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EMPIRE RECONSTRUCTORS.

Writing in the Contemporary Review for July, Prof. W. P. M. Kennedy of Toronto points out that since Hon. Arthur Meighen became the leader of the Government there has been a marked silence with respect to constitutional changes. He argues from this that the present rulers of the country have discovered that there is no widespread demand for any constitutional tinkering; that, rather, there is a pretty general desire to see no change at all in the present loose relations with Great Britain other than a clearing up of some of the responsibilities that are the result of the present system.

Recalling the speeches that were delivered from time to time by Sir Robert Borden before he left office, and by Hon. Mr. Rowell at intervals since 1917, Prof. Kennedy is of the opinion that these two men, who could perhaps best appreciate the "irritating irregularity of Canada's position within the Empire," were, after all, ahead of their time, and in no way reflecting widespread public opinion. Indeed, he thinks that the House of Commons was mistrustful of some remarks that the Minister of Justice made during last session on the question of Canada's place in the Empire. matter is one that it is wise to avoid.

"Mr. Meighen is none too secure in power. His majority is unreliable, and a series of byelections has gone against him. There is a rather wide feeling that there ought to have been a general election when Sir Robert Borden resigned office, and the present Government is occupied in steering a difficult course in ambiguous waters. Imperial issues have not figured largely."

The writer of the article thinks it would fare badly with any Canadian political leader who attempted to lead phrase. the Dominion into any closer bond. Quebec would be a unit against it, and "the average English-speaking Canadian seems to mistrust the side-issues raised y every kind of suggested change-centralized control organization of the forces of the crown within the empire and taxation for them-even though the incidence of the taxation might be under the control of the federal executive." Sir Robert Borden's ministry, in its talk of a rearrangement of imperial relations, did not in any degree represent Canadian public

The present conference of overseas premiers in London has been more or less innocuous, but it is a cretty safe guess that if Hon. Arthur Meighen had ken any steps to commit this country to change nis home-coming would not have been pleasant. It is ot that there is distrust of British statesmanship, with the possible exception, as Mr. Kennedy points out, Winston Churchill in his new office. Rather it is he conviction that the process of change is not going be brought about by round-table methods. As Prof. Cennedy says:

"We have got to avoid the academic thinker who hoists Canada on the horns of a dilemma and mutters prophetically that the Empire is in a violent process of disintegration, and is crashing to its doom unless reconstructed by 'rule and square.' Canada believes in the British Empire. In that belief lies the living, vitalizing future, which must not be mortgaged by the ephemeral triumph of a logical parchment and a pretty seal."

RUSSIA'S DILEMMA.

Russia has been for some years dominated by a nall clique which terms itself the Bolshevik party. Although the population of Russia is estimated at out 150,000,000 people, the numerical strength of he Bolshevik party, according to a calculation given y Lenine himself, amounts approximately to only half million. This figures out at less than one-half of e per cent of the entire Russian nation. Only a nall minority of this half-million are sincere comunists, and the heads and brains who direct this ovement in Russia number no more than, roughly,

The form of government thus set up was supposed be a "dictatorship of the proletariat," but the Rusan workers and the Russian peasants have discovered hat it is really a dictatorship over the proletariat.

stablished a body known as the Extraordinary Comission for the suppression of the counter-revolution, nd this simply meant that anything not in accordce with the ideas of the ruling class would be rigidly appressed. This institution has at its beck and call army of well-paid and well-fed spies and agents, and Le people of Russia have discovered that they have hanged one form of tyranny for another more idious and more terrible in its results. Centers industry and commerce have become depopulated. land has lost its fertility and productiveness, and

m famine stalks abroad. Owing to the Government having followed the licy of seizing all their produce beyond that which

s required for their actual sustenance, the peasantry

have curtailed their agricultural activities to such an extent that, apart from having any surplus, they have barely sufficient to support the relves. This has brought about a most deplorable state of matters, because in the famine area, which involves over 25,000,people, no relief is forthcoming from the other parts of the country, for the peasants have nothing to

So serious has become the situation that the anti-Bolshevik elements are uniting with the Bolsheviki in a desperate effort to meet the danger. A conference been held at the headquarters of the Moscow Soviet, which was attended, among others, by Maxim Gorky, the author, Alexandra Tolstoi, Leonid Krassin, Soviet minister of trade and commerce, and Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commisar for foreign affairs. Cast-Litvinoff, assistant commisar for loreign and the same as it goes. The most exalted personal ing politics to the winds, they agreed to concentrate as it goes. The most exalted personal intelligence, be it philosopher or archangel, differs from him with regard to on doing what they could to fight the famine, but find themselves in the position of having little or nothing to fight it with.

