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Freedom of the Seas.

No question has interested the British so much in the fourteen points the name of the Young Turkish party, with which President Wilson has punctured the diplomatic schedule, as good Samaritan to help it out. Inthe freedom of the seas. It is not stead, Germany got hold of the movedefinitely known whether President stead, Germany got noid of the most ment, put a German at the head of it, Wilson knows what he means by the and launched him on a career of knows the secret, he has preserved it faithfully. Those who don't know Turkey, or been oppressed by Turof fear to ecstasies of rejoicing.

of Britain's ports of call and her been fought in vain. navy's coaling ports, as the they had The Armenians have a right to exbelonged to the kaiser. So had the pect that their case shall have full United States. So had all other consideration, and that the reforms nations.

The only objection to Britain's rule on the sea arose when Germany found herself as hemmed in on sea as Belgium was on land. Germany wanted ALLIED CONFERENCES a different rule on the sea from the rule she insisted upon on land. President Wilson supported this view before the United States entered the shipping and food situation as set war, and objected to the blockade forth in the conference centring sh navy in carrying out the policy to which President Wilson had formerly objected.

What, then, does Mr. Wilson mean by the freedom of the seas? British statesmen refuse to consider any suggestion of curtailment of the liberty of the British navy to enforce the code of justice and righteousness for which the navy has existed for many decades. If we are to have any enemy countries. form of international co-operation, be it a league of nations, or something more limited-a dual control, for example-the only solution possible of the problem is a general agreement on what is right and just, and a stern unyielding policy in enforcing it.

Behind that lies the further question whether the English-speaking peoples are cultivating such standards of international morality, and developing such a sense of domestic justice that they will inevitably in great crises be able, without hesitation or self-seeking, to agree upon what is the right as compared with the speed by animal thing to do.

Duty, in fact, has now become an international as well as a personal Capt. S. Laferriere of Hull

Occupying Germany.

Occupation of Germany goes on Canadian and British troops are ber of one of the oldest and most remarching into the buildings that were to have echoed to the triumph over cur defeat. Cologne, Coblenz, the field of battle. Notification to this Mayence, Bonn, Strassburg, and effect has been received by J. O. Laother cities are in the possession of allied troops, and the people after an at the outbreak of the war and paid interval in which murder and outrage his own passage to France, where he prevailed, are delighted. They welcome the troops as peacemakers, and with distinction. He later transnot as conquerers. It may be one way ferred to the imperial army and was of deceiving themselves that they posted to a trench mortar section. He have not been beaten, or it may be one of the new methods of "mental June. science" for overcoming the enemy. The one definite thing that it indicates is the entire loss of confidence of the Germans of the Rhine in their

former leaders and rulers. The evacuation is being carried our in good-faith apparently, and the people exhibit no hostility. They have probably had a surfeit of the "Hymn of Hate" during the last four years. And even the hostility of the Hun can scarcely resist the good nature and fair dealing of British troops. We look for great things from this personal contact of the German. people with the representatives of a real civilization. The contrast is unmistakable, and it is difficult to be-Heve that our standards will be un-

acceptable. At all events it is an object lesson that will teach more than the schools We cannot say whether in all things our efficiency is equal to that of the Germans, but we know that as soldiers, as administrators and colonizers. and as liberal-minded interpreters of the duties of a superman, the German has nothing to teach the Briton.

Should this occupation prove to be little leaven to be hid in the measures of the German meal, we can only hope for some results in those parts of Germany which are not absolutely permeated by the poison of Prussian

Free the Armenians.

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Sunday World—5c per copy. \$2.50 per year, by mail. Now, that Europe is being remodel Greeks hope to have control of Con-= | stantinople. The Turks have no idea WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 11. what is going to happen. All they know about government is the robbery that follows it. The last re-No question has interested the volution in Turkey which promised piracy.

All the people that have depended on are affected all the way from spasms key, are now eager to know what is going to become of them. They have Some Germans, pro-Germans, Bol- heard of the wonderful things that sheviki and other outlaws and pirates, have been done in Bagdad; how the hope that the freedom of the seas place was cleaned up; sewers built, means the abolition of the British roads paved, sanitation made effecnavy. It is time for the Germans live, and the superstition of fatalism even, and the Bolsheviki, to get away given a volcanic disturbance. The from dreams. It was foolish fancies Pax Britannica reigns in Mesopoof this sort that brought on the war. tamia, but the great region to the The kaiser and his advisers did not north, Armenia Major, with Armenia face facts in a scientific way. They Minor to the west, and Lesser Arhad been unable to appreciate how menia in the southwest, await the disfaithfully and for how long the Brit- position of the entente. Whatever ish navy had maintained the freedom happens they must not be delivered of the seas in peace. Their only pos- ever again into the hands of the opsible desire for freedom of the seas in pressor. The war was fought just as war would be for the purpose of car- much to deliver the down-trodden in rying out designs out of harmony with Asia as in Europe. The Armenians the general welfare which the former await the decision of the peace confreedom of the seas secured. Ger- ference. If it means no liberty for many herself had as ready a freedom them, then for them the war has

> effected in Egypt, in Mesopotamia and elsewhere, shall be extended to their native land.

