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HAVE SEEN HELL

Dr. Henderson, of Toronto, has, under pressure, or the repeated enquiries of his friends, returned to a burning subject, and explained that his belief of the present has been his belief for many years, that there is no material hell, but a spiritual and mental hell. Those who have been in the war, (including Canadians), have witnessed modern artillery at its best and have advanced before and behind a curtain of fire. They know more about hell than the preachers who have been arguing the subject theoretically. They have looked into what appeared to be the front trenches of the bottomless pit.

So the banks, by entering into a huge combine, are going to reduce the interest on current accounts after Oct. 1st. Reason—that they have too much money on hand and cannot profitably invest it. Will the dividends be reduced at the end of the financial year?

A PRETTY TART REPLY.

The Judge in Winnipeg, before whom the editors' cases will come on Saturday, was formerly a member of the Commons and resigned his seat there in favor of Mr. Rogers. By the way it is understood that some of the funds which were collected from the Agricultural College builder, by the conservative party, went towards the Haggart election. There is a copy in the answer of Judge Galt to Mr. Rogers' telegram, that he was willing to accept of service at Ottawa and appear in Winnipeg for contempt of court. Judge Galt's reply was: "My authority to punish for contempt has been challenged, and the question is now before Mr. Justice Haggart for decision." This has been referred to as a Roland for an Oliver.

Canada is lending \$50,000,000 to Britain! That's going some. Canada, from the savings of the people, contributing to the war necessities of the Empire? Yes, and doing it easily. Nor is the \$200,000,000 which the people have subscribed all the people have to spare.

GETTING RID OF HEARST

Hon. I. B. Lucas laughed when asked about the rumored elevation of the premier to a seat on the bench. What is there to laugh about? Is it not better to see the man provided with a soft place, away from the tumult and the row in his own party? Is it not better than to continue the agitation for his humiliation, seeing that he cannot back down on the prohibition question?

Mr. Hearst would ornament the bench quite as much as many others who have retired to it, from public life, and as a relief to themselves and their party. The impression prevails that a sacrifice must be made of some one in the government of Ontario. He is the best man in it.

In saying this it must not be understood that it is quite the proper thing to get rid of Mr. Hearst because he is a man of principle. Having given his word he proposes to stand by it. If some one must go, and the bench is the object in view, why not "the little lawyer from Markham," as Mr. Dewar has referred to Mr. Lucas?

A two per cent. daily balance or a two and a half per cent. monthly balance is the new order at the banks. In England the banks pay four per cent, by order of the government, and if the government of England can control the banking system the government of Canada can do the same.

PROCEDURE IN ENGLAND

A couple of cases will suffice to exhibit the sufficiency of the British plan of recruiting. One man pleaded, before the recruitment court, that he had a medical certificate which represented him as unfit for active service. The medical board was inclined to reject it, knowing how some men can get certificates from their family physicians, but it talked with the evidence which an independent examination afforded and was accepted.

A second man, aged twenty-four, pleaded that he was an American by birth, unnaturalized, and so ineligible for service in the British army. It transpired on examination that the young man had been adopted, and taken the place and name of a member of the family, deceased. The foster mother admitted the facts and the court ordered him to get ready for service.

The British have long since passed the point where any consideration rises superior to the demands of the country, and the proceedings run smoothly through all the courts and stations where recruits are either invited or forced to sign up.

Canada has been amiss, through its government, in the duty of the hour. It may rally as a result of the new methods which are to be tried, but it is doubtful.

Old Probs was better than he intended so far as the fair was concerned. He announced that there would be some sprinkling on Wednesday or Thursday, but managed to restrain the waterman until the show was practically over. The manager of the show must have an understanding of some kind with the old man.

IMPOSTS OF THE WAR.

