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## TURKEY'S POSITION.

Turkey, with unparalleled nerve, has asked, and has most emphatically been refused, such concessions in the treaty of peace as will leave her territories entirely unimpaired. The subject plea put forward by the present government in a note to the Allied Council a few days ago sets forth that by reason of a secret treaty made with Germany in 1914 Turkey was compelled to enter the war as Germany's ally without the consent of the majority of her people and without the knowledge of the Sultan. It is added that the same Committee of Unity and Progress which had usurped the reins of government, dictated the persecution of millions of people, and brought about the massacres of Armenians and others, shocking the entire world. The comment is made that these massacres were not directed against Christians because of their religion, but were to have included millions of the Moslem faith. In the same breath the present Turkish government admits that a division of the empire among other powers and other rulers will result in religious difficulties with which such other powers, not being familiar, can with difficulty deal, while Turkey having governed millions of both Moslems and Christians for many years is in a position to continue the good work which has already been done.

The reply of the Allies is brief. It states that, speaking generally, a nation must be judged by the actions of its government and that while Turkey may be unfortunate in that a revolutionary group was for a time in control, still the whole conduct of the Turkish Empire has been unsatisfactory for centuries. And although complaint is now made of the activities of the Unity and Progress Committee, that committee met with but little objection on the part of the great body of the Turkish people. The crimes against civilization in the massacres to which reference has been made were carried out under the authority of the present government after those who had organized such massacres had passed from the exercise of power. As for the contention that Turkey alone is in a position to satisfactorily govern the people of the Moslem faith it is pointed out that in the Turkish government's plea for clemency there is a frank admission of the intended massacre of millions of Moslems, which intention certainly did not indicate any deeply rooted desire for the well-being of persons of that faith. Nor is there, while various cool qualities of the Turkish people are acknowledged, anything in that nation's history to indicate its ability to satisfactorily govern alien peoples. Indeed, quite the contrary has been shown, and in view of this and other circumstances, the Allies advise that no modification of the peace treaty will be made, that Turkey will be held fully responsible for her participation in the war and must submit along with the other hostile nations to such punishment as the Allies may impose.

## COME AGAIN, PETER.

In his unpublished memoirs of what might have happened had the Federal Government not passed the highway bill, our genial friend, Mr. Veniot, points with admiration to the alleged fact that the republic to the south, states with areas practically equivalent to that of New Brunswick are spending millions on highways, while New Brunswick, even under his generous guidance, has appropriated only half a million for road work for the present year. Let us have a look at some of these states for a minute or two.

Beginning with our neighbor, Maine, which has an area of thirty thousand square miles, as against twenty-seven thousand square miles for New Brunswick, it is seen that that state has a population of 753,000 as compared with 250,000 for this province. New Hampshire, next in line, is very much smaller than ourselves, having only 9,000 square miles, but it has a population of 440,000. Vermont, another little one, has also 9,000 square miles of land, with a population of 355,000. Massachusetts is a great deal smaller than New Brunswick, smaller even than New Hampshire and Vermont, consisting of only 8,000 square miles, but in Massachusetts the population is 2,700,000—slightly more than the total for New Brunswick. Rhode Island, the tiniest of the lot, consists of only 1,000 square miles, but has a population of 800,000. Connecticut is five times as big as Rhode Island, being exactly 5,000 square miles in area and with a population of 1,222,000. New Jersey also falls much below New Brunswick in area, having only 7,500 square miles, but it, too, has a population somewhat in excess of our own, numbering in all 2,540,000. If Delaware instead of comprising only 1,900 square miles were as big as New Brunswick and the population in accordance with the present density, its population would be 3,000,000, while we have only 359,000. Maryland with 9,500 square miles supports 1,350,000 people, a trifle of a million more than does New