This bringing together of the two opposing elements

angel, differs from him with regard to cosmic consciousness only in degree, and not in kind. Mary, who had the little lamb whose fleece was white as snow, was cosmically conscious. So blow some of them is a big question, but the lamb whose fleece was white as snow, was cosmically conscious. So blow some of them is a big question, but the lamb whose fleece was white as snow, was cosmically conscious.

This bringing together of the two opposing elements in Russia through the wave of misery that is sweeping over the land is fraught with significance, and adds another and perhaps the most important sign to the indications of seeking some sane passage to more normal conditions, which have been evident for some time. Krassin's mission to foreign countries in an effort to enlist capital to come to the rescue of the ruined industries of Russia made it plain to all the world that the Bolshevik dream of creating a new world that the Bolshevik dream or creating a new from the absorption of all mental life heaven for the workers had turned out a terrible nightmare, and that they were imploring outside help to pull them out of the quagmire into which their own in humanity. ignorance and folly had plunged them. Starvation and death are now following in the footsteps of folly, and an "S. O. S." has been sent out to both hemispheres. cism. As Leo Kamenoff, president of the Moscow Soviet, said at the meeting, it was necessary to procure aid from Europe and America, which they should be urged to give, regardless of social differences with Russia. The wreckers of Russia at last realize where they

LO, THE POOR INDIAN!

Were Fenimore Cooper to rise from his grave today for determining the state or condition of cosmic consciousness. Every one of them is interpreted through individual and contemplate the changes which have overtaken the "noble redman," he would find himself obliged to self-corsciousness, and not by any form drastically remodel his books and to recast all his notions regarding this ancient race. One could scarcely imagine the Deerslayer of today consorting a stage higher than self-consciousness. with the last of the Mohicans, the former arrayed in an up-to-date hunting suit, and the latter in all the glory of a plug hat and Prince Albert coat. And yet this is how these characters of Cooper's thrilling romances might appear at the present moment, only the thrill would be absent, and the romance would have

We would be loth to see the remnants of this roble race disappearing from the land, and that they are not likely to do so is evident from the vigor which they display on all occasions of public rejoicing insecurity of power and his probable opinion that the and demonstration in which they participate. Accordnow more than one-third of a million Indians in the United States and 57 distinct languages are spoken.

The Canadian Indians are also in a healthy condition, with the exception of those at the outposts of the Dominion who have not yet been brought under the influences that make for progress. Despite the census man, the representatives of the Six Nations Indians have recently declared that they are not Canadians, but loyal allies of the British crown; but this is cnly a manifestation of that independence and freedom of spirit which writers of fiction have used to such advantage. "Lo, the poor Indian!" is now an obsolete

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Carpentier has arrived in France a sadder and a

Krupps are building lots of locomotives. This means fuil steam ahead.

On the authority of Sir Adam Beck there is still some knight working on the big ditch.

Britain does not want Heligoland now that the first syllable has been knocked out of it.

While the red and white factions are discusse; the famine in Russia the inhabitants in general are look-

All political parties are in favor of protection in the case of pickpockets coming from the other side

It is stated that Lord Northcliffe is looking over the world with the idea of getting an option on it on behalf of the Times.

Hamilton was bombarded on Sunday by a shower of smoke bombs. Following the excitement the inhabitants are well fagged.

Out in Saskatchewan you may not only see a sawfly, but you may see a fly saw. These insects are busy cutting down the wheat just now.

In these strenuous post-war days Canadian agriculturists are doing all they can to save their bacon. During 1920, \$34,000,000 worth was exported from this

A French-Canadian skipper threw overboard 1,000 cases of liquor when his vessel sprung a leak. This settles the question of how much liquor it takes to

A man has been arrested in Detroit for tearing up \$50 bills on the street. He could have got far more amusement at this sort of thing in Russia and at much less expense.

