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SECRET DIPLOMACY.

have a particular appeal for the Unionist cabinet at Ottawa as evidenced by the course they have pursued in the negotiations respecttiations that is so strictly confidential that not the box office have been finally checked up. even Parliament may know of it. We have it that it is to ward off the many friends of the both performances on May 27. Government who are ambitious to hold the job that the precautions are necessary, but that could scarcely be regarded as sufficient reason hand during the war years, issuing orders-in- say.

were carried on by Mr. Fielding and his associates in 1911. Between that case and the preserver.

| Kind; above an, that hothing is low because it is in a high place, and nothing is low because it is in a high place, and nothing is low because it is in That pattern all their yearnings dark a gainst the sky. ciates in 1911. Between that case and the pres- ever. ent there is no likeness. The negotiations in 1911 had to do with the tariff and never in the nized principle, to depart from which would be self with the land of his mission. to demoralize conditions. The Government brought down its budget yesterday. That budget contains tariff changes; not the least hint be made. This is eminently proper. In the other case, however, somebody in the Government's confidence is going to receive the mintment as first Canadian official representative at Washington. He will be the mouthpiece of the Canadian people at the capital of it to be "administratively practicable" to impose a our big neighbor. It is stated that Britain has special levy on wealth accumulated in Great Britain raised no objections to relinquishing the as a result of or during the war, though it does duties that have formerly been performed for not express any opinion as to the advisability of such us by the British ambassador at Washington. assume the responsibility of recommending such a Evidently there has been no controversy with procedure, if thought desirable. This is an inter-England that might react upon public feeling. esting development, and an indication of the demo-Similarly, if one may judge the American press, and it is also an impressive evidence of Britain's and it is also an impressive evidence of Britain's determination to reduce he ruge burden of debt. Yet Parliament was told on Monday that there sum of no less than four billion pounds sterling would be great harm done if the correspondduced after the appointment if it is not proliament today it cannot do so tomorrow. Mr. stances under which the new appointment is far greater than the mere case around which the dispute lies. The rivalry of cabinets and liament is the only effective means of persuasion parliaments is as old as our form of govern- Will the British Government have the courage to ment. It is a sound principle which proclams that the people's representatives at large and not a small body within Parliament shall have the final decision in all that concerns the welfare of the country.

ARE PRICES FALLING?

The local gas company wants an increase of cheer. at least 50 per cent in the price of gas. It is losing money and estimates that operating expenses will increase by \$100,000 in the coming year. A Manitoba official was assuring us the other day that banks have effected already a decline of prices and will do more yet! Evidently the gas company does not believe this.

It expects a more rapid rise of costs than ever. A tourist conductor advertising trips to the European battlefields puts in a large headline: "Prices are not going to fall." For, he says, if they were expected to fall, "hotels would not be refusing to quote rates for July and August. Similarly building contractors won't guarantee a figure. It is more than clear that one business man does not believe another who says that there has already been a fall in prices, and as we. they will be pressed down still further! Who does believe such talk, with wheat, eggs, butter and meats all going up last week?

CHAUTAUQUA'S FOUNDER DEAD.

John A. Vincent, the man who started the world-famous Chautauqua assembly, is dead. Back in 1870 Bishop Vincent realized that there as a great need amongst the Sunday school hers of his church—the Methodist—for inknowledge and culture in order to the best results in Sunday school work. paratively few? this object in view he established a summer course, held in the open. at, however, quickly spread far bedist Church, and for many years tarian, thousands gathing from rld to listen to the greates: subjects that touch

> countless thousands een an inspiration.

the death of Mr. Vincent the New York Sun

John H. Vincent made the name Chautauqua immortal, and he made hundreds of thousands of men and women happy by showing them that education should not end with youth, and that vacations need not imply vacuity of mind. No person who ever visited mother of all the Chautauquas in the days of the bishop's reign can ever forget the founder. He was a strong man, typical in mind and body of his creed; an impressive figure of a purposeful age.

HELP THE WESTERN PLAYERS.

