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There are worse things than war. Bolshevism has demonstrated this. Germany is feeling the soreness of her position. She does not care to cough up. But she must!

This is music week, the kind that stirs the soul. But we are not hearing that kind to a great extent. It is worth cultivating.

In Australia undesirable are not permitted to enter, and this obviates the necessity of getting rid of the offensive breeds.

A year ago Halifax was only "an Atlantic port." Now it seems to be a thriving place, and its real name has not to appear camouflaged.

The late F. W. Woolworth married on \$5.50 a week. Lovers are not hopeful of union these times unless the price is \$8.50 a day.

The cow in Oxford that produced milk sufficient to make 200 pounds of butter in thirty days is worth her weight in gold. How's that for turnips?

A news despatch says that the ex-kaiser's new country estate is known as "Little England." We don't believe it. The name alone would make Bill good and sick.

At thirty we are trying to cut our names in big letters upon the walls of this temerous life; twenty years later we have carved it, or shut up our jack-knives.—Holmes.

It is said the high prices are climbing down. To be sure they are, but they are extremely careful of their steps. Are they afraid of straining themselves in the descent?

The Orillia Packet remarks that a Ganaoquo congregation presented its minister with a silk hat and then blandly asks: Had his reverence been talking through the old one?

Kingston is growing, and the best brains of the community should concentrate on a prompt solution of how, at once, to provide more housing. The cost of building materials is likely to be more, instead of less, next year.

The sooner we have more golf, more baseball, more play, more pleasant communion with each other unalloyed by thoughts of dollars and cents, more joy in living, the better for the world. Daylight saving will hasten that condition. May we never shut it off for utilitarian purposes.

"The world will not be pacified as long as Russia is torn and rent by civil war," declares Lloyd George. But no one, including the astute premier himself, can see any possible way of settling the Russian problem from outside. Russia must be left to work out her own salvation, and it is likely to be a protracted and perilous process.

Philip Gibbs, by his writings and lectures, has done much to curb the insidious propaganda which sought to sow the seeds of dissension between Great Britain and the United States. He has expressed the true feeling of England toward the republic, pointing out the existence of

a genuine friendship that should be enduring.

MANUFACTURED ENTHUSIASM.

The Kingston, G.W.V.A. held a heated discussion on Monday evening upon the request of the Civic Reception Committee that the returned men should organize themselves into groups to lead in the cheering during the parade of returned soldiers which takes place on Wednesday. The complaint was made that when the 45th Battery returned to Kingston the crowds lining the streets were silent, and that some effort had to be made to start the cheering on the streets. The civic reception committee believed that the people of Kingston would not spontaneously and voluntarily start the cheering, and so they requested that the veterans' organizations take part in the reception by forming groups on the streets along the route of march for the purpose of leading in the cheering and endeavoring to get the citizens in general to cheer. The attitude adopted by the veterans was that it was the duty of the citizens to lead in the cheering themselves, without asking the men already returned to manufacture enthusiasm for them. The returned men will naturally cheer their own comrades, and will give them a rousing reception, but they feel that the enthusiasm should be genuine, that it should come spontaneously from the hearts of the people without having to be dragged out of them by the example of organized bodies of veterans.

There is a great deal of to be said in support of the contention of the veterans. The people of Kingston are notorious for the slowness in starting anything that requires enthusiasm, but surely on an occasion like this, when Kingston's own boys are returning from victory in the greatest of all wars, there should be no necessity to manufacture the enthusiasm necessary to give them a rousing reception. On an armistice day the citizens came out of their shells and went wild. A repetition of exactly the same conduct is what is needed when the war-worn veterans march our streets on Wednesday afternoon. Let the reception be a hearty one. The boys deserve it. They know that their own comrades are enthusiastic in welcoming them home. Let them also feel that they have a genuine welcome into our midst, and cheer, one and all, as you never cheered before.

A KINGSTON NAVY LEAGUE.

More than a year ago an effort was made to organize a branch of the Navy League of Canada in Kingston, but little progress was made. A chairman and secretary were appointed, but there was no enthusiasm shown by citizens in identifying themselves with the league. Money was raised to help the cause by a vote of the city council as a temporary expedient. It is inconceivable that the taxpayers of Kingston are the only people interested in the welfare of the British navy and the sailors of the mercantile marine. Speaking under the auspices of the Canadian Club on Thursday evening, Peter Wright showed that the British navy had claims upon every British subject throughout the Empire, and that it ought to be given most generous support. He showed that a fleet is required for the protection of the different parts of the Empire, its trade routes and commerce. This was conclusively demonstrated by the great war. The fleet must be independent of any foreign country, and be manned by British-born, a thing not difficult of accomplishment if all parts of the Empire were fully alive to the need of active support.

The Navy League is a non-political association, and this fact should remove the scruples of all loyal citizens who desire to associate themselves with its work. The people of Canada were deprived of the opportunity to assist in strengthening the fleet by politicians, and they should now join the Navy League and unite in demanding the exclusion of politics where the interest of the navy is concerned. A naval policy for Canada has been drafted by the league which is seeking its endorsement by the boards of trade throughout the Dominion. The British Admiralty will be asked to define Canada's share in the naval programme, and that authority will be accepted as final, and our fleet units will be under the control of the admiralty in time of war.