PIECE-WORK.

[Manchester Guardian.]
The action of the audience of a Vienna theatre in pelt-The question arises as to how this small group as continued to exercise supreme power over the hole Russian nation, and the answer is that Lenine tablished a body known as the Extraordinary Coming the stage with orange peel because the artists refused one who gives more value for the same price as another.

One singer, writes the correspondent, make a rule nevi to sing extra songs, no matter how enthusiastic the applause. Why should an audience expect by complimentary applause to get more than they have paid for-nay more than a football crowd expects to see a quarter of an hour's

A HOOD MEMORIAL.

To pay birthday homage to the memory of Tom Hood, number of the poet's admirers made a pilgrimage to ochester recently to an antique dealer's premises, in which stands a memorial to Hood in the form of a representation in marble of the "Song of the Shirt." At the base of the statue the complete words of the poem are inscribed. The

LETTERS

. THE LONDON ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1921.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS. To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The advocates of cosmic conscious ness claim that cosmic consciousness i than self, whether of existences mate rial or spiritual. Cosmic consciousness is a term which no one has, so far, clearly and intelligently defined. It may mean: 1. A consciousness of the cosmos or universe. According to this signification, a child engaged in nature study is cosmically conscious, for he has a knowledge of the universe as far also was Dante, who conversed with spirits in the after-world. Mary's experiences are confined to the earth. Dante's knowledge of the universe is much wider, and extends to two worlds; but the mental agency by which the experiences the constant of the world is sobering down also. The hysteria that was part of the aftermath the experiences take place is the same of the war is disappearing. There is far in both cases. It is self-consciousness. less visionary idealism and far less 2. Cosmic consciousness may also uncontrolled passion and a great deal signify that the cosmos (universe) is more practical common sense than there a conscious entity. This is a panthe-istic conception, and ranges all the way

3 Again, cosmic consciousness is in terpreted as a kind of philosophic mys-ticism analogous to religious mystirendered to the spirit of the universe by obeying wholly nature's laws and by being in tune with infinite one attains to the most efficient life. By far the strongest and most intelligent modern philosopher who holds this view is Eucken. He calls his theory activism. The individual retains his own selfconsciousness and never transcends it This is only religious mysticism put into

A learned writer gives marks or note regards cosmic consciousness as being who hold the cosmic conscious-If those who hold the cosmic conscious-ness theory wish to be taken seriously, they will be obliged to do at least two Mother. things: They must give an intelligible statement as to what cosmic consciousness is, and they will have to show how and to what extent certain intelligences have entered into it. G. B. SAGE.

A CRIMINAL STRIKE. [London Spectator.]

Mr. Frank Hodges, the miners' leader has admitted in the Western Mail that the miners' strike was wholly unneces-He says that he and his saner colleagues wanted in March to drop the demand for a "pool," because they foresaw, rightly enough, that it was bound to fail. He denounces the wild men, and especially Mr. Noah Ablett of South Wales, as "responsible for prolonging the stoppage and for much of the misery which has been and is yet to be endured by our people."

"Everything goes to prove that we could have secured a better wage set-tlement then (in March) than we have got now. Who stood in the way? The got now. Who stood in the way? The Ablett type. They exploited the doctrine that leadership was unnecessary; freedom to negotiate was freedom to sell your people; initiative and adaptability were cowardice; leaders were merely paid servants whose job was to be led by the rank and file. Parrot-like, we were crying 'Pool' when we could have grasped wages in both hands."

Mr. Hodges cannot evade his own responsibility by passing it on to Mr. Ablett. He remained in fifice, instead

the accompanying lightning and wind playing violent pranks. Toronto ought to apply for an injunction against Ottawa when another drought comes. If the mere threat of prayers from the capital can produce such long-distance reothers? It is utter selfishness. Now, here, in Halifax, we have been soaked all summer with superfluous moisture. Who wished that on us, while the rest of the country was hanging out its origue for water? Would it have been fair for us to wish it off on some other place? If people would only wait, in line, for the weather, they would get it in -mostly in the neck-they usually one district is not a square deal. Be-sides, if we had not the weather to "Why, lots of folks do—you know—"Why, lots do you know—"Why, lots do you know—"Why, sides, if we had not the wedness, how denounce, on general principles, how should we be able to keep up our command of "strong language."