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Obsequious Disposition on ON FOOD SITUATION Part of Enemy Reported London, Dec. 10 .- A survey of the by Advance Parties.

which Britain had established around around Edward N. Hurley of the many, Dec. 4.—(By J. F. B. Livesay.— German waters. But as soon as the American Shipping Board, and Her- The Canadian troops crossed the Ger-United States entered the war the United States navy steamed over and shipping heads to believe that there did division farther south. It was took up the duty of assisting the Brit- is available at present enough tonnage raining, and the rolling hills and For- it did bear all the earmarks of once handle present food needs. Condi- est of Ardennes, the home of the wild tions are such, it is believed also, that boar and stag, were swathed in mist. it is not unreasonable to expect that At Poteau, a poor hamlet on the Belsome tonnage might soon be released gian side of the frontier, a group of to carry American exports other than Belgians cheered and waved the only food. Much tonnage has been re-leased from carrying munitions and ed by. Just across the frontier, which seeming indifference which is, after all, the very essence of correctness. raw materials for munitions. was otherwise unmarked, is a post, Another conference, which began resembling, with its black and white yesterday, is dealing with the quesvesterday, is dealing with the questions of supplying food to the peoples this is the German custom house, which all aspirants for office are supfreed from the German yoke and rewhere still its uniformed official preleasing the food embargoes against

sides. Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the attempt to tell us what a wonderful Canadian corps, who crossed the frontier unofficially yesterday, was accompanied by his staff, including the mayoralty of the City of Toroito Prince Arthur of Connaught, who has many letters asking him to run for returned to his duties with the Cana-ON THE MARNE CANAL dian corps, and the general officer the office to which he was now aspir-Paris, Dec. 10.-Industrial use alcommanding our first division, with ing, but can you imagine the shock ready has been made of one of the his staff.

ing the recent conflict—the tank. Yes- eu an escort, and the first to pass the saluting terday one of these erstwhile engines point was the third battalion of Toof destruction was used as motive power on the Marne Canal, near Epernay, under the direction of the ministry of public works. The tank hauled a large convoy of barges at a speed of nearly two miles are how. speed of nearly two miles an hour, strength and power, took the salute exactly on the boundary line. exactly on the boundary line. The first men to pass him marched to the out frills of any kind. Then he has tune of "The Maple Leaf." It was a wonderful sight. The outward and visible sign of victory, so hardly won after four years of battle. These has done Receives Victoria Cross after four years of battle. battalions swinging along in time, eager, confident, disciplined, had Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Capt. Septimus Occupation of Germany goes on Laferriere, son of J. O. Laferriere, 10 Somme, from Vimy thru Passchendaele back to Amiens, and then from fought their way from Ypres to the daele back to Amiens, and then from Arras to Cambrai and Valenciennes to

spected families in the Transpontine City, has been awarded the Victoria Canada Triumphant. Cross for distinguished gallantry on They began their long march thru the Belgian plain and thence had climbed steadily up and up over the height of land of the Ardennes pa-Capt. Laferriere was in New Orleans tiently and cheerfully. They have suffered deprivation and discomfort, They have but they bring with them the same conquering spirit that carried them thru bitter years of trench warfare. A cleaner, finer lot of men were never seen. One's heart thrilled to see them go by. Canada triumphant upwon his promotion thru devotion to duty and was reported wounded last on her march to the Rhine. One sorrowed for that great army whose

sacrifice had made this day possible, out who in spirit still march beside us The Canadian engineers received instructions to lay out a defence line for Canadians in front of our bridge-heads on the east bank of the Rhine. Some of the signallers who had peneour disposal. Vigilance, however, will louder than words. not be relaxed one minute. We are taking no chances, as was shown today, when, for the first time, infantry escorts accompanied the batteries. In the self-same chateau occupied tonight by the Canadian corps commander, the German crown prince lay hid during the momentous days before the signing of the armistice. It was then that he was reported assassinated on the Dutch and it was only after the armistice was signed that he left and made good

SHERBROOKE RECORDER DIES.

his get-away into Holland.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 10.-Recorder H. J. Duffett died this morning after a The deceased practised law in Sherbrooke for over 20

TOUCHSTONE REVISED



CANADIANS CROSS

to Pass the Saluting

Point.

