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THE DANEGELD UP TO DATE.

About a thousand years ago the Danish invasions were troubling England. There was in those days a real emergency all the time in the North Sea. A certain king known to the schoolboys as Ethelred the Unready started to levy a tax called the Danegeld, to furnish means against the foe. It was to be a special war tax, not a permanent policy, you understand, but a temporary emergency contribution. Well, the tax went on being collected. It got to be a habit with the Government, and even a change of governments at the Norman Conquest made no difference to the Danegeld. Governments might come and go, but the Danegeld went on long after the Danes ceased troubling.

Now, Mr. Borden wants us to pay a "special" sum of many millions against an imaginary enemy in that same North Sea. If an emergency exists, there now, it always will, for it can only be seen with the eye of fear or party interest, and there can never be less emergency than there now. So more contributions will follow, as the night must follow day, and the Danegeld will become a permanent feature of our obligations. Especially in these mad days of armament rivalry nothing else can be expected than pay, pay, pay, and more of it. Governments will get used to raising the increasing sums, and, worst of all, the people will be expected to get used to them, too.

Another parallel, in some measure, to Mr. Borden's expedient is the ship money which Charles I. tried to force from the English people. Mr. Borden has no popular mandate for his actions; it is entirely arbitrary. If the Hampdens had not resisted arbitrary measures three hundred years ago, it might have gone hard with English freedom. Ship money was to be collected for ships if they were wanted, but if they were not wanted, the money, Wentworth argued, could just as well be used for anything else. Certainly there is very little doubt that the three Dreadnoughts to be built for a Gibraltar squadron are not wanted by anyone. They will simply symbolize the loss to Canada in returning to power the unholy alliance of 1911. The Canadian people should have a voice in determining whether some arbitrary ship money policy of disguised tribute is to be inaugurated as regards this country in the twentieth century that we say belongs to Canada.

THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN.

The United States ambassadorship to Great Britain has been refused recently by Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, and former President Eliot of Harvard. Mr. Olney, as the secretary of state in the Cleveland cabinet, penned the unfortunate ultimatum to the British Government in the Venezuelan affair. The memory of this incident and his advanced age, or both combined, may have prompted his refusal. If so, he showed a more delicate appreciation of the fitness of things than did the President in offering him the post. Dr. Eliot was an admirable choice; he would have maintained on the side of scholarship and culture, the high traditions of the office. But he is also an old man, and perhaps felt unequal to the social and financial demands. The President's third offer has gone to Mr. Walter H. Page, publisher and magazine editor, who has accepted. Mr. Page is not a famous or foremost American, but his literary training is in his favor. In the long line of distinguished men sent by the United States to the court of St. James, the outstanding qualities have been the gift of speech and sympathy with the intellectual side of British life. In many instances, as in the late ambassador, these have been joined with a social zest, and a real affection for the country. Mr. Page's entrance into public office comes late—he is 53 years of age—but most of his predecessors were without public experience when they went to London. They had a ready-made equipment for their duties, which Mr. Page may also have.

AN INDEFENSIBLE TRANSACTION.

A contract for 550,000 locks and keys for mail bags at \$1 each has been awarded by the Postmaster-General without tender.

An official return shows that 9,000 locks and 5,000 keys have been the extent of the average annual purchases in the past six years. At this rate Mr. Pelletier has contracted for a 40 years supply.

Whether it is true or not that the company securing the contract was organized with this object in view, and is composed of the Postmaster-General's friends, it is undeniable that tenders should have been asked by

the department for so large an order. The Opposition has done well to challenge the transaction. If it is approved by the Government, it will be a disastrous precedent, leading to outrageous extravagance and abuses of the patronage system.

In any case the purchase of a 40 years' supply of locks and keys cannot be defended on business principles. The Postmaster-General must be made to throw more light on the deal.

WHAT WILL MR. BRYAN DO?

