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March upset all the old prophecies. She came in like a lamb and went out in the same gentle way.

Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed in finery comparable with that displayed by the girls of Kingston on Easter Sunday.

This is the day that Hindenburg was to lunch in Paris, but something interposed to upset his plans. Another German boast gone to the discard.

Sweden declares that she will continue to maintain a neutral policy. The United States tried it and failed. Can Sweden hope to be more successful?

Now comes a Chicago man who advises having the Kaiser's picture printed on street car tickets so the conductors can punch a hole through his face.

Windsor manufacturers have pledged themselves to cultivate 500 acres of land this year. The cities and towns of Canada will loyally do their part.

The employment of a new, long-range gun against Paris is only another German attempt to create demoralization among non-combatants. Like all their other methods of frightfulness, it is bound to fail.

The United States newspapers and magazines are these days filled with ringing words of praise for Britain and the British armies. What changes in sentiment and valuation this war has wrought!

Field Marshal Hindenburg and Chancellor von Hertling have decided to call up for military service the German criminals of military age, says a Berlin despatch. Well, this new force will have leaders of their own kind in the Kaiser and old Hindy.

Mr. Niekie, M.P. for Kingston, is on solid ground when he objects to the title 'Lady' being bestowed upon the wives of knighted Canadians. The use of this title is only by courtesy, Canadian courtesy, and has no official or legal support.—Ottawa Citizen.

Britain is dependent upon America for 65 per cent. of her essential food, but, on our part, we are dependent upon Britain for our very existence. Our duty is therefore clear: We should make sure that this proportion of Britain's food is forthcoming.

The new food regulations provide for a greatly restricted consumption of beef, veal, pork, wheat and sugar. The Food Board has at last done something worth while. The majority of Canadians do not realize the necessity of sacrifice; they must be shown, and the Food Board quite rightly points out their duty.

The New York Catholic War Fund drive ended in a whirlwind finish. Altogether \$4,069,542 was realized. Chairman O'Brien states: "Protestants and Jews vie with each other to render successful a great patriotic movement which will bring cheer and comfort to all our boys in the army and navy without distinction as to race, color or creed." That is a fine thing to be able to say.

A BRILLIANT DEED

The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, of which Kingston was ever proud, has covered itself with glory in the terrible battle of the past week when the German emperor and his military advisers threw hundreds of thousands of Germans into the drive that failed to break John Bull's battle line, the R.C.H.A. performed its part. Despatches tell of the marvellous work of this light artillery unit which has no peer in the armies of all the nations at war. Its officers, gunners and drivers scorned the foe and gave a performance in the midst of the carnage that would have won applause at a circus exhibition. Almost hemmed in by infantry and with cavalry behind, the R.C.H.A. batteries fired their final round at the onrushing Huns, hunched up their horses to the guns and at a neck-break gallop dashed through the German cavalry as if it had been a lot of sheep.

Those who recall the dashing work of the R.C.H.A. under Col. Burstall on Barrieffield common three years before the war, when Gen. French came here to inspect the garrison troops, looked upon it merely in the way of an exhibition of skill, little realizing that in real warfare this horse artillery could repeat such a performance. And yet in the greatest battle of the ages, the R.C.H.A. after mowing down the enemy and keeping in action till surrounded, performed a deed that will be recounted in old Tete de Pont barracks with pride by those who in years to come will wear the uniform of this worthy corps. Old British regiments owe their fame to gallant deeds performed upon the battlefield, and these deeds ever attach to the regiment. Time can never efface the memories and the glories. The R.C.H.A. in this terrible struggle for liberty has proved itself worthy of its name.

REALIZING THE TRUTH.

Every soldier in France, whatever his flag, is fighting our battle, and this is not incidentally and casually our war, but completely our war, to the winning of which we must dedicate every dollar and every ounce of energy. To-day we are following the fortunes of Haig's troops as if they were our own—and they are our own. Every man of them is fighting for our cause. Every one of them who has died has died for our liberties.—New York World.

SHOULD FOOD BE MADE FREE?

The expenditures of the Food Control Board were under criticism in the House of Commons on Wednesday. In referring to the enormous cost of living, particularly to salaried people in our large centres of population, Michael Clark, member for Red Deer, gave expression to these views:

"I cannot understand why the government does not at once take the bold step of putting all articles of food on the free list. In the very first weeks of the war Germany, a strong protectionist country, swept the duties off almost all foodstuffs. She knew all the difficulties that the war would bring about in connection with her food supply. She knew the trouble she was going to have to get food for her people. She knows it better today. And she swept the duties off foodstuffs in the very first days of the war. Her example was followed by almost every other country in Europe, whether belligerent or neutral. Britain did not need to do it, because she had the good sense to sweep the duties off foodstuffs, whether in war or peace, seventy years ago."

