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A point for pessimists to remember: Britain seldom starts anything she can't finish.

The next Parliament will be the thirteenth. Superstitious people will see danger ahead.

How will Quebec be handled hereafter? Will the Unionists exhibit kindness or harshness? Think it over.

Will some one please explain why oleomargarine sells in Kingston at 38c a lb. and in war-ratoned England at only 22c a lb?

Everybody in the city is in favor of acclamations to the mayor, aldermen and Utility Commissioners. To change them is not worth while.

When the vote is all in and tabulated Sir Robert Borden can say to Sir Wilfrid Laurier: "Here is your referendum?" Will he accept it as such?

Sir Wilfrid on hearing the result of the elections is said to have exclaimed, "Incredible!" It would have been incredible had they gone otherwise than they did.

"We are using oleomargarine exclusively on our table now," a business man tells the Whig. "It is much more economical than butter, and, do you know, the children like it just as well."

Two years ago the United States navy had 300 ships and 64,680 men and 4,376 officers. To-day she has over 1,000 ships and 280,000 officers and men. Her contribution to the Allied cause is going to be an effective one.

The fellow who writes the bulletins which the Dominion Department of Agriculture sends out to newspaper offices is somewhat of a joker. He has just advised people to eat more poultry and eggs in order to save meat.

The Kingston Whig was the only daily paper (which formerly held to the Liberal faith), along the border towns between Montreal and Toronto, that supported the Unionist cause. And that whole front went into the Union column.

An official of the U.S. Department of Internal Revenue reports that there are 300,000 drug addicts in New York City, and that many of them are persons in "high social position." What a sad commentary upon present-day civilization.

Two objectors to the United States draft system were sentenced to ten years in a military prison at Ford Worden, Wash. We shudder to think what Uncle Sam would do to Quebec if she were a state in the Union. Instead of a favored province under the Union Jack.

THE HELPING HAND. The women voters played a decisive part in last Monday's election. Despite the extreme severity of the weather they stuck to their posts, helped to get out the voters and showed the new ones how to mark the ballot. Their organization was perfect. Added to this was the conviction that they were fighting for the lives of the boys in France or for the memory of those who would never more come back. The spirit that animated these women was one

of helpful, sustaining sacrifice to duty. O man upon Life's troubled sea, When tempest tossed by Fate's decree, Though Fortune hold thee 'contraband, Hope on! for thou shalt win the land, If somewhere is held out to thee A woman's hand!

A PRAYER FOR TO-DAY. Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws. —TENNYSON

THE BRITISH WAY. Gen. Allenby, the conqueror of Jerusalem, entered the Holy City bareheaded and on foot to receive the submission of the officials. He placed strong guards about all the holy places, and posted a proclamation of authority and assurance to the people in seven languages: Arabic, Hebrew, English, French, Italian, Greek and Russian. His campaign was delayed because of his unwillingness to point a British gun toward the sacred city. A reverential respect for things historic and holy influenced his every move. That is the British way, and it explains her success in ruling subject peoples. How different was Germany's occupation of Brussels and her brutal behavior there! These two comparisons give to the world a clear-cut and impressive interpretation of the Anglo-Saxon idea as opposed to the Teutonic idea. In one justice, respect and decency are revealed; in the other, injustice, terrorism and bestiality predominate.

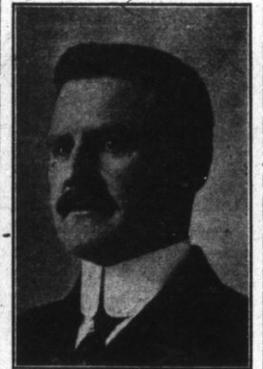
The comparison does not end here. History records other conquests of Jerusalem which throw into strong relief the noble ideals of Britain. One cannot help but contrast the difference between Gen. Allenby's capture of Jerusalem and that of the Crusaders on July 15th, 1099, as described by the learned historian, Dean Wilman in his history of Latin Christianity, Vol. IV., page 37, where he writes: "No barbarian or infidel ever perpetrated such wanton and cold-blooded atrocities as the wearers of the Cross of Christ at the taking of Jerusalem on July 15th, 1099. Murder was a mercy, rape a tenderness. Infants were torn from their mother's arms, and their brains crushed out against the walls. Jews and Turks were tortured over slow fires and then ripped open to see whether they had swallowed gold. The Jews were burned alive in their synagogues until none were left."

Christians and Jews alike should thank God that a nation like Great Britain exists in the world to-day.

