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CANADIANS AT THE SOMME. Now that the Canadian troops have been moved from Flanders to the Somme, we must steel our hearts to bear our part as the brave boys at the front are bearing theirs, remarks the Toronto World.

The American Locomotive Company, which had a deficit two years ago and a profit of \$11,000,000 last year, didn't make it all out of locomotives.

DEMAND FOR GOOD ROADS. Eastern Ontario people are thoroughly disgusted with the condition of their main roads. They are clamoring for a change, and that speedily. The auto owners are desperate.

If every good citizen who observed boys riding bicycles on the walks would make complaint to the police court about it, the practice would soon cease.

A BIG WAR FORTUNE. J. P. Morgan, the elder, although regarded in his time as the financial king of his country, didn't really know how to make money. The present J. P. Morgan is said to have made as much in the last two years as his father made in his whole career, or at least as much as he left at his death.

Those purchases have amounted to about \$2,000,000,000 so far. It likewise gets a banking commission on all loans raised here for foreign governments. Such loans are said to aggregate at present about \$1,500,000,000.

Rumania will have to make up her mind pretty soon now if she expects a slice off the war map.

A REBUKE TO MORHAUT. One of the strangest things in the war is Col. Morhaut's reputation for sagacity—a reputation that principally prevails outside Germany.

His "optimism," especially as regards Great Britain, comes under the lash. "We must warn the public," says the "Kreuzzeitung," "against looking at the situation too optimistically. England has developed during this war a vigor and energy such as she has never shown before in her history, not even in the Napoleonic wars.

Now we are asked to believe that she will give up the whole enterprise before she is completely defeated and before all her means of fighting are exhausted. Herr Morhaut believes that this is a war of exhaustion against England; that she cannot produce more recruits than are necessary to drag the war along; that India can hardly provide more recruits than she required to fight in Mesopotamia, Egypt and Salonika; and that Canada and Australia are already exhausted of men.

"We must pay no attention," concludes the "Kreuzzeitung," "to any rumors about England's exhaustion until there are positive signs of it. Not merely are any such signs quite lacking at this moment, but on the contrary everything goes to show that England is still resolved to go on fighting with all her might."

FIFTY YEARS AFTER. The capture of Gorizia by the Italian forces furnishes another of the peculiar national contradictions of the present war in which one sees Britain offering the Dardanelles to Russia, Japan in alliance with the Slav, Greece refraining from attacking Turkey, Poland helping the Russians, Britain on the side of France and Rome and Paris in alliance against Germany, remarks the Ottawa Citizen.

For it was Prussia that helped Italy in the third war of liberation against Austria for the recovery of the Adriatic provinces and Trent. Austria, afraid of Prussia, offered Italy the disputed provinces in 1866 in return for Italian neutrality. But Italy refused the bargain and remained faithful to her alliance with Prussia. This availed her little, for Bismarck, with that cynical disregard for the aspirations of even his allies which characterized him, made peace with Austria after defeating the armies of Francis Joseph in two decisive engagements, and left Italy entirely out of account in the negotiations.

Garibaldi, marching on Trent, was compelled to halt. Cadorna, father of the present Italian generalissimo, who was proceeding to Trieste, was forced to abandon his intention as the full strength of the Austrian armies, now released by Bismarck's breach of faith, confronted him. France, however, remained true to her word and restored to Italy those portions of the kingdom which had been entrusted to her by Austria. But Austria remained in complete possession of the province of Trent, of Istria and Dalmatia. Thus it has been that the unsatisfactory frontier which Italy was forced to accept by the treachery of Prussia in 1866 has been the cause of fifty years' enmity between the Austrian and Italian peoples.

Now the tables are reversed. Italy is not at war with Prussia but she is on a fair way to take the lost provinces which she could have had from Austria in the war of 1866 had she broken her word. And she is about to take them at the expense

of Germany, for it cannot be doubted that an Austrian defeat at this time is more disastrous to Germany than it is to Austria. Germany would today willingly give the provinces to Italy in return for her neutrality, as Austria offered to do fifty years ago, but the time for such an offer has long since gone by. But the parallel is interesting. The very presence of Cadorna in itself romantic when the history of the military relations between the three countries concerned is considered.

With Cadorna directing the advance on Trieste through Gorizia all the elements of an historic revenge are supplied in the situation on the Austro-Italian border.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria having lived so long, let it be hoped that he survives to see the complete discomfiture of his dual kingdom and his German ally.

The opening of the public schools in New York will be postponed till October 1st or later on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis. Safety first is the first consideration.

John Wanamaker, Philadelphia's merchant prince, says: "Stores could not exist as they exist to-day without advertising." And John has been a very wise business man in his generation.

American newspapers are steadily reducing their size as a result of the constantly growing scarcity of newsprint. The Philadelphia publishers have agreed on a maximum average of not over twelve pages daily, and this example is being generally followed in Canada as well.

