

The St. John Standard

THE MARITIME ADVERTISING AGENCY, LIMITED, PUBLISHERS.

82 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B., Canada.
Representatives:
Henry DeClerque, Chicago
Louis Klebahn, New York
Frank Calder, Montreal
Freeman & Co., London, Eng.

Subscription Rates:
City Delivery\$6.00 per year
By Mail in Canada\$8.00 per year
By Mail in U. S.\$4.00 per year

ST. JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1922.

ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR LLOYD GEORGE.

Despatches from London announce that the Government met with a reverse in the House of Commons last night. The question out of which the adverse vote arose was not a very important one, and it is quite possible that the Government will decide to ignore it. This view receives some support from the fact that Mr. Austen Chamberlain, who in the Prime Minister's absence is leading the House, was warned in advance that many of his supporters would oppose him if he persisted in proceeding. Such being the case, it may not be altogether out of the way to suppose that he was, in sporting phraseology, "riding for a fall," though one would hardly expect he would do this in Mr. Lloyd George's absence.

The present Government has received a good many "jars" in the course of its existence, which, however, have never seemed to do it any real damage. This may to a large extent be attributable to the Prime Minister himself, whose energy and sang froid have carried him over and through difficulties that would have hopelessly submerged many another man who has occupied his place. Britain has had many distinguished Prime Ministers, including Chatham, Pitt, Disraeli, Gladstone, Balfour and Salisbury amongst others, but in all that long line of brilliant statesmen, it is questionable if any of them ever had a tithe of the arduous political and other duties of Premier of Great Britain. The clearheadedness, coolness and courage of the little Welshman have made his most profound enemies win at times, forcing them to acknowledge, though ever so unwillingly, his foresight and political instinct. The same qualities which have carried him through before, will not fail him now.

THE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the meeting called for the Board of Trade room this evening to consider the matter of erecting a substantial memorial to the boys who fell in the war, will be well and enthusiastically attended. Although it has been left to the initiative of the Empire to take the lead in the matter, it cannot be left to that organization to carry it through—it is not fair in fact that it should be. The debt of gratitude which is due to the boys who fell is owing by all classes alike, and all classes should join in showing that they are willing to do all they can to pay the debt in the only way now possible.

And another thing. If a memorial is to be erected let it be a memorial and nothing else. Let it be something that is of no use whatever except as a memorial. Anything that is capable of being put to a utilitarian purpose for the benefit of the present and future generations will quickly lose its original character, and the sole reason for its erection will be lost sight of. We don't want this to happen. Those of us who watched the struggle whilst it was in progress, may not need any special reminder of what it cost the country, nor how readily that cost was met; but those who come after us must be made to realize it too, and to learn to emulate, if the need should ever arise, the example of those whose sacrifice the memorial is intended to put on record.

THE PITY OF IT.

The Globe is, of course, perfectly correct in the position it takes that nobody outside of the City Council should have the right to make contracts in the City's name and behalf, or to spend large amounts of the City's money. The only trouble is that a large number of the citizens have gone so anti-Power Co. crazy, that they are apparently unable to differentiate between the City's interests and those of the Power Company. Some of our contemporaries have fanned the craze by their deliberate misrepresentation to an extent that has robbed many otherwise sober-minded people of their right judgment. Every citizen who did not vote for civic distribution of hydro, in accordance with Mr. McLehane's proposals, was promptly put down as an emissary of the Power Company, who was willing to sacrifice the City for the Company. There were 224 citizens who did not agree with Mr. McLehane and his propaganda and not one in a hundred of these has the slightest interest in, or regard for the well-being of the Power Company. For what reason therefore would all these men and women want to oppose Mr. McLehane, if it were not from an honest conviction that the scheme he

stood for was not in the best interests of the City at large? However, Mr. McLehane is now in the saddle, with the reins of power as far as hydro is concerned, in his hands. If any damage is done, those who gave him the mount must bear the blame, though those who did not help him up will have to share the cost unfortunately for themselves. That's the pity of it.

AMERICA'S ABSTENTION.

Washington's absolute refusal to take any part in the adjourned Conference which is to meet at The Hague will not make the work that it is hoped to carry on there any the easier. Even the fact that the United States Government was virtually offered a dominant voice in the action of the proposed commission, while remaining free to reject any decision of which it might not approve, did not induce the acceptance of the invitation. It is commonly supposed that with the United States represented at the Conference, France would have withdrawn her objections to Russia also being present there.

