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and one can't do it unless he is feline

"Cafe Patrons Held Up By Bandit," says a headline. Where is the news in that?

Famine is a very unsatisfactory milttary leader. in a monarchy the king tells the

other fellow how he should live; in a democracy everybody does it.

with mud. Montreal proposes to turn the proceeds of its amusement tax over to

commend it. Bandits who held up a Buffalo train got \$167 from sixteen Pullman passengers. It would have paid them

better to hold up the porter. The Hamilton Times calls upon the League of Nations to attempt to bring to a close the war between

Germany and the United States.

O Kipling, what evils are committed in thy name! The New York for fulfilling his own desires. It World says that they are now calling the Canadian border the "far-flung bottle line."

New York detectives are making very satisfactory progress. have already established the fact that the wreckage in Wall Street was caused by an explosion.

Organized labor in the United States has endorsed Candidate Cox and the League of Nations. President Gompers, of the A. F. L., recognizes what war means to labor and is using his best means to prevent its

Hamilton, says the Toronto Star. will rest its chief future claim fame on the fact that this is the place where the annual plowing matches are held. The rest of the province thought that Hamilton's claim to fame reposed in its mountain.

Beginning on Nov. 1st the govern ment will collect the luxury taxes by means of excise tax stamps. There is a growing demand throughout the country for the abolition of this tax. The retail trade is strongly opposed

Premier Lloyd George has come through another crisis with success Upon his shoulders have fallen many heavy burdens. The strain must be owes much to this wonderful little | right and liberty. The Brantford Welshman.

ilcense clerk as 72. She later admitted blushingly to a welfare

worker that she is 88.

APPENDICITIS VANQUISHED? Th discovery by Professor Pierre Delbert of a successful treatment for the medical profession. In the past glory, quarter of a century the advance in surgery had already robbed this deadly disease of much of its terror A large percentage of operations cure it are now successful, and 1/ taken in time there is no reason why any save experimental cases should end fatally.

Yet the operation itself is a drain upon the patient's vitality. If he be a sufferer from other ailments, he may not be able to withstand this new shock. Moreover, appendicitis often develops with such rapidity that it is not possible to operate in time." The medical profession and discovery of the noted French scien-

Time alone can gauge the value of his accomplishment, but if he has really succeeded in conquering this dread malady his name will rank with those of Pasteur, Carrel, and

THE PESSIMISM OF THE VIC-TORIAN.

Frederick Harrison, reviewing of his eighty-ninth birthday the "grave evils and cruel loss" that have come only over the actual name of the into the world together with material progress, declares, "I am a pessimist." Frederic Harrison was born in the midst of the political storm that swept the rotten boroughs away. He has seen the enfranchisement of the poor; has seen free trade sweep away tariffs; has seen liberalism go from victory to victory. He himself did much to establish the power of the The new catstep dance is difficult, trade unions in elevating the masses. In Europe he has seen nation after nation struggle to political freedom and unity. He has welcomed the vast changes of the age of steam and the age of electricity. He has disease conquered by science until London led the great cities of the Lenine is discovering that General world in the lowness of its mortality rate. He has seen the slums of Chartist times and the Irish famine of '48 become impossibilities.

veteran Positivist, who has labored with other followers of Comte It hasn't occurred to the nations to make social advancement a religion- ism, duty and honor, sacrificed their impose the death penalty on any citi- the religion of humanity—that the lives, and lie in nameless and often zen or official guilty of suggesting "incalculable mischief" on which he unknown graves, or are simply reperiod? He more probably thinks he forever lost. In the American presidential con- be did when he published his essay on "Christianity at the Grave of the with flowers. They are saying it Nineteenth Century." He then declared that nations and peoples had in many ways retrogressed, but that he hoped such retrogression was temthe hospitals. The idea has much to overcome that "I can imagine no reform, no new dispensation, as beyond our reasonable hope."

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.

Socialism of all brands and hues H. M. Nimmo, of Detroit. Private dauntless young heroes who died in property is an ancient institution. the faith of their flag, with eyes fixed There must be some good reason for steadfastly on the goal of victory, it or it would not have been here so the British Empire has forever dedicause they spend too much time ad- long. What is private property for, cated and consecrated this tomb vising other people how to run theirs. anyhow? To satisfy a man's wants, fadeless remembrance within the we suppose. If he can't use it to precincts of Westminster Abbey. Before a woman jury in Indiar, satisfy his wants we can't imagine says the Montreal Star, the lawyers why he would try to acquire private appeared in full dress. Law librar- property at all, whether it be a ham, ies will now carry books on etiquette, or a farm, or a savings account. So when socialism sets out to destroy private property rights it simply seeks to destroy a man's opportunity

would be more logical to destroy his seek some way of doing it. Tell him in advance that no matter how hard have nothing that he can call his own and you have robbed him of all incentive to work save only enough to socialism tells him, and that is precisely why socialism cannot persuade surplus grain to his socialist government until the Red guards come and take it away from him, whereupon he refuses to grow any more grain to-day, and you were shedding bit than he can eat. Witness any man of gumption anywhere. The ideal citizen of the socialist state is an inarticulate gland, or a slave such as grief-stricken man; now, please ex-Lenine has made of his workmen in a desperate but futile effort to get a year ago? I have fresh troubles enough to eat. Men want more pri- every morn; each hour catastrophes vate property, not less. There is no are born; I'd be a freak if I could say more freedom in the socialist lock- | what hurt a year ago to-day.