"Why, lots of folks do—you know—and then you'd have somebody to do the housework," stammered Sonny, a trifle frightened.

SANE BRITISH LABOR. [London Daily Mail.] The position of the railways is difficult enough in all conscience, but there as has been shown at the railwaymen's conference in Newcastle, has taken up a thoroughly patriotic and sensible atti-tude. It has "turned down" the extremists and pronounced against further suicidal strikes. It has followed Mr. Cramp's wise lead in condemning the jaw-waggers." One of the gravest langers to the railway industry, which af-fects railwaymen as well as shareholders, comes from the rapid development of motor competition. It can only be met by such bold measures as the Great Western Company is taking; but, with energy and enterprise on the part of the companies, there should be room for both forms of transport.

THE U. S. LUMBER TARIFF.

[New York Tribune.]

A tariff on lumber, like a tariff on oil, is a blow at the conservation of American resources. In so far as it would increase the domestic cost of lumber it would obstruct the nation-wide movement to get back to normal building conditions. There is a housing shortage everywhere, due to stoppage of construceverywhere, due to stoppage of constructill next morning. He saw the bil tion during the war and to the artificial which his father gave to his mother pegging of building material prices. The country wants to see this oppressive had handed him with the blockade broken. Putting a tariff duty was big emough to cover on lumber will not help to break it. It and the white pumps Little Mothe in marble of the Song of the S

of line with the national policy of con-serving natural resources, what in the world can be said for it? The country wants a tariff which will be construc-tive and helpful, not one which excludes needed commodities merely for the sake

THE WORLD SOBERING OFF.

[Detroit Free Press.]
The summer of 1921 may easily loom large in the history of the twentieth century. If things go smoothly it may conceivably be remembered as the time when the Irish question was finally settled, when a reorganization of the British Empire was begun, when naval disish Empire was begun, when naval disarmament was first seriously under-taken, when the Japanese question was adjusted and thes traightening out of the Pacific question comme stand out as the period in which the English-speaking world entered upon a new period of rapprochement and the foundation for a real peace association blow some of them is a big question, but today among those who are steering the ships of state there is fortunately a new understanding of the needs of the world uncontrolled passion and a great deal achievement is correspondingly brighter. Besides this there is a deep, brooding realization of necessity that sobers men and urges them to the great work of

DAILY SHORT STORY

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PARTNER TO CUPID

Sonny-Bunny and Little Mother were ooking in at the milliner's window. They were almost laughably alike, with their curly brown hair, blue eyes and trim slightness, and the expression on the two faces was much the same as Sonny-Bunny's in front of the candyshop display. Their eyes were riveted upon a dainty creation of white straw and pink roses. Even the little boy knew it just to be the thing for Little

"Go in an' buy it, moth'," he begged "Can't, Sonny," said Little Mother, her cheery tone belying her longing "There haven't been enough

weddings this spring."
"Weddings?" queried the child. "Yes; you know daddy gives me the wedding fees for my own. This year there haven't been enough so I can af-

ford a new hat." At this moment the minister drove up in his shiny Ford and tok his wife and little son for the homeward drive. The new Ford had been necessary, but almost too expensive. This had some-thing to do with the lack of money for a new hat for Little Mother.

When Sonny-Bunny got home he changed into his blue overall suit and went out in the parsonage orchard to reflect. He did it in the crotch on the August-sweet trees, which grew low and was a capital nest for a small

Little Mother needed some weddings he knew a little about weddings, for mother had explained something

tawa when another drought contest. It catch him. On the other side of the the threat of prayers from the capital can produce such long-distance results, what might not happen if Ottawa were really to get at the job in earnest? Sonny had thought he might be there. By the way what right has one By-and-bye, the trout declining to ap-By the way what right has one callty to pray for rain, regardless of pear, the small boy went over to risi pear, the small boy went over to risi Mr. Lovejoy.

