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GREAT BRITAIN ENDS THE YEAR WITH A DEFICIT

LONDON, April 28.—David Lloyd-George, the chancellor of the exchequer, tonight issued an explanatory memorandum on the revenue and expenditure for the year. He estimates the revenue in 1908-10 at \$741,960,000 and the expenditure at \$820,760,000, showing a deficit of \$78,800,000. The budget will be presented in the house of commons tomorrow. It is pointed out that the increased expenditure is due mainly to old age pensions and appropriations for the navy. Dealing with the past year's finances, the chancellor says that nearly all branches of trade and industry suffered a serious depression, the foreign trade returns showing diminution in value to the amount of \$70,000,000 as compared with 1907. The chancellor adds that it is impossible to prophesy any immediate

rapid recovery, but he is of the opinion that there are some indications that foreign trade is beginning to improve. The revenue of 1908 fell short of the budget estimate by \$7,510,000, and the interesting fact is noted that in that year for the first time the gross revenue dealt with exceeded \$500,000,000. The national debt now amounts to \$2,770,966,445.

HUNTING FOR MAIL ROBBER

DALHOUSIE, N. B., April 28.—Doctor Collier, postoffice inspector, and Albert Gross, superintendent of mail service, I. C. R., arrived here today and with Detective Noble are investigating the mail robbery case. It is found that besides the package of two thousand dollars the contents of several registered letters are missing. How the robber got into the baggage car to steal the bags seems to be unexplained. The only clue so far is a pair of shoes found where the mail bag were discovered. Excitement is growing as the general impression is that the thief belongs to town.

FRENCH STRIKERS USE DYNAMITE

One Mill Destroyed and Cartridges Exploded in Others

PARIS, April 28.—A wool spinning factory was burned at Mazalet, in the Department of Tarn, which has been for some time a centre of strike troubles, this afternoon. The loss is about \$40,000. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. At the same time that the fire broke out a dynamite cartridge was exploded under the door of another woolen manufacturer's house. A second cartridge was exploded in another factory. All the wires to Castries, the nearest large town, have been cut and it is difficult to obtain news as to the happenings at Mazalet.

WOMAN'S QUEER ESCAPE

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 28.—A strange story has been unfolded in the arrest here of a person who had been masquerading as the nephew of Archbishop Redwood, of Wellington, New Zealand.

When arrested, the prisoner was found to be a woman of the name of Boch, for whom the police had been searching ever since last January on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. The Boch woman last week married the young daughter of her boarding-house keeper, and a local member of Parliament was among the wedding guests.

TWO GREAT PLAYS

Kirk Brown's local admirers will be pleased to learn that he has secured the original script of Belasco and De-Mille's famous society drama, "The Charley Ball" and "The Wife." These two plays are conceded to be the best efforts of David Belasco and Henry C. DeMille, and should attract unusual large audiences. "The Charley Ball" will open Mr. Brown's two weeks' engagement.



KATHRYN FURNESS,
Leading Lady with Kirk Brown.

engagement at the Opera House next Monday evening. "The Sign of the Cross" is one of Mr. Brown's successful plays of last season and will be the play for Tuesday evening. "The Charley Ball" will be repeated, Wednesday matinee, with Mark Twain's famous comedy drama "Puddinghead Wilson." Wednesday evening, Thursday evening will be devoted to "The Wife." Mr. Brown has enjoyed an enviable reputation for his Shakespearean productions and his "Merchant of Venice" is reputed to be one of his greatest Shakespearean efforts and will be presented Friday evening. "The Wife" will be repeated Saturday matinee, with the high class meta-drama, "The Millionaire Detective" Saturday evening. The advance sale for the entire engagement opens today.

CASTRO'S BURIED GOLD

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 28.—It is persistently reported here that Cipriano Castro left a fortune in gold buried in Caracas. If this is so it explains Castro's lack of funds and his anxiety to get back to Venezuela. Negotiations have been begun between the Venezuelan Government and a representative of the Elthaburg syndicate of London for a settlement of the disputes over the match and salt monopolies in Venezuela held until recently by English companies. The newspapers and the public generally condemn the suggestion to remove the thirty per cent. differential duty on goods coming into Venezuela from the West Indies.

Why don't you try to leave footprints on the sands of time? asked the earnest friend.

What for? rejoined Senator Sorghum, to be measured by secret service detectives.—Washington Star.

Why do we get so many things we don't want?
They are given us to console us for the lack of so many things we do want.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(Chicago News.)
Many a barber-chair occupant is cut and dried.
Money talks, but it frequently goes without saying.
A well-preserved woman isn't necessarily a canned peach.
And lots of young men act sensibly until they fall in love.

A short answer may turn a blustering homocyon into matrimonial strife.
The man who claims to be able to do anything he wants to seldom wants to.
A wise man never asks a woman her age; he simply tells her she doesn't look it.
If people could live on food for thought the baker and butcher would have to retire from business.

