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WANTED, A UNITED IRELAND.

Six thousand Nationalists, says a cablegram, wants a parliament for United Ireland. Of course they do, and the feelings they express are probably shared by ninety-nine per cent. of the party to which they belong. The desire of the Nationalists is that there shall be no division of interest, no exclusion of territory in marking a new departure in Irish government and a new experience in Irish legislation. The exception of any part of Ireland, under home rule, would be like the exception of a part of Ontario from home or local rule, and the existence of such a condition would not be conducive to public peace and harmony. Ulster may not be reconciled to the choice which marks its surrender. It was so much opposed to home rule before the war, so forcible in its opposition, that notwithstanding the disciplines of the war there must be a great reluctance to change now. But sooner or later there will be a united Ireland in order to verify the dreams of patriots and statesmen. The loyalty and devotion of the Irish during the war, and the sacrifices which they have made to the cause of the Allies, tends to make one forget the troubles of the past, and wish for the Emerald Isle all that is great and glorious in national life.

SOMETHING WRONG HERE.

A western contemporary comments upon the happy release of an aged woman, over seventy, who has been transferred from a jail at Orangeville to a Home for Aged People in Toronto through the merciful provision of a sister and to the extent of \$600 a year. The Whig marvels at the confinement of anyone in a jail when on offense has been committed. The legislature many years ago provided by a law for the care in each municipality, and by it for those who were unable to earn a livelihood and who deserved a home for attention and rest in their declining years. Why did the municipality in this case neglect its duty? Why did the officials of the government, who are charged with the enforcement of its laws, refrain from the exercise of their authority?

Some counties have been called to action by the inspectors of the government when there was a manifest disposition on the part of the councils to scamp or avoid the service they owed to the poor. Poverty is not a crime. It comes to some people in spite of all their industry. These deserve the kind provision that has been made for them. The woman referred to was one of them. Why did she put eleven years in a jail when the law says she should have a place in some municipal institution, erected and maintained for charitable purposes?

THE NEXT SOCIAL TEST.

What is to be the substitute for the bar-room? Some people have thought of this. They have been looking ahead. They are contemplating the time, rapidly approaching, when the bar-room, which to many is the social rendezvous or resort, will be closed. What will take its place? The hotel-men are not quite sure what they will do. They are harassed on one side by the prospective loss of business, and on the other by the suggestion that if they propose what the license commissioners called a standardized hotel it time they were making their plans. It may be possible to manage a hotel and make it pay without the bar-room. The building must be modernized. Into the sleeping apart-

ments, the sitting rooms, and the dining rooms, must be put the rare virtue of excellence in everything. Renfrew, through the capital of men who could afford the investment, put up a hotel which is a model of its kind. It is paying, Ingersoll and Collingwood are said to have hotels which are lacking in nothing that can be desired by the travellers and tourists. Kingston must have hotels, good ones, and if the money that has been put into the bar be put into other departments it may prove most profitable.

A sensible suggestion appeared in the Toronto Globe, and in the social column. A soldier's mother writes that the want of the day will be tea-rooms or social centres, in every town and city, where men may congregate, where they may chat, have light refreshments, smoke their pipe of peace, and be refreshed and satisfied. In England these tea-rooms have been supplanting the bar-rooms, and if the change can be appreciated in England it certainly can in Canada. The tea-room was the chief resort of the middle classes, unable or unwilling, to meet the expenses of the gaudier resorts. The tea-room in Canada should be a popular resort, and those who prepare for the change will be up-to-date and the friends of the people.

A LIFE WORTH COPYING.

The University Monthly (published in connection with Toronto University) contains the appeal which has been made to the friends and graduates on behalf of the Edward Kyle Memorial Scholarship. There are some scholarships that do not amount to much. They are the generous offerings of men, or women, who have a kindly interest in higher education, and they desire to promote it in some degree. Incidentally they help some distant branch of it, or some student whose resources can be materially aided by his prizes. The Kyle Memorial is intended to perpetuate a life that was given up to honorable pursuits and by making his ideals the ideals of others. The appeal accompanies the personal tributes of associates and friends, and from these one gets an insight into the character of Edward Kyle. He belonged to Lindsay, and studied in and graduated from Toronto University. Because of his high scholastic attainments, and after a two years' study in Oxford as the result of scholarship which he earned, he became a member of the university staff, and the teacher of history. He conceived the idea, which was very honorable, of making history rather than of teaching it. In other words he aimed to transmute his ideas of public life into public service some day. He had not the least doubt that when qualified for it he would find a constituency somewhere and, as its representative in parliament, help to shape the legislature that had the public weal for its object.

