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TOO LATE TO BE EFFECTIVE.

It is announced from the headquarters of the G.W.V.A. at Ottawa, that a definite plan for amalgamation of the various organizations of war veterans will be undertaken at the provincial convention of that body, to be held at St. Catharines in the first week of September. There is every prospect that the move will meet with success, and that, after years of effort, the veterans will be united in one body, instead of being split up into several as they have been for the past five or six years.

The only unfortunate point is that it has been so long in reaching its present stage. Had this been accomplished in 1919 instead of in 1923, it is possible that a united body of veterans might have accomplished much during the re-establishment period following the war. Even with the veterans divided into several organizations, they were able to do many splendid things for the widows and orphans of our fallen heroes, and for those who came home disabled in mind and body. To the G.W.V.A., belongs undying credit for the splendid fight made for recognition of the claims of the veterans, and the constantly constructive policy of that organization is one of the brightest spots in the varied history of organized war veterans.

While other bodies sprang up, made fantastic claims and passed away after a brief and fruitless existence, the G.W.V.A. pursued a sane, even course, and more than justified its existence. That, however, belongs to the past. The days of hard fighting for a square deal for the war veterans are over. For that reason, it is unfortunate that the amalgamation has been delayed so long. Had it been possible four years ago, the united effort of the alliance of veterans would have brought even greater recognition of their services and sacrifice than has been given.

The office cynic says that lots of Americans are indisposed after spending a day or so in Canada. There is a place for everything except an aged widow who has divided the property among the children.

As we remember it, the first agency successfully employed to make man tell the truth was made of a rib.

The good man who breaks the speed law thinks his fellow very immoral when he breaks the hooch law.

The objection to these horrid new laws is that they promise a profit to only those who now are out of power.

Correct this sentence: "I tried to interview the politician," explained the reporter, "but he had nothing to say."

Another reason for studying Greek is that it enables you to understand what the water says to his friend about you.

An ideal wife is one who begins each day cheerfully, being unable to remember what she was putting about yesterday.

Progress waits always upon the slowest. The sub-title must remain on long enough for the most ignorant to spell it out.

Just to keep the record straight, let us record that the man who said Canadians loved to be dumbugged wasn't a bootlegger.

You can't make a man of a monkey by cutting off his tail; but it can be done, in some instances, by cutting off his allowance.

There is one good thing about the clinging-vine woman. She doesn't stop clinging when she meets another man with a bigger income.

Correct this sentence: "I don't care whether the case is platinum or gold plate," said the girl, "but I do want a watch that will keep time."

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

ADMIT THE MASTER:—Behold I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith.—Rev. 3:20, 21.

the unsettled condition of European affairs, which have a deciding effect on British trade. With these figures before them it is but natural that British statesmen are anxious for a settlement of affairs and insist that drastic methods must be pursued to bring about a settlement. Unless there is a speedy change, conditions in Britain will rapidly become worse, and her trade will disappear entirely, with disastrous results to the industries upon which the nation depends for its prosperity. Great Britain cannot afford to stand idly by and see her industries close their doors and her trade vanish. That is the problem British statesmen are called upon to face, and in their efforts to settle Europe's troubles they are not making any choice between France and Germany, but are taking the steps they consider wisest for the preservation of their own national prosperity.

SELECTION OF IMMIGRANTS.

The report sent to the British government by Ambassador Geddes regarding conditions at Ellis Island, the receiving station for immigrants at New York, has aroused a considerable storm of criticism. On the one side, the ambassador is being criticized for the United States on the ground that he has no right to interfere in a question which is a domestic one and in which he should take no part. This is a fine point, but it by no means covers up the criticism which has been aroused of the United States' methods of dealing with immigrants and the newspaper comments from Great Britain express horror and disgust at the conditions revealed in the Geddes report.

