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DANGERS OF THE DAY.

We hear a lot about First, Second and Third Contingents going from hereabouts to fight France's battle, but what about contingents from Quebec?—Mail and Empire. Stirring up strife, eh? It's a big occupation for a presumably big paper. On one side we have men of the Lavergne type, who are busy day and night making it appear that the French are suffering an injustice at the hands of the English people, and, by word and deed, fomenting bigotry and strife. On the other side we have papers like the Mail sneering at the loyalty of the French and insinuating that they are not to be trusted. Against the practices or performances of both all lovers of fair play and of peace must emphatically protest. Lavergne and his kind must be suppressed. They are a pest to the nation and to their own countrymen. The Mail should be blamed in toto.

GERMANS DESTROY GERMANS.

A second time the German aeroplanes have been a menace, and an injury to the Germans. It will be remembered that when Sir David Beatty had his first collision with the German fleet off the Bight of Heligoland, and sank some of the German ships, the British battleships undertook to save the perishing crews. While this merciful task was in progress the airships hovered over and dropped their bombs. Many of the wounded and unfortunate Germans had to be abandoned because their salvation under the circumstances was not possible. The experience, so heartless on the part of the Germans, was repeated when the Bluecher was sinking. The British ships again essayed to rescue the German crew, or that portion of it which had not been carried down in the wreckage, and the airships made it impossible by their attacks. These airships did not do the battleships any harm, but they would have had they continued their merciful service. So that Germany has been punishing herself quite as much by her indiscreet and reckless work with her airships. Life to her is of no value. Hatred and

SETTING THE PACE HERE.

The city is getting an advertisement that counts for something. It is being heralded far and near—and by correspondents whose good work in this respect cannot be too highly commended—that less than one per cent. of 1914's taxes remained uncollected at the end of the year. Is there another city in the province with such a record? If so the Whig would like to hear from it. The money of the people may be frittered away, which is a mild way of saying that it may be wasted in injudicious or untimely expenditures. But it is all collected, and by an officer whose first year, through the financial depression and the war, was made more than usually trying. It is a fitting contribution by Mr. Newlands of an experience which began under Mr. Bartels, and it contrasts favourably with the experience in the olden days when the rolls of several years were in the hands of the collectors, and a clean up was a seeming impossibility. It is recalled that this condition of things was justified in the Council on the ground that it was paralleled by a similar condition in almost every town and city in Ontario. Now Kingston becomes a pattern unto the other municipalities, and they are invited to copy it if they can.

The Utilities' Commission is said to be engaged in considering what it can do in the way of cutting rates? It can do a whole lot, and the sooner the better.

A COLLISION NOT DESIRED

The Canadian Gazette is clearly annoyed because the Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Harcourt, has not seen his way clear to call a meeting of the Imperial Conference in 1915. The dominion governments had not asked for the conference, and Hon. Mr. Harcourt does not see the appropriateness of calling it during the war.

The Australian premier has intimated that a conference will not be amiss, and the Gazette thinks the Canadian prime minister should make his desires known upon the subject. Conference to be effectual can only be conducted under favourable circumstances, and these cannot be reasonably associated with a great war and its distractions.

Hon. Mr. Fisher may desire an opportunity to express himself on current events. He has not hesitated to say that Canada pursued the sorry course of abandoning the naval policy to which the conference of 1909 was committed. The Australians believe in colonial fleets, which can be combined, as Canada's and Australia's could have been—had Canada built her ships according to purpose—for operations in the Pacific.

It might not do to bring Hon. Mr. Fisher and Sir Robert Borden into collision just now, and Canada's premier is not likely to make any demand that will bring this collision about.

VIGOROUS IN LANGUAGE.

"I tell you, gentlemen of Philadelphia," shouted "Billy" Sunday, at a recent meeting, "Pennsylvania is the worst whiskey-soaked state in the union. The reason you have not got laws to prohibit the liquor traffic in Pennsylvania like you have laws to prohibit murder, stealing and seduction, is because you've got a lot of hog-jowled politicians who are just pawns on the chessboard of that wreaking liquor gang. Won't you crushed strawberry tanks quit and give God a chance?"

