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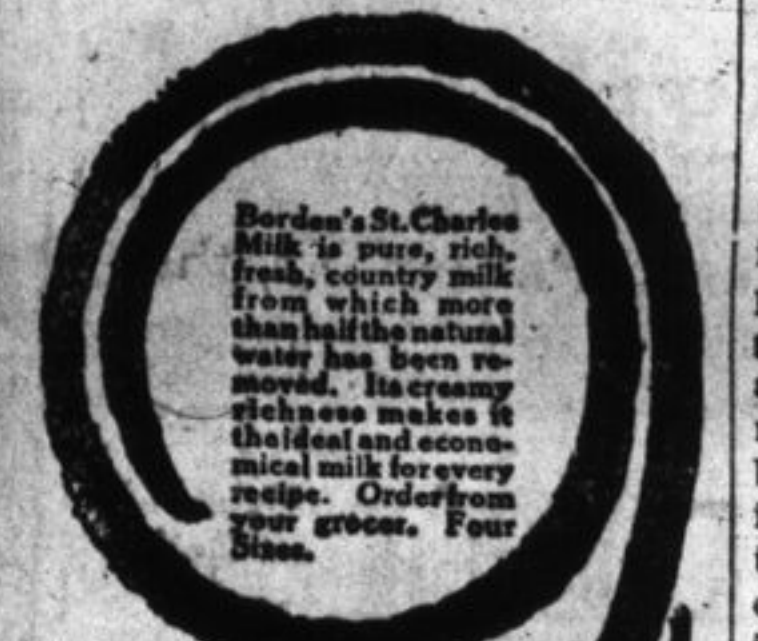
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The wise man usually knows enough not to say too much.

BAD GOVERNMENT, AND HOW TO CHANGE IT.

The International Sunday School Lesson for April 6th is: "The Kingdom Rent Asunder."—I. Kings 12—16:28.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

If a novelist or a dramatist set out to portray the political conditions of to-day, with their meaning and message, he could not write anything quite so vivid and pertinent and significant as this tale which begins a three months' course of International Sunday School Lessons upon Old Testament history...

overturn: they had grown up despising and ignoring the common people. There is much of meaning in the few words concerning Rehoboam: "So the king gave no heed to the people." Contrast the sagacious and genuinely friendly conduct of King George at the entrance into power of the Labor Party...

Pen Pictures of Personalities. To begin with, let us meet the actors in this great drama. First, of all, there is a dead man, King Solomon—but very much alive, as the great dead usually are, in the continuance of their acts.

Next appears Prince Rehoboam, called to wear a crown too big for his head. He was the sort of young man that wealth, idleness and self-indulgence always produce; the weak son of a strong father, prototype of thousands of scions of money who nowadays may be found every afternoon and night frequenting the cabarets of the great cities.

When he got wise advice from the wise, and foolish advice from the fools, he naturally, being a fool himself, accepted the latter. A sorry figure this weakling cuts trying to carry out a "strong" policy.

Assuredly, anybody can attach a present-day name to Jeroboam, because of his likeness to characters whom our world knows. He was a labor-leader, a reformer, a revolutionist and an exile. He felt himself called to redress the wrongs of the sorely oppressed Hebrew workmen; and he had a prophetic intimation that he was to be the first radical ruler of his fellows.

To Whom Do You Listen? Every present crisis grows from old roots. The rivalry between the North and the South in Israel was of long standing. So were the ills, of heavy taxes and onerous industrial conditions, which brought the people, protesting and questioning, to the coronation of Rehoboam at Shechem.

I was in Russia throughout the revolutionary period under Kerensky, and during the early days of the Bolshevik triumph, and nothing amazed me more than the inability of the aristocracy to grasp the real meaning and power of the

Unfortunately, now as then, it is the irresponsible "good fellows" and boon companions who seem oftenest to get the ear of officials. This has long been a notorious scandal in European politics, as it is to-day in Washington. The wrong men and women make themselves heard; the best citizens are usually the least vocal.

Autocracy Versus Democracy. At this present hour, the world is divided between two sets of counsellors, as was Rehoboam. Policies and programmes of government wait upon the answer. The young men who counselled Rehoboam have many successors. Their "strong" policy, which was that of the Czars of Russia, has been tried repeatedly of late, especially in the Near East, with disastrous results.

Over against this arrogance of autocracy, which divided the kingdom of Israel in two, stands the democratic and divine counsel of conciliation by the elders in Israel; that the voice of the people should be heard, and that justice and good will and mercy should have the right of way.

With extremists of radicalism and reaction trying to outshout each other, thoughtful folk need to reaffirm and practice the principle that there is nothing wrong with human society, with politics or with the economic fabric, that cannot be made right by the processes of constitutional democracy and by the teachings of the Christian religion.

Like the Bolsheviks and the French revolutionists, Jeroboam saw that he had to supply new religious loyalties for those of which he had tried to deprive the people; and therein again he caused woe that lasted long and reached far. He merely substituted new kings and new oppressions and new abuses for the old. And he made Israel to sin; which is the worst of bad leadership. Leaders who are truly great change what is wrong by substituting what is good; and by bringing the people under the dominance of the master motives of loyalty to God and devotion to democracy.