DEFEND BRIDGEHEADS

GERMAN BORDER

AUDREY (Germany): "A poor thing---but mine own.

IDA INTERVIEWS JOHN O'NEILL

BY IDA L. WEBSTER.

Toronto Battalion Was First With our usual brightness (?) we have just hit on the stunt of printing an interview with each and every candidate for mayor, as he announces himself. This is in all seriousness, because you know that if there is one position in the city hall that is seri-ous it is the chair of the chief magis-

For a start, yesterday we went to call on John O'Neill. He was in his regular seat in the controllers' room, and apparently he had not made any changes in the appearance of his corner, that is, he did not have it draned with pretty colored bunting or flags. However, he was not exactly devoid of decoration, because someone had presented him with a fern. Unfortunately we cannot truthfully say that

it was very much of a flower, altho lessly placed, you know, with all that seeming indifference which is, after As for the genteman himself, he was just the same John O'Neill, with posed, and for that matter are entitled, to assume. Not once did he man he was, nor did he say that he thought that he should be We asked him if he had received

we had when he said: "I am sorry to notable war implements evolved dur- ed an escort, and the infantry, which ed an escort, and the infantry, which success, but at the same time I may say that I have received many letters from very kind friends which I value Altho we stayed in his office for nearly an hour, not once did he forget to be his old self, therefore we

feel that we can safely say that he will never change. His manner is the happy faculty of not talking a per-There is possibly nothing more bor-

ing than to listen to someone yapping on their past deeds, and when meet a man who does not indulge in this form of indoor sport, then, indeed, have you reached the acme of manhood. John O'Neill is man first and politician last.

It would be impossible to state here all that he has done for one person or another, and for that matter we do not think that the controller would wish us to do so, even providing he had mentioned the fact to us, which he did not. Indeed when we asked him as to his gifts to charities, knowing in advance that he has always devoted his salary from the city in this way, he positively refused to be drawn into a conversation, but instead ness, he began a conversation about

the Bloor street viaduct. But then, the interview was not entirely in vain, because besides learning that being mayor will not make the slightest difference in the manner of "Honest John O'Neill," found out that he would start his series of campaign articles on Saturtrated deeper into German territory to take over the telegraphs and telephones, reported an almost obsequiphones, reported an almost oused an question than we could get out of him ous disposition on the part of the in a week. When on the subject of question than we could get out of him enemy to put every convenience at John it is a case of actions speaking

A Line of Cheer Each Day of the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THRIFT. Just as the rose leaf in the earthen jar Brings to some wintry day the summe far, So does the sunshine of a summer day Stored in the heart drive winter's cares

away.

There is no care, no grief, however great,
The thought of some past joy can't mitialleged exemption scandal at Montthe charges laid against R Lavergne, And that is why my thrifty Memory
Hoards present joys for use in days to be
(Copyright, 1918)

According to detectives working on the case,
astonishing facts will come out.

POLITICAL NOTES AND VIEWS

The Hamilton Herald suspects that the western grain growers might be willing to hold off on their demand for tariff reductions if the Ottawa government conceded the farmers \$2,26 for their 1919 crop of

The Winnipeg Tribune, whose editor, R some years ago of Hon. Walter Scott in the federal house of commons, hasn't against the Union government. The Tribune is not so sure that Scott will be able to put them out of business. The Union party is the superior of the old Laurier party.

The Winnipeg Telegram (organ of Hor Robert Rogers), says the Ottawa government is not inclined to meet parliament and face the music

The Moncton (N.B.) Times thinks those who object to Sir Robert Borden's presence in England at this time have jitney

The Ottawa Citizen's nomination of Hon. T. A. Crerar (minister of agriculture in the Union government) as the leader of a new political party for progressive Canada, that is to come out of the west. Whether Mr. Crerar is to be that man, The Times does not say; but that some such man is much nearer than even The He had dired the night before with away from her. Citizen outlines is what The Times be- the two khaki-clad Englishmen, then Ruth stood still, very still. It had

The Regina Leader (Liberal-Laurier) wants a commission representative of all permission. They had remained unfocating feeling to make her put her sections of the Dominion to investigate til late, but had all left together. hand to her throat. It was as if with an open mind the whole subject of Which last would have excused his Brian were seeking an excuse. More finance, taxation, production, trade, and going, in Ruth's eyes.

working classes. It ought to be possible municative, Ruth imagined things, to arrange matters so that at a period And in that her imagination grossly when co-operation is required in regard exaggerated. She was no different

Imperial preference, according to The destruction.

cate of a national land tax—as a start-having been worthy of the name er one per cent. on the capitalized land troller's coat, a very delicate little red troller's coat, a very delicate little red to long the name of unoccupied lands.

