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A MAN WHO GROWS.

Mr. Hughes, of Australia, whose visit to England has been a triumphant sort, has set out for home. He has left his mark in the public councils of the old land, and if Australia does not figure largely in the future of the empire the fault will not be his.

Before he sailed for England he purchased, on behalf of his government, nine steamships which will be used in the trade between Australia and the Motherland. The transaction was an expensive one, as the ships cost \$10 per ton each, when before the war similar ships could have been acquired for \$4 per ton. The question of cost, however, does not deter a man of the Hughes stamp when he has a plan and is bound to put it into execution.

Mr. Hughes may be termed a "constructive statesman." He represents advanced ideas. In their amplification he has electrified Britain. The direct trade by special steamship line is one of the conceptions which has come to men with a vision—a vision of what will take place after the war—and Mr. Hughes is anxious to realize it. He is one of the overseas men that has grown bigger during the last two years.

Everyman warns the people to take very little stock in the stories of German starvation. These, says our contemporary, are handed out by German officials for a purpose, and that purpose to arouse the sympathy of the neutrals.

SACRIFICES OF THE WOMEN. The cancellation of Mrs. Pankhurst's lecture here, in the interest of recruiting, is a mystery, and there ought not to be any mystery about it. She could not come for some reason, and that reason should be given out for the satisfaction of the people. The good lady is a national, or international, character. She came into prominence as a suffragette, and there is a difference of opinion with regard to her plan of campaign, or plan of reaching certain results.

The Whig had no patience with her hysterical, and even violent, appeals, and with her repeated attacks upon members of the government. But she left her acrid policy and political besom aside when the war broke out, and ever since she has, in England or in America, been engaged with the recruiting.

Whether she could do much here, to put life into a slumbering cause, is a question. But if anyone could arouse the public interest she could do it. Why did she cut Kingston out of her programme? What has the city done to merit such a slight? The women's leaguers have been busy. The city has one of the best branches. Yet the masses are lethargic with regard to their work and are beginning to realize, as never before, the need of some more resourceful system of recruiting. The women are making many sacrifices for the war. They have given of their flesh and blood. They have, in some cases, parted with peace and happiness and contentment of mind. They have certainly done their bit.

Conservative papers have it that Mr. Rowell is retiring from the leadership of the Ontario liberal party. But Mr. Rowell does not seem to know it. He became obsessed with the idea that certain social problems in Canada had to be tackled, and he went to England to study its social successes. Ontario will get the benefit later on.

IRELAND'S PEACE IN PERIL.

Ireland in a commotion again? What is the matter now? The agreement which Lloyd-George negotiated, by request and with the authority of the government, is in peril. It was adopted by the representatives of all the parties, including those who were in the turmoil that preceded the war—Carson, Balfour, Bonar Law, Redmond, Dillon, Devlin. Everything went lovely until the lords became quizzical. Lord Selborne was the first to balk. He saw in the agreement something different from that which he expected. The pour parlors were consented to by him with a distinct understanding that the proposed Irish government would be held in abeyance until the war was over.

The minister of munitions was packed off hastily for Ireland, there to effect something which would bring about the restoration of peace, contentment, and good government. Lord Selborne says he did not expect a revival or enforcement of the Ireland Act of 1914, in its original, or in a modified, form, and that is what he claims the present agreement means. He, therefore, resigned. Even that serious contingency did not alarm Carson or Redmond or Bonar Law or Balfour, or any of the others. It did provoke the Marquis of Lansdowne to make a speech in which he reflected the Selborne view. And—everything is off. So says Mr. Redmond, who is one of Ireland's leaders, and perhaps the most active and alert of them.

The London Mail, anticipating this crisis, was justified in scoring the men who play what it calls the old game of party politics. "The dominions," says the Mail, "which sent forth their manhood so splendidly, looked on with amazement at this renewal of ancient political feuds. One wonders what the French, with the life and death struggle of Verdun on their hands, must be thinking of such an unworthy exhibition."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is generally believed that the nickel the Deutchland is carrying to Germany—or seeking to carry—is Canadian in its origin. It is simply mortifying that Canada, through the derelictions of government or company, is helping the enemy in this way.

A commission of judges has been appointed to administer the affairs of Ireland pending the appointment of a governor and the election of a government, in accordance with the new act. That is if Lansdowne, and a few others of the antiquies and irreconcilables, do not throw the fat into the fire.