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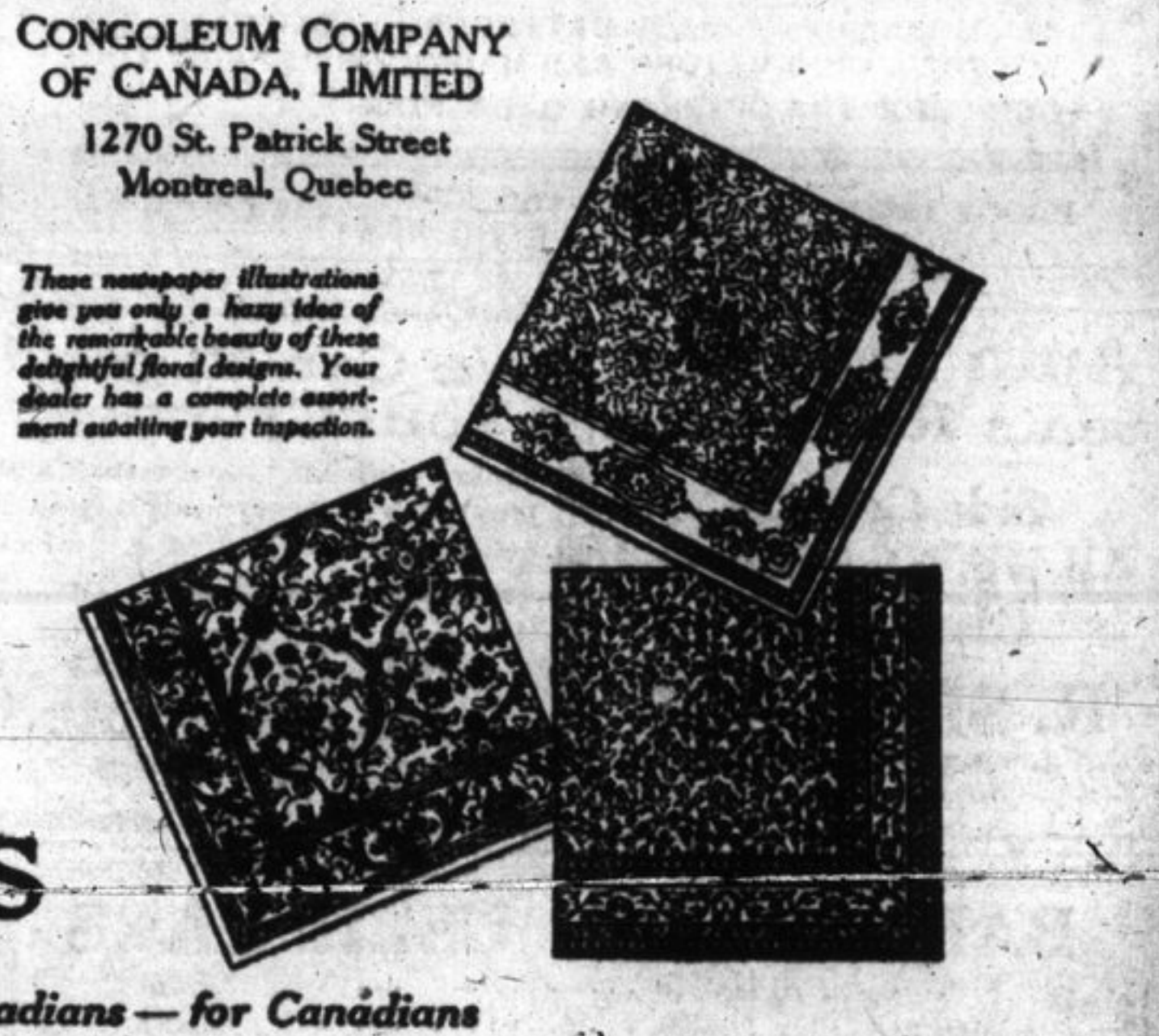
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BURIED AT SYDENHAM Remains of Late Martha Detlor transferred from Toronto. Sydenham, April 2.—The funeral of the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lindsay was conducted from their home on Sunday afternoon. The entire community

sympathizes with the parents in the loss of their only child. Mrs. W. S. Gordon, Kingston, district organizer for the W.M.S. gave a very interesting missionary address in the Methodist Sunday school on Sunday afternoon. While in town Mrs. Gordon was the guest of Mrs. Toveil.

Mrs. B. S. Guess spent a few days last week in Nanapanee visiting her sister, Mrs. Parrott. Fred Elsto has gone to Oshawa. The body of the late Martha Detlor was brought here from Toronto on Saturday for burial. She and her brother lived on a farm near here until about twelve years ago, when they moved to a

place west of Toronto. Mr. Detlor came with the body and will remain here for a time. The man who has a small income should try and make his snug correspond with it. He who terrifies others is more afraid himself.