Western University Literary Society will pre-1 the street. sent Oscar Wilde's great success, "An Ideal Husband," in the Grand Theatre. That there is dramatic talent available in our universities is admitted by critics, and for Western this fact was recently proven when a medical class presented "The Mollusc," with a popular return engagement, in a very creditable manner.

However, there is more than ability required to make these offerings the best from every ing of old friends; seeking of the new and unknown. angle. The time and effort spent in preparation of the flower faces are but half familiar-like old of them is deserving of the patronage of local friends in new clothes." theatregoers. If the players are not greeted by Secret diplomacy, the habit from which capacity audiences their hopes naturally benations are seeking to be set free, seems to come dampened, and aside from the pride the enterprise are very meagre. In fact, many local dramatic clubs have endured tedious rehearsals and other work in connection with ing a Canadian representative at Washington. their plays, only to play to empty seats, and explanation that is given for the custom of driving One may wonder what there is in these nego- suffer financial reverses, when the receipts from

on the authority of Mr. Rowell that there is theatricals. In a city such as London such a is not diluted. no change contemplated in the status of Canada state of affairs should not be, and the first step within the Empire, so that it is not as a in removing this evil should be a liberal patron. Naples, of nearly a million inhabitants, it is, howconstitutional safeguard that the preliminaries age of "An Ideal Husband," when presented must be so shrouded. It may be, of course, here by the Western University students at and old people, and then only by the proper classes, because of the many friends of the best to start the fortermances on May 27

Victoria Park is a vision of beauty this for keeping Parliament entirely in ignorance of week. In morning light the infantine leaves are what is going on. What is probably the real a variegated mist scintillating with soft gleams small amount of donkey's milk, which is used only reason is the Government's state of mind. The that come through their filmy texture. The in small quantities, and for those who are ill. men who ruled things with high and mighty word gem originally meant bud, not strange to

council by the thousands, arresting, censoring, In this supreme week of the fifty-two it is have faith in the existence of beautiful things, trusted to them in a time of peril end automatically with the coming of peace.

The premier and his associates make a possible and the presence of the second of the secon deporting, have not yet learned that the war not hard to understand the poet's passion for degenerate, degraded and forlorn that, at first Flopper? The premier and his associates make a poor ly arrived, the dawn's first pink finger, the that we cannot hold in too strong a light of disgust defence in trying to find a parallel case in the crimson young maple leaf turning brown, and and contempt before the view of others, meanness. secrecy with which the reciprocity negotiations then green as it unfolds its small fan, lasts but falsehood and oppression of every grade and all

EDITORIAL NOTES.

What does St. Patrick think of Ireland now? Government revealed beforehand tariff changes He seems to have been the vanguard of inva- war should have been won recalls a recent opinion that it contemplated making. This is a recog-

prison. Almost anyone can fast a week without suffering much from it. Perhaps water should for them, and had to send for our president to help was given previously of what changes were to be withheld from those who hunger-strike to make the game really strenuous.

WAR WEALTH.

A British parliamentary committee has reported cratic spirit which now obtains in the old country, According to a recent statement of Mr. J. R.

was made in increased profit by contractors and persons employed for war purposes. "If it was ence were made known. One thing certain is right for the country during the war to call on that the correspondence will have to be promen physically to save their country, it was right for the state now to call on men financially to tion, the co-ordination of the parts in the machinsave their country," he said. It is a valid argu- ery of living. They are practicing self-denial and duced before. If the Government defles Par- ment. Out of these colossal profits a proportion could easily be spared for the replenishment of the impoverished national exchequer. There is surely Fielding and his associates are in the right no injustice involved in appropriating for the absolutely in demanding to know the circum- restoration of the country a percentage of the few-a very few-who have been made rich by the being made. The principle that is involved is war have voluntarily surrendered part of their fortune to the state; the majority need a considerable amount of urging in this direction. An act of par-

THINGS WE NEED. [H. Addington Bruce in Ottawa Journal.] There are a great many things we need in thes troubled times-and we need them exceedingly.