Some of the men who have been buying things for the government, as members of the purchasing committee, are to be knighted. Why not Allison? Sir Sam Hughes says that Allison has saved the country millions of dollars through his purchases. Why shouldn't he be given a K. C. B.?

Hon. Mr. Hearst going back on his promise with regard to prohibition? One must remember what he said in the legislature: "He would rather, ten thousand times, go down to political oblivion, and have his name blotted from the pages of history, than fall in his duty." Is that the talk of a man who has been deceived or entrapped?

The twin governments, federal and provincial, are all agog with regard to the nickel question? They cannot do anything—as everything is in the hands of the imperial government and the International Nickel Company—but something will be done. A paradoxical position which has been reached suddenly and as a result of the North Perth election.

The Toronto Telegram is quite right when it says that it does not matter much what the Meredith-Duff Commission reports upon the Allison graft. It will only be a lawyer's or a judge's summing up. The jury, the people, have already made up their minds on the evidence they have read, and it is pretty evident what the verdict will be. Two by-elections have given signs of this.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Bad Lot. (Hamilton Times) The great victory in North Perth has led the London Free Press to the conclusion that the Liberals are a bad lot.

A Great Catch. (Montreal Mail) The Russians have captured 270,000 Huns during the last month alone. No, Germany will not starve her prisoners as she threatens.

Crying Shame. (Ottawa Journal) If you ask us, it would be a crying shame if any able-bodied man of fighting age, or any girl, is taken into the civil service where a returned soldier is available.

Pretty High Rates. (Ottawa Citizen) This submarine merchant service may look good to the owners of the

line, but the freight rates will likely prove too steep for ordinary traffic.

Great Day's Work. The North Perth electors did a great day's work! Hats off to them! The International Nickel Co. and the armament trusts associated with it are on the run!

A Difficult Feat. (Windsor Record) Without compulsory service or more assistance from Quebec it will be scarcely possible to raise the Canadian forces to the 500,000 mark, as authorized by Premier Borden and the Dominion Parliament.

Protection Needed. (Toronto Telegram) Progressive Conservatives are strong enough to protect Adam Beck against such Conservative opportunists as Hon. I. B. Lucas, W. K. McNaught, C.M.G., or such reactionaries as Col. T. Herbert Lennox, M.P.P., or such legislation as the McGarry bill.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

New potatoes sold at 75c and 1¢ per bushel on the market to-day. H. Rankin, Collins' Bay, says the crops never looked more promising. H. Stratford, sr., was fishing in the Rideau River to-day, and caught a bass which measured 16 3/4 inches in length.

LIBERAL PRESS.

A Tactical Blunder. (Quebec Mercury) From the standpoint of party politics alone, the North Perth election was a mistake on the part of the Liberals. They should have let the seat slide until the general election, and then let loose a regular Johnstown flood on the seven sleepers. That one jolt may make them sit up and look around. It will serve notice on the McGarry-Ferguson-Lucas and Co. outfit that they will have to form themselves into a ways and means committee for the next election—that they will have to get the fixers into operation before the whole outfit is trotted to the polls. They may be able, with such a warning, to pull themselves into shape, and get the old machine oiled and lubricated, but from this distance the chances for the successful tinkering of the Toronto outfit look mighty doubtful.

What's the Matter?

(Hamilton Times) The Ontario Tory party is no longer a happy family. Jealousy and dissension have arisen and so annoyed and irritated are some of the members becoming that they cannot keep it to themselves. For instance, the Toronto World declares that a strong feeling of dissatisfaction with the Conservative Government at both Ottawa and Toronto prevails, etc., and that "the Governments seems to listen to anyone but their own supporters; it may be time to give them a rude jolt," seems to voice the common view.

BRITISH PRESS.

Germans Not Starving. (Everyman, London) Germany, in fact, is not starving, although there have been temporary

