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CURZON ON COALITION.

Earl Curzon, Grand Master of the Primrose League, writes in a New Year's message to the league that a disruption of the alliance that won the war might jeopardise the victory, and adds:

The year has been marked by profound unrest in the labor world, by constant strikes, and by social phenomena that under a surface of apparent profusion and extravagance fail to conceal much underlying discontent, strife, and even suffering. In what direction are we tending?

The Coalition Government continues in power, and has not so far been seriously weakened. It is pursuing the task of reconstruction with unflagging energy. But even more important than Coalition measures or a Coalition Ministry is the Coalition spirit, of which our league is one of the most powerful and influential exponents. The Coalition spirit takes little account of a party; it concentrates only on principles; it aims at a solution of our difficulties not by conflict, but by co-operation.

The present atmosphere, therefore, is one in which the Primrose League should find a great stimulus to its activity and a wide extension of its influence. The men and women who belong to it, no longer diverted from their many political functions by war work, can address themselves with unabated zeal to the task of teaching sound doctrine, of keeping the nation's head straight, and of avoiding the pitfalls of party prejudice or class dissension.

A CANADIAN VICTORY.

The Montreal Star says: "A matter of pride which belongs to every Canadian lies in the fact that Canada's treatment of the wounded soldier financially is the best of all the Allied and enemy nations. The fact is brought out by a comparative table presented in November, 1919, to the British Parliament by the Ministry of Pensions, which shows the weekly rates of war pensions and allowances granted to men disabled, and to the dependents of men deceased, as a result of the great war.

"For the totally disabled man, Great Britain, New Zealand and South Africa provide forty shillings weekly, which is the highest grant next to Canada's forty-seven shillings, eleven pence. The United States allows twenty-eight shillings, ten pence.

"For the disabled married man Canada grants sixty-two shillings, three pence, which is considerably in excess of the sum contributed to such cases by any other Government except those of New Zealand and South Africa, which give sixty shillings. And, so on, down the whole list—allowances for children, dependents, for partial disablement, minor disablement, etc., Canada tops the list.

"Peace hath her victories, as the poet says. The name of this country amongst the Allies stands measurably higher because the Canadian soldier disabled in the war receives more than the man who went out to fight for any other country. As an expression of the Canadian people's feeling for those who have suffered, and still suffer, the increased amount given to the soldiers of the Maple Leaf is entirely fitting. It should inspire the country with new vigor for bearing the burdens of taxation, however great these may be."

BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE.

Boston Transcript: Canada leads the way in providing memorials in France and Belgium of the valor of her soldiers. The Dominion Government has acquired title from the Belgian and French Government and from private owners, to the fields of Saint Julien and Passchendaele and of Observatory Ridge in Belgium, and to Bourlon Wood, to Vimy Ridge, to Drury Crossroads, to Courcelette Field and the Hospital Woods in France. At all of these spots brave Canadians laid down their lives, and there their dust mingles with a soil which has become forever sacred to their countrymen. Presumably these sites will be maintained for all time, by the Canadian Government and people, as memorials of the battles fought, and in some cases as a resting place for the honored dead.

THE NEW POLISH GOVERNMENT.

We have hardly had time to realise the very great changes which the resignation of M. Paderewski of the Polish Premiership have brought about in Poland's foreign policy. M. Paderewski leaned on and towards the Right, which retained a certain sympathy for the Russian loyalists in their struggle against Bolshevism. M. Paderewski, had he obtained of the Allies the necessary military material and money, would have been willing to embark on a great Polish campaign against the Bolsheviks alongside of Generals Denikin and Judenitch.

To this Russophile policy the new Cabinet, which leans decidedly towards the Centre and the Left, is strongly opposed. It regards Denikin, Kolchak, and Judenitch as Tsarists and Pan-Russians, and as a menace to the future independence of all the border States, Poland included. It even regards an eventual alliance between this Russian group and the German reaction as a certainty. For that reason, while strictly prohibiting the crossing of the Polish frontier by "Red" troops or civilians, the new Warsaw Government has flatly declined to assist Denikin in his struggle against the Soviet armies. Their intervention might have saved him. But they deem him of greater peril to the Poles than the Bolsheviks themselves. The only form of intervention against the "Reds" the Poles would contemplate would be a military alliance between themselves, the Ukrainians and the Baltic States. Such an alliance, which enjoys the support of General Pilsudski, now the real Premier of Poland, is said to be on its way.

REPUBLICAN SPLIT.

A Washington correspondent states that the irreconcilable foes of the League of Nations have decided to sever relations with Senator Lodge and to adopt delaying tactics against any form of compromise presented to the Senate. This decision is the result of a belief on their part that Senator Lodge is weakening on the question of reservations owing to the insistent demands of the mild reservationists, and that Senator Lodge will take the lead in bringing about a compromise.