THE FUTURE OF QUEBEC. Now that the election is over and the issue so definitely decided, it will be the part of wisdom to overlook our differences and our disputes and unite for the advancement of the country's best interests. It is unsportsmanlike and unbecoming for the victor to boast of his accomplishments. It is equally unsportsmanlike, as well as futile, for the vanquished to complain of his defeat and nurse a bitter resentment. It was Quebec against the rest of Canada, and Quebec lost. The attitude of that province in all matters pertaining to recruiting, war loans and to Canada's participation in the war aroused a very deep resentment throughout the rest of the Dominion. The protest was against the reactionary and anti-British element in Quebec—not against their religion or their language or their customs. To-day that province occupies an isolated and a dangerous position in the Canadian federation. One may well ask: What of her future? That rests largely in her own hands. If her leaders recognize the seriousness of the situation, if they read aright the determined message of Monday's ballots, if they can discard narrow provincialism for broad national ideas and aspirations, they can still guide Quebec along the path that leads to national unity and harmony. The rest of Canada trusts that this will be the outcome. On the eve of polling Sir Wilfrid Laurier issued the following statement: "If I am defeated as leader of His Majesty's loyal Opposition I will still support a win-the-war policy of any Government that is formed, as I have done heretofore. "There is no question of quitting. In a word, I am in this war to a finish, because the cause of the Allies is just." The people of Canada will now expect him to make good his promise. However strongly one may differ with Sir Wilfrid in regard to his policies, one does not question his veracity. A great opportunity now awaits him. He can crown with glory a distinguished career by submitting to the will of the people as expressed at the polls and joining heart and hand in promoting the policy of the Union Government in its war aims. He can show Quebec

the right way, and bring her people into harmony with the rest of Canada. In the meantime let patience and forbearance prevail, realizing that time will solve most any problem.

MAYOR HUGHES AGREES TO STAND AGAIN No Doubt But That He Will be Elected by Acclamation.



MAYOR J. M. HUGHES. Mayor Hughes on Friday morning gave an answer to the big petition of the citizens asking him to stand for a second term. His Worship has acceded to their request, and there is no doubt but what he will be returned by acclamation, as the people do not want an election at this time. Mayor Hughes is sacrificing much in even taking the position of mayor by acclamation, for his business requires close attention, and it must suffer to a certain extent owing to the time the majority duties take up. However, Mayor Hughes is willing to make this sacrifice, and Kingston will in 1918 have a chief magistrate of whom she can be justly proud.

"So Long Letty" at Grand. Staged under the personal direction of Oliver Morosco, "So Long Letty" came to Kingston on Thursday evening and drew a large house. The production is one of the best musical comedies that Morosco has ever put before the public and the cast is well balanced and deserves credit for carrying out the entertainment in such a delightfully swinging manner. Letta Robbins was played by Gladys Lockwood and in such songs as "They Go Wild Over Me," she was recalled a number of times.

Trotzky's Pro-Germanism. (Buffalo Express) Trotzky's order that no British subjects be permitted to leave Russia pending certain negotiations looks as if he were eager to declare war on "England" even before he comes to a settlement with Germany. Trotzky's mind appears to present all the characteristics of the pro-German propagandist, as we have seen the type in this country.

Rippling Rhymes

KNITTING WOMEN

I always liked to talk with girls, both married and unwed, for they were quick to note the pearls of wisdom that I shed. And if I told an anecdote, full of amusing chaff, there'd come from every female throat the gladdest sort of laugh. Anon I'd read a sonnet fine that I had lately writ, and women liked this stunt of mine so well they'd throw a fit. But now I tell my yarns in vain, in vain recite my poems; the girls have knitting on the brain in all our native homes. They're knitting, knitting all the day, and when I spring my spiel, I hear some busy woman say, "This sock is mostly heel." To entertain the knitting dame, I quote an epic rich; and, interrupting, one exclaims: "Gee whizz! I've dropped a stitch." I tell of springs of ancient lore, from which I've often drunk, and says the woman by the door, "This yarn's extremely punk." The idle things of idle times have gone their divers ways; who cares a hoot for rhymes, in these fierce wartime days? In vain the tall stuffed prophet stands, with skill to charm the birds; the girls have knitting in their hands, and have no time for words.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN By GENE BYRNES



LATE ALEXANDER BUSH.

