portion of the German line, and have captured seven officers and five hundred men.

THE SPY IS EVERYWHERE.

Russian Troops Daily Uncover Their Nefarious Schemes. London, Oct. 17.—The Standard correspondent at Petrograd says that the Russian troops who have endeavored to treat German civilians in Poland with consideration find them constantly giving information to the German armies by means of subterranean telephones and telegraphs. Widely constructed before the outbreak of hostilities, the Russians discovered these wires after all other means of communication had been cut off.

Many German civilians, pretending to be school-teachers, entertain the Russian troops with cordiality and attract information in return for delicious refreshments. At the village of Margradov, in Linstenburg, and other towns occupied by the Russian troops, "peaceful spies" were discovered and treated in accordance with the existing customs of war.

Gripping War Poem.

"Cain," a poem on the war, by Betty D. Thornley, daughter of Mrs. May R. Thornley, of London, Ont., appears in The Canadian Monthly for October. In the few days since the publication of the magazine, it has come to be regarded as one of the most remarkable poems published since the war. Its gripping force has caused it to be compared to "The Day," probably the most inspiring production since the war.

The poem follows: There's many a man in flaring hell For a single twist o' the knife; There's many a rotting prison-corpse That keeps his call for life; But there's none will stand By the man who planned With a fit-perversed skill To mix the world with a German die— At the price of a million-kill!

It isn't the Ulian battle-thirst, It isn't the Belgian rage, It isn't the English greed for land That wins the reeking stage, But the monstrous plan Of a single man With a world-engulfing will, Who calls to the vultures out o' the north To feast on a million-kill.

The Kaiser sits in an armored train, Far back from the battle-grip, It's the Leipzig boy and the Paris boy Who crouch where the bullets nip. It's the Antwerp man Who is ending his span With a blood-choked prayer, if he will, As he lies by the side of the Liverpool lad In the Kaiser's million-kill!

The Kaiser's mother—rest her soul— She hides her face in heaven, She prays that she were the Yorkshire maid, Or the widowed wife in Devon, They mourn their dead, With proud-held head, "Whose souls are in God's will; She mourns for the thrice-damned soul of him Who planned the million-kill!"

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These are just two particulars in which The Companion excels, and they are by no means the only ones. Let us send you one or two current issues, with the Forecast for 1915. Every new subscriber in Canada who sends \$2.25 for the fifty-two weekly issues of 1915 will receive free all the issues of the paper for the remaining weeks of 1914; also The Companion Home Calendar for 1915. The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley street, Boston, Mass.

A Cat-Bird.

A lady recently selecting a hat at a milliner's asked cautiously for the remaining weeks of 1914; also The Companion Home Calendar for 1915. The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley street, Boston, Mass.

"Oh, no, madam," said the milliner. "But did they not belong to some bird?" persisted the lady. "Well, madam," returned the milliner, pleasantly, "these feathers are the feathers of a howl; and the howl you know, madam, scree as 'ow fond he is of mice, is more of a cat than a bird."

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Habit. The little, mild, bald man had waddled down in the train to-read, and, feeling drowsy after a trying day at business, fell asleep. On the hat-rack above was a ferocious crab in a bucket, and, reaching the edge of the rack it fell, alighting on the little man's shoulder, and grabbed his ear to steady itself.

All of the passengers waited expectantly for developments, but all they heard was—"Let go, Sarah! I tell you I've been at the office all the evening."

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