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Another Minister Makes Rash and Untrue Charges.

London, Jan. 16.—Robert Parr, director of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, writes to the Times: "You have done a good service in correcting the vague and sensational statement concerning American soldiers. Will you help to further allay misconception as to what is happening to men who come from Canada to help the Empire in its hour of need? And American clergyman, speaking recently, is reported in the Somerset Standard as saying that Canada was trying to maintain 300,000 constantly in the field, but of those only two-thirds were available, 100,000 being in hospital through wine and women.' Such a statement must cause alarm. I sent to Canadian headquarters for information and found the actual number of men in hospital through the causes mentioned was not 100,000, but eighteen hundred and ten. What can be done to persons who persistently utter such slanders?"

Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, N.B., may resign his bishopric and take charge of Holy Trinity, the leading Anglican church in Winnipeg.

A motion in the U.S. Senate limiting the size of newspapers to sixteen pages was overwhelming defeated.

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Sinn Feiners and Americans.

MAIL advices from Ireland give some particulars of the ill-treatment American sailors received from the Sinn Fein organization, and prove that the Irish-Germans on the Old Sod tried to play a game not greatly different from that of the Irish-Americans on this side of the Atlantic. To understand the situation that led to the mobbing of American sailors in Dublin and Cork we must remember that for a generation the anti-English movement in Ireland has been financed largely by Irish-Americans. It was to this continent that Parnell and Redmond looked in their habitual scanning of the horizon for funds, and generously their agitation in favor of Home Rule was supported. But when the United States entered the war it was generally recognized that the enemies of Britain were the enemies of the United States; and that if the Sinn Feiners struck at England they struck equally at Uncle Sam. In those early days all sympathy for the Sinn Feiners died. This the Sinn Feiners did not understand, probably being misled by advices from Cohalan and others. The result was that when the American squadron under Admiral Sims reached the British Isles and took up its station off the Irish coast, the Sinn Fein leaders had come to the conclusion that the American sailors were still open-minded on the subject of Irish independence. The policy at first decided upon was to make heroes of the Americans, and so when the sailors came ashore at various Irish ports where the Sinn Fein influence predominated they were received with open arms. All kinds of hospitality were thrust upon them, and they were welcomed in Cork as though it had been Belfast. The American soldiers were naturally gratified at the attention showed them, but they began to cool off when it became apparent, as it did as the weeks went by, that they had to appear in the role of friends of Ireland and enemies to England.

The policy of the Sinn Feiners, referred to by Patrick O'Flaherty in The New York Tribune as "idiotic," was genially laughed at by the American sailors. Then the Sinn Feiners adopted an equally idiotic policy. They determined to drive the American sailors out of Ireland. They found various local pretexts, the most notable being in the case of an Irish girl who was found stupefied with drugged candy one morning on a well-known promenade. It was rumored that American sailors on shore leave had been responsible for her deplorable condition, and the rumor was skilfully spread. The people were asked to believe that the American sailors were a gang of desperadoes, and that Irish girls were their especial victims. They were represented in no more flattering colors than the Germans in Belgium, and popular feeling which had been fanned in their favor was abruptly fanned in the opposite direction. The present policy of the British Government in Ireland, which equally with that of the Sinn Fein deserves Mr. O'Flaherty's adjective, made it possible for the Sinn Feiners to vent their displeasure upon the American sailors.

They were attacked in the streets. An eye-witness, who fails to mention whether the demonstration occurred in Cork or Dublin—one guesses Cork—saw a demonstration begin at the railroad station, where a gang of gossoons hissed American bluejackets who had just landed. Some fifty of the sailors, accompanied by Irish girls, left the station to enjoy themselves, and were followed by a mob which repeated the long-distance hooting. Not far away the detachment came upon two or three American sailors backed into a corner and being attacked. The main body drove through the crowd and scattered the assailants of their mates. Then they all continued up town together. Later on they dispersed and went in smaller groups. The Sinn Feiners, at this, seemed to gather force, and, outnumbering the Americans by ten to one, fell upon them with brickbats and other weapons.

In several instances the Americans were rescued by the constabulary. In other cases American sailors were chased down the streets by the Sinn Feiners. For six weeks rioting of this sort continued, the mob waiting at the theatres for the exit of men wearing American uniforms. A couple of months ago an American sailor, when defending himself, knocked down and killed a civilian, presumably a Sinn Feiner. The coroner's inquest gave a verdict of accidental manslaughter, but handed over the accused in charge of his own naval authorities to await a decision from Washington as to what should be done. This led to the canceling of the leave of all American and British sailors in this part of Ireland. The leave remains cancelled at this date. The net result of the Sinn Fein campaign against the American sailors along the Irish coast is that they have been ostracized, and have been listed with the "bloody red-coats." Another result is that the American sailors have slightly more use for a Prussian or a pacifist than for a Sinn Feiner, and that the propaganda in the United States for an independent Ireland has been the well-deserved victim of a killing frost.