The attitude of Mr. Bryan toward the question of arbitration and armaments will be watched with keen interest. Will Secretary of State Bryan try to make a practical application of the ideals of Citizen Bryan? In a lecture three years ago at Lake Mohawk, he satirized the naval rivalry of the nations in this fashion:

"Suppose there was a large lake, and suppose that there were half a dozen landowners, with their lands bordering on this lake, living peaceably together, without trouble or sign of trouble. A man who builds ships goes to one of them and says: 'You are very foolish; you are living here with no protection whatever. Don't you know that any of these men around you might build a battleship and come here, and you are absolutely defenceless? Now let me build a ship for you, and you will get ahead of them.' Suppose the man was foolish enough to take the advice. Just as soon as that ship was built, the shipbuilder would go to the next neighbor, and say: 'Why, don't you see that man over there has got a battleship? What has he got that for? Do you suppose he is building it for nothing? Have you any doubt he has designs on you? Where else can he use it except on this lake? You had better get ready. Now I can build you two.' And if this man is foolish, he would build two. Then what an argument the shipbuilder would have when he got to the third man! 'Why, there are two of them against you. They might combine and you are absolutely defenceless. Now with that lake, and after building ships for each one, he could go back to the first one, and say: 'You are out of date. Look at the improvements since you built. And then you have only one, and these other people have four or five or eight apiece. There is nothing for you to do but mortgage your land. Now you are in for it! Now that is the race of the world, my friends—that is the mad race of the world.'"

If Secretary Bryan has the courage of his convictions expressed three years ago, he will be among the first to welcome the British proposal of a naval holiday.

All eyes turn to Ottawa again.

No doubt Mr. Pelletier would have preferred to keep that contract under lock and key.

Only a Canadian navy will rescue the Borden Government from the deep water it is in.

When a multi-millionaire dies, the world is tempted to ask what he would have been worth if he had lost all his money.

Farmers who want rural mail delivery routes should apply directly to the Minister of Labor. He makes a specialty of the business.

The steadiness of Wall street after Morgan's death was a reassuring sign. No single man, no matter what his character, should be so powerful as was Morgan at the height of his activity. But it is well to know that no matter how powerful a man may become he is not indispensable.

Lord Wolsey was laid in St. Paul's, near Wellington and Nelson. Lord Roberts is the only remaining Briton who would be given that honor if death came tomorrow. And there is no one living whom the public today would consider a candidate for Westminster Abbey tomorrow. Is the race of giants dying out?

THE DIFFERENCE.
 [Pittsburg Post.]
 "They say my son is a credit to me."
 "Mine has never been anything but a liability."

UNION RATES.
 [Everybody's.]
 "So you got the opinions of two lawyers on the case. Were their opinions the same?"
 "Yes, \$25 each."

BE THYSELF.
 [Channing.]
 No process is so fatal as that which would cast all men in one mold. Every human being is intended to have a character of his own, to be what no other is, to do what no other can do. Our common nature is to be unfolded in unbounded diversities. It is rich enough for infinite manifestations. It is to wear innumerable forms of beauty and glory. Every human being has a work to carry on within, duties to perform abroad, influences to exert, which are peculiarly his and which no conscience but his own can teach.

TOO MUCH WARMING UP.
 [Judge.]
 Ball Fan—How do you account for the slump in McGarity's fielding average?
 Sport Writer—He goes after too many highballs.

A FLAT JOKE.
 [Houston Post.]
 "The doctors say that auto riding causes flat feet."
 "Yes, and flat purses."

WOULD THAT BE THE EFFECT?
 [Salt Lake Tribune.]
 Dr. Wiley wants the railroads to abolish smoking compartments in their cars and provide compartments for invalids instead. In that case where would the commercial travellers find a place to tell their funny stories?—Boston Globe.

What's the matter with telling these stories to the invalids and cheering them up?

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
 [Los Angeles Express.]
 The average daily speculation in London exceeds that of New York and Philadelphia combined. There are

1,100 members of the New York Stock Exchange. There are 5,000 members of the London Exchange. Wall Street has less than 1,000 listed securities. London has almost 10,000. The par value of London's list is almost double that of New York and Philadelphia combined.

BUT IT WON'T.
 [Ottawa Free Press.]
 It now turns out that Lloyd George is a comparatively poor man, a fact that ought to put an end to some of the public abuse to which he has been subjected.

TOO TIRED TO REMEMBER.
 [New Orleans Picayune.]
 "Impressions when we are tired are not permanently fixed upon the mind," says a writer. The man to whom we loaned our last 50 cents must have been very tired.

BRITISH SUPERIORITY IN SEA POWER.
 [London Daily News.]
 An important parliamentary paper showing the present strength of the chief navies of the world was issued last night by the Admiralty. The fleets dealt with are those of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, the United States, and Japan, and the figures show the comparative strength on Jan. 1 last, battleships and armored cruisers over 20 years old being omitted from the return.