In the meantime the league will carry on its educative work, and endeavor to create permanent organizations designed to establish naval brigades to train personnel for the navy and mercantile marine; raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian sailors and their dependents, and establish sailors' homes, institutes and hospitals. The work of the league must appeal to every Canadian, not only because of the noble heroism of the sailors of the great fleet in the war, but also because our national and commercial existence depends upon its efficiency. When we think of the navy, we cannot dissociate the

sailors of the great merchant ships that carry our manufactures and farm produce across the seas. We owe something to all of them. During the war they were never known to fail, and they are entitled to have their lot made better for the future. A cause so noble cannot fail when placed properly before the Canadian people.

An Empire Calendar.

Richard Cromwell Abdicates, 1659. April 22.—The history of the British Empire, like that of other great nations, has been moulded from time to time by seemingly trivial incidents, but its course has never been more markedly deflected by the sheer passivity and lack of character of a single individual as it was by Richard Cromwell, the third son of the Great Protector, who gladly left the high office his father had held, two hundred and fifty-nine years ago to-day. Until the death of his two brothers, Richard had lived a retired life, but when Oliver Cromwell became empowered to name his successor Richard was brought to the front, and a fruitless attempt was made to train him to the work of government. That he was allowed to step into his father's shoes was probably due to the fact that the bulk of the nation were content to be ruled by one who, while weak and incompetent, was, at any rate, no soldier, no Puritan, and no foe of the army. Richard was known to be lax and worldly in his conduct, but he was suspected of being a royalist at heart. He had hardly settled down in his new office when trouble arose in the army, which demanded that a soldier be appointed as commander-in-chief in place of the protector, who had assumed the command. Their tone was so menacing that parliament repudiated with a demand that the Council of Officers should be dissolved. The reply of the army was a demand that parliament itself should be disbanded, and Richard made the fatal mistake of complying with their request. This was the beginning of the end, and when troubles and jealousies arose in the army itself it was evident that the end was near, and it was not long before it was agreed that "According to the ancient and fundamental laws of this Kingdom, the government is, and ought to be by Kings, Lords, and Commons." King Charles was at once invited to return, and on that day, says Greene, the historian, "modern England began." After the restoration, Cromwell lived for a time abroad, under a feigned name, but he returned to his native land about 1659, and passed the remainder of his life at Chestnut, where he died in 1712, being buried in the church of Hurley, in Hampshire.

On Thursday the death occurred at Miles City, Montana, of a former resident of Lyn, in Mrs. John de Cagle. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson, Lyn. She was born there fifty-four years ago. Old Cobalt blue and gold jugs holding a pint and pint and a half, special for a few days, 25 cents each, Robertson's, Limited.

Rippling Rhymes

WILLYUM I haven't heard of Kronprinz Willy for long, long weary weeks; no doubt he's sitting, sad and silly, with tears upon his cheeks, and thinking of the days departed, when he was blithe and buoyant hearted, and when he danced and choo-choo-carried with other dizzy freaks. I'm glad there seems no disposition to push him to the front, to use his punk, forlorn condition, as theme for movie stunt; no lecture bureaus seem to want him, and no chatuquas wildly flout him; nor do the sideshow magnates haunt him, with offers of much blarney, to make a goodly pile; we're all inclined to let him wither, on his damp misty isle; and if the sea should overflow him, or if a rampant wind should blow him so flat his father wouldn't know him, we still shall sing and smile. By all the busy world forgotten, he walks beside the sea, and doubtless thinks his fate is rotten, and doubts sighs, "Oh, chee!" Imprisoned in the restless rover; his limelight days are done and over; he cuts no grass, puts up no gloves; 'tis well, as you'll agree. —WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



PUBLIC OPINION

Just, But Denied. (Buffalo Express) The League of Nations' commission frankly admits that the justice of the amendment offered by the Japanese. Yet it was rejected. Any man good enough to be delegates at Paris should be ashamed to confess that they feared to do what they believed was just.

Human Nature. (London Advertiser) A little boy with a crippled leg was trying to pull his frail body up the steps of a P.A.P.E. car on Saturday. Four or five men saw him and started toward him, but the conductor was out of his car and there first to give this Tiny Tim a hoist. Most people love every lonely kid they meet, and a helpless one most of all. But how they dislike to be caught, showing their feelings. They'd almost rather be caught doing something wrong than to parade a good impulse.

The Editorial Writer. (London Advertiser) Every day we look over the editorials that appear in a hundred or more papers, and if there's a touch in any one of them that may have helped someone, we feel that work cannot be measured by a pay envelope for the fellow who wrote it. Every wringing worker on a newspaper has a chance to get out of him all the good he has in his system, as well as a lot of the bad. Newspaper folk don't wear the pose of heavy importance now, if they ever did. They feel more and more that they should help people rather than hurt people. It's a humbling life and a happy one; it gives a man or a woman a chance to express conceptions of life that crowds all around one, and if one doesn't become cynical or conceited his work will be vital. Being able to live your enthusiasm, is like "having something on the ball" in the game of life.

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