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The British Coalition.

The composition of the Coalition Government in England causes some surprise, not with regard to the Conservatives who have accepted places in the Cabinet—for they are all men of pronounced leadership—but with regard to the distribution of the offices, which is somewhat different from that which had been anticipated from the advance press reports.

revive the past issues of domestic policy. The Cabinet is a strong one, and should be successful, if a coalition can succeed at all.

Germany's Desperation.

While Germany keeps up a bold front, and makes the most of any gain she may obtain at any point on the long battle lines, the evidence accumulates that she is hard pressed, and that she sees the probability, unless she can do something to secure an early peace, of the disastrous termination of the war into which she so recklessly entered.

The fact that Germany has resorted to these measures contains much evidence that she fully recognizes the desperation of her position, and that the frequent assertion by the German press, and by the German agents in the neutral countries, as to the abundance of her resources for carrying on the war is mere bluff.

Every one in Italy from the King down to the meanest of his subjects seems determined to see the war through to a successful finish. The King has left Rome, and has gone to the front, where, as commander-in-chief he will not only have a large part in the direction of affairs, but will share with his soldiers all the hardships of the war.

The sinking of the battleship "Triumph" in the Dardanelles shows the difficulty of forcing this famous passage. It is not going to be an easy task for the Allies to reach Constantinople, but every ship or man lost in the effort will only make the Allies more determined. Italy will now be an important factor in assisting in forcing the straits.

Since May 1st the British have pierced the enemies' lines on a total front of over three miles near La Bassee. This seems slow progress, but if kept up continuously will eventually force the Germans to retire from their present positions.

The United States and Canada are becoming the world's bread basket. In the nine months ended March the United States exported bread stuffs to the value of \$429,000,000, as compared with \$129,000,000 for the corresponding period in 1914.

These are the offices of the Government to which at this time the nation attaches the most importance. That they are so ably filled will be a source of much gratification to the public.

Mr. Lewis Harcourt, who has very satisfactorily discharged the duties of Secretary of State for the Colonies, steps back to his former post of First Commissioner of Works.

Mr. Winston Churchill goes from the Admiralty to the comparatively important position of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr. Bonar Law becomes Colonial Secretary, a place that should be agreeable to one who is a Canadian by birth, and who has taken a warm interest in Colonial affairs.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, who has been in the case of so young a man—preferred to take a place that would enable him to remain in the House of Commons.

Mr. Asquith has succeeded in bringing together a remarkable combination of the ablest men in the two great political parties of the country.

BRITISH COMMAND OF THE SEAS.

The more statistics are studied the more it becomes evident that the British command of the seas is a fact not to be overthrown by Germany, however medly the submarine may raid.

SURE THING!

President Welmann, of the United German Societies of Brooklyn, who offers the theory that the British carelessly allowed the Lusitania to be torpedoed in order to provoke a warlike complication between the United States and Germany, is not at all original.

THE NORTHCLIFFE WAY.

At present the Northcliffe papers in Britain are bitterly attacking Kitchener. But make no mistake about Northcliffe. If it appears that these attacks are unpopular and that the public confidence in Kitchener cannot be shaken, the Northcliffe papers will promptly turn completely around and extol Kitchener as the one man who can save the country.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

It was after the distribution of prizes at a Sunday school, says the New York Times. "Well, did you get a prize?" asked Johnny's mother. "No," answered Johnny. "but I got 'horrible mention!'"

So far as that six-year term in prison is concerned, the one-time mayor of Terre Haute probably endorses the theory that one term is enough for any official.—Southern Lumberman.

"Come, dear," said the mother of a little four-year-old miss. "It is getting late, and you should be upstairs in bed."

Walter was spending the summer in the country, and one afternoon accompanied his father to watch the cows being milked.

"Father, where do the cows get the milk?" he inquired, looking up from the foaming pail which he had been regarding thoughtfully.

"Where do you get your teeth?" asked his father. After another thoughtful pause he questioned: "Do the cows have to be spanked, then?"

