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GERMANY AND THE REPARATIONS. The very pertinent question as to the direc-

tion in which Germany's exports are to move in order that she may meet the indemnities imposed by the Allies is discussed by Professor Taussig of Harvard University, in the March Atlantic Monthly. He assumes that after the heat of the war feeling has died down somewhat that it will be recognized a little more clearly than at present that unless Germany can export goods she will never be able to meet the demands that are made upon her. At present three forces, if not more, are operating to defeat the export of German goods and the consequent payment of indemnities. These are the loss by Germany of her former markets, and especially of her colonies, the boycott of German goods that exists in some degree in almost all countries, and the lack of shipping. The trade programs of the Allied countries are, as might be expected, aimed at seizing the markets that were formerly in German control, and the countries that have tariffs will doubtless use them effectively against German goods. What course England will take is more problematic, in the opinion of Professor Taussig. Great Britain, in the past, was one of Germany's best customers, and replies to questions put recently

by members of the British Commons show that

a considerable trade with Germany in some

lines is already under way. As far as the other

allies are concerned. Germany can hope for

dittle mercy. Where then will she turn for an

Professor Taussig holds that the only direc tion in which any considerable expansion of German trade can be looked for is in Eastern Europe, Russia in particular. Manufactured goods from Germany transported by the short haul into Russia, and paid for in the raw materials and foodstuffs with which that country abounds is likely to be the future course of trade. The writer points out that both countries are now the scene of experiments in the reconstruction of society, which will be watched with closest attention for a generation to come. Whatever their course and final outcome, the prospect is that they will be accompanied by trade developments of a most interesting character. Naturally the other nations will resent the entry into Russia on a large scale of German the reparation period she will be in possession of an export market which will be well established, and which she will be in a position commercially to hold. Professor Taussig's conclusion is of importance. He says:

"France and the other Allies need dispos able means at once-ready funds. They must market the German bonds, or else their own securities based on these bonds, presumably with some sort of guaranty or indorse ment. Market them they must in order to command the resources they need at this very moment. But once they have put the securities in the hands of investors they have given hostages to fortune. Thereafter they must permit, nay, facilitate, German arrangements

Professor Taussig further quotes a distinguished French statesman-one whose name carries weight-remarking in the course of a conversation in which the inevitableness of Germany's expanding exports was pointed out: "If this proves to be the case-if Germany cannot nay without competing with us and displacing us in the export trade of Russia and Siberia! we will simply cancel the reparations."

CANADA'S ARMY.

A few days ago a distinguished Canadian ceneral was reported to have said that Canadians who are against an "efficient military force" are "bolshevistically inclined." If this gentleman thinks of an efficient military force along the lines of conscription or compulsory military training there is no doubt that such a scheme of national defence is not acceptable to the people of this country. There is no question but that anything that savors of a large army gathered by compulsion will be turned down by the average Canadian, and that from fear of militarism and engagement in imperial wars, not because of conversion to "Red" principles. A great military force in this country would mean that Canada would be in danger of being called upon to participate in imperial military expeditions in which we could have no interest, and to which at times it is possible we would be distinctly hostile. And once we be came associated in these affairs there would

he no end to it. (in the other hand there are few citizens. we believe, who will object to a small, highlytrained military force, expertly led and formed by voluntary enlistment. That, we think, will e considered by the average Canadian as an efficient force. Canada does not require an army of a size greater than is necessary to across the border, and presently we would have on the world catastrophe. To destroy militar- life more frequently than not.

ism thousands of Canadians laid down their lives. Canadians will not approve of any military force except the small one required for its domestic affairs

THE LONDON STREET RAILWAY.

A very clear letter to the press from Mr. Leonard Tait, secretary of the London Street Railway, has been published. It is time in the interest of the public that a settlement of the unsatisfactory condition of affairs should be

"Four plans suggest themselves: Private operation, city operation, hydro operation, or private operation under city supervision. As private operation in itself has been stated be inadequate, and as city operation or hydro operation have not as yet been considered as the best solution, provision could be made for private operation under city supervision, until such time as the city or hydro operation was considered to be advisable, provision being made for the taking over of the railway at any time.

Mr. Tait points out that the actual cost of transportation for many years has exceeded the fares paid, and that any expert on street railway operation would verify this statement. He will be pleased to render any assistance he can to any authorized committee that will help to settle the street railway problem.

