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THE WORLD'S SERIES.

This week will witness the climax of the season's play in the great American game of ball. In Cincinnati on Wednesday the Cincinnati Reds, winners by ten clear games in the National League Series, will meet the Chicago White Sox, winners by five games in the American League. During the past four or five years, because of the diversion of interest and the absence of many capable players, baseball in the United States, where it flourishes most, has not been up to the standard. This year with the return of the soldiers, with the inevitable reaction from war strain and with an abundance of money, this pastime has been more popular than ever. The play itself has been equal to the best in the past generation. The attendance has beaten all previous records, so much so that in the middle of last June certain of the clubs had taken in sufficient money to pay the entire season's expenses and they were after play for profit only. In each of the two big leagues are eight teams and each team plays one hundred and forty games. There are thus played in each of these leagues five hundred and sixty games during the season ending September thirtieth, the winners being as already named. The Chicago White Sox, owned absolutely by Charles A. Comiskey and managed by Kid Gleason, and the Cincinnati Reds, owned by an incorporated company and managed by Patsey Moran, both managers having been in their time able players, stand to win or lose many thousands of dollars as a result of the series of world's championship games to be commenced this week. These games will be played, weather conditions permitting, in Cincinnati on Wednesday and Thursday, the clubs then move to Chicago, where they will play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Five games are necessary to win, and should it happen that neither of the teams secures the five victories by Sunday, games will be played on alternate days thereafter between Cincinnati and Chicago. In these eastern provinces there are thousands who have followed with interest the progress of the National and American Leagues, but the pre-eminence of the western teams had detracted to some extent from local interest with the result that less enthusiasm is displayed in New Brunswick than would have been the case had eastern teams been leaders in their respective leagues. Yet the outcome of the world's series will be watched with even closer attention because of the fact that our people are now no longer devoting themselves so wholeheartedly to matters in connection with war.

BONUSING UNEMPLOYMENT

A writer in the New York Times warns his fellow countrymen against the evils arising from bonus payments to men who have been in military service. He appreciates that in their enthusiasm to do for the boys who have served so well the people of his country may be ready to accede to the payment of large sums of government money in the form of gratuities and he himself the father of a returned man, while in no way underrating the services rendered and believing that the gratitude of the nation should find expression, is impressed with the undesirable results brought about in England through this system. In a country now suffering from disturbed labor conditions, from under-production and with need of increased industrial and agricultural activity, no policy should be adopted which will tend to further reduction of effort. In Britain, where increased production is everywhere regarded as the remedy for conditions created by the war, a great number of men discharged from the army remain unemployed, drawing unemployment pensions or living on deferred pay and gratuities provided through the bounty of the government. Indeed, this writer points out, so serious has the situation become that among the better thinking men of Britain today there is a determination to bring about as speedily as possible the cancellation of all unemployment pensions and the stoppage of further allowances to ex-soldiers and bounties to others, indicating a realization of the handicap which that country faces in competition with other nations by means of the inactivity of a large portion of its people and the national expense involved in meeting this weekly and monthly allowance.

PROHIBITORY LEGISLATION.

The W. C. T. U. in conference in St. John has adopted resolutions requesting amendments supplementary to the prohibitory legislation now in force. It was the feeling of this convention that further restrictions should be provided covering the sale of extracts and tonics. This of course is the purpose for which the W. C. T. U. exists. The promotion of temperance by every legitimate means is the sole object of the women who are associated in this body. But while sentiment

in favor of temperance legislation is very general, all the people are not such rigid prohibitionists as are the members of the W. C. T. U. and among those who have at all times been prepared to endorse temperance legislation fairly applied, there will be found a number who are not sufficiently enthusiastic to continue their support to extremes. It is better that prohibitory legislation should make way slowly and with the approbation of the majority of our people than that by the introduction of too drastic regulations it be condemned even by a few. And it cannot be denied that even in the ranks of impartial supporters of prohibition there is a certain dissension with the manner in which the present legislation is applied. Whether or not real cause for dissatisfaction exists or does not exist, it is to the interest of the temperance movement that nothing shall be done which will tend to further develop such dissatisfaction. The legitimate use of even the most deadly drugs must be admitted and despite all our prohibitionists may say they will never overcome the generally accepted belief that alcoholic preparations have a place of their own in the life of the community. It will not do to interfere too drastically with the necessary handling and sale of tonics, of extracts, of raw and prepared alcohol for such purposes and in such manner as meets the legitimate demands of home and business life.