Great crises are taken advantage of by some producers in order to advance their interests; and during the war there has been a great outcry against apparent impositions. Every little while there is an appeal to the government to institute enquiries, and to give relief where it seems to be so necessary. The newspaper publishers would not hope to escape the anxieties which are forced upon others. Their trial comes from the uncertainties of the paper trade, and the willingness of the paper manufacturers to make contracts for extended periods at reasonable figures.

There is not in Canada any special shortage in the supply. Canada is the greatest paper producing country in the world. It has the spruce wood, in unlimited quantities. It has the mills which can supply, if they are run fully, all the paper that the publishers need. There may be a shortage on the American side, brought about by two contingencies: (1) a reduced quantity of pulp wood, and (2), a reduced importation of paper from Europe. South America keeps up its supply. There is nothing to interfere with it. But Norway and Sweden find it impossible to continue their exports to America while the war and the submarine menace remain. Then the duty on Canadian paper has been changed by the American government, and it is possible for the Canadian producers to get rid of their surplus supplies, and much of their regular supplies, at a price as high as 5 cents per pound.

The publishers have reason to believe that paper can be supplied to them at reasonable and contract rates, that the machinery is now being installed which will add to the daily output of a thousand tons, that the congestion of the present can be removed a little later, and that there should not be any bar to the service which the publishers demand.

Of course a deaf ear cannot be turned to the warning that the publishers economize in paper as much as possible, and make up for an increase in expenses by an increase in rates, and something in this direction may follow as a matter of business procedure. But there is something more which the publishers can do, more which the publishers can do, more which the publishers can do, more which the publishers can do, more which the publishers can do.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian, now a member of the British bar and a member of the imperial parliament, says Canada must continue her efforts and contributions to the war. The end is clearly a long way off, and many sacrifices in money and men must still be made.

What was the objection of making a town in the rear of Combes underground? For the comfortable housing of the army during the winter and close to the trenches. An immense amount of money was spent. The town when assaulted by the British mortars became a charnel house or tomb.

A great truth has been enunciated by Sir Hamar Greenwood, who is visiting his old home in Canada. It

is that the men who come back from the war have the best right to the future government of the country. They will have a right, certainly, to the places in civil service and public life which they can fill, and will get them.

The habeas corpus proceedings in the Winnipeg case, on Saturday, will be argued before a judge who is declared to be "the direct beneficiary of Mr. Rogers." He resigned his seat in parliament in favor of Mr. Rogers at a time when the machine ran the political business of Manitoba, and was immediately rewarded with a seat on the bench.

PUBLIC OPINION

A New Pronunciation.
(Chicago Tribune)
Hohenzollern should now be pronounced Huns-hollerin.

A Good Guess.
(Ottawa Free Press)
We are not always sure who appoints the judges, but we have a pretty good idea who is responsible for the hon. cols.

It May Be.
(Montreal News)
Stephen Leacock has come out in favor of the study of Russian instead of German. We wonder if this is the humorist's compromise to keep Ontario from learning French.

Very Properly So.
(Hamilton Spectator)
Racetrack bookmakers and their dupes, numbered by thousands, will likely feel much perturbed over the fact that the Presbyterian mission board would make gambling an offence.

Cost of Living.
(Toronto News)
We cannot know too much as to why prices increase, but with labor scarce, wages high, Old World demands pressing, and economic conditions generally unbalanced, the cost of living must advance.

A Dead Give-Away.
(Windsor Record)
No politics in the Ontario license commission, eh? Inspector Pacaud, a Liberal, twenty-four years inspector, turned down to make room for the vice-president of the Conservative association, Pahaw!

Clean Up the Mess.
(Toronto Globe)
All patriotic people in Canada, Conservatives as well as Liberals, will be disposed to insist that Mr. Justice Galt, or some other equally just and equally fearless Judge, go on and go through with the mess, the offence of which has smelled to heaven.

ROWELL SPEAKS ON THE GREAT WAR

Extract from Toronto Address.
"The first great revelation of the

Random Reels

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

THE DIMMER LAW

The dimmer law is a thoughtful piece of legislation which requires every automobile owner to put down shades on his headlights and then leave them up all night.