W. F. Cockshutt, the member for Brantford, and a representative of the manufacturing interests, followed at once with a warning that the government should pay no heed to such advice. "As I understand the formation of this government," he added, "it was the purpose to allow all such questions to stand in abeyance during the war. I advise the Union Government to go very slowly in following the advice of my hon. friend from Red Deer. In the sole matter of free trade and protection, he is apparently still in the darkness that he brought over with him from the old country."

There you have the opposing viewpoints of two distinct groups in the house. Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Cockshutt represent strong bodies of public opinion in the country, the one agrarian, the other industrial. The Union Government has a difficult problem to solve, and whichever course it favors is bound to meet with much severe criticism and determined opposition. This much can be said: The manufacturers and the moneyed interests in general have profited very much by war conditions. The people demand conservation of food and restriction of prices. There will be growing discontent if the relief that might be afforded by a reduction or elimination of duties on foodstuffs is thwarted by a class which has been vastly benefitted by the very conditions which have imposed hard-

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

William of Germany declares that he "sees God's hand in this war." If he does, he must surely see an accusing finger pointing against him. The hand of Providence may be shaping the destinies of Germany, but not in precisely the way the Kaiser suggests. The hand of intervention in the war might more fitly be said to compare with that of the policeman who holds up heavy and dangerous traffic in order that the rights of the common people may be safeguarded.

Long ago another king, one Belshazzar by name, saw also the hand of God writing upon a wall. He offered rich rewards to anyone who could interpret this handwriting to him. So keen, in fact, was his desire that he promised as a reward that the successful interpreter should be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold about his neck, and should be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then, on the suggestion of the queen, Daniel, a wise man of the kingdom, "possessing light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods," was brought before the king. And after this fashion did he interpret the writing of the hand of God:

"O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor. And for the majesty that he gave him all people, nations and languages trembled and feared before him; whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive, and whom he would he set up and whom he would he put down."

"But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride he was deposed from his kingly throne."

Rippling Rhymes

THE MISCHIEF MAKER

A tack is but a harmless thing that should no grief or madness bring. No man should weep to see a tack, or have connivings in his back. I had a box of tacks one time; the package cost me half a dime. I strewed the tacks along the road that runs in front of my abode; and motorists who came along, made speeches gripping, fierce and strong. I heard them, as they changed their tires, while I sat gazing up my lyres. If they but knew who did the trick, they said, they'd gladly hang the hick. For days and days they stopped their boats and sent big curs-words from their throats. A nickle's worth of tacks will queer a lot of joy on this old sphere. A nickle's worth of heated air will cause much trouble and despair. I know a bilious man who talks puff treason in his daily walks. He says the war's a big mistake, and we were guilty of a break when we broke in and took a hand, and dared the Teuton Fatherland. His words have punctured tires and tubes for many patriotic rubes, who were with loyalty red hot before they struck his tommy-rot. Some day, tired out by traitors' dope, we'll buy a nickle's worth of rope, and seek the mischief maker's lair, and make him eat the hemp right there.—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



ships and sacrifices upon the common people.

and they took his glory from him. "And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses."

"And this is the writing that was written: Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin. This is the interpretation of the thing:

"Mene: God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it.

"Tekel: Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

"Peres: Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

Profane history may repeat this incident from the records of sacred history. The Kaiser inherited from his father a kingdom of majesty and honor; nations trembled before him, and he, too, slew or spared whom he pleased. Today he, also, has become proud and boastful, and with hardened mind, seeks to conquer and enslave the free peoples of the world. The time draws near when he, like Belshazzar, will be deposed and "driven from the sons of men."

True, God's hand is seen in this war. It is pointing out the way to the forces of righteousness and liberty, who are the instruments chosen by Providence to "finish" and "divide" the kingdom of the Kaiser. Though today the clouds are heavy and the storm beats violently, there exists no cause for dismay. Right must triumph in the end, and the forces of unrighteousness must, as ever, be destroyed. Let the people take heart, for the day of a victorious peace draws near.

A Money Trust. (Brantford Expositor) It is not in the interests of Canada that a money trust should be created in this country and the banking system in the hands of a few financiers in Montreal and Toronto.

It must not be said of Canada that she shirked in the sharing of her daily bread with those who did not shirk to share all for the good of mankind. The answer now can only come from the homes.—Canada Food Board.

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