His "Bit."

A tall, lean recruit had just joined up in England. A sergeant and lieutenant were discussing him. "'E's thin as a ramrod and 'e don't even lock strong enought to 'elp in the store," complained the sergeant. "He'll do to clean the rifles," answered the lieutenant. "And oo's a-goin' to pull 'im through?" wailed the sergeant in a defiant manner.

Any man who would sue a girl for breach of promise ought to be confined in an upholstered cell.

It isn't necessary that a brilliant conversationalist should know what he is talking about.

CHINA'S NEW "EMPEROR."

Latest Claimant of Title Has Named Haokung as Capital.

News was recently received of serious disturbances on the Szechuan frontier, in China, caused by the appearance of an aboriginal priest, who claims to be the "emperor" both of his tribes and of the nation. The priest's name is Tucha, and he has been accustomed to eat the flesh of tigers, wolves, leopards, and also the human heart.

The priest fixed the twenty-eighth day of the fifth moon of this year to raise his standard, and on that date all Mohammedans in his district might be murdered. He is alleged to have murdered already more than 2,555 Mohammedans at Chang-teng.

He has issued a decree to erect pagodas of the heads of the murdered Mohammedans. The pagoda at Menku Hill, says the report, was constructed out of 5,000 human heads. On the day of his coronation 2,000 cattle and 800 jars of wine were used for the feasting of his followers. He appointed a consort and several concubines, and organized a grand secretariat, which gave appointment of viceroys to various provinces.

The "Board of Punishment" has issued a proclamation fixing curious ways of punishment. When an opium smoker is found, his lips shall be cut; when a person is found to spread rumors, his tongue shall be cut; when a man is found swearing, a tooth shall be taken out; and thieves shall have their hands cut.

Lately a decree was issued by the priest making Haokung city his capital. The policy of his Government is to prohibit opium, to allow people to work mines, to organize relief work, and to enforce a system of compulsory education.—Tit-Bits.

Prussian Primaries.

In Prussia the selection of the popular half of the legislative body is carried out in two successive operations. For electoral purposes, the state is divided into Zirkel, or electoral districts, subdivided in turn into Urwahlbezirke, which correspond to our primary districts. In the primaries every male citizen over twenty-four can vote, not, to be sure, for a deputy, but for an elector, or Wahlmann, who represents the voter and 249 of his fellow-citizens. The vigor of the popular vote is still further emasculated by the division of the electorate into three classes based on taxes. Though the classes differ greatly in number, each poseses an equal share in the vote.

On the day of the primaries the voters goes to the polls. The polling place has no ballot box, ballots, or mysterious voting machine, nor any other of the arcana to which the Canadian voter is accustomed. On the table before the chairman of the polls lies a large book filled with the names, occupations, and addresses of the voters. Presenting as identification the card which summoned him to the polls, the voter is asked to designate his choice for Wahlmann, which he must do orally and in a loud voice. The chairman is not the only one who takes cognizance of the choice; for among the interested spectators is likely to be the agent of his employer, if the voter is a laboring man, or of his landlord, if he is a peasant. They have attended to observe the docility with which this member of the proletariat follows his patron. Like other German institutions, the elections are always orderly and are conducted with scrupulous honesty.

On the eighth day thereafter the Wahlmanner who have thus been chosen by absolute majority at the primaries are summoned to the chief place of the Zirkel to ballot publicly for deputies to the Landtag. The results of the votes in the electoral colleges is a House, to which all Prussians thirty years of age are eligible, but of which about a half is of noble birth.

Orville Dawson, M.C.R. yard brakesman at St. Thomas, slipped while trying to throw a switch, and falling in front of an engine, was fatally injured.

The Wood Flour Mills at Norwich, one of the best equipped and largest mills in Oxford County, were completely destroyed by fire.

Austria-Hungary has officially recognized the independence of Finland, according to a despatch received from Vienna.

MOTHERS OF CANADA
PREPARE FOR TROUBLE

When a girl becomes a woman, when a woman becomes a mother, and when a woman passes through the changes of middle life, are the three periods of life when health and strength are most needed to withstand the pain and distress often caused by severe organic disturbances. Many thousands in this section would testify as do the following:

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Stratford, Ont.—I was all run-down, weak, nervous. I also suffered with severe pains through my back. I was very miserable when a friend advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and one bottle seemed to give renewed strength. It stopped the pain in my back, also helped my nervous condition. It is surely a good tonic for women.—Mrs. Florence Cullum, 100 Milton St.

WHERE BERNADOTTE FOUGHT.