The object of the dimmer law is to enable people to drive automobiles at night without being struck speechless in both eyeballs. The dimmer itself is a small retiring bulb which can be turned off and on without hurting anybody but the driver, who is not able to see whether he is in the turnpike or has strayed into an adjacent alfalfa field. One of the most blood-curdling moments in this monotonous existence is to throw on the dimmers, in order to accommodate an approaching car, with a driver who is too exhausted to return the compliment, and then edge slowly fully into a ditch whose depths have never been sounded by the hoof of man or beast.

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Rippling Rhymes

TO THE CROSSROADS

Goodbye, old town, I'm going home, to shuck the corn and plow the loam, to prune the tree and train the vine, and feed with swill the shrieking swine. I was not built for urban life, for city tricks and city strife, and every time I walk the street I'm encircled by some snuffling beast, who sees in me an easy pick, and sells me a gold plated brick. I'm always buying costly shares in ginseng plants and Belgian hares, in silver mines and orange groves, and mills that turn out wooden clogs. The smiling fakery of the town! I simply cannot turn them down. They charm me with their sunny smiles, they fascinate me with their wiles, and sell me, from their catalogues, tin motor cars and hairless dogs, and remedies that grow new hair on domes of thought that long were bare, and lithographs of Statesman Hughes, and ships and sealing wax and shoes. Tomorrow, if you look for me, my form in town you will not see, though you may rake it with a comb—goodbye, old town, I'm going home!

war is the soul of France, her unity and her courage; and the second is the spontaneous co-operation of the Dominions with the mother country in the great struggle.

"You would be receiving a wrong impression if you went away entertaining the belief that the Allies had the situation so well in hand that we need not put forth greater efforts. The only hope of complete and decisive victory lies in the willingness of the Allies to continue to make the sacrifices necessary to achieve it. That initiative can only be retained by the sacrifice of thousands and more thousands of valuable lives, and the advance can only continue to be pushed if we are prepared to keep up a constant supply of reinforcements. The wastage is from ten to fifteen per cent. per month, and you, therefore, realize how vital a matter this of reinforcements is. We require additional troops as fast as they can be pushed forward. Our paramount duty is to back up the men who are holding the lines and supply them with reinforcements."

"Those who are profiting by this war should bear a larger share of the burden. We at home should be ready to make a sacrifice commensurate to some extent with that made by the men at the front." Mr. Rowell added that the only message he had from the men doing the actual fighting was "Send us more and more men."

CHOIR OF ST. MARY'S MAKES A PRESENTATION

To Prof. Paul Denys, the Retiring Organist—Father Hanley Was Host.

On Thursday evening Rev. Father A. J. Hanley, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, entertained the cathedral choir to a supper at The Verdun in honor of Prof. Paul Denys, the retiring organist. At the conclusion of the supper, N. E. O'Connor, leader of the choir, in a happy speech, expressed the sincere regret of all the members over the departure of Prof. Denys. He spoke of the happy and cordial relations which had existed between the professor and the choir, which enabled them to do all that had been done. One characteristic which shone forth in the noble character of Prof. Denys was his strict attention to duty. He was always at his post, and was an example worthy of emulation. Mr. O'Connor asked Prof. Denys to accept from the choir a gift, not for its value, but for the sentiment it expressed. The gift consisted of a gentleman's toilet set in ebony and encased in leather.

Prof. Denys was greatly affected at the kindness of the choir. He said that words failed to express what he felt. He would always recall as among the happiest years of his life the time he had spent as organist of St. Mary's. He thanked the leader for his support and the members for their co-operation. He was going from Kingston bearing the highest regards for all, and bore testimony to the happy relations existing among all classes.

Convalescent Picnic Postponed.
Owing to unfavorable weather, the picnic for convalescent soldiers is postponed until Monday, October 2nd. Those who have generously donated the use of cars please note. Any further donation of cars will be thankfully accepted.

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