OUR UNKNOWN DEAD. The British Empire, in paying tribute to an unknown soldier, seeks thereby to render a measure of patriotic devotion and appreciation to each and every unidentified man who laid down his life on Flanders fields or wherever else the British flag was unfurled in the cause Expositor in an admirable editorial up to Eamonn. says that on Armistice Day, Nov. Some women never outgrow the 11th, the great British Empire, which desire to remain at sweet sixteen. | marshalled its battalions during the The Topeka Capital tells of a woman | world war from all its dominions who gave her age to the marriage scattered over the seven seas, and hope that shortage of booze would

step than in the German goose-step.

eyery theatre of conflict, will pay honor to the long roll of illustrious, unknown, unrecovered and unidentifled dead, whose bodies repose in known and unknown resting places wherever the British standard with appendicitis by means of an antigan- its inspiring motto, "God and My grenous serum is a notable victory for Right," was unfurled on the fields of

For this purpose a gorgeous pageant will take place in connection with the unveiling of the cenotaph commemorating the glorious dead in the war, and the burial of an unknown soldier in Westminster Abbey. In the beautiful and historic abbey, which enshrines the memorials of Britain's glory for a thousand years, and where lie buried Britain's kings and kingly dead, the body of the unknown hero, with all the pomp and pageantry of the empire's glory for which he died, will be laid to rest, there to sleep in that illustrious mausoleum to which countless pilgrims the public will welcome, then, the throng from all parts of the world.

The body will be brought from France with all the honors of the Royal Navy, which, through storm and darkness, and unknown terrors, and unspeakable atrocities, kept unceasing vigil of the seas, transported the soldiers of the empire and the sinews of war on all the lonely and dangerous highways of the ocean, and seamanship unto the bitter end There will be a long processionalroute, the pall-bearers being mirals, field marshals and generals. The illustrious pageant will halt a ceremony will be conducted by his majesty the king.

Then the procession will march on to Westminster Abbey, whose doors have opened through the long centuries to receive the nation's most illustrious heroes and honored dead, and representatives of the armies of the dominions, and the assembled glories of the great British people, the unknown dead of the British Empire will be committed to the guardianship of this Temple of Immortal Fame.

This is the most fitting, impressive and enduring memorial that could be devised by a grateful people. Th And now it is the verdict of the British Empire will do honor to the thousands of unknown heroes, who in allegiance to the call of patriotdwells outweighs the benefits of the corded on the roll of the missing and his speech, an'-

In the Canadian cemetries alone, one of the most pathetic sights the pilgrims to the shrines of the brave Canadian dead will see, are the more than eleven thousand crosses marked with the unending inscription. porary. He has seen so much evil "Unknown," so full of lonely tragedy and sorrow. To these unknown heroes whose services and sacrifices were equal to the bravest of the brave, who wore no medals or glittering decorations, who were tenderly loved in their lifetime but in their has this in common that it aims at death, in numberless instances, rethe destruction of private property ceived no martial warrior's burlal, rights, declares Black and White, "with never a grave to tell, or a the clever little periodical edited by cross to mark their fall,"-to these

### Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

A YEAR AGO. ago, I wist and wot, my grumblings he works with brain or hand he can made the welkin hot; the burdens I was doomed to bear seemed greater than a man should wear; but what those burdens were that galled my shoulders till I wept and bawled. keep body and soul together if he don't recall; how can one say what cares to live. That is precisely what | chanced a year ago to-day? To-day I'm weeping by the hour: the life live seems lemon-sour; the government is on the blink, there's nothing him to work. Witness the Russian for a man to drink, the baseball scaneasant who refuses to give up his dal broke my heart, my ding-donged auto will not start. But if you meet me one year hence, and lean with me against the fence, and look me in the eyes and say, "We met one year ago ter tears, and had crape tassels on your ears, and sackcloth on your jaded frame, and ashes were your whiskers came; you seemed a most plain it, if you can," ah, who can re-

-WALT MASON.

When Does He Begin? (Hamilton Herald) Eamonn DeValera announced some ey, lord mayor of Cork, should die in Brixton prison, he (DeValera) would

A Poor Guess. (Des Moines Register) A New York firm of coffee import- joy be unconfined! ers landed in bankruptcy court the other day. Probably plunged on the

ranged its far-flung battle lines on | drive the folks to drink more coffee and learned that there is no short

> Nothing to Brag About. (New England Homestead) When the cities are boasting of their increasing population they want to remember much of this gain comes

from the farms, and that farm folks who are in the cities are not producing food for city folks to eat.