If any of our clergymen relieved his feelings in language so lurid as that he would surely be criticised. Mr. Sunday is a man of varying emotions. He can talk in a lady-like manner when he likes. Last week some of the upper class invited him to address them at one of their houses. They had heard so much about him, and were afraid to go to the tabernacles and hear him. Yes, afraid; for sometimes he breaks away from all conventionalities and says things about people that ruffles their feelings. The wonder is that he would discriminate between his audiences. But he did, and this select audience, judging him by the real nice way in which he conducted himself, felt that he had been slandered by the press.

The press, by the way, is having its own experiences in these days. When it prints what any one says, of a disparaging nature, it is assailed. When it makes light of something, or declines to believe that they are as bad as they are painted, it is called to account. Occasionally a clergyman can be found who essays to supplement the work of the press—and fails to lift the lid. Perhaps "Billy" Sunday can be induced to come here. He will accept any report about the city, no matter how bad. He accepted the report about Philadelphia, quoted above, and he immediately followed it up by converting all the evil-doers into trait-hitters.

A RISE IN USEFULNESS.

The Royal Military College is coming into a distinction which it has earned, and during the years when quiet work was being done, without any anticipation of war. The South Africa war brought into prominence Col. Girouard, one of its early graduates. He, first in Egypt, under

Kitchener, and in South Africa, under Roberts, became a distinguished engineer. He merited the recognition of the War Office, and in various capacities gave evidence of his high administrative power.

The present war has opened the way for the promotion of other graduates, and ere the Kaiser and his minions have been suppressed, they will be heard from. Two of them, who acknowledge proudly that they are natives of this city, have risen rapidly in the profession, and are to be congratulated. These are Lieut.-Col. Leslie and Major Carson.

They have early in their military careers, found scope for their activities, in the imperial service. How fortunate they are when compared with a former commandant of the college, a man of brilliant training, who had no opportunity to see active service! There will be no regret of that kind now. The war gives every officer the chance to win distinction.

One thing more it has done, namely, shown the value of the training to be received at the Royal Military College, and if it is not the leading educational institution in Canada it will not be because the science of war has not been raised to the place of first importance.

A WORLD'S BIG MAN.

Dr. John R. Mott, a leader in missionary enterprise, brought with him, as it were, a new atmosphere, and, by his splendid addresses in Queen's College, gave the people a clearer and wider vision of the world and its needs. Dr. Mott is surely a big man, in his ideas and plans, and impresses

every one with his most comforting optimism. He is a powerful speaker because he has the voice and delivery, he has a varied vocabulary with which to clothe his thoughts, and he understands his subject.

At the outset he pictured the dangers that beset Christianity, and dangers which could be met and disposed of by a united Christianity. While the dangers were many the opportunities were inviting. The tide in favour of Christianity was rising. The question was how it would be taken advantage of, and that his audience might appreciate the situation he opened the windows of China, as it were, and gave the people a peep into what was going on there. The intellectual centres were influenced. The educated classes heard him gladly, and in some places the students had entered into compact to study the gospel, and, convinced that their teachings were correct, to follow them implicitly.

The attitude of the governing classes was marked by one governor commending the work of Dr. Mott and exhorting them to be faithful. One got a glimpse, too, of the president of the Chinese republic, by what was said of him, that he wanted Dr. Mott to remain in China, that while Confucianism taught the truth, Christianity taught its disciples to obey the truth. As one listened to the inspired message, delivered with the greatest impressiveness, he thought of the old-time missionary meetings. The full houses, the grand music, the impassioned speeches, the entrancing stories of missionary bravery and missionary heroism are all in the past.

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Kingston Events Twenty-five Years Ago

Sergt. Brough, post office orderly at the Royal Military College, has been a member of the Canadian militia for seventeen years.

At the inaugural meeting of Frontenac County Council to-day, Joseph Woodruff was elected warden.

Frostley and Hunter, will hold evangelistic services in the Jubilee Church. The ice boats are spinning over the harbor and the sport is much enjoyed.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

Briefs Concerning the Theatians and Their Newest Vehicles

James B. Pond has made public in New York a cablegram from George Bernard Shaw regarding the author's projected visit to America as follows: "Thanks, but rumor erroneous as usual."

The first performance of the prize-winning play, "Children of Earth," presented by the Winthrop Ames in the Booth Theatre, and the successful revival of "Rosemary," with John Drew, at the Empire Theatre, were the outstanding features of last week in the theatres in New York.

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