Russia is said to be looking to America; in fact a prominent Russian spokesman did not hesitate to say that if the Genoa Conference fell through, Russia would be obliged to seek a separate understanding with the powers, and would turn first to the United States with far-reaching proposals. "Nowhere in the world do America's interests clash with those of Russia. The only country in a position to stand by America in a fight against Japanese aggression. Everything points to the fact that sooner or later we must come to an agreement."

As for Britain, her Prime Minister has all along desired the participation of the United States, and that country's abstention from the Conference has been a source of deep regret to him. No one who knows Mr. Lloyd George doubts the sincerity of his regret—although they may not agree with him—even though the policy of the United States on the question of Russia, over which the Conference was shipwrecked has been at the essential point more like that of France than like that advocated by the British Prime Minister.

There are those who profess to feel that America's presence is indispensable, on the ground that it is only from that country that the aid which the struggling European countries so badly need can be derived. There can be no question that with the United States present, the Conference might have been conducted along different lines. The dissensions between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincaré, the final outcome of which is yet to be seen, might have been averted, and America from her more or less independent position might very easily have exercised an influence which would have resulted in the problems which have come up for discussion being dealt with in a different, and perhaps a more hopeful form.

As one correspondent puts it:—"If the Conference is an unmitigated failure some part of the responsibility, indirectly at least, must rest on the United States. It may have other opportunities to give needed help, but never perhaps under more favorable conditions than the Genoa Conference offered."

INDUSTRIAL CANADA.

The current number of Industrial Canada is specially interesting to residents of the Maritime Provinces, for it deals very largely with these provinces and their various industries. This is probably in view of the fact that the annual convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will take place at St. Andrew's in a month's time. However, apart from this fact, it is as well that industrial interests all over Canada should know what a little more than they probably do know about these provinces, and the opportunities and facilities which they have to offer from a business standpoint. Because the Maritime Provinces are the oldest portions of the Dominion, and are to some extent cut off from the greater part of it, there is a disposition in this latter part to feel that they are behind the times, and therefore to some extent "back numbers." This is an entirely erroneous impression, as any one who comes down here to investigate can easily find out. In fact a resident of Ontario who is at present paying a visit to this City, in the course of a tour of the Maritime Provinces, was recently good enough to say that he was surprised to find the people of these provinces so advanced as they are. After this very generous testimonial, we should, of course, take heart.

The people of New Brunswick will

be glad to welcome the Manufacturers' Association to this province, because they know that it is merely lack of knowledge of the resources and facilities which the province has to offer that has to a great extent retarded their industrial progress, combined with the disadvantage of somewhat heavy freight rates. Neither of these drawbacks, however, is insuperable of removal, and a start may be made in this direction with the Convention at St. Andrew's next month.

The Telegraph will doubtless be pleased to learn that the S. S. Majestic, over a description of which our contemporary appeared to enquire so intensely in its Monday's issue, has arrived at New York, safe and sound. We were glad to note that the details as to the structure of the vessel, and the account of her previous history which we reproduced from the New York Herald, were so appreciated by our contemporary, and it was a source of satisfaction to us to have been able to give it the opportunity of acquiring some correct information for once; though we should scarcely have thought that the subject was of such moment as to warrant a reference to that took up a whole column of a newspaper, whose editorial space is so valuable as that of The Telegraph.

It is all very well for Mr. Meighen and the Conservative party to put themselves on record as strongly in favor of Canada's doing something for the cause of Empire, if she desires to remain within it, but for all practical purposes it is a waste of time. What with the anti-British sentiments which Quebec is obsessed, that in turn dominates the King administration, and the anti-Imperial sentiments of the Progressive party, any proposal that might strengthen the bonds of Empire stands a very poor chance of adoption by Parliament.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

In the Cause of Temperance.
(Manchester Guardian.)

The ordinary man would not attempt to deny that gross destruction of human energy and happiness is involved in the abuse of alcohol, and he would like to see it stopped. He should encourage the Government to use every means, official and unofficial, of educating the public, and especially its younger members. No logical or moral objection can be raised to the performance by the Government of what, in view of the admitted national evil, might reasonably be regarded as a plain duty, although it would be much to hope that the actual process of education would not give opportunities to those who render no more than lip-service to the idea of temperance. It would be a slow process, too, but it would lay a foundation, and without it there will be no sure foundation laid.