While these conditions are perhaps not as good as they might be for the comfort and convenience of people entering the United States, it must be admitted that the problem is by no means an easy one. The officials are faced with an unprecedented rush of people from all the countries of Europe, a heterogeneous mass of people of all classes, ranks and callings, speaking many different languages. Every ship brings its thousands, and the wonder is that it is possible to give them any accommodation at all during that trying process of examination.

On the other hand, these officials are furnished with regulations which are of the very strictest, and which are hard to enforce. The quota regulation, by which only a certain fixed number from each country are allowed to enter each month, is one of the hardest to enforce, and it works the greatest hardship on prospective settlers. As soon as any country's quota is exhausted, no more from that country can enter the United States until the next month. This causes much of the trouble at Ellis Island.

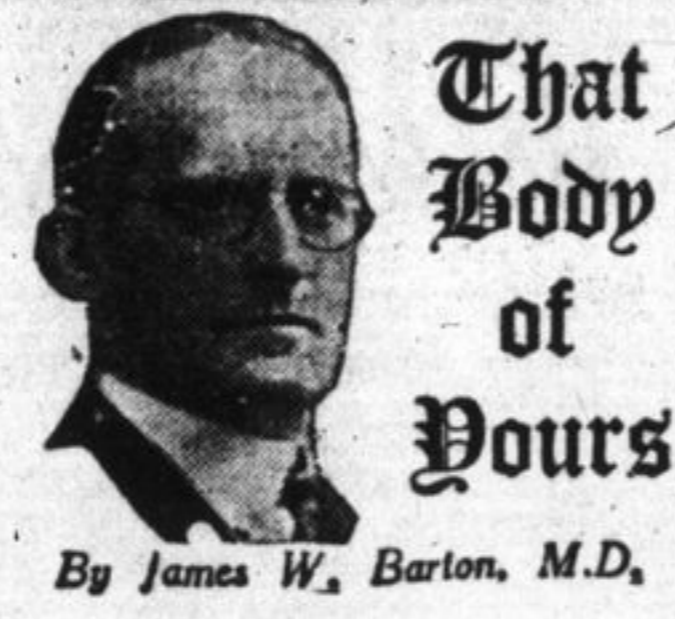
The biggest trouble with the immigration system, not only in the United States but in Canada as well, is that the weeding out is done at the wrong end. It would be much more effective, from every angle, if the selection and restriction of immigration were done, not at Ellis Island, after the immigrants have crossed the Atlantic, but at the port of embarkation. This would avoid the tangled conditions on this side of the ocean, the pain of rejection to the settler and the difficulties of enforcing the law regarding the quota from each country. The United States already has its representatives in the various European countries. They could very easily be given authority to issue immigration permits to those who seek to go to the United States, and to see that no more settlers left each country than allowed by the quota law. These permits could then be accepted as the only thing necessary to ensure entry on this side of the Atlantic. The immigrants would then no longer have occasion to complain of conditions at the port of entry.

PRESS COMMENT

Britain's Policy British. British policy is not pro-German. It is British and European. The suggestion that the British Government is influenced by the ramblings of some subtle pro-German plot is more than ever ridiculous. There is no tendency here to ignore the crimes and evasions of Germany in the past, or to underrate the dangers of German industrial competition to our own trade. But the conspicuous fact about Germany now is that she is sinking into sheer chaos.—London Times.

For Young Readers.

We are glad to see that young readers in our great London suburbs are being directed and advised to their reading. Such friendly advice is very necessary. Only very exceptional young people can be trusted in a library unless they have at their elbow a friend who can tell them what is wheat and what is chaff. Good criticism is necessary in order to teach the young generation of readers where it should go. There is so much poisonous stuff about that every effort should be made to bring young people into touch with what is best and most enduring in our literature. For good books make good citizens.—London Morning Post.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

Are You Bilious. As a student I was told that there was no such word as "bilious" in the medical dictionary. That was perhaps true twenty years ago but it can be found there now, not because it is a new discovery, but because usage of the word necessitated its insertion in an up to date dictionary. What does it mean. Just what it did years ago. A combination of symptoms that make you feel life is not worth living. There is the severe headache, vomiting, and acute abdominal pain, and you feel "fed up" on everything and everybody.