The navies of the four chief sea powers—Great Britain, France, Germany, and the United States—may be thus summarized:

	Built.	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	United States.
Battleships	55	21	33	13	13
Battle cruisers	4	3	3	3	3
Armored cruisers	34	20	9	14	14
First-class protected	10	5	9	3	3
Second-class protected	40	4	30	15	15
Third-class protected	16	5	11	—	—
Torpedo vessels	28	4	—	—	—
Destroyers	191	73	125	46	46
Torpedo boats	166	166	89	89	89
Submarines	64	61	18	—	—

Building.
 Great Britain. France. Germany. United States.
 Battleships 13 7 13 4
 Battle cruisers 3 3 3 3
 Light armored cruisers 8 8 8 8
 Second-class protected cruisers 7 7 4 4
 Unprotected 3 3 3 3
 Torpedo vessel 1 1 1 1
 Destroyers 38 11 9 14
 Submarines 22 8 14 22

It will thus be seen that Great Britain possesses an overwhelming superiority in all the more important fighting ships.

THE DANGEROUS KISS.

[Tid-Bits.]
 He—Do you think kissing is as dangerous as the doctors say?
 She—Well, it has certainly put an end to a good many confirmed bachelors, at any rate.

AS IT SHOULD BE.
 [Woman's Home Companion.]
 Woman Shopper—I want to buy some men's ties.
 Floor Walker—Madam, women unaccompanied by male escort cannot buy men's ties in this store.

TRIFLES?
 [Stratford Beacon.]
 These are some of the subjects which Mr. Rowell would have young Liberals study: Social reform, the housing problem, workmen's compensation, factory legislation, the social and economic effects of the liquor traffic, taxation, the conservation of natural resources, the public health, and public ownership of public utilities. Most or all of these he has discussed in the Legislature, but Mr. John Bennet, M. P. for South Perth, says Mr. Rowell is engaged in "everlasting criticism of the merest trifles." These are "trifles" some of which it may well be doubted Mr. Bennet is capable of handling.

SELF-RESPECTING AUSTRALIA.
 [Sydney Australia, Morning Herald.]
 Three heads laid in one day is an event of magnitude in any naval dockyard. In Australia it is unique. It epitomizes the determination of the people to do their duty in the way of national defence. It means that the dream of an Australian-built navy is surely crystallizing into actual accomplishment. The event, as the minister said, would in time become historic.

BODY IN RIVER HAD NEITHER ARMS NOR HEAD.
 Unusual Find Made at Wallaceburg—Identification Quite Impossible.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
 Wallaceburg, March 31.—The body of a man was found in the river near the home of Mr. Thibodeau, on Saturday, without arms or head. It was impossible to identify him. The remains were taken charge of by Mr. J. T. Saint and interred in the Wallaceburg Cemetery.

It was supposed that the body had been in the water for some time, and that the limbs were ground off by the ice. The police are making what inquiry they can, but nothing has developed.

TRUE BILL FOUND AGAINST MRS. PANKHURST.
 Charged With Inciting Followers to Arson and May Receive Long Sentence.

[Canadian Press.]
 London, April 1.—A true bill against Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was returned today by the grand jury at the Old Bailey sessions on the charge of incitement to commit damage.

Mrs. Pankhurst was arrested on Feb. 24 in connection with the destruction of the country residence at Walton Heath which had been rented for David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer. She stated at a public meeting that she had conspired with and incited her followers to commit the outrage.

The offence is punishable with penal servitude for a maximum of 14 years.

ALD. RICHTER SEES QUEER WORK IN JOCKEYING OF BILL.

Believes People Voted on Right Principle for Board of Control.

But Mayor Says Legislature Declares Act Must Be Amended.

At a special meeting of the city council held Monday afternoon, Ald. Richter inquired of Mayor Graham what the latter and the city solicitor had undertaken when they were in Toronto about the city of London bill and how the clauses had been received by members.

The mayor said that several clauses had been objected to in the bill, one of them being the board of control proposal voted on by the people last January.

"If they decided to act on that clause," said the mayor, "an amendment would have to be made to the municipal act in order that some of the aldermen might have a two-year term alternately."

"But you don't mean to tell me that the Legislature will not act on the expressed will of the people?" queried Ald. Richter.

"It certainly will not unless the municipal act is amended," replied the mayor.