A Lifelong Resident of Township of Hinchinbrook. The late Alexander Bush, who died at the General Hospital on Dec. 2nd, was a lifelong resident of the township of Hinchinbrook, and was the fourth son of the late Jacob Bush. He was 80 years old, and had been in ill-health for two months. The remains were taken to his old home in Oak Flats, where the funeral took place. Rev. Mr. Fairburn officiated, assisted by Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Enterprise. The remains were placed in the vault at Verona. In his early days deceased spent many years as foreman of a lumber camp and river driver on the Napanee waters. He spent three years in California and eight years in Wisconsin. On his return to Oak Flats he married Mary Ann Cameron, of Enterprise, and took up a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a Conservative in politics, a man of sterling qualities, a good neighbor and friend. A widow, four sons and a daughter survive: Alexander Henry, in California; William, on active service in France; Daniel, Hawley and Miss Alma, at home.

TO FORM CENTRAL COMMITTEE To Supervise War Relief Work in Kingston.

A committee, appointed at a conference held on Nov. 21st, of various war relief committees of the city, met on Friday, Dec. 8th and drew up the following recommendation: That this committee recommend the appointment of a central War Relief Funds committee, upon which the various war relief organizations in the City shall be represented, for the purpose of (a) recommending dates upon which subscriptions for the various objects be taken up; (b) prosecuting a canvass in cases where no organization is directly in charge, and (c) exercising a general supervision and making recommendations to the several organizations as occasion may require. A meeting will convene in the Council Chamber this afternoon for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming such a central War Relief Funds committee.

Hundreds Have Arrived. Last week we received a shipment of handsome neckwear direct from New York and we are selling these ties at 75c and \$1. You will have to see this neckwear to appreciate its value. We also are showing a large range of ties at 25c and 50c, a gift that everyone appreciates. The Lion Clothing House, King street.

Waffle at Cape Vincent. The steamer Hinckley managed to reach Henderson Harbor and tow the schooner Waffle to Cape Vincent. The Waffle has been frozen in for the past week. She has coal for Swift & Co. Kingston. If the weather remains soft she may be able to reach here.

Costello Mayor of Calgary. It has at last been definitely decided that Dr. M. C. Costello is the mayor of Calgary, having legally a majority of ten votes over Ald. H. B. Ashed, the other candidate. Dr. Costello is a graduate of Queen's and his wife is a Kingston lady.

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THE QUEEN OF GEMS. Flawless Emerald Most Valuable of Stones. An emerald free from flaws would be the most precious of all stones, experts of the Smithsonian Institution maintain in a recently published bulletin. Unfortunately it (the emerald) is seldom free from flaws, and were this not the case an emerald would be of greater value than a good diamond. To-day a good diamond is worth about \$250 to \$400 per carat, according to its purity and size, while an emerald varies in value from \$350 to \$500, increasing very rapidly with size. Flawless emeralds weighing more than four carats are among the rarest jewels; a perfect stone of four carats is practically priceless, whereas a diamond would bring only \$1,000 to \$2,000. It is probable that all the emeralds of the ancients came from the so-called Cleopatra mines in the upper Egypt, worked as early as 1650 B. C. abandoned and lost sight of during the Middle Ages, but re-discovered early in the nineteenth century, when only cloudy stones of a light color were obtained. Unlike some green stones, the emerald retains its color when heated and when subjected to artificial light, and in this connection Pliny is quoted as saying that neither sun, nor shade, nor yet the light of a candle, caused change in its color or lustre. It was supposed, in ancient times, to be good for the eyes, and Pliny also remarks, "There is not a gem or precious stone that so fully possesseth the eye, and yet never contenteth it with satiety. Nay, if the sight has been wearied and dimmed by intensive poring upon anything else, the beholding of this stone doth refresh and restore it again. While beneficial to human eyes, it was believed to be fatal to the eyesight of serpents, in the words of the poet Moore: "Blinded like serpents when they gaze upon the emerald's virgin blaze." Many virtues were once ascribed to this stone; when worn it was held to be a preservative against epilepsy and other ailments. It was also valued as a charm against evil spirits; while taken internally, it was claimed to have great medicinal value. The crystals are simple in form; merely hexagonal prisms attached at one end to the matrix, with usually a flat face at right angles to its axis on the other end. They are invariably flawed, so much so that a "flawless emerald" has become a proverbial expression for unattainable perfection. The largest single crystal, said to weigh 9 1/2 ounces, is in the possession of the Duke of Devonshire.

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2 MORE DAYS TO SHOP CRAWFORD COAL SALES Will Be For CASH. At price current for the month when the order is given. The Coal situation in the United States compels this action. Foot of Queen St. Phone 9. All the unclaimed bodies in the Chelmsford mortuary, Halifax, whether identified or not, will be buried on Saturday, unless removed from the mortuary by relatives or friends. There are now 117 bodies at the mortuary. In the Battle River constituency Blair, the Unionist, is definitely elected by 690 over Warner, Liberal.

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