Cate of a national land tax—as a start-land advantage if he could keep from max—are one per cent. on the capitalized land ing the mistake of showing his feeling for her. So he avoided being alone with her, and while he was just to join the cabinet, but only for three days. The speaker described Lieb-knecht as a "person" who lacked to lone with her, and while he was just to join the cabinet, the radical leader, wanted ing the mistake of showing his feeling for her. So he avoided being alone with her, and while he was just to lone with her, and while he was just to join the cabinet, but only for three days. settlement of unoccupied lands.

> be obtained for our agricultural products without sacrificing our industries so much the better but, regardless of anything else Canada must be

Kingston Whig: The Union government is in no way committed to a tariff policy or any other policy save the carrying on of the war and the reconstruction following the great "He didn't mean really mean, what he said to herself. Then: conflict. The tariff must be an issue he said. He was sorry for me, my at the next election.

ing session. Ottawa rumor-mongers did the same thing with Union government previous to its first session. but Union government came thru the sult will be any different.

The Ottawa Citizen thinks labor should be represented on the boar dof the Canadian Northern Railway.

Winnipeg Free Press: How far the Union government in Canada, or any similar ministry in Britain or elsewhere, can successfully solve the problems of reconstruction no man would dare to prophesy. In Canada, at any rate, no better administration is now in prospect. No serious politician has an alternative to Union to propose which would command popular enthusiasm and public confidence. On the contrary, every stable element in the country recognizes the present necessity for maintaining Union as the means offering the best prospect of rapid re-adjustment to rapidly changing conditions of life and work. And most serious thinkers upon the needs of the Canadian people in this period will admit that reversion to mere partisanship would be a disaster. Between these two courses there is, at this time, no alternative. For the rest the Canadian people have no wish to attempt the impossible feat of crossing a bridge before they come to it.

TODAY'S POEM

SUNSET.

By Robert Todd.
The great fire-ball drops slowly down,
But, as a memory, in its wake
It leaves the fleecy clouds with tints
Of red, and pink, and gold, and then
They fade, and Night steals up the glen. Toronto, Canada

Expect Astonishing Disclosures In Quebec Exemption Enquiry

Quebec, Dec. 10.-The enquiry into

J. Richardson, M.P., was a colleague much use for Mr. Scott in his charges

The Victoria (B.C.) Times discusses

the effect the National Policy of 40 years ago is having on these great national lie King, there was nothing mean or small about her. Had Brian stayed Brian was a new species to her, She scarcely recognized him as her hus-

The Guelph Herald says:

It must be done if the country is to be saved from serious division, as between the farming and the industrial community. The one wants free trade, which it is felt would be ruinous to the But because Brian was so uncommunity.

a small number, making it impossible to knew. It would perhaps have made have the British Empire represented by for her peace of mind had she "spillall, or, perhaps, by any, of the do-minions. If this is the real situation, her emotion, and her thoughts.

Quebec Chronicle: If free trade can as obviously so as he had been. made self-contained as far as possible any way approaching Ruth, or with- and an intelligent application of our out letting her feel his thoughtfulness

Calgary Herald: Ottawa rumor- Yet, strangely, this reasoning did mongers are busy smashing Union not bring quite the comfort to Ruth government before the end of the com- it should have Jone. Not that she ordeal hale and hearty. The going that Mandel should so soon have may be some rougher next session, but found out his mistake. And she re- Two arrests were made early today there is no reason to believe the re- sented his ability to dismiss her from after an all-night chase.

his thoughts—as she judged by his actions he had

Sunday World, are scenes from the big railway wreck at Merritton; views of the international soccer game, played at Varsity Stadium, last Saturday; first pictures of Canadian camouflaged vessels; "When the British navy grinned," several views that show the cause; Canadian prisoners from Germany, illustrating the goose step; terminal postoffice, showing distributing methods; pictures of a munition plant banquet to their women workers; latest pictures from the west front, showing Germans retreating thru French villages; group views of Canadians overseas.

contains articles and stories of absorbing interest to every member of the family, even the juveniles all look for the colored comic section, showing the real boy troubles of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, and many other equally interesting features.

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THE WIFE By JANE PHELPS

Brian Declares His Intention

CHAPTER CVIII.