What has happened? Its hard to say, but certainly there has been an "upsetment" of your liver and bile apparatus. This does not necessarily come from overeating. I'll admit that overeating or wrong eating is most frequently the cause. But any exciting emotion, and severe shock, mental strain of any kind, even the strain on the eyes of poorly fitted glasses may bring on these attacks. Sometimes our old enemy constipation, simply backs things up so badly that the liver and bile quit working. Now what's the treatment? Well, if it only occurs once in a great while, Nature will take care of you all right if you stop eating for a day or two. But if these attacks come at frequent intervals, consult your physician and he may be able to locate the cause. Remember the symptoms of being "fed up" should really suggest the treatment. You are "fed up" actually and literally, so go to the other extreme. If fed up on too much or too rich food, avoid food for two days, and drink plenty of water. Perhaps a dose of castor oil would help matters.

Why Pope Remains in Rome

By Clarence Ludlow Brownell, M.A., F.R.G.S. Those Knights of Columbus who would invite the Pope to the United States mean well and have all due reverence for the Holy Father, Pontifex Maximus, but they do not give sufficient weight to the fact that the Vicar of Christ, Sole Patriarch of the Western Church, is also Bishop of Rome.

The Bishop of Rome, Archbishop of the Roman Province, must make his home in his diocese. So Rome is and ever must be the home of his bishop, who is the Pope, or, as the Italians call him, Papa, Pastor Aeternus.

According to the law of Italy, passed in 1871, the person of the Pope is inviolable, as sacred as the person of the king. He has royal privileges and all the freedom of any monarch, should he care to exercise it. Even the postal service makes no charge for communications addressed to him. Merchandise from abroad reaches the Vatican duty free. Cables and telegraph lines are at his service. He may send messages to any station on the surface of the globe, and the Italian government franks them. But, since May 13th, 1871 his temporal power has been defined and limited. At that time, the government set aside something over \$600,000 annually, for a Vatican fund, but no pope has touched a penny of it. Had this been allowed to accumulate with interest, it would represent a tidy fortune by now. Usually donations of this sort are void if not accepted for five continuous years, but the government has handled the papal allowance with peculiar consideration. Should the Holy Father wish to use it, he may.

The pope of recent days have not gone abroad. Indeed, since Pius VII accepted Napoleon's invitation to Fontainebleau, no Bishop of Rome has been beyond the boundaries of his diocese. Before that, there was a period of seventy years, back in the Dark Ages, when Italy was in political turmoil, and France was supreme, that the Roman Pontiff remained in Avignon, on the Rhone, well down to the southern coast. This was six centuries ago. Rome was once more the home of the Pontifex Maximus in 1377. Although voluntarily binding himself to the Vatican the Lateran Palace, and the Villa of Castle Gandolfo, the Pope is in no sense confined. The Vatican is his home. It is sui generis, being the most extensive palace in the world, and easily the most famous. There are 11,000 apartments, and a score of different courts. Halls, and chapels abound. The collections of

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antiquities and the art galleries are splendid. The scholarship of the world has profited in its libraries. As there is no other office like that of Pope, so there is no other home compared to his. Such a home anyone, even a Vicar of Christ, would be loath to leave, and would do so only under the most dire necessity. Mere expediency would not count at all. Indeed, Leo VIII made a most positive declaration in the form of a motu proprio, a statement made on his own accord, to the effect that the Church was Roman, and that Rome must be its headquarters. Nevertheless, now and again there is a wave of discussion. Insufficiently informed, but unquestionably pious persons debate the various possible proposals. Some of these read well and to the unwitting are pleasingly plausible. The Vicar of Christ has received invitations to Asia, Africa, North and South America, and to France, Switzerland, Austria, and to the Azores. At one time many newspaper editors in the United States discussed the suggestion that the Pope should establish himself "in the land of the free."

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