The irreconcilables have been bringing all possible pressure to bear upon Senator Lodge to force him to stand firm. They say that "they are through with talking to him," and are going to fight him as hard as they fought the deputies who supported unqualified ratification. The irreconcilables state that their strongest point is the statement by Lodge and his supporters that the reservations constituted the irreducible minimum of safeguards for the United States, and the acceptance of anything less is the acceptance of an admittedly dangerous settlement.

The leaders of the compromise movements are not disturbed by the threats of the irreconcilables. They say that the latter have made their attempt at killing the Treaty and must now stand aside for the Moderates.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. John, N. B., Jan. 19, 1920.

Editor Standard:

Sir,—I beg to ask space to acknowledge my obligations to the Dominion Archives, for furnishing me with a facsimile of the first history of this Province, that of Peter Fisher in 1825. This work being out of print, and only two copies of the first edition known to exist—and one of them in the Archives—I applied through the Local Archives Officer for the loan of it. In place of a loan, I received, within a few days, the gift of a facsimile copy, executed by the photostatt process.

In tendering my thanks to the Archivist-in-Chief—Colonel Doughty—for his kind and prompt response, I would also add that the educational resources of the Provinces are greatly increased by having at their disposal the great treasures collected at the Ottawa Archives.

W. SHIVES FISHER.

WHAT THEY SAY

Waiting for Harness.
(London Free Press.)

Arguing that atomic force is the power of the future Sir Oliver Lodge declares that if the atomic energy in an ounce of matter could be realized it would be sufficient to raise the German ships sunk in the Scapa Flow and pile them on the top of the Scottish mountains.

Dense Sir Andrew.
(London Free Press.)

Sir Andrew Macphail is of the opinion that women are of no use in public life because, as he puts it, "Men positively will not work with women." Sir Andrew will reincarnate a couple of hundred years hence for the purpose of eating his words. Evolution like the mills of the gods is a slow-working device—in patience it stands waiting, with exactness it will bring about things of which the pessimist cannot even dream.

Unkind Sir John.
(Montreal Herald.)

As Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Hendrie placed Mr. Drury in power as First Minister of the Province of Ontario. The new Premier took the oath of office standing up and he remains still without a seat. So far he represents nobody but the late Lieutenant-Governor, who having created a possible Frankenstein, forthwith took himself home to Hamilton and the quiet peace of a private life. It was unkind of Colonel Hendrie not to have included a seat in the prize package he handed to Mr. Drury.

Sir George Paish.
(Hamilton Herald.)

Sir George Paish, the English financier who has arrived in the United States to propose an immense American loan to Britain, represents nobody but himself. "Who is Paish?" asks the London Daily Mail. "The self-imposed mission of this entirely unimportant person would provoke laughter if it were not so mischievous. Great Britain requires no money from the United States. This country is perfectly capable of financing itself."

A BIT OF VERSE

TO THE HEIGHTS AGAIN!

Do you remember—it was not long ago—
How near to God your spirit seemed to be?
His cause was yours to fight for, blow by blow;
You would have died to set the peoples free.

And those around you, those who fared afield,
Crusaders were, who sought the Holy Grail;
Your sword was Righteousness, and Faith your shield,
You were of them who in God's name prevail.

Have you forgotten—it was but yesteryear?
You'd conquered self, and climbed a wondrous height
Where souls are purged of littleness and fear—
Where you were armed to struggle for the right.

Do you remember, or have you sunk again
Into the slough from which you sprang anon,
Devoured by self, contemptible as when
Your petty hopes were all you built upon?

Nay, do not answer! Go search your soul and pray
To Him you served when war took toll of men
That you may find a guide-post to the way
That leads you upward to the light again.

—Edward S. Van Zile, in New York Times.

A BIT OF FUN

Difficult.

A judge, after passing sentence, always gave advice to prisoners. Having before him a man found guilty of stealing, he started thus:

"If you want to succeed in this world you must keep straight. Now, do you understand?"

"Well, not quite," said the prisoner; "but if your lordship will tell me how a man is to keep straight when he is trying to make both ends meet, I might."—London Tit-Bits.

Modern Love.

She—I'd like to ask you a question.
He—Ask it, dear.
She—Am I the only girl whose money you ever loved?—London Opinion.

Keep Smiling.

Put the needless cares away, turn from futile sorrow;
Never spoil a cheerful day with the ills you borrow;
Down a dismal way they jaunt who let envy haunt them;
If you can't have things you want, learn to cease to want them.