Idlying Over Lunch. (New York Correspondent) The European system of idling over lunch is growing in New York. Many of the coffee houses report that patrons spend three hours at the tables eating pastry and drinking coffee. Five and six cups of coffee are not unusual orders for each luncher.

Girls in Buginess.

(Ottawa Journal) Lots of girls are not so bad as they are painted. It would be dangerous to specify, but into most branches of business they have wrought courtesy, considerable efficiency, and have fanned new life into the native chivalry of their male

### MUSINGS OF THE KHAN

One Thousand Dollars!

Last week a well-dressed stranger came up with Jack in the Ford that carries the mail and he bore his suit case into the Temperance House. It wasn't long before he was enquiring and failed not in all the glorious and for Mister Isaac Brock Slocum and chivalrous traditions of British valor | he had the whole community flabbergasted till it dawned on Sar' Ann that it was Ole Dad Slocum he was after, and sure enough that's who it was. Had the stranger looking for Ole Dad been the Grim Reaper greater preparations could not have been made for the meeting between them. the cenotaph, where the unveiling Ole Dad was compelled to have a weekday shave and Sar Ann stood around to see that he gave his face the twice over. The result was that Ole Dad he shaved himself not wisely but too much. And he was invisible for a whole forenoon while the flour, allum, baking powder, washing soda, spirits of nitre, goose grease, coon oil and hot salt were applied to his many and with the king as chief mourner, lacerations. During the ordeal he denounced the new heaven and the new earth in unmeasured and also in other terms. Finally he was encased in a clean shirt and a pair of overalls that had been recently washed and he was permitted to go and sort apples in the orchard and await events.

The mysterious stranger proved to be a lawyer from Rochester, in York State, and he understood that Mister Slocum was the oldest inhabitant and was well acquainted with the history of the neighborhod. Dad assured him that he was born on this farm and could prove it, and "'e'd recomember the first steam trasher what come into the settlement. It was owended by a felier named Jim White-the dangdist feller that Jim White was. He had a white eye and a stoppage in

"But did you know a family named Sevenpiper-seventh concession, Gumbo, and there was one of them named Melissa and Melissa had a little girl? Can you tell me where I can

find this girl?" It turned out to be Orphie Seven-An old lady had died in Rochester recently and left this little girl one thousand dollars. Here was this waif who never had had the same show in the community as a 'Ome girl picked up in the slums of London would have had-here she was rich beyond the dreams of avarice! Orphie was an example of the la wof equilibrium-of balance. She was a Sevenpiper, and at that she was the most beautiful thing that ever grew up among our hills with the darkening swamp between.

That thousand dollars has divided this community into two great camps, and prohibition, politics, religion, taxation, the good roads question, everything is forgotten for the time being. You see it's this way. Orphie came to Sar' Ann by night with her problem. It was her ambition to take a University course with that thousand dollars, but Jim Duckunder wanted her. It was a case of to be or not to be. Did she love Jim? Oh. yes, she liked Jim best. Jim had fifty acres with a thousand dollar morgus (mortgage) onto it and here was the money, but she wanted to go to the university. "Well," said Sar' Ann, "you can't do both, Orphie; choose this day whom ye shall surve."

Orphie is in a quandary, and so A year ago to-day, no doubt, I had the whole jing bang of us. One half the fantods or the gout, or some grim the community says, "Marry Jim desires. As long as he has special grief oppressed my soul, and made Duckunder and raise a fambly." The and personal desires to fulfill he will the scalding teardrops roll. But other half says, "Go to the univerwhat it was that made me sore. I sity and raise the status of the nadon't remember any more. A year | tion"-but none of them knows what a status is-I don't for one.

I am one of the Jim Duckunder crowd. If I were a girl I would rather be Missus Jim Duckunder than a Bacheloress of Arts. I would rather be dressing young ones than addressing conventions. Jim Duckunder needs a wife. Here's a chance for Orphie to be an uplifter of the right kind. A thousand dollars would make then solid citizens. Jim set out a new orchard last spring and he paid s hundred and fifty dollars for a pure bred Holstein heifer calf last month and he has got all his fall plowing done and he's building a new hen house at the present time. Orphic has all the education that's good for her or us now and that's why I'm a-rootin' fur Jim to beat the band.

This is a rich country and it looks to me that we have so much money we don't know what to do with it. Aliens, foreigners, are taking posession of our land. We thought and believed at one time that we could 'assimilate" these people. We are finding out it was all a dreadful mistake. They don's assimilate, and when enough of them get together in one spot they are insolent and menacing. They despise us secretly and where there are enough of

them, openly, and it serves us right. Let us go to work and stake every working girl in the land with one thousand dollars! Let us save the old homestead from being snapped up by people who loathe us and who would be satisfied with our flag if it were dyed red. The Duckunders and weeks ago that if Terence MacSwin- the Spurlins, the Losees and the Teeples, the McGonaghys and the MacPhersons are fading out and the emulate his noble example. Now it's Puluskis and the Hogovitches are taking their place.

> Later: I have just heard that Orphie has had three more offers of marriage. On with the dance, let

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