A Splendid System.
(London Daily Telegraph.)

The voluntary hospital system in London is not only on its trial; it is at the crisis of its fate, and everyone engaged in it is in a state of tension. It is the fact that, at the very moment when it cannot be preserved if its salvation is not effected now, it is worth saving. There is nothing in our national life which we can least easily afford to part with. It has made our magnificent hospital service what it is, and if it goes, the mainspring of that peculiar excellence will go with it. It is the fact that, at the very height of their medical efficiency and soundness of administration, the voluntary hospitals have been brought within sight of ruin. They are loaded with debt and crippled in their public usefulness. Freedom of management, individual enterprise, competition in its noblest form, combined with the utmost efficiency in administration, are the characteristics of the system we have. It has rivals in the world; and unless the public can be persuaded to come effectively to the rescue, it cannot survive.

Newspaper Reputations.
(Springfield Republican.)

As scholarship has become more specialized, it is natural that men who attain a high place in a particular subject should not be widely known to the public. Nor is this condition confined to learning. In art, in engineering, in medicine, in various branches of science, even in the less popular sports, many men are regarded as experts by those who know, yet their names are unfamiliar to the public. Reputations of men of talent or serious accomplishment cannot be measured by the frequency with which their names appear in the headlines.

As To "Decadence."
Britain's decadence is being marked by the Old Land paying her debts and reducing taxes. We haven't arrived at the decadent stage yet in Canada.

THE LAUGH LINE

Stow to Learn
A Columbia professor says we still have something to learn from Europe. Our own bunch is that we still have a lot to learn from our own recent experience.

One Exception
"I think," said the merchant, "I'll have to dismiss your friend Barnes. I never saw anyone so lazy."
"Slow in everything, is he?"
"Not everything. He gets tired very quickly."

The Wrong Box
Ooster summoned at Highgate for Prostitution with an orange box said he wanted to give evidence.
Magistrate—"Then you must go into the box."
"But," protested the coxster, "I didn't bring it with me."

Cuticura Soap
For the Hands

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Me and Leroy Shooter was taking a walk this afternoon talking about different subjects nothing in particular, and we started to go past the Little Grand and just then there was a lot of clapping inside sounding like everybody clapping on account of something grate, me saying, G, there must be a grate movie in there today.
I wish we was in there instead of out heer, sed Leroy Shooter.

Wich jest then there was a lot of more clapping as if it was getting better instead of worse, Leroy saying, O boy that must be a grate picture all rite, G wizz, I never have any money jest wen I need it the most.

Me neither, I've noticed that, I sed.
And we stood outside listening to all the clapping and wishing we was inside helping to do it, and jest then a man came out, saying, Do you want to go in, boys, wawk rite in if you want to go in.

Dont we need any tickits or anything? I sed, and he sed, No, wawk rite in, if anybody says anything tell them Mr. Dempsey told you to wawk rite in, go ahead, wawk rite in.

Wich we did, and it was all lite inside instead of all dark and some man was standing on the stage waving his arms and making a speech, saying, And wats more, fello citizens, I want to tell you that unless the law is repealed this grate country will be grate no longer.

Making everybody clap like everything and me and Leroy Shooter looked at each other diskusted, me saying, Aw hook, lots go.

Wich we did, and there was a big sine outside saying, The Hon George J. Jenkins will speak heer this afternoon on the evils of Prohibition.

Proving if you get something for nothing its libel not to be worth it.

ALBERTA MUST FIGHT THE GRASSHOPPERS

Unless Vigorous Campaign is Waged Against Them, Crop Destruction is Certain.

Calgary, Alta., May 15.—Unless farmers in Southern Alberta adopt an active campaign against grasshoppers there will not be any crops this year in that part of the province, according to a statement made today by E. H. Strickland, professor of entomology at the University of Alberta who is in charge of combatting the menace in Alberta.

"Last year," Mr. Strickland said, "as many as 2,000 eggs were found in a square foot of ground. This year, unless preventative measures are adopted the number will be at least 5,000."

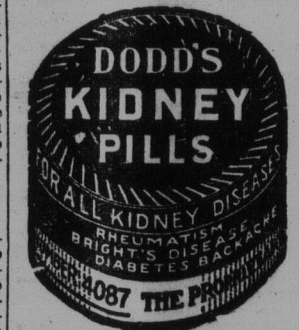
Movie Stuff

"Here's a quaint story of the Latin Quarter."