Armies in Italy Are Battling on Historic Ground.

The territory of Northern Italy through which the Tagliamento, Livinzia and Piave rivers flow and which has now been crossed by the Austro-German forces, is known as the Venetian Plain and is dotted with Italian towns of great historic and art interest.

The Tagliamento river, whose flooded banks served as a rampart for the retreating Italians for only a few days is a stream of no value commercially. It is one of many small rivers rising in the Carnic Alps and flowing through the Venetian Plain into the Adriatic. Its headwaters are near Mount Clapsavon, about 65 miles northwest of its entrance into the Adriatic, but the course of the stream is meandering, flowing first to the east and then south, through a marshy valley, thus traversing a distance of 100 miles.

Just 120 years ago the Tagliamento figured prominently in another great military campaign in northern Italy. It was during Napoleon's campaign of 1797 that reinforcements were greatly needed by the French. Bernadotte, who afterward was placed by Napoleon on the throne of Sweden as Charles XIV., led his army with signal dispatch from the banks of the Rhine to his commander-in-chief, and at the passage of the Tagliamento, won enduring distinction.

The Tagliamento flows past no important cities of Venetia. The most important of the small towns that squat upon its marshy banks are Venzone 20 miles by rail from the Austro-Italian frontier; Spilimbergo, and Latisana. The last named place is equi-distant from Venice and Trieste on the 100-mile railway which connects those two important cities.

The Tagliamento flows 15 miles to the west of Udine, the first Italian city of importance to fall before the onrushing Teutonic forces in the present offensive.

In ancient times the Tagliamento was known as Tilaventus.

The Livenza river, to which line the Italians fell back after having been driven across the Tagliamento, is not more than 75 miles in length, but it has numerous tributaries, chief among those on the east being the Meduna, the Ciume and the Sile, while the Monticano and the Meschia are affluents of the west bank. The point at which the Livenza mingles its waters with the Adriatic is only 28 miles north-east of Italy's priceless jewel city, Venice. Chief among the Italian towns of historic interest are Portogruaro, San Vito, Azzano, and the ruins of Concordia Sagittaria, the ancient Roman military station. It is probable that Venice is now wrapped in darkness at night from necessity as well as from military policy. The city receives its electricity through a high-tension current generated at the falls of Cellina, which are midway between the Tagliamento and Livena, some 50 miles north-east of the Mistress of the Adriatic. This wire was undoubtedly severed by the advance guard of the Austro-German forces.

What the War Costs.

It has been estimated that the total cost of the war to all the belligerents engaged in it is certainly not less than one thousand million pounds a month.

A thousand million pounds! The words slip glibly off the tongue. But just try for a moment to realize what they mean.

If Adam, the first man, had started to earn and save a sovereign a day from the beginning of recorded time he would not have come anywhere near to accumulating a thousand million pounds. He would have to continue, indeed, until A.D. 664571 before doing so.

If a bank cashier, endowed with perpetual youth, attempted to pay out this colossal sum, he would never finish his job through all eternity, for the accumulated interest would accumulate faster than his hands could move in counting out the money.

Reckonede in terms of time, a thousand million years is twenty times as the earth's age, which is fixed approximately at fifty million years. It is even longer probably than the sun's age. In fact, about the only thing older than a thousand million years is eternity itself.—Pearson's Weekly.

Doctoring Wounded Trees.

Of all the restoration work done in France, I do not know of any more ingenious or more interesting than the doctoring of wounded trees. The French soldiers are taught first aid to injured trees, and it is necessary, for the retreating Germans show an absolutely fiendish efficiency in ravishing the orchards and forests and shade trees in the villages. When they had time they would fell the trees, but when the close pursuit of the Allies forbade this, they set their kultur to work to girdle the trunks, cutting off a circle of bark in such fashion as to kill in a few days a fruit tree which might have been a half-century attaining its productiveness. But the French armies, hard on their tracks, would bind up the wounds—first with a special grafting cement, and, when the supply of that gave out, with tar, and finally with loamy clay. Red Cross ambulance drivers and stretcher carriers assisted and often bandages from their store were used. Lately it has been found that moss twisted and tied about the dressed wound was as effective as the bandage.

Birds' Nests for Soup.

The birds'-nests from which the Bfar-famed Chinese soup is made are built by a species of swallow that abounds on the coasts of Java, Ceylon, and Borneo, and consist of a gelatinous substance obtained from marine plants. The nests are boiled either in chicken-broth or in milk of almonds, and the result very much resembles vermicelli soup, except that it is far more costly.

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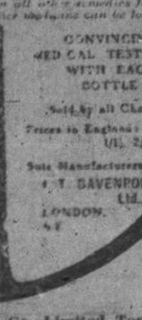

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