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TALKED TOO MUCH.

Col. Carnegie has given a new explanation of what he meant by "seeing Allison" when Mr. Harris wanted to discuss shell contracts with him. Col. Carnegie says he merely wanted Mr. Harris to consult with Col. Carnegie because Allison was a man of affairs or information. Too thin.

Mr. Harris, a Canadian manufacturer, knew his business. He did not want any talk with Allison, the favorite middleman, under the circumstances. To consult a man who, for financial considerations, would be apt to cut his throat, would not be giving evidence of much tact or business acumen.

The explanation of Col. Carnegie with regard to Allison in this connection is on a par with some of the other explanations he has made because he has talked too fast or too much.

The Bull Moose is ready to stampede the Republican Convention which is in session in Chicago. When Teddy sets his heart upon a thing he wants it very bad.

WAR MAKES WARRIORS.

One rises from a contemplation of the life of Kitchener to reflect that he was a product of the wars in which he was engaged. He set out, like all young men who decided deliberately, as he did, to adopt the science of arms. In this respect he followed in the footsteps of his respected father, who was an officer of the British army. He served well and faithfully wherever he was sent. He was not a slacker or a shirker. He had one prime characteristic, that he did well and wholeheartedly everything to which he put his hand. Opportunities came and he took advantage of them. Wars made him a hero and a soldier.

In like manner this great war is making soldiers of many men. It is showing the material of which they are made. It is displaying their courage, their valour, their fitness for leadership. One reads with surprise that since Canada decided to share in the campaign, to contribute of her fighting power to the support of the Allies, over six thousand men have fallen. It is a terrible toll. It is light, however, when compared with the losses of the Belgians and Britons. In the battle of Ypres, covering several days, Canadians suffered severely through the fatal or serious wounding of over one hundred of the officers, and their places must be filled at once.

Promotions hereafter, it is announced, will be made from the ranks. The men who survive the casualties of the conflict, who show fitness and prowess, will, like the present chief of the British staff, Sir William Robertson, be given the commands for which they are qualified. There will not, or should not, be any bar to their rise to the highest positions. Already several Canadians, with promising careers when they left for the front, have been appointed to brigades and divisions. Some great ones fall in battle, but there are those right behind them and ready to take their places. Thus it is that war makes the warriors. It made Kitchener, and it will make every one who, like him, serves his king and country with the highest skill and distinction.

"Is a great national question out of order in this Synod?" asks a clergyman in the Anglican Synod of Toronto, when the Bishop declined to accept his arraignment of the slackers. The Synod may later pass a resolution in favor of the British system of registration and enlistment.

A FALL FROM GRACE. The Christian Herald of New York has lived in the affections of the people of all denominations, because of the good which it has accomplished. Under its former owner and publisher it stood for many philanthropic movements. If there were a crisis anywhere, in any part of the globe, and the people suffered, the Herald acted. Its benevolence has penetrated to the utmost boundaries of the civilized world, and every nation has felt the powerful influence of its ministry. The needs of the people have in many ways been helped, and for their relief the Herald has collected and expended hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Having this splendid and enviable reputation it seems a pity the Herald should give expression to any pro-German views, and it can hardly plead that it is innocent of offence so long as its article of May 31st on the Sinn Feiners goes unexplained and unrepented of. The article is a direct insult to the Herald's British readers, and makes them feel that prejudice has warped the judgment of its editor. The men who undertook to raise the rebel flag in Ireland, who issued a proclamation and signed it in the name of the new Irish republic, were, in consequence, while martial law prevailed, tried by court-martial and sentenced to death. They were convicted of high treason, and the Herald calls them "martyrs."

Nay, more, the government which called them to account is referred to as "stupid" and "unjust"; as guilty of "swift and savage slaughter"; of energizing in the people "the very thing she tries to kill"; of "missing the one chance to sublimate Irish patriotism"; of adding "a score of earnest faces and staunch souls to the already crowded gallery of Irish martyr-heroes."

The Herald will lose caste with those who believed it editorially incapable of expressing opinions quite so rank as those the Whig has quoted. The spirit of the Herald's founder, who was a German, would not approve of sentiments quite so anti-British. During his lifetime he could be depended upon to treat every question from a Christian standpoint and leave political venom to the papers which liked it.