Brunswick, on one-third of our area. Omitting for the present such states as New York and Pennsylvania, which are generally acknowledged to be somewhat wealthier than is New Brunswick, it is found that West Virginia with 25,000 square miles, which is 2,000 less than New Brunswick, carries a population of 1,335,000, while Virginia, with 13,000 square miles more than New Brunswick has a population of 2,150,000. Going further down the coast we come to South Carolina, only slightly larger than New Brunswick, having an area of 30,100 miles, but this state exceeds us in population, having, according to the 1914 census, 1,560,000. Ohio, which is fifty per cent larger than New Brunswick, has more than 5,000,000 people. Indiana with 36,000 square miles against our 27,000 has a population of 2,000,000, and Kentucky with 40,000 square miles has a population of 2,361,000.

Now, if Mr. Veniot will be so good as to point out the states corresponding with New Brunswick in population as well as in size which are spending more money on roads than is this province, he will make a notable contribution to the literature on this important subject. The expenditure of any government on public enterprise such as road construction should be based on the ability of that province to spend, as represented by its population and the revenue it enjoys, rather than in the extent of its territory, much of which has never been opened to civilization. Uncle Peter will have to search further for comparisons to excuse his extravagant methods in New Brunswick's public works.

## THE TARIFF AND EXCESS PROFITS.

The fact that three or four manufacturing concerns in Canada have taken advantage of war conditions and have by adding a little here and there managed to accumulate unimpaired profits, is not evidence that this has been a general practice. It may quite naturally be supposed that those concerns which have already admitted—under pressure—such procedure, are those against which suspicion had previously been directed, and it is unfair to assume that all manufacturers are guilty of a like policy. Indeed the reverse is undoubtedly true, for without question the great majority of proprietors of industrial plants in this country may be considered as having entertained a truer sense of duty during the past few years and to have voluntarily maintained such prices for their goods as afforded nothing more than fair and reasonable profit. But the fact that even a few have been guilty of extortion and of practices which while perhaps not actually illegal are contrary to all rules of decency and fair play, indicates the possibility of any concern following that same plan if it desired to do so. And this in itself implies a condition well worth the closest scrutiny, followed by preventive legislation, and perhaps restoration to the country. If not to the consumer, of the excessive and unjustifiable profits. Perhaps even more serious than this is the effect such revelations are apt to have on the minds of those who, prejudiced at any time, are now more than ever inclined to consider only those features detrimental to their own personal interests. Revelations such as have recently been appearing from the banks of argument which although unjustified are difficult to answer, and only by such action as will prevent extortion on the part of the comparatively few offenders will this difficulty be overcome. Practicing in pre-war days was practically unknown. Competition was keen and all were looking for business. In the years of the war an abnormal demand existed, and prices were fixed not according to what a competitor was doing, but to the extent the consumer was willing to pay to get the goods. While the tariff is always a factor in business it is absurd to claim that high or even moderate protection made possible the policy which evidence has shown to have been adopted by a few of our manufacturers. Nor is it fair to contend that with the return of normal conditions of trade profiteering will continue unless what practically amounts to free trade is adopted.

## THE G. W. V. A. DECISION.

There is something really delightful about the manner in which the Liberal newspapers interpret the action of the G. W. V. A. in flatly refusing to send delegates to the National Liberal Convention. This is assumed by Liberal party papers to be a declaration on the part of the Veterans' Association not to participate in politics. At a matter of fact it is nothing of the sort, nor is there any indication in the press reports of the Veterans' meeting that such a policy has been adopted. What the soldiers have done is to emphatically decline the invitation of the temporary Liberal leader to become associated with the Liberal party. The delegates to the convention in Vancouver realize as clearly as anyone possibly can the attitude of the group

now headed by Mr. D. D. McKensie in regard to supporting Canada's efforts in the war and they remember that party's policy in rejecting Union and endeavoring in every possible way to hamper the efforts of the government on behalf of our men. The Veterans have no intention of remaining out of politics. True, that Association is not a political body nor under its constitution it is provided that it may participate as a unit. But the decision of the national gathering must be interpreted as an expression of individual feeling on the part of the delegates and their prompt rejection of Mr. McKensie's invitation is striking evidence of the attitude of these men towards the rump of the Liberal party. The Veterans did not even take the trouble to discuss this invitation. So is another hope shattered.