The street railway is a legitimate public! utility, and one that serves every day in the year a large proportion of the people. The cost of maintaining proper service has been, particularly since the war began, increasing. Everything purchased in daily life either to end to their enterprise. The new system will entail eat or wear has increased. It is reasonable that the service rendered by the street railway than trusting to luck, as so many auto owners do should be adequately recompensed so that satisfactory service should be given

Mr. Tait eliminates private operation, city and hydro operation, and suggests private operation under city supervision until either the city or hydro is ready to take it over. This is a common-sense suggestion and should be adopted. It is unfair to those who ride on the street railway and unfair to the street railway to refuse to recognize the difficulties created by the war, and the high cost of living. In every other direction cost has increased. In justice the fares should have been raised, but Mr. Tait suggests a plan by which the city could supervise the running of the street railway and before purchase, by actual experiment, ascertain the lowest amount reasonable to pay, either for fares or for the railway itself.

Mr. Tait's letter should be carefully read and considered by those whose duty it is to settle the questions involved. There is no reason why settlement should be delayed five years and the public receive inadequate service in the meantime. For some time past conditions in every way have been becoming worse. Injustice has resulted to the public and the railway. Common sense should be exercised and if it is the conditions now prevailing should come to an end to the best advantage of both the public and the company.

"INDUSTRY AND HUMANITY."

ARTICLE NO. 8. Capital is transferrable: Labor is not. Can this inequality be adjusted? Mr. King says: "The capitalist and his capital may be separated; not so the laborer and his labor. They are inseparable. The laborer must go where his labor is wanted. His life and person are a part of his service. The power his labor represents cannot be sferred to another. Apart from himself s meaningless. The power of control

through capital can be transferred.

It was the realization of these facts that brought trades unions into being. The individual alone was powerless, but by uniting many wrongs were righted. Looking back not many it is today. In an industrial town in Scotland the assertion was made that no matter how industrious and sober a man might be, nor how economical his wife might be, they could not hope to bring up a family and in a lifetime own their own home, and that it depended entirely on the wife whether a man so circum-

That state of affairs has not up to the present time existed in Canada. London is a city of eservation Commission published an estimate of the homes owned by those who occupy them, the majority of which are workingmen's homes. It is harder today than formerly to secure a home, but up until the war came the opportunity was within the reach of all. Loan companies found no safer class of investment than workingmen's homes. All modern homes were safe.

Changes, in no way attributable to capital. have occurred. The cost of building material is making building too expensive. Had it not been for the increased cost of building material there would likely have been a building boom all over Canada at the present time. These changes can fairly be attributed to the war, but there is no material reduction yet in sight. On top of this fact comes the high cost of living. Capital does not appear to be responsible for this in an agricultural country like Canada. For the present condition other considerations are

Mr. King says: "What is business and what philanthropy is sometimes difficult to decide. Justice as a criterion gives way very often to prevailing practice and customary The dictum, 'Business is Business,' is sometimes cited in support of practices which, apart from business, would be regarded as immoral. Unfortunately, what to appearances may be regarded as successful business, may be, from the point of view of the well-being of society, the gravest of calamities. How often a good showing on the year's business becomes the all-important consideration. Where economies have to be effected, instead of regarding labor as the factor in production entitled to first sideration, the short-sighted and mistaken infrequently obtains of viewing labor as of less importance than organization impaired their replacement becomes a direct charge upon the cost of production. often competition makes possible the substi-

energies have been exploited used up worker is replaced by a younger and tween the fact that capital can be transferred cope with any trouble within the country's and labor not, so far union is the only remedy. borders. A large force in Canada would be When there is an enlargement of the scope of capable of being determined in a court, some both sides of the fortless frontier bristling with further remedy may be found. Of course, the guns. That sort of thing would lead towards application of the golden rule is always open just such a situation as helped largely to bring to both sides and has been exercised in actual

From Here and There

MAN WANTED.

[Lovat Fraser in London Daily Mail.] We want a big, flerce, ugly man as chancellor of the exchequer. We want a chancellor with a jaw of granite, a voice like the Day of Judgment, a mind as keen as the edge of a carving-knife, and a will like the Rock of Gibraltar. We want a man who will (metaphorically) seize Mr. Winston Churchill and shake him as a terrier shakes a rat whenever he blows into the cabinet singing :"Another little war won't do us any harm." We want a man who will tell the foreign office that the taxpayers refuse to be taxed many more millions for the sake of the degenerate Arabs of Mesopotamia, and for the maintenance of a big garrison in that desolate land in order that the oil magnates may become multi-millionaires at our expense. We want a man who will have the pluck to tell the miners that they are now well paid, and that the people of this country are not going to be bullied into finding the epormous cost of nationalizing the mines. Above all, we want a man who will make the prime minister shiver and withdraw whenever he wants to spend another fifty millions with the veiled object

TO CHECK AUTO THIEVES.