Now Provides Two-Year Term.
 Ald. Richter contends that the municipal act now provides for a two-year term for aldermen, but does not provide for an alternating term.

When the special committee, of which Ald. Johnston was chairman, which was appointed to make an investigation of the board of control question, made its report to the city council, it recommended that a mayor and four controllers and a number of aldermen be elected under section 70 of the municipal act.

Section 70 of the municipal act says in part:

"The council of every city shall consist of a mayor and three aldermen for each ward, provided always that the council of any city may, on or before the first day of November in any year, pass a bylaw reducing the number of aldermen for each ward to two, and at the next municipal election, and thereafter, two aldermen shall be elected for each ward by such bylaw before the final passing of such bylaw, the assent of the electors of the municipality qualified to vote at municipal elections. Provided that this section shall not affect the right of any city to have a mayor and four controllers and a number of aldermen as provided in this bylaw."

In Compliance With Act.
 Ald. Richter also says that it was the intention of the special committee to have the bylaw asking the voice of the people on the question of a board of control in compliance with section 70 of the municipal act.

Through a mistake, a plebiscite only J. P. Morgan, after it had been embodied and drafted, was today inclosed in a waisted casket lined with white brocade. This was then placed in a leaden casket and finally in a third case of heavy walnut with gold and silver fittings.

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Another Lie Nailed.
 Ald. Richter at the meeting also characterized as a falsified story which appeared in a local paper on March 29 to the effect that some time ago the council drafted a statement of the needs of the board of control, as Ald. Richter and some of the aldermen saw them, arranged for a board of control of four members and a mayor, four of the aldermen and two controllers to retire at the end of each year, with the salary of the controllers at \$1,500 a year.

"According to the recommendation of the special committee," said Ald. Richter, "the board of control was to be elective and appointed, and was to receive a salary from \$100 a year to \$1,500. An appointive body in a city the size of London can only be paid \$400 per annum."

Setting Up Man of Straw.
 The Free Press goes ahead and sets up a straw man, which they know to be entirely misrepresentative, in order that they can easily knock him down. I think the question the people voted on was entirely correct and that there is some reason for defeating the will of the electors of London."

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY DEVASTATED BY FIRE.

Business Section Almost Wiped Out By Fire of Unknown Origin.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
 Ridgeway, Ont., April 1.—Fire of unknown origin almost completely wiped out the business section of this town last night, and several buildings in the path of the flames were saved only by the strenuous efforts of a bucket brigade. The loss includes the destruction of the postoffice block, owned by Mr. H. H. Hibbard, and also occupied by Mr. J. L. Brodie, druggist; Bell Telephone central building; jewelry store of H. House & Co., J. N. Swartz's drug store, and the fine residence of Mr. Y. H. Collard, manager of the Imperial Bank here, while the grocery store owned by Mr. A. T. Patton was considerably damaged. The mails in the postoffice were saved.

The fire, which is supposed to have started in the building occupied by the Bell Telephone Company, had gained considerable headway before being discovered, and Mr. J. W. Bowden and family, who resided in the building, had a narrow escape. The town will be without telephone connection for some time as a result of the fire. The total loss is estimated to exceed \$35,000.

Popular - Priced RAIN-COATS

Navy and Fawn Rubber Raincoats, full length, raglan sleeve and close-fitting collar. Special at \$9.00

Men's Raincoats
 6 only Men's Raincoats, fawn shade, guaranteed water-proof. These were shipped to us by mistake. Worth \$18. Our price, to clear, \$12.00

THREE ITEMS IN Bed Spreads
 White Crochet Bed Spreads, hemmed ready for use, size 64x84 inches, at each, .98c

White Crochet Bed Spreads, size 68x90 inches. At each, \$1.25

Extra large size White Crochet Bed Spreads, size 214 by 214 yards. Each, \$1.50

Ready-made Hemstitched Sheets
 Ready-made Sheets, made of heavy round thread cotton, hemstitched, size 72x90 inches. At per pair, \$1.89

Extra large round thread Cotton Sheets, washed and laundered hemstitched sheets. Size 214 by 214 yards, at per pair, \$2.69

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 239, 241, 243 Dundas Street

CHAPMAN'S

New spring goods are crowding into all departments. The goods are attractive and so are the prices.