Considerateness Considered

"Have I not been a considerate wife?" she asked, reproachfully.

"Considerate!" he exclaimed bitterly. "In what way?"

"Has there ever been a night when you were out late that I haven't left the light burning for you?"

"And you call that being considerate? You have—but who pays the bills?"

The Problem again.

"Is this a fashionable residence district?"

"I judge so"

"Why?"

"One sees a great many chauffeurs but few nursemaids."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

RENTS AT F'TON TAKE BIG JUMP

Sixty Per Cent. Increase Added to Business Locations on Queen Street.

Fredericton, Jan. 18.—There is at least one store on Queen street which is to rent after May 1st at 60 per cent. more than the present figures if the owners stand by the notice already served on the occupant. "These advances will drive business off Queen street to King and other streets," predicted one merchant.

"The City Council is absolutely powerless to act," declared Mayor Hanson.

Many householders say they will have to submit to the increase in rent because of their inability to obtain other accommodations.

True.

Another old pest who has disappeared with his friend J. Barleycorn is Mr. Morse. You know him—R. E. Morse.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Me and Puds Simkins was standing outside of the new candy store looking at the diffrent kinds in the window, and Puds sed, Jest think, if you had all the money you wunted, you could have all the candy you wunted.

O well, maybe, if you had all you wunted you wouldent wunt so mutch, I sed.

And we kepp on looking at it, and Puds sed, I tell you wat lets do, lets both stand heer and look sad as eny thing, and maybe somebody will offer to buy us some candy to make us feel better.

Wich we started to do, him looking sad as enything and me looking even sadder, and about 10 peeple went past without looking as if they cared how sad we looked, and we was jest going to stop looking sad on account of our faces starting to get tired wen a man with a cane and a wite mustash and a big stummick out in frunt stopped, saying, Well, well, well, all that candy to look at and no money to buy it with, is that the trouble?

Yes sir, sed me and Puds.

I know jest how you feel, I was young once myself and I can put myself in yeur place ixackly, sed the man. And he laffed and patted us both on the shoulder, saying, Its not mutch fun not having a sent with all that candy erround is it?

No sir, sed me and Puds.

Ah, childhood, childhood, its a wonderfill thing, its a wonderfill thing, the trubble with you boys is, you dont half appreciate it wile youve got it—jest wate till you are as old as I am and youll wish you had appriciated it more at the time—time flies, time flies, sed the man.

And he shook his hed and wawked away still shaking it, and me and Puds looked at each other mad instead of sad and went to see if eny of the other fellows was erround so we could get up a game of sumthing.

Wich none was, so we dident.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DELEGATES ATTENDING Y.M.C.A. CONVENTION AT TORONTO

Reports Show Military Expenditures During 1918 Totalled $3,628,096.14—Industrial Work, a New Venture for the Association, Proving Very Successful.

Toronto, Jan. 20—The third convention of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. opened at the Central Y. M. C. A. this afternoon, when some 150 delegates from all parts of the Dominion were in attendance.

This afternoon's address was delivered by Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, D. D. The retiring president, J. A. McPehdo, of Ottawa, presided. The feature was the report of the national council, delivered by G. H. Wood.

The report showed that there had been a slight falling away of membership due to the war, there being 41,594 members of all associations, compared with 46,798 in 1914. Military service expenditures (1918) totalled $3,628,096.14. There are now 54 city associations, compared with 59 before the war.

The student department, which had suffered during the war, regained its former condition as soon as the armistice had been signed, and now the registration exceeds previous records. During 1917-18 the students contributed $10,000 to the prisoners of war fund.

Industrial works, a comparatively new venture for the Y. M. C. A. in Canada, has met with much success and there is every prospect of it developing into an important branch. Much attention has also been given to boy's work.

"Twelve Red Triangle Clubs," states the report, "will be operated until the spring or Summer of 1920, at which time some of them may be taken over locally by the Associations for civilian work. The hospital work will be continued through 1920 and, as far as necessary, through 1921.

It was in 1918 that the maximum financial efforts were made. During this year the national council handled approximately $10,000,000, of which 98½ per cent was in connection with military work.

Referring to the campaign of 1919, which was run in connection with the Y. W. C. A. it was stated that the objective was placed at $1,100,000. Only $525,000 was subscribed.

The speaker said that the Canadian Associations would turn their attention to military work in peace time.

The financial statement showed that regular work for 1918 amounted to: receipts $150,615.80; expenditures $150,615..80. War work receipts $3,917.018.76 and expenditures $3,628,096.14.

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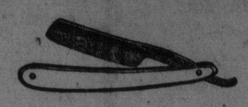
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