The bill to amend the motor vehicle laws of Maryland, which has been introduced in the State Senate, is designed mainly to check auto-thievery. The provision that is likely to prove most effective is that which proposes to establish a system of recording titles and transfers in the automobile commissioner's office. Those who sell or buy stolen autos in this state will be engaged in an extraperilous avocation. If they cannot show their title deeds on inquiry, there will be immediate trouble ahead for them. And if thieves make for other states and are halted by motorcycle officers on the way, the want of such evidence of title will put an ome extra trouble and a small additional expense, but it will be worth it. It will prove much cheaper

GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

Illtica Daily Press.]

No one need be told that the government oper ation of the railroads has not been successful from the public's point of view. The service has been poor because, with competition removed, the impetus to do the best to draw the trade went with The passenger or the shipper can take what is offered at the price increased 50 per cent, or go without. Since the latter is impossible, the former is mandatory, and there is nothing to do but submit. course this is a big item in the higher cost of living, but that is not all. The government control been accompanied by a deficit, and hundreds upon hundreds of millions of dollars must be paid The only people who have derived any advantage are the employees, whose numbers have been increased, whose labors have been lessened, and whose pay has been advanced. Naturally they look upon a continuation of these conditions with favor, but how about the taxpayers and the people generally.

MR. ASQUITH'S ELECTIONS.

[English Paper.] While Mr. Asquith has had fewer electorial ups and downs than Mr. Gladstone, he has, perhaps, had to fight for the privilege of sitting in the Legislature more frequently than his first leader in proportion to the number of his elections. The contest that closes today with the poll at Paisley is the eleventh which the ex-premier has figured as a candidate, and the ninth in which he has had to await the result of the count. The only occasions in thirty-four years upon which his nomination has been unopposed were the formal re-elections required by the ancient statute upon his appointment as home secretary in 1892, and when he took over the war office after the Curragh incident in the spring

"ARRANT OLD HUMBUG." [London Daily Express.]

The statesmen at the Paris conference, I learn, did not spend their whole time discussing the affairs of Europe. On occasion they even strayed into history, as when Mr. George and M. Clemenceau were heard to be engaged in a vigorous discussion of Mr. Gladstone's character and claim to fame, with Mr. Bonar Law making a silent third. George was strong in his advocacy of the Liberal leader of the nineteenth century. With reiterated emphasis he kept on applying to him the epithet

At last Mr. Bonar Law broke silence: "Arran Bonar Law's neck, and glancing affectionately across t Mr. Lloyd George opposite, murmured: "Ah, but all great men are arrant humbugs."

AMERICA'S POPULATION. Hondon Daily News. 1

It is expected that the American census which s now proceeding will show an estimated population 112,000,000, draws attention to the remarkable development, the United States in comparison

According to the 1910 census, the population was 91.972.266, which meant that it had grown nearly thirteenfold in a century. During the same period the population of the United Kingdom had barely rebled itself, the increase being from 17,000,000 to 45.000.000.

Some years ago the United States National Conprobable growth of the American nation during each decade up to the year 2000. As the commission's estimate for the year 1920 falls 8,000,000 below what is now thought will prove the actual figure, it will be seen that they have erred on the side of caution They consider that at the beginning of the next century the States will have a population

A MESSAGE-NOT FROM MARS.

[By A. St. Marys.]

Marconi has had als from away among the stars. But can't tell . came to him from Venus or wonder that I might aid him with my knowledge

of the spheres. For I have made a study of the stars these many

Perhaps some starry messages have wandered far From off the wireless stations up along the Milky

Or fair Venus may have whispered o'er to Saturn

Across the intervening space his brightest golden

The Dog Star. Sirius, may have baved the silver The Great Bear may have grumbled since the Din-

The Hunter may have chased the virgin Pleiades

And made the welkin echo with joyous laugh and

Orion's belt may have come loose and fallen into

And may have struck the moon man a slap across The Asteroids and other constellations, great and

earthward fall.

Halley's Comet may have parted from its flery tail. Meteors may have shaken loose and fallen down like hail.

Old Neptune may have dropped his trident on some rocky shore.

And when he found he'd broken it let loose a mighty

Jove may have hurled a javelin at something in the dark. And may have uttered angry words because he

missed the mark. The morning stars may have been singing a stupendous ture In practice for some festival that's fixed for leafy

might go on and on and on, but, really what's the use-

Mother Goose-The Cow in jumping o'er the Moon must have

upset the pail. Good explanation, surely, for Marcont's wondrous

EY ARCHIE P. McKISHNIE

"My gracious," sighed the good wo-man surprise wiping maternal sterr-ness from her face. "Are you sure he swore To nmy?" it wasn't goin' to speak about it." she said, "cause Mr. Smythe said it

swore To amy?"
"No one of the Broadcrook boys could swear worse or longer." asserted Tommy.
"And what did he do then?" laughed Mary Ann tears running down her cheek.