THE STANDARD CONTEST.

To the winners of the Subscription Contest which closed Saturday evening, The Standard extends congratulations. During the final few weeks of that contest many competitors, whose previous efforts were not sufficient to justify them in the expectation of winning one of the more important prizes, dropped out, so that there remained at the close only a comparatively few, scarcely a larger number than the number of prizes offered. These, however, had been for the most part very active from the beginning, and the showing which they made was, without exception, very creditable indeed. Naturally the efforts of most were directed to the winning of the four motor cars which this paper offered, but of course all could not win and to those who failed of that goal the other prizes will be a measure of consolation.

Any newspaper in launching an enterprise of this nature assumes a very considerable liability, especially in view of the circumstances that it has not assurance whatever of any definite return for its outlay. It is gratifying in the present instance to be able to say that The Standard's contest has been quite successful, up to the expectations of those who promoted it, and conducted in a manner which has maintained the very kindliest feeling throughout among all competitors. Absolute fairness to everyone has prevailed and those who have won prizes have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done so through their own efforts, while the successful friends enjoyed to particular advantage the enjoyment in ability and energy.

A HIGH-CLASS INVESTMENT.

In less than a month the victory loan campaign will be launched. It is anticipated that the selling period will extend from about October twenty-seventh to November fifteenth, approximately the same time as was devoted to the last campaign. In view of the approach of this important issue it will be well to secure every dollar that can possibly be afforded. Canada is not now at war, but because of the war there are endless bills to pay. We have piled up indebtedness for all manner of supplies, for military equipment, for the return of our troops and in addition to all these outlays money is needed with which to finance our foreign trade. Three hundred million dollars will be asked, but as a matter of fact the government needs nearly double that amount and will accept subscriptions up to at least five hundred millions. No better investment can be found and in view of the prospective reduction in interest rates during the next few years, those who have any money put by will be well advised to invest in these victory bonds.

WHAT THEY SAY

The Unfortunates.

Toronto Star—Many a young married couple set out these days to find just the kind of house that will suit them, and end up by renting any kind of rooms they can get—if they can get them.

The Income Tax.

Toronto Mail and Empire.—The income tax is sure to be permanent. Revenue must be obtained from all sources. In the United States the federal income tax was applied with rigor, and even harshness, and greater strictness in this country is necessary. The

launching of prosecutions for non-payment is a sign of vigor.

His Advantage.
 Hamilton Herald—D'Annunzio has the advantage of most other filibusters in that he will be able to celebrate his military adventure in literature that will live.

That's It.
 Toronto Globe—The heavy exodus of foreigners since the armistice was signed is responsible for a shrinkage of nearly 2,000 in the population of Hamilton. Will the native-born tackle the class of work these people did?

The Rowell-Murphy Bout.
 Hamilton Times—Both gentlemen have had their say, and we think that the better plan would be to let the whole thing drop. Prolongation of the fight would be a waste of time and money. The million-dollar session was not convened to be spent in that way. Let them hire a hall.

A Mighty Good League.
 Buffalo Express—South Africa and Canada have both ratified the peace treaty. Great Britain and her dominions can have a very respectable league of nations all by themselves, whether anybody else joins or not.

All Listening.
 Ottawa Journal—Hoover says we have entirely passed the crest of high prices and that there are economic reasons why prices will fall of their own weight. Herbert, old top, our hand is cupped to our ears listening for the truth.

A BIT OF VERSE

A FUTURE WORTHY OF OUR DEAD

A future worthy of the dead is opening before our sight.
 A promise infinitely bright
 Breaks like the dawning overhead.
 And shall we rather seek the night?
 Because good will from man hath fled?
 Shall lack of faith deny the right
 For which our dearest blood was shed?

As mighty as the gift they made
 Can be the thanksgiving we make;
 As mighty as the debt they paid
 Can be our answer for their sake.
 By the long legions of their graves
 Pray that good will the harvest saves.

For their great deeds before our face
 Who chose that we breathe freedom's air;
 For their good will, who went to bear
 The bitterness of all their care.
 Must we, who live, play the dead part
 Nor squander in a spirit base
 Their sacrifice beyond compare
 Sublimely made in generous grace?

