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To make Germany safe for the Germans to live there is likely to be the Allies' next task.

It was the Brooklyn Eagle that said: "Big Bill has left Germany, but a big bill remains."

The war is over but H. C. L. seems not to have heard it. The food prices still are in the air.

So William Hohenzollern got away with \$98,000,000 of German gold. He must cough it up to help pay the war bills.

Municipal nominations will be held on Dec. 29th and elections on Jan. 5th. Where are the candidates?

Men who will sacrifice and serve are the need of the hour in the Aldermanic arena. The city requires boosters, not boasters.

Business men want to see business men in the council, "but don't ask me." This is quite a prevailing exclamation of some of the chief citizens.

The Wall Street Journal suggests that an appetizing list of food cargoes sent to the bottom of the ocean by U-boats should be provided every German family.

They say his satanic majesty has put a line of submarines on the River Stix. He is guarding his own territory against the arch foe of the world. Good 'nuff.

Aprons of the continuous German bluster or whine, the Indianapolis News suggests: Let's fill the Hun mouths with food so we can hear ourselves think for a few minutes.

Germany had bills made out for \$46,000,000,000 against France, Britain, United States, Italy and other of the Allies. If her charges were so high the Allies can top it by tripling the amount.

The movement to establish a People's Forum in Kingston is a step in the right direction. Its object is to provide a free platform for the discussion of all public problems and to afford a rallying ground for progressive thought.

Kingston's best citizens must sacrifice and give service to the municipality by becoming members of the council. This is the only way a satisfactory body can be secured. And above everything let us eschew politics in making choice.

What Canada needs more than anything else to-day, declares the Veteran, is leaders who will seek to obtain for it a primacy in the arts of peace as glorious as the primacy which our army has won in the arts of war. That statement admits of no denial.

The British are not in it for Billingsgate. The Germans have so far called the British, murderous cut throats, thugs, thieves, putrid decadents, descendants of criminals, the sediment of the scum of Europe. Splendid thing to know the conceptions of "the noble German people."

Anyway, we have got a tight hold on them. The bogey of tariff demands is one of the leaders." This em-

being thrown into the midst of the Union government to frighten it. But if the government and its supporters stand pat they can go on with their humanitarian projects to final consummation. Tariff discussions can come up later as economic issues and the parliamentarians will be ready to consider them. Meantime, help the soldiers to find themselves as civilians. This is the need of the hour.

KAMERAD. When the German throws up his hands, look out for treachery. Does anyone believe that the recent overnight revolution is a real one? Not likely, is it? The same old gang is running it.

As a matter of fact, all sorts of little scraps of news point to the so-called revolution in Germany as being but a camouflage to cover up activities which have for their object: a new offensive if they can get time enough to become prepared again.

Handing over their fleet will not suit them—it never was a tower of strength to them anyway. And the submarine warfare was a failure, although it hurt badly enough. The crews of the navy have been returned to Germany, and will make ready-trained fighting men. The German army is not demobilized to any extent, and still has, it is stated, four million men under arms, and food enough to last until next summer.

The Allies are demobilizing. Their armies are being broken up into small units, several of which are being shut up in scattered fortresses, easily beleaguered. It doesn't look good at all. Let no one believe that Germany has accepted defeat until it is all over and an army of occupation is on her soil. Germany is not repentant for her outrages, but only angry that they have not succeeded. Look out for treachery.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR RETURNED MEN.

"If I had more booklearning I'd be on Easy Street." "If I could figure well I could nearly double my money." "If I understood blue-prints, there's a good job I could take."

These were common expressions in the old pre-war days when men got together to talk over employment. Some left school too early. Others lacked money. Many could not afford the time or needed courage to get into the line for which they were best adapted, or which offered better money.

The war has uncovered a lucky chance to many a returned man who previously was only muddling along. Fortune has put a long-hoped-for opportunity in his way. The thing that used to be his heart's desire—but unattainable—has fallen to his hand like ripe fruit. The training is free. And his dependents are supported while he is taking his course. The returned soldier used to think that if he took advantage of training he would cripple his chances for a pension—or a larger pension; but that is entirely incorrect.

The public has it in its power to work great good in influencing veteran-friends to seize this opportunity, bestowed by the country, and for acquiring the best occupation suitable for a man's disability. Many men who are entitled to training are wavering. Do your part, and show them why they and all that depend upon their earnings will derive a considerable benefit.

The Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment realizes the importance of having the general public working with them, heart and soul. Men who return to Canada, battered, wan, downhearted—with their future destroyed as they thought—are shown how to prepare for a better future. They are training to work. In days to come they will find it is well-paid work. "The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong."

OUR FLAG. "Never the lotus closes, never the wild-fowl wakes, But a soul goes out on the east wind that died for England's sake— Man or woman or suckling, mother or babe or maid."

Because on the bones of the English the English flag is stayed. So Kipling, the poet of the Empire, sang of the flag. In these days when the British flag stands for so much and when such heroic deeds are being performed under its folds, we wonder how many know anything about how it came into being through the length of centuries. The history of this wonderful flag contains within its folds the separate histories of the crosses of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick. The cross of St. George has been the national emblem of England "since 1194, after the third great crusade when the troops of Richard Coeur de Lion won a gallant victory near the grotto, where the great Christian hero, St. George, redeemed the King's daughter out of the jaws of a dreadful dragon."

Another story has it that "the wearied soldiers at the siege of Antioch, suddenly saw a company of heavenly soldiers descend from the mountains to succor them, St. George, being thrown into the midst of the Union government to frighten it. But if the government and its supporters stand pat they can go on with their humanitarian projects to final consummation. Tariff discussions can come up later as economic issues and the parliamentarians will be ready to consider them. Meantime, help the soldiers to find themselves as civilians. This is the need of the hour."

blem of St. George, a Greek cross of the national color red, has been that of England ever since.

The cross of St. Andrew, the national emblem of Scotland, is older yet. "According to tradition, the saint, deeming it far too great an honor to be crucified as was his Lord, gained from his persecutors the concession to this variation, namely, a saltire instead of a Latin cross. After his martyrdom his remains were preserved as relics, and a Greek monk, having been warned in a vision to carry these away in a ship, was wrecked on the shores of Caledonia—Scotland—about A.D. 370. Here he was given land on which to build a church to enshrine the relics. It was to this church, the legend says, after a great victory, that Achaus, King of the Scots, went barefoot and vowed to accept the saint's cross as the national emblem, A.D. 587."

It is not quite clear how the saltire cross of red on the Irish emblem became associated with St. Patrick. There are legends, of course, dating back as far as 411. In all probability the cross was derived from the sacred monogram of Constantine the Great, where the X or chi is the initial letter of the Greek for Christ. Under this emperor the Christians were rescued from persecution in Britain, and, in all probability, became associated with St. Patrick owing to his labors in Ireland.

A concise and handsomely illustrated story of our flag has been written by C. P. Baad and E. L. Stovel, and published by the Musson Book Co., Toronto. It should be in the hands of every Canadian boy and girl so as to familiarize them with the history and tradition of the "meteor flag of England." The booklet will be very handy for reference purposes as well. It also describes the various ensigns, and in particular the Canadian ensign. The Canadian Union Ensign was authorized in 1892. This flag symbolizes and expresses Canada's political origin and present affiliation, and declares inviolate fidelity to King and Empire, while the Canadian arms in the fly gives recognition of independent national life.

PUBLIC OPINION. Germany's New Plea. (London Advertiser). Germany is pleading for mercy in the name of Christianity. And this from a nation that cold-bloodedly ran roughshod over every principle of the Man of Nazareth.

That Rogers' Banquet. (Toronto Globe). In a high-cost-of-living era a free dinner has a special attraction.

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EARLY SHOPPING. "We'll do our Christmas shopping early," said Kaiser Bill to Tiel Fritz. "So when I've made my mustache curly, we'll go up town and blow two bits. It is a time for stern retrenching, we can't spend lavishly, that's sure, while hunger, like a fiend, is wrenching the vitals of our German poor. Some simple gifts—none ostentatious—for friends who have been led and true; or giving these will seem as gracious as though a lot of marks we blew. A can of oat-tail soup for Lady, who let the tail go with the hide, will cheer him up, who is now moody, since he saw all his triumphs slide. For Timpie, too, beans; would be fitting—the kind that's made of navy beans; he spilled our beans and sent hope flitting when he sent forth his submarines. Mock Turtle soup we'll give to Hinden, for he's a mocker the day; we thought him bigger than a hinden, and find him smaller than a shrub. Beef soup will do for Kronprinz Freddy, for he will beef where he should fight; we might have won every fellow, clam chowder is the stuff for Max, for it's a sort of sickly yellow, and tastes a lot like liquid wax. Come, let us go and see the grocer, and buy what soup he has in stock, before the allied guns draw closer and shoot the helmet from my block. —WALT MASON.

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