## WHAT THEY SAY

**Wipe Turkey Off the Map.**  
 New York Globe: The Turkish note comes near to breaking the world's record for monumental effrontery. There is no shadow of excuse for the further existence of the Turkish empire; if Great Britain hesitated a moment at the prospect of demolition she gives no signs of reluctance now. Turkey was the world's worst failure as administrator; the continuance of the empire would prove our war aims a hollow mockery. Damad Pasha's this piping may be heard for a moment, and then he must be swept away into the dustbin with his universally and justly despised masters.

**Premier of Ireland.**  
 Quebec Telegraph: The report current that Lord Shaughnessy is to be the first Premier of the Dominion of Ireland is interesting in showing that the scheme for Dominion Home Rule for the Irish people is proceeding apace. The rumor of the role to be played by the Premier of Ireland is probably the twin of the recent rumor that he was at the head of a movement to take over the control of affairs at Ottawa. Lord Shaughnessy's wonderful executive ability naturally makes fascinating the conception of him as the executive head of a nation, and this, no doubt, is responsible for the rumors circulated. It is unlikely, however, that Lord Shaughnessy would emerge from his well-earned rest to participate in the politics either of Canada or Ireland.

**Different Now.**  
 Hartford Courant: For two years before the signing of the armistice Germany maintained that she was not only willing to have peace restored to the world, but was even anxious for it. Now that peace has been formally extended to her she is to have a day of mourning over it. Some nations, like some people, are hard to satisfy.

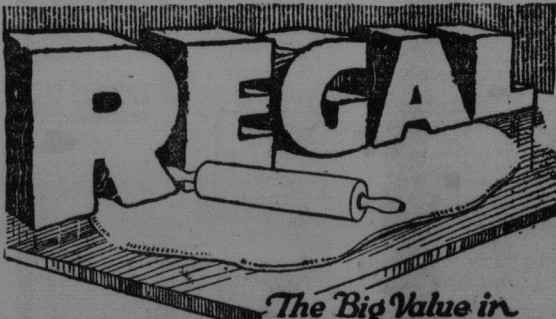
**How Stupid.**  
 New Era: Federal authorities detained one hundred and ten aliens in New York who were trying to leave the United States without passports and "speed the passing guests." They had boarded ship all ready to sail for Europe. That was stupidity beyond understanding. Instead of holding these aliens up the federal officials should "speed the passing guests," passports or no passports. We should be glad to get rid of them.

**Plenty of Water.**  
 Rochester Express: A statistical expert says that there is more water in the Pacific Ocean than in the Atlantic. However, we do say that there is enough water in the Atlantic for all practical purposes.

**A Question of Vermin.**  
 Kansas City Star: A New Jersey town is reported to have kept itself free of Bolshevism by threatening to wash any red card agitator found within its limits.

**Very Likely.**  
 Kansas City Star: The German clamor for immediate admittance to the League of Nations is hard to understand, unless indeed they think the league is more vulnerable to attack from within than from without.

**Daylight Saving?**  
 Edmonton Bulletin: Sixteen and a half hours between sunrise and sunset at this time of year in Edmonton. Not only so; but after the sun actually goes below the horizon its descent is so gradual that what is practically daylight is extended at least an hour in the morning and another in the evening, making over 18 hours of actual daylight.