A second thought obsessed him—that in order to give all his time to politics he must have a permanent living, and so he bent all his energies to earn and save and invest so that at the end of a certain time he would be able to enter upon his life's work. He had about attained his object, when as a soldier, and from wounds received in battle, he died. The governors of the university thought that such a life should be honored and perpetuated by a scholarship, open to all students, and at an initial cost of \$25,000. "Such a life!" There is something about it for every young man to copy. A life of usefulness, of thrift, of ambition, of noble aims and purpose. There is something about it for the public men to think over. If every one had set out with Mr. Kyle's plan of making a competency and then only serving the people there would be less talk of graft in the land.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Meighen, on his responsibility as a public servant, says that "not one pound of Canadian nickel has reached Germany since the outbreak of the war." We remember what happened to another statement which Mr. Meighen made on his responsibility as a public servant, in parliament, and with regard to the manufacture of shells.

The tax reformers will have an interesting seance when they meet at Niagara on Aug. 19-20, and insist that the war taxes shall be so levied that they will not affect industry. Is it possible to raise any more money from a bi-taxation without touching labor which should be free? Is it possible to tax the land for all purposes in Canada at the present time?

The Belgians have refused to serve the Germans, the usurpers of much of their land at any price. The needs of the invading army are such, however, that they must have food, and the talk is of appropriating the crops of the Belgian peasantry as the spoils of conquest. And two millions of these people are depending upon the charity of Britain and the United States for their daily needs.

The great Von Hindenberg is in danger. His lines have been pierced by the Russians, and part of his army is likely to be cut off from the

rest of it. When this man falls, as fall he must, it is time the Germans sued for peace. And his wooden statues filled with nails, each nail representing tribute to the national cause, may be used as the fuel for a bonfire some of these days. The Germans worshipped power. The Russians are giving a new meaning to their religion.

PUBLIC OPINION

Hun Accomplishment.

(Montreal Star)
After all, though, the hardest thing to stomach about the Kaiser is the blasphemy.

Why Should It?

(Toronto Mail)
The level of Lake Ontario is much lower, but the thirst of the citizens does not abate.

Stretch of Imagination.

(Toronto News)
Think of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the high priest of Toryism in Canada, as the official mouthpiece of a Radical platform.

Liberalism is Thriving.

(Toronto Globe)
Liberalism is on the move, but it is on the move because Liberals believe the welfare of the country is more important than any merely partisan victory.

After the Minister.

(Montreal Mail)
Those who have applauded his defence of the Ross rifle and his slanders of Kitchener are past being influenced against him by his praise of Col. J. W. Allison, now so strikingly exposed as the rankest sort of "piffle."

Couldn't Go Overseas.

(Toronto Mail)
The case of the member of the Welland canal defence force who wanted to go overseas and was threatened with arrest as a deserter if he remained with an overseas battalion in which he had enlisted, is worth official investigation. The Welland force can do without men able and willing to enlist for overseas.

Where Government is Inefficient.

(Winnipeg Tribune)
One thing that all thoughtful agriculturists are agreed upon—and they are backed up by the vast thinking class in the big centres—is the general inefficiency of government, taking Canada as a whole, in matters pertaining to the development of the soil and the general resources thereof in the richest of all northern lands in the world.

KINGSTON EVENTS
25 YEARS AGO

People owning wells are responding willingly to the orders of Dr. Fee, to close them up.
Potatoes sold in the market to-day at 60 cents per bushel.
Abraham Shaw has been elected Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.
The bodies of Samuel Sniderman and Rose Erzin, victims of a drowning accident on Monday afternoon at Hanlon's Point, Toronto, have been recovered.

Random Reels

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

THE ONION.