They passed to give the people peace;
 Let not our children's children say
 We would not take our souls' release
 And throw their glorious gift away.
 Ye men of care and men of pride,
 Forget not why the dead have died.

Oh, for a clarion voice to cry
 Through ranking town and thorne
 And village
 Their universal grand good will
 To heal and build and fortify
 The fruit they grew is ripening still;
 Their dawn grows white upon the sky.
 While greed, suspicion, and ill
 Would rob them of their destiny.

Join single heart with single heart;
 Join honest hand with honest hand.
 That purer vision hold, not part,
 All who for this great kingdom stand.
 Then shall our goal be our pillar be
 To those who won the victory.
 To those who won the victory
 —Eden Phillips, in London Observer.

A BIT OF FUN

What Knocked.
 The Reckless Auto Driver (rounding a corner at full speed)—Do you hear those cylinders knocking?
 "Tired Companion"—Tain't the cylinders; it's my knees—Judge.

He Knew a Way.
 The editor was rightfully busy. He couldn't see anyone. When an old

Bridegroom!

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BY LEE PAPE.

My new Sunday suit came last Saturday, and Sunday morning I put it on, looking all rite, and after dinner I went around to Mary Watkins' home, thinking she might be anxious to take a walk with me on account of my new suit, and she was sitting on her front steps all alone on a cushion, saying, O what a lovely new green suit, isn't it perfectly bewitching. O, its all rite, I said modest. And I was just going to ask her if she would to take a walk, when who came up but Leroy Shooter in a new check suit, Mary Watkins saying, O, what a bewitching new check suit, isn't it perfectly lovely.

It airt to be, it cost 12 dollars, said Leroy Shooter conceited.

Benny has a bewitching new suit too, his is green, said Mary Watkins. And Leroy Shooter looked at my green suit and I looked at his check suit, me saying, I don't like check suits much, too many gamblers wear them.

There's a darn site better than green suits, people going around in green suits put me in mind of parrots, said Leroy.

Are you trying to insult my suit? I said, and Leroy Shooter said, Are you trying to insult mine? and I said, if there wasn't any ladies around, you wouldn't dare insult my suit, all rite. Meaning Mary Watkins, and she said, Now, boys, please don't fit just because I like both your suits just the same, now boys, behave yourselves.

Let him come around in the alley if he thinks he can insult my suit, that's all I got to say, said Leroy Shooter, and I said All rite, I ain't you. Me not thinking he would, which he did, saying, Come on, I'll take your dare, come on. And we went around, and hit each other about 3 times, and then he told me he didn't mean to insult my suit if I didn't meet to insult mine, and I told him I didn't mean to insult his if he didn't meet to insult mine, and we started to go back again, and on the way who passed us but Mary Watkins taking a walk with Pops Stinkins with a new brown suit on.

friend sent up his card he sighed, but decided not to see him. He called in the office boy.

"Look here," he said, "you must tell this man I'm out. I can't see him, and I wouldn't offend him for the world, so be sure to convince him that I really am out. You see?"

"Yes, sir," said the boy. Then, after a pause, "I think I should be sure to convince him you were out if I went to him smoking one of your best cigars!"

In "Dear O' Linnun.
 "Do you mean to say that you think this room is fit to live in?"
 "Oh, no! But I thought you only wanted to pay four guineas a week?"
 —London Opinion.

The Woman Juror.
 "Madame why can't you serve on this jury?"
 "Why, Judge, I have a bridge engagement this afternoon." And she said it so positively that the judge subsided.—Kansas City Journal.

Too High for Him.
 Of course you know of the tall recruit and the little sergeant. The latter was always telling the tall recruit that he must stand up straight, and keep his 'eq' well back and that

his eyes were to look up and not downwards. One day the little sergeant had been saying all this in the most emphatic and picturesque way, finishing with the usual exhortation all ways to keep the eyes up well. "Very good, sergeant," said the tall recruit, "goodbye, then."

"Goodbye!" What d'ya mean?"
 "Shan't see you again, shall I, sergeant?"

Held On to 'Em.
 "The professor seems to be a man of rare gifts," remarked Mrs. Naybor. "He is," agreed the professor's wife. "He hasn't given me one since we were married."—Answers, London.

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