"Hullo!" sat down beside the green rows, in the and watched the man work. drank from the water jug hidden in the bushes near the child, and sat down to rest a bit.
"Mr. Lovejoy," said Sonny-Bunny

seriously, did you ever think about n-mostly in the neck—they usually
But this "rushing things" by any
district is not a square deal. Be
"Hey? What? Git married? What

Silas had not only common-sense but a sense of humor. Seeing that the child meant no harm he answered jok-

ingly: "Well. I never seemed to ge 'round "It says on one of the motto cards at school, 'Never put off till tomorrow

what you can do today," said Sonny,
"And moth' says today is all the time
anybody has ever to do anything. Yesterday's gone and tomorrow never gets 'She's a wise woman." said Silas "Daddy says a man without a wife is a poor, mis'able thing," remarked Sonny. "He says moth has been the

"Mr. Lovejoy," timidly, "are you : poor, mis'able thing 'cause you ain't married?'

A pause. "Yes, I be!" was the re-"Then don't you think you better get "Then don't you think you better get married right off?" suggested Sonny.
"Yes, I do!" came the answer with

A week later the minister almost had heart-failure when Silas and Abbie Dunn appeared at the parsonage to get married. Unfortunately Sonny-Bunny was in bed and knew nothing about 1 however, the same that Mr. Lovejoy had handed him with the license. It



WHEN AND WHEN NOT TO BE A DOCTOR (From Literary Digest.)

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Mr. Hodges cannot evade his own responsibility by passing it on to Mr. Ablett. He remained in ffice, instead of resigning, and cried "Pool" with the best of them. But it is instructive to find that from the outset he disbelieved in the cause for which he professed to be fighting. The miners were made to strike and kept on strike for three months in valn.

OTTAWA SELFISHNESS. [Halifax Herald.]

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They were going to pray for rain, in The mental processes of a child may the sponsibility by passing it on to Mr. Ablett. He remained in ffice, instead of uncomfortable and make her happy in stead of uncomfortable and miserable—the minister. "He's got into a rut, and he'll stick there, till somebody or sometiming joits him out of it."

They were going to pray for rain, in The mental processes of a child may the fixed points and be a helpmeet, marry her. There is no man on earth who stands so close to Almighty God as the honest doctor who as the inspiration of souls to heal as the inspiration of [Halifax Herald.]

They were going to pray for rain, in ottawa Sunday before last, but "the weather man" got ahead of them, and "took it out" of Toronto and other "to be as direct thin somebody or something jobs him out of it."

Man of Nazareth, than whom no greater has lived in the history of the sacrifice, self-denial, loss of fame, and sacrifice, Western Ontario towns with a deluge which nearly drowned them. It began at 2 a.m. and continued for 12 hours, the accompanying and wind the accompanying and willing to take the abuse that divided to you and yours, then the practice of wandered through all of that country teaching his ideals, who said to his distance that divided to you and yours, then the practice of wandered through all of that country teaching his ideals, who said to his distance that divided to you and yours, then the practice of wandered through all of that country teaching his ideals, who said to his distance that divided to you and yours, then the practice of the wandered through all of that country teaching his ideals, who said to his distance that divided to you and yours, then the practice of the wandered through all of that country teaching his ideals, who said to his distance that divided to you and yours, then the practice of you are the practice of the wandered through all of that country to you and yours, then the practice of you are the practice of the wandered through all of the your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of you are the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of you and yours, then the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of your accountry to you and yours, then the practice of your a

years has not proven.

ideals and do not care for the accumulation of money, do not mind missing meals frequently, do not care what people say about you, then the practice of medicine is worth while. If you want a home you cannot have it without some about xound and home you cannot have it without some about and, like the Great Physician, of Nazareth, after you have done your stone is life. A strong man will change the first lot the second. I heard it said of one of the world's big engineer: "He could go down with a sinking ship and come up with a pocketful of fishes."

they now compared to Jesus of Nazareth, the Great Physician, who went reth, the Great Physician, who went about doing good without a home—indeed, without a place to lay his head and without a meal arranged for in advance? If these are your ideals, to serve constantly to the best of your ability, to sacrifice everything—sometimes even your health and life—if you have before you the opportunity to be

up with a pocketful of fishes."

Nothing could drag that man to the bottom and keep him there. Put the millstone around his neck and it would

urn to cork and float him. Said a friend to me of a woman who was in sorrow: "She will make step-ping stones of her afflictions."

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