In the Wash Goods

New Chambrays in plain shades of blue, pink, green, gray, navy and champagne, at yard, 12½c, 15c, 20c

White Indian Head Cotton, popular for ladies' and children's dresses and suits, also for boys' suits, at per yard, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c

White Irish Dimples, small and large checks and stripes, extra fine quality for waists and dresses, at per yard, 20c

Ratines—A popular suiting weave, in pink, Copenhagen, gray, sky, tan and rose, also twisted Ratine Suiting in white and ivory. At yard, 35c

New Suitings

6 pieces Imported Worsted Suiting, in novelty grays. Also a number of suit lengths and Oxford gray, width 50 inches. At per yard, \$1.00

Two-tone Diagonal Gray Suiting, 54 inches wide. Also novelty mixtures in gray. Beautiful quality spring suiting. At per yard, \$1.50

Special Blue Serge

A fine medium twill All-Wool Serge, medium weight, for dresses and skirts. In navy and Copenhagen blue. Special value, per yard, 50c

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 239, 241, 243 Dundas Street

CONTRACT IS LET FOR THE McCORMICK PLANT WORK STARTS TODAY

Now Is the Time to Buy Lots in the East End
 SEE US AT ONCE. WE HAVE THE BEST LOCATIONS.

Hillcrest, Dr. Mugan Survey, Dorinda Street, Burbrooke Place, Charlotte Street.
THE METCALFE AGENCIES
 216 Old Masonic Temple. OPEN NIGHTS. PHONE 3100.

MORGAN'S BODY READY FOR BURIAL IN U. S.

Will Likely Be Shipped to America About April the Fourth.

[Canadian Press.]
 Rome, April 1.—The body of the late J. P. Morgan, after it had been embalmed and dressed, was today inclosed in a waisted casket lined with white brocade. This was then placed in a leaden casket and finally in a third case of heavy walnut with gold and silver fittings.

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GEORGE SENDS MESSAGE TO FLOOD SUFFERERS

Royal Sympathy Cabled to President of the United States.

[Canadian Press.]
 Washington, April 1.—Messages continued to come to President Wilson today from foreign rulers expressing sympathy for sufferers in the western floods. King George of Great Britain cabled:

"I am greatly distressed at the news of the disastrous flood and the grievous loss of life caused by them. I desire to express to your excellency my deep sympathy with yourself and the people of the United States in your misfortune."

The President replied: "Allow me, in the name of the people and Government of the United States, to express deep appreciation of your majesty's kind message of condolence."

"BIG TIM" BETTER.
 New York, April 1.—Timothy D. Sullivan, otherwise "Big Tim," friend of the Boverly, has been removed from a private sanitarium at Yonkers and is today at

SUSPICIOUS DEATH

[Canadian Press.]
 Edmonton, April 1.—Somewhat of a sensation was caused here by the discovery of the dead body of a Vermilion real estate dealer named Joseph Robinson, in a local hotel, Robinson last week was convicted of defrauding an Ontario farmer in a realty deal and sentenced to 36 hours imprisonment. Later he was sent with his roll of bills. Some suspicious circumstances are being investigated.

TO THOSE WHO ARE WEAK AND NERVOUS

Frank Beauchesne Says Take Dodd's Kidney Pills.

He Suffered For a Year and After the Doctor Failed Found a Quick and Complete Cure.

Stoke Centre, Richmond County, Que., March 31.—(Special).—Those who are sick, weak, nervous and irritable, will be interested in the case of Frank Beauchesne, a well-known resident of this place. For a year he was in just that condition. Today he is a well man. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him. In a statement given over his signature, Mr. Beauchesne says:

"I was sick for a year with cramps in the muscles, backache, and nervousness. I was always tired and irritable, and my sleep was broken and unrefreshing. The doctor treated me, but it was five boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills that made me a new man."

Mr. Beauchesne suffered from a complication of complaints, but they all sprang from the same root—the kidneys. With the kidneys out of order the impurities are not strained out of the blood. That means poison all over the body. It means weakness, irritability and pain. The cure is to cure the kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure the kidneys.

IF CONSTIPATED OR BILIOUS—"CASCARETS"

Headache, Sour Stomach, Biliousness and Bad Taste Gone By Morning.

Furred Tongue, Bad Taste, Indigestion, Sallow Skin, and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a swill barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret tonight will give your constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then to keep their stomach, liver and bowels regulated, and never know a miserable moment. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.



From sketch taken shortly before he left for Europe.
J. PIERPONT MORGAN, THE DEAD FINANCIER.