The Grand Rush We Have On Our Friday and Saturday BARGAIN DAYS

Shows the Appreciation of our Low Prices. See Our List for this Week

Ladies' Corsets White and Drab, Sizes only 18 and 19 inches 25c. pair
Pure All Silk Underskirts in Brown, Green and Black at \$3.98 regular
\$5.00 Skirt for Friday and Saturday only. Here is a snappy lot
White Lawn Waists, Plain Tailored or Fancy Dressy Waist at 98c.
worth \$1.25. Black Cotton Stockings, narrow feet and ankle, double
Heels and Toes fast blk. 25c. pair or three pairs for 50c. We have just
opened another lot of those Hem Stitched Pillow Slips 40, 42 and 44 in.
worth 40c pair for 28c. Friday and Saturday. Ladies' Undervests
two styles the best value to be had two for 25c. worth 20c each
300 yd. Reels 5c. each. We have only about 12 Raincoats left \$3
and \$5 less than half price. Lot more Remnants added to the Rem-
nant table, the prices are less than cost.

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CRIMINALS AND THEIR METHODS

(George R. Sims, in Black and White.)

The Home Office Report of Criminal Statistics for the past year shows that the population has been an increase in crime. There are many causes at work to account for the unpleasant fact. Bad times have a direct bearing on criminal statistics. When huge masses of the population are unable to obtain money by honest work, a certain number of men and women will break down, not only physically but morally, under the stress of circumstance. A well-fed man does not steal a loaf, a man with plenty of money in his pocket does not risk his liberty in order to commit petty larceny.

Just as in good times, when wages are regular and employment easy to get, there is more drinking because of the abundance of money, so in bad times, when wages are irregular and employment hard to obtain, there is an increase of crime because the legitimate earning power of the masses is less than usual.

The criminal class—that is to say, the class that lives habitually by criminal practices—maintains a fairly steady average. When there is a perceptible decrease it is due to a wave of judicial severity. A series of long habitual criminals in prison, therefore, professionally unemployed.

If every habitual criminal caught received a life sentence, the statistics as far as the professional element is concerned, would undergo a marked and rapid change, and there would be a fair prospect of a return to the happy days of King Alfred, when valuable and portable articles could be left unguarded by the roadside without the slightest fear that they would be misappropriated.

The most significant fact, however, in the latest official report of our criminal statistics concerns both the habitual and non-habitual criminal. There is a marked decrease in crimes of violence and an equally marked increase in crimes of cunning.

Physical force is no longer the remedy of the rascal for a state of things which he is dissatisfied with, and which is a mental force, has taken its place.

There are two causes at work in the reduction of crimes of violence. One is the increase of physical degeneracy, and the other is the spread of education. To these factors in the changes in the criminal's anti-social methods must be added a third. That is the rapid increase in an alien population which consists chiefly of those who come here with—as the "Tribune" claimant put it—"no money, but plenty of brains," and an eager desire to get rich quickly without an undue expenditure of physical force.

All these people are sober, and thousands of them are honest and industrious. But among them are a vast number of men whose one idea is to exercise their gift of cunning to their own advantage and to the disadvantage of the community. By ingenious devices which are considered dishonest, by trickery and by fraudulent commercial operations, they endeavor to provide themselves with capital, and they sometimes succeed in providing themselves with a sufficient amount to enable them—even after they have collided with the law—to launch out on more legitimate lines, and become traders and speculators of credit and renown.

Among this class there is little violence. They can get a great deal more by matching their brains against people with property than they can by matching their strength. In a physical contest they would probably get the worst of it. In an encounter of wits they invariably get the best of it.

But their offences constantly bring them into the police courts, and they are responsible for a good deal of the increase in crimes of cunning.

WOMEN CUT-THROATS

ST. PETERSBURG, April 28.—A band of female cut-throats, which for many months past have been committing a series of murders, was discovered and arrested yesterday in the village of Kurshino, thirty miles from St. Petersburg. The principal culprits are a mother and her two daughters, who kept a tavern. Assisted by other women in the village, they murdered travellers who stopped at the inn for the night, disfigured the bodies beyond recognition, and then threw them into a rapidly-flowing stream that passed near the inn. Many of these corpses were found, but the distance of the village was so great that suspicion never centered there.

Today, amusement is cheap, education is not only free but compulsory, the beggar can have a choice of fifty newspapers in the Public Library, the burglar's son can, if he chooses, work his way to a scholarship and the University, the thief's daughter can learn typewriting and shorthand at the Continuation School, and the workhouse lad can enter the House of Commons with a salary.

The whole of the conditions that made for brutality in the slums and in criminal areas have vanished. The brutality that remains is largely due to drink or to mental taint.

As a sober and educated population replaces a drunken and ignorant population, though violence will become rarer and rarer, crime will continue. But it will be the crime of the mentally rather than of the physically equipped.

It is this fact which must be borne in mind in any reorganization of those whose duty it is to circumvent the criminal and keep down the statistics of crime. Between the criminal and the law it will presently be a battle of brains.

And as the struggle in the future will be both keen and costly, it will be of the first necessity in the interests of the community that the cunning criminal, once captured, shall remain in safe keeping for as long a period as possible.

HALIFAX ELECTS
CHISHOLM MAYOR

HALIFAX, N. S., April 28.—Ald. Joseph A. Chisholm, barrister, was today elected mayor of Halifax, defeating Ald. Andrew J. Hubley by 488 majority. Ald. John F. Kelly was re-elected for ward four, defeating E. W. O'Donnell by 102. All the other aldermen were re-elected by acclamation.

A woman has such an imagination that even when her husband is in politics she can think he is respectable.—New York Press.

Two Tragedies.
To a woman there are two tragedies. One is not getting the man she loves; the other is getting him. The first is resignation, the second disillusion.—New York Herald.

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