"Well,"
"A struggling artist aspired to paint a picture of Eve in the Garden of Eden. He required for his purpose an apple and a live model, but the picture was never finished. He married Eve and they ate the apple."
"How about the snake?"
"He showed up later with \$1,000,000."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

SAVANNAH TRADE

Savannah, Ga., May 16.—Turpentine firm 86; sales 207; receipts 451; shipments 284; stock 1,465.
Rosin firm, sales 874; receipts 1,543; shipments 945; stock 54,455.



SAVE YOUR EYES
If your vision is impaired—if your eyes won't stand the strain of hard, constant work—you owe it to yourself to make up the deficiency by wearing glasses.
We grind our own lenses, insuring you prompt, accurate service.
D. BOYANER, Optometrist.
111 Charlotte St. St. John.

COAL
Hard and Soft, Best Quality. Also Dry Wood.
The Colwell Fuel Co., Ltd.
Phones West 17 or 80. Wholesale and Retail.

Oysters, Clams, Halibut, Mackerel, Salmon, Haddock, Cod, Salt Shad
Smith's Fish Market

All sizes hard and soft coal, also hard and soft wood at lowest prices.
GEORGE DICK,
46 Britain St. Phone N. 1718.

A Nice Leather Bill Case?

Something out of the ordinary, in quality and value, awaits you in our new showing of Superior Leather Goods with complete wallets, bill folds, coin purses, ladies' shopping bags, writing cases, etc.
See Our Window Display.

BARNES & CO., LIMITED

Decotint

The Sanitary Cold Water Paint For Walls and Ceilings



gives a beauty that will not fade—and Decotint beauty is so easily secured. No intricate measuring or mixing of materials.

Decotint merely requires the addition of cold water and it's ready for use.

Decotint solves the old problem of how to secure permanently beautiful interior walls and ceilings at little cost—and the range of colors is so wide—twenty-two delicate tints, also white—that it is an easy matter to select the color combination you most desire.

2 1/2 lb. Packages . . . 35c 5 lb. Packages 65c

Phone Main 2540 - McAVITY'S - 11-17 King St.

Phone Main 2540 - McAVITY'S - 11-17 King St.

COUPE'S LACE LEATHER

ALSO CANADIAN RAW-HIDE AND TANNED LACE LEATHER

D. K. McLAREN, LIMITED
Main 1121—80 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.—Box, 702.

"BEAVER" BRAND STOCK BRICK

Carload Just Unloaded
Prices \$24.00 delivered in city. \$21.00 at our warehouse.

HALEY BROS., LTD., St. John, N. B.

MAZDA LAMPS, 40c

10-50 Watt
ELECTRICALLY AT YOUR SERVICE
THE WEBB ELECTRIC CO.
Phone M. 2152 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS 91 "GERMAIN ST."

The Union Foundry and Machine Works, Ltd.

Engineers and Machinists.
Iron and Brass Castings. Phone West 598.
West St. John. G. H. WARING, Manager.

Does Your Watch Give You Satisfactory Service?

If not, bring it to us and let us put in good order for you.
You know how annoying it is to miss an appointment, or to be late for a train, and how equally unsatisfactory it is to be too early and have to wait.
Your watch should tell you the correct time always. Our facilities for making it do so are unexcelled.
Try the Sharpe Repair Service—you will find it prompt and efficient and the charges moderate.

L. L. SHARPE & SON,
Jewelers and Optometrists
21 King St., St. John, N. B.

A Good Shingle Roof

Use Extra shingles. They cost more than the other grades, but the labor putting them on and the staging costs no more than for the cheaper kinds. Extra shingles are free from knots and defects and are the highest grade made.

The Christie Wood-Working Co., Ltd.
186 Erin Street

COAL

American Anthracite, All sizes.
Springhill, Reserve, George's Creek Blacksmith, Kentucky Cannel, A wonderful grate coal.

R. P. & W. F. Starr, Ltd.
48 Smythe St. 159 Union St.

YOU MAY PLAN TO BEGIN WITH US at any time, as we will have no summer vacation, and our method of individual instruction makes it of little importance when one enters. Catalogue and Rate Card mailed to any address.

REMOVALS
Your new Home or Office will need a Brass Sign or Door Plate. Our Shop is in order again to turn these out promptly.
Art Dept.
Fleming Press, St. John, N. B.

S. KERR, Principal