Farmers are re-seeding some of their land, and with little prospect of reaping a crop. The tiller of the soil is generally envious. His position, however, is not envied this year.

GERMANY'S PLAN REVEALED. Robert Donald, of the London Chronicle, who appears to enjoy the confidence of the British Government to a remarkable extent, writes to the Gazette de Lausanne, a Swiss paper, a complete revelation of the diplomatic relations which existed between Germany and Britain prior to the war. In 1912 Germany invited Britain to consider a better understanding between the two empires with regard to certain matters. As they pertained to war, Lord Haldane, the Minister of War, was selected by the Asquith Government. He had several interviews in Germany with the Kaiser and with his ministers. All these expressed themselves in favor of peace, under certain conditions, namely, that Britain would not intervene in any wars in which Germany would be involved. That was the great aim of Germany in the conference. At the time Great Britain and France and Russia were in a compact which Britain was bound to keep, and Germany, though not openly, was most anxious to break.

Not much came of this conference in Germany. The entente remained. Respecting some affairs in Africa and Asia Minor there was a re-adjustment, and an agreement, which was never signed, regarding the Baghdad Railway. But the general diplomatic relations were unchanged. Germany was made to realize that Britain would not permit France to be crushed under any circumstances. The neutrality of Belgium would be defended. The entente would resist any war in which Germany became the aggressor. Lord Haldane did not see at the time that Germany meant war in Europe under some pretext, because Germany and Britain had co-operated in the most friendly way in adjusting the Balkan difficulties. But Haldane did see the purpose of Germany to enlarge her navy and gave assurance that Britain would discount it by laying down two keels to Germany's one.

There were suspicious circumstances in Germany. One was the raising of a loan of \$250,000,000 for frontier defences on the west, a loan which was used, by the way, in providing munitions of war and big guns to a remarkable extent. Germany could have been called to account for her use of money in this way, but it was not Great Britain's duty to take the initiative any more than it was the duty of the allied powers. The crisis came when Serbia and Austria collided. But it was only a pretense for war on Germany's behalf. It was simply an occasion for an outbreak which Germany had long contemplated in satisfaction of an overweening ambition on the part of the war party, and an

ambition which the Kaiser had tried and failed to overcome.

Thus one gets a correct view of the German status in this war. Conflict came as the result of plans, secretly conceived and carried out, and for no other purpose than to give Germany a larger place upon the map of Europe, with no object in view save her right to dictate to and dominate over the other powers.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Kelly, the Winnipeg contractor, deserted by his counsel because the court would not let them have their way with regard to the trial, is the spectacle of the day.

Members of the Anglican Synod in Toronto wanted to advertise to the world the names of those who, being eligible, refused to enlist and serve their king and country. The presiding officer declared the motion out of order.

Dr. Macgillivray's sermon, as Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, meeting in Winnipeg, was a masterpiece. It should be preached to the assembled churches of Kingston if a place large enough to hold them all can be found.

Kelly, indicted for fraud in connection with the Winnipeg public buildings, pleads that he has no time in which to prepare his case. He spent months and thousands of dollars in fighting extradition from the United States. His plea of not being ready for trial, under the circumstances, is not very acceptable.

The Toronto News says Mr. Kyle failed to appear before the Meredith-Duff Commission. He was engaged in the New Brunswick elections during the later sessions of the Commission, and was doing good work. Mr. Carvell said he would attend the Commission if he were wanted. The Commission excused him. He did not, therefore, "fail to appear."

Are there any parishes in connection with any church where the people are able to maintain their pastors properly and fail to do so? That was the idea of a Toronto clergyman who declined to pay his assessments to a sustentation fund on the ground that the people in certain rural districts were better able to put up the money than he was.