She said, "cause Mr. Smythe said it was the duty of a Christian not to let his right hand know what anyone else's was doin, or somethin' like that, meanin' whatever I did in the cause of Christianity should be kept to myself. He preached me a sermon here and he said the Rushwhackers was a

"And what did he do then?" laughed Mary Ann tears running down her cheek.

"Why then Mr. Smythe turned to Davie and asked him if he'd seen any snakes and you know what Davie's do. He just looked at the storekeeper out o' them big eyes o' his and didn't say a word. I was dyin' to laugh, but dash't. Just then along comes Jim Dox from Hallibut's shanty.

"Mr. Smythe was settin' down on stump lookin' mighty used up.

"Sick?" asked Jim. 'Come over to the shanty and I'll give you some whis key.

"At the word 'whiskey' Mr. Smythe jumped up and pranced about like a woman; "no, not a step."

"I'm not goin' now." finished the woman; "no, not a step."

ward and asked:

"What did Smythe ask you to do.

"Did I say he asked me to do anythin?" flared the widow with a start.

"No, but I know he did. What was that the ward is believed him. I've been a fool and a ninny—not only for becouch. Gloss turned to her work. Isolate is baceer all these long days an all nights.
I'll light up and smoke a while."

Half an hour later Tommy and Mary to be continued.

Ann came into the house with the palls of foaming milk. Their mother was seated before the blazing log puffing the smoke ceilingward. There was an atmosphere of homely tranquility about the place. Tommy snifted the air. He had missed the scent of to-bace. Through the open door came bacco. Through the open door came draggling a lazy day-breeze from off

draggling a lazy day-breeze from the the Eau. It was sweet and soft with the smell of ripened water plants.
"Can I go to the Point with 'em to-morrow, ma?" asked the boy.

He had divined the proper moment the bad divined the proper moment was to make an exceptional request

The lean yellow-eyed cat looked in the door, and Tommy patted his patched trouser leg. She came over to him trustingly and the boy lifted her up and stroked her scanty fur.
Outside the whip-poor-will was alive. for the song of the mill was dead.

CHAPTER XXII. The Shot in the Dark.

For the first night since the long nights had come Big McTavish's fiddle was silent. It hung on the wall and the

the shanty and I'll give you some whiskey. He key.'

"At the word 'whiskey' Mr. Smithal jumped up and pranced about like a wild man.

"I've drunk too much whiskey,' he yells, 'I've drunk to much of that stuff that stingeth like an adder.'

"You act as though you had 'em,' said Jim.

"I have got 'em.' yelled the store-keeper, 'I've seen snakes, all kinds, all breeds, and colors of snakes. I'm a sick man, I want to get home where I can pray and pour all my whiskey through a knot-hole in the wall. I'll never drunk it again, so help me, I won't."

"Dox looked at me and winked and I dim't say nothin'. After the store-keeper left I told Jim all about the grass snakes, and I ast him what Mr. Smythe meant when he said he had 'em and Jim tried to get a joke on me about men who drink whiskey seein' things as are not pleasant to look at. Ho

keeper left I told Jim what Mr. grass snakes, and I ast him what Mr. Smythe meant when he said he had 'em and Jim tried to get a joke on me about men who drink whiskey seein' things as are not pleasant to look at. Ho didn't do it, though."

"I'm mighty surprised, surprised and disturbed," said the widow. "I thought Mr. Smythe was everythin' a man should be. Ain't it funny how one can be fooled by a man?"

"I don't blame 'em," she whispered.
"I don't blame 'em," she whispered. ows. Widow Ross got up from the table and looked through the little wind should be. Ain't it funny how one can be fooled by a man?"

Mary Ann looked up.

"Somehow Mr. Smythe didn't fool me." she said, "I knew he drank whiskey, because he smelled of it. I knew he swore by the way his tongue and reyes fought with each other. I knew he lied because he said he loved all men. There's nobody alive and natural built that way."

The girl sat looking steadily across at her mother. Finally she leaned forward and asked:

"We was everythin' a man should be. Ain't it funny how one can be table and looked through the little wind dow across to Bushwhackers' Place.

"I don't blame loo nor Mac nor Paisley as he whispered. I don't blame any of 'emplace of the way his tongue and soft her ward and asked:

"I don't blame loo nor Mac nor Paisley as he whispered. I don't blame any of 'emplace of the hagard lines in Boy's face.

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"I don't blame loo nor Mac nor Paisley and nor Paisley and nor believe to the irreplace. On the shelf above it iay her look. Saxonia ... May 15 New York. Mauretania ... Mar. 20 New York. Mauretania ... Mar. 15 New

"Was it rough, Boy?" she asked fondly, putting her arm about his neek.

To be continued.

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