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## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Ma was sewing in the setting room yesterday afternoon, and I went in, saying, G. ma, wait a minute, I want to see you. And ma put her hand up to feel, saying, I don't know, wait, and I said, Your hand, joak.  
 O shaw, wait a minute, that's what I want. Meaning nothing was. And she kept on sewing and after a while I said, Wait a minute, that's what I want, ma?  
 Wait! said ma putting her hand up, and I said, Your hand, joak.  
 Didn't I tell you that wasn't funny?—now for that you can just leave the room, said ma. With I did, going out and setting on the top step out in the hall and wondering whether to keep on setting there, and the front door opened and my sister Gladis came in and started to come up stairs, and I said, G. Gladis, you got something on your chin.  
 Wait! said Gladis putting her hand up to feel.  
 Your hand, joak, I said.

Yours as funny as all I can do not to laff rite not—shh, there's mother in there, she always bites at everything. Ill try it on her, said Gladis. With she did, going in the setting room and saying, Mother, for goodness sakes, you got something on your nose.  
 Wait! said ma, and Gladis said, Your hand, joak.

Now I want this too bad! said ma, I want it enuff for Benny to do that to me twice without you trying it at your age?  
 Wy, the little imp, said Gladis. Meaning me, and she went up to her own room, and just then pop came in and started to come up stairs, me saying, You got something on your shoulder, pop, With pop quick put his hand up, and I said, your hand, joak.  
 I lose, said pop, and I whispered Wy don't you try it on ma, pop, shes rite in the setting room.

Leave it to me, said pop. And he went in the setting room, saying, Holey smokes, mother, wait a minute, that's on your eye brow?  
 My hand, joak, now who's funny, you or me? said ma, and pop said, Ill wait, I want to see what respect for his parents, Benny, Benny.  
 With I was just going out the front door and didn't hear him.

At daylight out of the 24. During the nights of clear sky there the reflection of the sun shows above the northern horizon even at midnight, and day begins to break about 2 o'clock in the morning. The trouble in this latitude is not how to get enough hours in which to work, or play, but how to get enough in which to sleep.

## A BIT OF VERSE

## FLOWERS.

(Elegiac metre.)  
 Blue is the bold bugloss, blue petals  
 Blue is the pride of the hedge, at  
 kanet, April's delight;  
 Blue with the sky's own blue myosotis  
 Blue upon earth's brown breast pimpernel,  
 Purple the tall foxgloves, sweet comfrets  
 Cocks above green corn nodding  
 and nodding again.  
 Purple the lark looseset, false  
 Purple the gay woundworts gaze o'er  
 their grassy domain.  
 Scarlet the poppy, that stares at the  
 sun's full splendor unshrinking!  
 Countless the colors beside—summer's  
 embryo's emerald array—  
 Yellow and orange and gold, mauve,  
 violet, rising or sinking  
 Each in its tone, with the tints  
 blended and melting away!  
 God set a bow in the sky, which shines  
 with a heavenly splendor;  
 Number its hues, if thou canst:  
 name its embonpoint attire.  
 God set a bow upon earth, which  
 shines with a majesty tender:  
 Praise it, who can, as is meet—beauty  
 that matches desire.  
 —J. A. Fort in The Spectator.

## A BIT OF FUN

Doctors declare that we wear far too many clothes.  
 Some of them would even help a man to remove the "coat" from his tongue.

Peggy—Hasn't Miss Oldum got searching eyes?  
 Betty—Well, I don't wonder at it. She's been looking for a husband for twenty years.

## A Good Hint.

"That preacher used to be a baseball player."  
 "That he ought to realize the necessity of the short stop."

## The Difference.

She: "I never see her anywhere without her husband. I wish you were as congenial."  
 He: "I wouldn't be as jealous as that fellow for all the money in the world."

## Rather Slow.

Bliss—My grandma has reached the age of 96. Isn't it wonderful?  
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 A Little Thing He Overlooked.  
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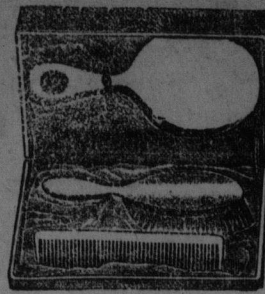
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