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A VOICE THAT COUNTS.

"When the war comes to an end, when the reign of peace is re-established, we shall have to take stock, as an Empire, of our internal relations. Never in history has there been a more moving spectacle than the eager loyalty and the unsparring profusion with which our Dominions have lavished their help on the Mother Country in a war which they felt to be waged in a just and a righteous cause, but in the making of which they had no voice."

Rest on Sunday, which is so largely needed, is not to be confounded with diversion, which is another form of Sabbath breaking. Some people are not able to see the difference.

SUFFERING FROM THE HEAT.

The church is not a welcome place when the thermometer registers the heat at eighty and ninety degrees. It is true that there are warmer places, and they are sometimes the very retreats that people seek. The church that is closed up during the week, in a sense hermetically sealed, so far as the auditorium is concerned, and not filled with the hot currents from the outside, should be tolerably pleasant. But on a sultry day it becomes very uncomfortable.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

Attention has been centred upon infantile paralysis, from which over 1,500 persons have suffered in New York, from which over 300 have died. About 100,000 children are reported to have been sent out of the city in order to escape the disease. This was before the city was quarantined. Further removals have been made impossible.

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Notwithstanding the minute size of the organism which causes the disease, Dr. Flexner laid special stress on the fact that it was alive just as much as any human beings, had a life history, was born, bred up, and died just as any human being. The virus of the disease, he said, exists constantly in the central nervous organs, and upon the mucous membrane of the nose and throat and of the intestines in persons suffering from the disease. Thus far the virus has never been detected by Dr. Flexner's knowledge in the blood of patients.

A SOMEWHAT GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

Sir Rider Haggard, who is touring through Canada in the interests of the Imperial Government, tells a somewhat disquieting story. It is that the war, terrible as it is, a human inferno, will not end forever, as some people have predicted, the lust of nations for that kind of thing. Germany may ere long be broken and forced into terms of peace, but Germany will not be a subdued empire. She will harbor the hatreds of the present in an intensified form, and will never cease to long for a victory over her one great enemy of the present, namely, Great Britain. Britain has stood between her and the accomplishment of her ends. Britain has practically caused her defeat, and may cause her downfall. God strafe Britain is the prayer of every war lord and everyone else who has not had enough of this carnage.

The result will be that England will not be through with the enormous burdens which have been added by this war. She must maintain her military and naval supremacy to keep Germany in her place and protect her shores and interests. The sword of Damocles will, as it were, be

hainging constantly over her head. Sir Rider does not want to be regarded as a pessimist when he talks in this way. He wants, on the contrary, to be regarded as the correct interpreter of passing events, and a prophet of the times.

Infantile paralysis flourishes where there is dirt. One more reason why the sanitary system of every city should be as efficient as possible. Kingston is much cleaner than it was, but it can be made cleaner still.

WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK.

The Whig regards the outcome of the recruiting meeting which was held in the City Hall on Friday as more suggestive than anything of the kind that has yet been held. The movers of a resolution had some experience in recruiting. They realized the terrible handicap from which they have been suffering. They understood the necessity for perfect organization, and on a plan that should touch every part of the military district and stir it to its centre.

But more than organization is required. The finest machine that human intellect and enterprise can build up will be of no avail in producing the brawn which is wanted for the Canadian army. The men who have led in this movement, who are, as it were, cogs in its great wheels, must be dominated by one purpose, and that is to rouse the young men and make them see their duty.

One gets an idea of the spirit that animates the Australians that have recently moved from Gallipoli Peninsula to France. They stopped at a station en route from Marseilles. They were cheered and feted and fed. Then they asked about the Canadians. What were they doing? The answer came, "They have covered themselves with glory." "Ah," they exclaimed, in a tone which seemed to imply, "Very likely." But just you wait till our fellows get to work.

It occurred to a witness that perhaps the friendly rivalry which obtains between the English and Scotch regiments, between Belgians and Frenchmen, is not known among the people beyond the seas.

At any rate, it is this fervour of spirit that is wanted in Canada. Let young men see what their duty is, what the young men of other dominions are doing, and what the effect is on the life of the nation, and the strain of recruiting will be somewhat lighter. There is nothing for it but voluntary enlistment for the time being, and apparently it is on its last trial.

The London Free Press insists that prohibition was the issue in the North Perth election. This act did not offend the people and keep them at home on polling day. Prohibition did not make the Tories sulk and refuse to vote. Everybody does not know what was the matter with them. Does the Free Press?

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"The chief means by which the secretions of the nose and throat are disseminated," says Dr. Flexner, "is through the act of kissing, coughing, or sneezing. Hence during the prevalence of an epidemic of infantile paralysis care should be exercised to restrict the distribution as far as possible through these common means. Habits of self-denial, care and cleanliness, and consideration of the public welfare, can be made to go very far in limiting the dangers from these sources."

The disease is carried by sufferers from it and by their attendants, and this shows the importance of restricting the movements of all who come in contact, directly or indirectly, with the patients. The war upon flies, as common carriers of disease, may be continued vigorously, but not because they disseminate infantile paralysis. The diseases that are transmitted by flies affect the blood, and the New York experts declare positively that

the infantile paralysis virus has never been found in the blood."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Andrew Brower, M.P.P., was about to be appointed sheriff of East Elgin when the North Perth election occurred. Now some one else will get the appointment or Andrew will have to wait and work for it.

Will Lloyd-George, as Minister of War, now start out on a tour of Britain, holding reviews at all military camps and arrogating to himself the power and authority of a field-marshal? Watch and see.