shortages and errors of organization. Yet we see day after day reports to the effect that the food supply is insufficient, that food riots have taken place, and so on. These reports are circulated in neutral countries with the object of justifying Germany's offences against humanity. It will be remembered that "starvation" was the alleged reason of the submarine campaign. The same excuse has now been put forward in connection with the further reduction of the rations of civilian prisoners at Ruhleben. On Monday Lord Robert Cecil stated that "if reform is not promised within a week we shall consider the question of reprisals on the 27,000 German civilians interned in this country." The inwardness of this threat has not been generally understood. It is that as there are only about 4,500 British civilians interned in Germany, we hold six hostages for every British prisoner. The idea of reprisals on helpless prisoners is a barbarous one in the circumstances there is hope there will be no need to carry the threat into effect.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Sir Sam on Trial. (Toronto Telegram) Sir Robert Borden has allowed himself to be reduced to the proportions of a cipher and a figurehead in his own Government. It is no pleasure to recognize the perils that threaten Conservative candidates in Ontario at the next election. Sir Robert Borden's own lack of strength and leadership has promoted the growth of these perils. The liquor issue may have prevented a full and fair trial of the Sir Sam Hughes issue in Stratford. There will be no liquor issue in other Ontario constituencies. In these constituencies the Sir Sam Hughes Shell Committee—J. Wesley Allison—Ross rifle candidates will have to carry the load that proved too much for the standard-bearer whom Hon. W. J. Hanna and Hon. I. B. Lucas exhibited as the Sir Sam Hughes candidate in Stratford.

IGNITED TENTS AT VALCARTIER CAMP.

Forest Fire Causes Destruction—All Buildings are Evacuated.

Valcartier, Que., July 14.—A forest fire was fanned by a high wind until sparks from it yesterday ignited a portion of the tents of the big military camp here, which at present is occupied by 32,000 men. The portion of the camp occupied by the 296th Battalion of Montreal, was destroyed. All buildings in the camp were evacuated and nearly the whole force of soldiers were set to work to keep the fire under control.

BOARD OF ENQUIRY.

Into the Conditions of the Canadian Railways. (Special to the Whig) Ottawa, July 14.—Alfred H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines; Sir Harry Drayton, chairman of the Railway Commission; and George Paish, British financial authority, will be the new Board of Enquiry for the Canadian railways.

Mrs. Annie Besant, one of the leaders of the movement for Home Rule for India, has been prohibited under the German Act of India from entering the Bombay presidency.

Random Reels

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

THE PALM BEACH SUIT.

The Palm Beach suit is a substitute for real clothes which men wear in place of a kimono. There are a great many men who could wear a loose-flowing kimono with excellent effect, owing to being constructed on the solid architectural lines of the standpipe, but there is only now and then a man who can climb into a Palm Beach suit and look as if he were whether he was going north or south.

The Palm Beach suit derived its inspiration from one of the greatest utilities ever draped upon the male physique—the linen pant. This article, as worn until recent years, was made out of a discarded gunny sack and was almost as porous as a deep-sea sponge. When worn in connection with a short seersucker coat it gave to a fat man an air of dignity which no other garment has ever been able to imitate, but when strung around a lean, cadaverous citizen it imparted to him a lugubrious and crestfallen look. Nobody who wants to be in style nowadays wears the linen pant, and it has declined in popularity faster than a patent medicine which has quit advertising. The Palm Beach suit came into being along with the discovery that business men could take a month's vacation every summer without ushering in Gabriel's foot. It is a thin form of raiment, worn on the outside, and is fastened firmly to the hips of the wearer by a belt. The Palm Beach suit would create more respect if it were held up by suspenders, thus preventing that alarming list to starboard which arouses so much consternation at our summer resorts. It is a proof of man's stubborn nature that the fewer hips he has the more determined he is to wear a pair of baggy, underslung pants which have to be yanked back into place ever and anon with a nervous hand.

Rippling Rhymes

CAMPAIGN TALK

Of course it is a great temptation, to talk of Wilson and of Hughes, and rant around, like all creation, o'er every bit of campaign nughes. I find myself at times a-standing, indulging in the talksmith's job, and frothing at the mouth and handing forensic trimmings to the mob. But yesterday I stood and yammered in old Jim Bickel's blacksmith shop; this candidate and that I hammered until Jim's eyes began to pop. And well I knew, while I stood throwing assorted language through my face, I should be home, and busy hoeing, or fixing fences on the place. With righteous scorn the women viewed me, when I returned to home and farm, and from the cottage door they shooed me, and said I was a false alarm. My wife had pumped eight tubs of water, to wash the duds and scrub the floors, and Ysobel, my fussy daughter, was sawing cord-wood out of doors. Ten billion flies are needing swatting, ten billion microbes should be boiled; yet man, his duties all forgotten, o'er campaign foolishness is rolled.

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See Bibbys \$1.00 Sport Shirt; See Bibbys \$1 Negligee Shirts; See Bibbys \$1.00 Peter Pan Shirts; French Soft Roll Cuffs, coat style, separate soft collar. Plain shades, neat stripes and checks. Sizes 14 to 17 1/2.

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