PUBLIC OPINION

Tariff Duties (Ottawa Citizen). No nation can thrive with colossal tariff duties, no matter how well it may appear to get along with moderate duties.

Willing To Do Talking (New York Herald). The Kaiser has shown that he is willing enough to do all the talking for his nation just so long as somebody else will do the nation's fighting.

Why The Kaiser Is Enraged (Boston Transcript). "It isn't the fact that England started the war that enrages the Kaiser, but the realization that she is going to end it."

Should Have Dropped a Steak (Philadelphia North American). The French aviator who dropped handbills on Berlin missed a trick.

Random Reels

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

JOHN ADAMS. John Adams, second President of the United States, was born on a farm near the city of Boston, his father being engaged at the time in trying to pluck something from the rugged soil of New England besides the army worm and withered hopes.

The ministry in John Adams' time was different than it is now, inasmuch as the candidate was obliged to believe a lot of things about hell which could not be proven by personal testimony. Mr. Adams decided to take up something which did not require a man to believe anything he didn't want to, so he began to study law. He would have made a good lawyer if the political bee had not stung him with so much success that he ran for every office in the gift of the Thirteen Colonies.

John Adams was not a popular

Rippling Rhymes

THE FLY

One little fly, so busy, will make a strong man dizzy, and drive him to despair; 'twill spoil a day delightful, and fill with language trifling the palpitating air. I murmur, after dinner, 'A nap would be a winner; so I shall sleep a few; some snores in Greek and Latin, will make me fresh as satin, in half an hour or two.' Then to my couch repairing, I soon am smoothly faring into the land of dreams; and then a fly comes pacing along my forehead, tracing the furrows and the seams. Around my eyes it rambles, and then it lopes and gambols, along my queenly nose; then my bald head exploring, still burrowing and boring, industrious it goes. Maliciously it chases around the ticklish places, which isn't right or fair; I feel my hair grow sozzled; I am severely moral, or I would rise and swear. At last I rise and slay it, decapitate and flay it, and then lie down again; no use—there comes another! The dead fly left a brother, to plague the souls of men!

He should have created a riot by dropping a tenderloin steak.

Room For Success (New York Herald). President Wilson is moving to settle the threatened strike of the employees of the railroads of the country. We hope he will have more success than he has had in Mexico.

Straws Going with the Wind (Philadelphia North American). Two years ago the German leader who dared express any doubt about the ability of the Kaiser to win would have been arrested. Today it is a safe recreation. All of which means that the jig is up.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The life insurance business is booming in this district. A city agent wrote up \$43,000 this month. The police find stores open almost every night. Merchants should see that stores are locked carefully before the Senator has to do with.

THE SENATOR GOT SPEECHES MIXED

Brockville Recorder. The late Senator Dan Derbyshire, was for many years one of Ontario's most noted story-tellers. Hundreds of audiences have laughed to his "Story of the Hired Girl," but no one else was ever able to successfully tell that tale, though the Senator never failed to convulse his audience with the anecdote. There is, however, the anecdote that others do tell that the Senator had to do with. He was an honored member of both the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Oddfellows and at meetings and banquets was greatly in demand by both lodges all over the country. So many different towns were in the habit of calling for his fraternal services in such widely separated places, that at last the Senator fell back on two well-prepared addresses—one for Oddfellows and one for Masons. One unfortunate night, however, he grew too eloquent. "I belong to more than one fraternal order," said the witty, big-hearted and big-framed Senator. "I need not tell you how highly I esteem and love the Masonic Order, but even that great and noble craft must give second place to the choice of my heart—the Oddfellows. No fraternal body on earth contains so many noble men as the Oddfellows. The Oddfellows stand first in their devotion to true brotherhood, in their grand love for humanity, in their—"

COMMA AFTER, HORNSWOGGLE AND COMMA AFTER, 'LOWLIFE'—AND MY GRACIOUS, TOM, HOW DO YOU SPELL PREPAREDNESS?



He helped Jefferson write the Declaration of Independence, correcting some of the spelling and inserting a number of commas therein.

president, owing to the rigidity of his back-bone, which made him harder to handle than a trick broncho. The politicians did not like him, as he was liable to appoint somebody postmaster on sheer merit alone. After completing his term he returned to his native state and tried to forget what had happened, dying on the Fourth of July, 1826, on which day his great rival Thomas Jefferson, also passed beyond.

In Favor of Sale. St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, Aug. 18—Apparently the inhabitants of the island of St. Croix are in favor of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. Unofficial balloting was held there yesterday, and of the votes cast 5,000 were in favor of the proposition and only 11 against it.

The population of St. Croix in 1901 was 18,590.

The will of Lina Matherny, a New York domestic, filed for probate today, leaves \$10,000—the saving of thirty years she spent in his service—to her employer, Dr. Emanuel Baruch.

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