Yuan Shi Kai was not the popular choice of the people for the presidency of China. He was called to the defence of the old Manchurian dynasty and helped to dispose of it. Then he put the rebel, Sun Yat Sen, to flight, became provisional president, and then president of the Chinese republic. He was induced by some of his followers to set himself up as the head of a new monarchy, and with a title of emperor, and this was his undoing. Several provinces of the empire went into rebellion. He saw his fate. He fought it off as long as he could and then took poison. Duplicity is bound to have its reward.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

ADVICE. Advice is a free gift which can be taken or left, and is usually left. The amount of free advice distributed in this country every day would reach from Vancouver to Halifax, if a revival meeting led by a reform-laid end on end, and more samples are left at people's doorsteps in a week than the combined output of all the Beer pill and plug tobacco factories in the land.

Despite the fact that advice does not cost anything, it is given about as warm a welcome as a small but wry meat bill which has been paid four times by actual count. Scattered all through the closets, attics and spare-rooms in thousands of humble homes may be found neglected, moth-eaten packages of advice which were given along with the wedding presents and were then tied up and laid away along with five or six sets of extra silver nutcrackers. Once in a while some repentant wife, who has maligning her husband for refusing to partake of a delicacy brought home from the last church supper, will remember some advice that her mother gave her when they were framing up the bridal wreath and offering with fresh cream puffs. Of this is a rare happening. The freer advice is the less people like it, and the madder they get when it turns in at the front gate.

Advice is mostly given by people who have been there or had some relative who has been there and taken or left, and is usually left. The sick room probably produces more advice than any other locality on earth, unless it is a revival meeting led by a reform-laid end on end, and more samples are left at people's doorsteps in a week than the combined output of all the Beer pill and plug tobacco factories in the land.

THE MISFIT. Breathes there a man with soul so tame, that when the home team wins a game, he doesn't throw a fit? Who doesn't help to make a noise or take his place among the boys who on the bleachers sit? If such there be, go sit him down as an incumbent to the town, a brake upon its wheel; for any fellow is a crime who doesn't at the baseball time a score which shows us how the home team bore the foemen off the map, the soul within him is decayed; our councilmen should take a spade and plant that kind of chap. For he's the man who always grunts when we'd put on improvement stunts, and pave the village streets, who always beets about his tax, and sticks to pennies tight as wax, and prices downward beats. He is the skate who never gives much satisfaction while he lives, whose worth we can't discern; but when at last he cashes in, the people raise a joyful din, and costly fireworks burn.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Road to Berlin. (Syracuse Post Standard). The Czar has started on another drive—and the roads are said to be better than they were the first time he started for Vienna.

Hard to Say. (Montreal Star). The Kaiser has sent a message of congratulation on the naval battle to von Tirpitz. Probably felicitated him on having retired when he did.

Bad Time to Get Lost. (The Toronto Star). Lieutenant Shackleton has been found, and he ought to be plainly informed that if, during the war, he wanders off and gets lost again he can stay lost.

Kitchener Never Did. (Montreal Mail). All over the world, in hamlet, city, tent or field, strong men will weep many tears at Kitchener's untimely end. But some men never die, and Kitchener was of this type.

Drunkenness Cases. (Toronto Globe). Winnipeg has gone for two days without a case of drunkenness in the Police Court. The average, before prohibition, was from twenty to thirty. Prohibition certainly prohibits.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Pickpockets were busy in the city to-day. Several cases were reported. J. Nash sold 237 of the Whig's memorial badges for Sir John A. Macdonald.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Party Reorganization Desired.

Toronto World. It would seem that Canadians, lawyers, politicians, ministers, are more concerned in the welfare of the nickel crowd and the Ross rifle crowd than they are in uniting Canada for the defence of civilization, of our country, of our people; are more concerned about the interests and about faction than they are about our noble sons, falling in the trenches by thousands! The time has come for a reorganization of the government at Ottawa and of the government at Toronto, and to free them from the men who are manipulating the situation to the advantage of the interests, and at times of interests that are centred in Germany. These interests dominate things because they can line up politicians and papers from both sides to accomplish nefarious and unpatriotic ends and can keep the politicians fighting over factional issues while a united policy of national and imperial issues would save the Commonwealth, though it might be to the disadvantage of selfish ends. How much longer have we to endure these things? Our appeal is to the people, not to the politicians. Big measures and bigger men are needed; new and sweeping policies are called for; economic cancers must be treated in a heroic way; the lives of our people are at stake; yet most of us are willing to side-step the duties that press for settlement.

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