"Ye think a fine lot of Shakespeare?" "I do, sir," was the reply. "An' ye think he was mair clever than Rabble Burns?" "Why, there's no comparison between them."

Miss Smith, the teacher, was hearing the history class. The pupils seemed unusually dull.

"No," she said. "Mary followed Edward VI, didn't she?" "Yes, ma'am," replied a little girl.

"And now, who followed Mary?" asked the teacher, hopefully. All was silent for a moment, then Elsie raised her hand.

"Yes, Elsie?" queried the teacher. "Who followed Mary?" "Her little lamb, teacher," said Elsie, triumphantly.

"Harper's Monthly."

"So you like our new house, uncle?" asked Helen, as she walked to the station with her crabby old relative. "District's all right, very fair," granted the amiable one as he ambled along.

"Handsome house!" "Yes, uncle, it is, but built out of the groans and cries, the pain and misery, the long nights of anguish of men, women and children."

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Germany boasts that she has taught England and America and all other nations a "lesson." Truly, she has. She has taught the world that a nation drugged with the spirit of militarism is a menace not alone to its neighbors, but to all humanity, and that until that mad delusion is swept away there will be no peace or security on this earth.

AN INDUSTRIOUS CAT. (From the Philadelphia Record.) A large black cat belonging to Theodore Golder of West Chester is at present making itself doubly useful.

THE LARGEST BORROWER. New York is the largest city borrower in the world. It borrowed more than \$550,000,000 in 1913 and loans to the banks in the form of deposits \$700,000,000 a year.

MAKE IT PLAIN. No man is so poor he can not pay for some life insurance, and the poorer he is the more necessary it is that he should have life insurance.

The Day's Best Editorial

JAPAN AND GERMANY—A CONTRAST.

(London Statist.) The contrast presented just now by Germany and Japan in regard to truthfulness, humane treatment of opponents, and strict observance of contract is so striking that we cannot refrain from calling the attention to it of such of our readers as may not have been struck by the lesson which it teaches.

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THE MORAL ISOLATION OF GERMANY.

(New York Journal of Commerce.) It is not singular that all public opinion having any claim to be called American should unite in an expression of indignant horror over the drowning exhibition of the dastardly cowardice and fiendish bloodthirstiness which guide the course of the German submarine.

The assumption that in the last forty years a new generation of Germans had grown up, not only different in character and impulse from their fathers, but quite incapable of thinking in the same terms as men of other civilized races was scouted by impartial outsiders as absurd.

ONE OF OUR BATTLESHIPS SEVERELY CRITICIZED.

Visitors to the fleet received patient attention from the officers, no matter how silly the questions asked, but I wonder if one woman who knows her social world much better than the military as yet realizes her foolishness in asking a young flag lieutenant of the New York as to where the lifeboats were located.

SAFETY MATCHES.

The fire waste in this State and throughout our country is immense—much greater than in Europe. It is appalling and incalculable, when it is remembered that it is largely preventable.

FACING STARVATION.

While the story that General Villa was mobbed at Torreon by poor devils who were starving comes from Carranza sources, it is probably true.

RELIEVING THE DROUGHT IN MISSOURI.

An eight gallon barrel of beer was unloaded at Guthrie Saturday, which the depot agent placed in the warehouse until the owner called for it.

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

In Memoriam W. G. C. Gladstone, in London Times. "One gave long years, with heart and brain. One, youth's brief fiery blow. For freedom; whence the greater gain. Only the high gods knew."

BETTER TONE IN LATER

Advance did not Amount However, Owing to In Uncertainty

MISSOURI PACIFIC

Through Reorganization Anticipated, Which Had no Recuperative Declines in Stocks and D

(Exclusive Leased Wire to Journal) New York, May 27.—Initial price but they were generally on the side were improved upon in the success Activity increased as prices advanced

New York, May 27.—The advance which set in at the opening was not though there was no material reaction of the first half hour.

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A FIRST-CLASS A Cornwall Manufact writing to the "Journal Commerce" said: "Thank you. First-class