Brian did have something to conceal. At least he thought he had, in the trenches, neither does his wife which amounted to the same thing. have to throw it in his two far

But because Brian was so uncom-

to reconstruction, there will be no used side showing a side of side showing a disposition to be fair to the other, disposition to be fair to the other, and side showing a took the greater pains to hide her feelings, instead of doing as most side wives are prone to do, and Brantford Expositor: The difficulty young wives are prone to do, and in the way, it is said, is that the con- "spilling over" as Brian expressed it ference must necessarily be limited to one day when talking of a woman he

there will be a strong protest made by Canadians, who feel that the British more so than ever. Scarcely ever did Empire is made up of a sisterhood of nations, and not of a mother country and her brood of colonies.

more so than ever. Scarcely ever the he find fault. Yet all the time he made her feel that he was about to do something; and that no matter how it turned out she was to blame. man population behind it. "But nevertheless it is sitting on a powder Peterboro Review, would, for Canada, made her uneasy without giving her have only one result-commercial self- anything tangible to which to object. Mandel seemed to understand that Ledebour, a Radical leader, had ob The Ottawa Citizen is a firm advo-

> as thoughtful, just as kind, was not Without making 'it appear that he was endeavoring to save her, he lightened Ruth's work, and in everything made her comfort a considera-That he did all this without in tion.

national policy is essential to that obtrusive, proved the strength of his mann added, "would ruin industry and love for her. Dimly, Ruth sensed he was trying to make her comfortable

> humiliation, and said more than he wanted Arthur Mandel or any other

That night the rent was due. Ruth stopped on the way home to pay it, and found Brian waiting for 'her when she reached the apartment. was minister of marine in cabinet of 1914, died today.

my things. I won't be a moment "I wish the landlord would take his old apartment!"

"Why, Brian Hackett. You are so sorry for the soldiers, all the time taiking of how hard it is for them, and all, that I should think you would be glad you had the money to pay instead of being in those horrid trenches with them, fighting for your life," Ruth had purposely "glad you had the money to pay." "A man doesn't have to pay rent

have to throw it in his face if she had taken them to Mollie King's studo-first calling her and asking her to almost stop beating, and that sufthan once their clash on the eternal-

> band. are so unlike yourself, lately. me what makes you talk and act so

> differently? "Nothing is the matter with me, only-you won't have to pay rent for me much longer! I'm going to enlist with the Canadians."

Tomorrow-Ruth Argues With Brian.

SITTING ON POWDER KEG. Scheidemann Threatens to Resign

From German Government. Berlin, Dec. 10 .- "I will not put up with these conditions another week. I will get out," declared Philip Scheidemann, a member of the government, in a speech today, defending the government and himself against the at-

tacks of the Spartacus group. Scheidemann declared that he gov-ernment had 90 per cent. of the Ger-

Herr Scheidemann added that Georg Liebknecht, the Radical leader, wanted The speaker described Lieb-as a "person" who lacked knecht as a "person" who
"every sense of responsibility"

The speaker said he regretted the occurrences on Friday, bu tdeclared they were a natural consequence of appeals made by the Spartacus group to the masses to arm themselves and overthrow the government

"Socialization along the lines demanded by the incompetents," Scheidetrade. If we remain longer in revolutionary crisis we are lost yond hope of rescue and will not have a piece of bread."

QUEBEC THIEVES TAKE THOUSANDS.

Quebec, Dec. 10 .- A gang of thieves been operating in this city for the las police, according to a statement at the detective bureau today. man than her husband to make love to her, but "the ways of women are past finding out," and Ruth was a woman. She felt piqued—just a little, in the offices of Notary Duval, on St. Joseph street, where \$4,000 was stolen.

FRENCH SENATOR DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 10.-Emile Chautemps vice-president of the senate, and who was minister of marine in the Ribot

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women who ma Britain to Cana ers' association suggested that placed on the Also that a w latter cas would form a vigilance comm Mrs. Hamilton Forum which afternoon at 3 Prof. Delury is cussed. A letter Calgary, telling club established was thought we

lomestic help Reporting for pointed to lool pensions for so pendents, Mrs. hat investigation \$16 a month all soldier was not clothe and educ cated increased and for returned this, moved by seconded by Mr was carried. Th request for equichildren of fath conference with the purpose of on the subject,

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The plans are of a \$500,000 ho ment of Soldiers ment. The site of Woodbridge miles from the the old Plunket been purchased the C. P. R. and The provincial ments each province the end of five year site will pass in Dominion Govern sobly be used for as the location is

The date cons mence is not yet Harper, customs