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SOLID OLD BRITAIN.

At the close of the war there were two entirely different opinions regarding the financial position of Britain. One body of people held the view that she was so heavily burdened with debt that she would collapse under the strain, and these people took a very pessimistic view of the future.

Considering the trying time through which the mother country has passed, and the huge amounts expended on unemployment relief, as well as the losses incurred during the coal dispute, it would have been very satisfactory to find the two sides of the ledger balance each other at the end of the year.

The most important feature of the financial statement, next to the gratifying surplus, was the fact that the expenditures for the year were eighty-one million pounds less than estimated. This shows very clearly that the policy of economy instituted by the government has been carried out to a very successful conclusion.

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In view of what has happened in Ireland during the past few months, it is rather surprising that the Republican party, with its Spanish-American leader, should still raise its head and threaten the peace of the country.

The ghost of Antigonish, it appears, was partly psycho-physiological and partly incarnate intelligence. So that's all clear.

Among his little playmates on the team Babe Ruth's salary is probably as popular as a prohibition officer at a bootleggers' convention.

desire freedom for the people to be governed according to their own wishes. The de Valera party do not want a true form of self-government. Their aim, apparently, is to replace an alleged autocracy of British rule, with an autocracy of their own.

Why does he adopt this attitude? The reason is quite apparent. He is not anxious for government of the people of Ireland by the people and for the people. His mind is centred on having a government of Ireland on having a government of Ireland by de Valera and for de Valera.

MAKING SLANG RESPECTABLE.

Some excitement has been created in academic circles by the indorsement given certain pieces of up-to-date slang by the authorities of Goucher College. "Make good," "carry on," "get it across" and "up to him" have been thus invested with the badge of respectability.

"Make good" and "carry on" can hardly be classed as slang. "Make good" with a slight difference of meaning from its modern connotation is found in the English classics. "Carry on" came to us from the English during the war.

There is much difference between such permanent and apparently necessary additions to our language and the flood of temporary expressions and new uses of old words that constantly pass current. A modern term of opprobrium is a "rasberry." Its derivation is said to be from "razz," which in turn is derived from "jazz." Another is "dumb-bell" which scarcely needs to be explained.

SELF-GOVERNMENT OR AUTOCRACY.

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The great demand of the Irish people of the south has always been for self-government. For generations they have struggled for the realization of that ideal, the ideal of being free to live their national life according to their own national aspirations.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

OMNIPOTENT CARE:—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.—Psalm 121: 8.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR

BY SAM HILL

Proof Positive. I know that betting is An awful sin; For every time I bet I fail to win.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I win remember when a he-fapper was called a dude. That Ultra Decadente. The Man (Admiringly): "Mrs. Dashly does not show her age, does she?" His Wife (Sarcastically): "Well, that's the only thing the old cat doesn't show."

Ten Miles From Nowhere. I saw the anguish on his face, While great and salty tears he shed. "What sorrow can be yours?" I cried. "Alas!" he wept, "my engine's dead."

Form in Line, Girls—Don't Crowd (Tompoee (Cal.) Journal) WANTED—Forty to fifty calves; give description and price first letter.

Goah! How Times Have Changed. Dear Sam:—Can your "Oldest Inhabitant" remember when the Kaiser's army and not the "Soldier Element" was considered a national menace? "Larry."

New National Pastime. Bonus, bonus, who's got the bonus? (Played to the tune of Button, Button &c.) Doughboys are not in on it.

How It Started. He got a \$2,000 salary and, she had a \$5,900-a-year taste.

Horse of Another Color. "Love your enemies," quoted the Parson.

"That's easier than getting them to love me," replied the Stinner, who had roped in all of his best friends on a fake mining proposition.

Long Shot This Time of Year. He thought that gentle Spring had come.

And so he took them off: This warning on his tomb you'll find: "Beware that fatal cough!"

Fool Questions. F. B. T. asks: "If his hired man is sick why doesn't the farmer let the buttermilk? Officer, you have a club, do your worst."

Plenty of Other Kind. English Visitor: "Just what does this daily prohibition prohibit?" Native: "Good liquor."

Exit Hair Tonic. "This hair tonic I've quit," said Ed. "I find that it goes to my head."

I have no use For this tonic, I note the stuff, Has lost its kick. —Hastings Tribune.

Preparedness Plan. "I am for disarmament, but—" "But what?"

"I think before they reduce the army to a corporal's guard they should give Bryan's million men, armed with safety razors, scythes and hat pins, a little drill in springing up over night."

News of the Names Club. A. Lone, of Beech Hills, Ohio, wants to get into the club where he won't be alone.

Way Volstead's Unpopular. Some fellows think They can't have fun Unless they first Can get a bun.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner

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CHURCH NEEDS RECRUITS. The Methodists Note Dearth of Probationers. Toronto, April 5.—A note akin to alarm is sounded in a statement issued by the Methodist Book Room, Toronto, which, after quoting figures showing that although there are more ordained ministers in active work by 96 than in the year the war broke out, and more superannuated men by 39, there are, nevertheless, 146 fewer probationers on circuits in Canada, and 382 fewer probationers at college.

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