Scotland has not replied to the demands of the women for prohibition, but the official and real estate classes have spoken. A referendum would give the people a chance to vote and express an unbiassed opinion.

Christie Mathewson, the star twirler of the Giants, has detached a rib from his spine and will be out of baseball for the balance of the season. The whole club may as well quit for all its members are doing towards the pennant.

Out of 3,000 city men in New York State, who volunteered for service in the National Guard, only 700 were accepted. City life is not conducive, it appears, to that athletic physical prowess that is necessary for military service.

The latest is that the amount paid in commission for the purchase of Camp Borden is far greater than the price of the land. It was bought for \$3.00 and sold for \$12.00 per acre. That statement wants to be cleared up. Something for another committee or judicial commission to investigate.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. M. Macgillivray, pastor of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, left to-day on a holiday to Portland, Me. Thomas Mills, secretary of the Board of Trade, has left for Ocean Grove, N. Y., to spend his holidays. President Van Horne, of the C. P. R., arrived in the city to-day and left for the islands to spend a well-earned holiday.

PUBLIC OPINION

It Seems So. (Port Arthur Chronicle) The British bulldog is now the upper dog and he has his teeth in.

A Question. (Ottawa Free Press) Some Orangemen are wondering if it wouldn't have been better had King Billy come on a cool day in the spring or fall.

Too Many Teachers. (Toronto Star) Why all this talk about scarcity of labor? Listowel High School advertised for two teachers and seventy-seven applications were received.

Random Reels

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

THE HORSE. The horse is a natural curiosity which is occasionally seen on the public highway when nobody else but the web-footed gander can get through. This noble animal, which formerly was driven through town with his mane and tail done up in pink curl papers, is now compelled to stand in the barn and watch the automobile whirl by with its load of human freight, burning up gasoline and cylinder oil with reckless abandon. The crowning cruelty is when a faithful driving horse is traded for a red runabout and then condemned to work fifteen hours a day in a livery barn.

The horse is an intelligent animal with kind instincts and the appetite of a power churn. As a matter of fact the only drawback to the average horse is his appetite, which is firmly attached to his person and cannot be laid off for a week or two at a time, as in the case of the automobile. If the horse begins to live on without food when not in use, he would enjoy the respect of a great many people who now take one look at his buoyant appetite and turn away with a heavy heart.

Rippling Rhymes

AMERICANISM

If I elect to see a piece of Madagascar, Greenland, Greece, or any other clime, I'd like to feel that Uncle Sam will guard me well, wherever I am, without a waste of time. I'd like to feel as same in Rome, as I am feeling here at home, with cops on every hand. I'd like to see insulters wince, when I, with hauteur of a prince, proclaim my native land. But when I travel, as in Cathay, the people stopped me on my way, and pulled my nose and ears; and when I cried, "Unhand me, skates! I'm from the great United States," they greeted me with jeers. They robbed me of my fountain pen, my dollar watch and every yen, they stole my dachshund pup, and I stood by and saw them swipe my safety razor and my pipe, and saw him drinking cup. I notified my government and asked that battleships be sent, as fast as they could track, to shoot that country full of holes, and prod the thieves with ten foot poles, and get my chattels back. But Uncle Sam just wrote some notes, instead of going after goats, and breaking some one's dome; and so I say Americans will find it is the best of plans to stick around at home.

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Ask Something Easier.

(Hamilton Spectator) "No more beer, no more babies" is the startling alien dictum in regard to prohibition. But, considering the quality, from a Canadian viewpoint, will the loss be irreparable?"

What Are They Doing.

(Toronto Globe) Already manufacturing activity slackens in the United States because of the falling off in war orders. What are Canadian industrial leaders doing to meet a like condition?

The Valiant French.

(Hamilton Times) It should not be forgotten that the Russian and French soldiers, who are fighting so valiantly along with the British, are conscripts and that the Australians have universal service.

Getting After Hamilton.

(Toronto World) Perhaps our two Hamilton contemporaries will take the trouble to find out who killed the movement to locate a great nickel industry in that city; and later on what sinister influence blighted the nickel experiments of the Hoepfne Chemical works, in that same town?

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Sizing Up the Situation.

The London Free Press campaign of misrepresentation on behalf of Sir Sam Hughes has so glorified the Borden Government that if the City of London were open to-morrow an anti-Militia Department candidate could defeat William Grey, M.P., or any other standard-bearer of the Government by a 2,000 majority. The London Free Press pretends that the critics of Sir Sam Hughes, K.C.B., are the enemies of Sir Robert Borden. The weakness of Sir Robert Borden is his own Government's worst enemy, and eulogists of Sir Sam Hughes are Sir Wilfrid Laurier's best friends.

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

Meaning of the Drive.

Those who say loftily, but with no authority, that this not the British drive, fail to consider the effect on the neutral world and the civilian populations of all the belligerents if our attacks were permitted now to fall because they were never intended to be pushed home. The general belief is that this is the long-prepared drive. Our own publicity departments—if we can be regarded as having such things—have encouraged this view. If it does not succeed, we will never be believed if we say that we did not seek success. Our leaders would never make the mistake of putting us in this position if they did not intend to win out this time. Of course, it is quite true that a failure now does not mean ultimate defeat. We should simply prepare again and strike again. But we should have lost one important "move." Our prestige would have fallen—no mean injury.

A. E. Boyle was appointed Secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, in succession to Dr. C. N. Bell, resigned.

William Bothwell, employed in a munition factory, was drowned in the Magog River.

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