The onion is a small but powerful object which springs from the bosom of Mother Earth in a perfumed state, after which it is eaten in a greedy and voluptuous manner by people who do not expect to go out into society for two weeks. When a talkative male guest who has just eaten a plate of red onions ambles into a select social gathering and begins to disperse rapid-fire conversation on the evening air, he creates almost as profound a sensation as the man in a fine dress suit who has everything in place except his shirt studs to break a The onion is recommended by all first-class doctors as a spring tonic and Nature intended that it should be eaten sparingly, owing to the penetrating character of its contents. But on all sides of us we see tall, raw-boned men sitting down to breakfast and destroying at one fell blow the product of two acres of early garden. If people would treat the onion as a delicacy, like the cream puff, instead of seeking to demolish the world's output at one sitting, it would take higher rank in the vegetable kingdom.
The boiled onion is a popular variety from which the stinger has

Rippling Rhymes

SAM AND JIM

When old Sam Johnson sat in state, that man of learning, wise and great, with Burke and Goldsmith and the rest, Jim Boswell was the butt and jest. They all must have their flings at Jim, and none had much respect for him. Me thinks, had some prophetic dub appeared before them at their club, "This man who is your goat, at whom you laugh, with scornful note, will by the multitudes be read, when all your junk is stale and dead," old Sam would then have raised a rood: "Begone, false prophet—there's the door!" And yet great Johnson, mighty sage, the shining marvel of his age, lives only in the book that Jim so reverently wrote of him. Jim's immortality is sure; down to the Judgment 'Twill endure, while those who jeered his little games, have left but half-for-gotten names. And it may be men now on earth, whose work we think has little worth, will leave a deathless fame behind when they have cut their humble grind, while pompous prodigies lie down, and, dying, kill off their renown.

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CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

High School Education.
Peterboro Review.
The men who support the educational system of our city cannot properly be charged with selfishness if they expect some return for their outlay. This return they look for in the young men and women who, on graduating from the Collegiate, are equipped for the active duties of life. That these graduates are turned out without such equipment every business man who has taken them on his force knows. Under present circumstances nothing else is to be expected. The teachers themselves lack actual business experience. In instructing their pupils they can deal with theories alone.

Whence the Idea?

(Toronto Telegram)
Whence did Sir Robert Borden acquire the idea of appointing an under-secretary to the Minister of Hill-tia? Was the happy thought suggested by the results of Sir Robert Borden's own experience as under-secretary to Sir Sam Hughes in the premiership of Canada?

Undesirable Relations.

Ottawa Citizen.
But Mr. McCurdy has not denied that the published report of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company described him as "a large stockholder" was erroneous; and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company has benefited very largely by shell orders in this country. Mr. McCurdy, in his capacity of parliamentary secretary of the militia department, acts as administrator of the department. It brings the department of militia very close to the munition contractors.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Not Beck's Kite-Tail.

London Advertiser.
Some newspapers seem to think that Liberalism in Ontario is a tail for the kite of Sir Adam Beck. Liberalism in Ontario cannot afford to be a kite-tail for Sir Adam Beck, a man whose record is built on the sole idea of making Sir Adam Beck the supreme ruler of Ontario by the use of a club which he wields upon all his opponents.

Liberalism in Ontario is not personally conducted by Toronto newspapers.
Liberalism in Ontario cannot afford to put a ring in its nose and be led to the slaughter by a man whose fast and loose methods of playing with the people's money were condemned by the provincial auditor appointed by Sir James Whitney to guard the Ontario treasury.

+ GREATER PART OF POLAND +
+ WILL SOON BE FREED. +

+ Petrograd, July 25.—General +
+ Sakharoff's brilliant stroke in +
+ forcing the enemy back from +
+ the Lipa and the Stry has plac- +
+ ed the Austrians in the most +
+ dangerous predicament of the +
+ war. Unless the Russians can +
+ be held off from Lemberg and +
+ Kovel, either by way of Vlad- +
+ mir-Volynski or the Stokhod +
+ line, the Austrian armies, worn +
+ out and depleted, and looking in +
+ vain for help from the Ger- +
+ mans, are doomed to an igno- +
+ minious retreat over the whole +
+ face of Galicia and into the sha- +
+ dow of the great Carpathian +
+ wall, and the greater part of Po- +
+ land will once more be freed +
+ of German troops. +

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