We need leaders who will talk less and effect

more. We need followers who will think, not merely We need workers willing to work, and we need

vorkers fit to work. Wherefore we need fit food. fit homes, fit clothing for workers.

Mouths agape, we marvel at labor unrest and lamor. Wonderingly we ask whence this discontent The bursting warehouses of the profiteers, the

um homes of multitudes of the producers, furnish at least in part the answer. Also they suggest that one of our greatest needs a keener human sympathy. We prate of our charity. We plume ourselves

on our generosity. Yet all the while we permit men and women and little children to live and die by the thousands in tenement ant hills. Absorbed in our private affairs, give the unfortunate scarce a passing thought unless they burst forth in "socialistic agitation." For our own sakes

s well as theirs we need to bestir ourselves in their interest. We need to realize that they can hope and despair, love and hate, rejoice and suffer as keenly

no more truly human beings than they are, despite heir rags and grime and squalor. And we need further to recognize that it is not inhuman to ignore their wretchedness, but that by so doing we may be risking a social conflagration the beginnings of which are plainly in vidence today.

We need, accordingly, to ask some pretty sharp questions about our industrial organization, our governmental efficiency, even about our muchraunted educational system. Are we really educating all the children of all

the people? Is our education making for social solidarity and personal success and happiness mong the masses? Or is it benefiting the com Educational reform is, in fact, one of our prese

day needs. And reform must extend to home education no less than school education Too many people are being reared to be wasters

not makers; spenders, not savers. Too many are unwittingly trained to shallow callous, selfish modes of the In too many-children of the well-to-do as

the poor—the seeds of class antagonism and class hatreds are being sown. These are a few—a very few—of the things we need. Unless we honestly endeavor to obtain them greater and always greater evils will be befall us. o the increasing misery of all and the final collapse

From Here and There

WHERE INTEREST CENTRES.

[Minneapolis Tribune.] There seems to be less popular interest in cheaper cuts of meat than in lower cuts of gowns.

PERSIAN HOUSES.

Every Persian house is constructed upon a plan secrecy. No windows are visible from the streets, but the interior is constructed around several courts with lovely gardens, basins, shrubbery and even luxuriant groves of fruit and shade trees, of During Convocation Week members of the all of which one obtains not the slightest hint from

"GARDENS OF THE DESERT."

The Canadian Magazine for May has an article ranges, by Hamilton M. Laing, illustrated with choice and The corn is gathered to the granges The Canadian Magazine for May has an article vely photographs by the author, on "Gardens of lovely photographs by the author, on "Gardens of the Desert." This is a description of the wild floral beauty of Western Canada, as seen on a trip on horseback. Many of the pictured blooms and close. horseback. Many of the pictured blooms and descriptions are familiar to the Ontario naturelovers, and, as the writer says, "For the man who loves nature, life is ever a quest of this sort; greet-And here in these gardens of the dry lands most Change ever, too; we have no home.

GOATS OF NAPLES.

[Montreal Gazette.]

Goats in flocks, wearing wooden collars, and corted by goatherds, usually women and children, It lingers when we wander hence. gained by doing a thing well, their returns for escorted by goatherds, usually women and children, make free of the sidewalks of Naples, and constitute one of the most characteristic sights of that city. The herds are driven through the various streets and are taken into the houses, and even up to the third or fourth story, and there milked. The the goats into the city and into the houses, some times to the top floors, to be milked, is that the consumers are thus assured of having the same Naturally, this does not encourage amateur quality of milk overy day, and of knowing that it

> Although'it would ordinarily be expected that quantities of milk would be sold in a city like nicely? ever, not used to a great extent by all classes o native Neapolitans. It is used by invalids, infants

Naples gets its supply principally from nearby towns through the dairies and other establishments which distribute the milk to the people through the of the "latterie," and from the goats or cows kept in or near the city. There is also, a

CHARLES DICKENS'S CREED.

My moral creed is very easily summed up. even in those conditions of society which are so kind; above all, that nothing is high because it is

THE WIND SHE BLEW. [Orillia Packet.]

President Wilson's effusion about how the naval voiced American, who was holding forth in loud tones on the topic of "We won the war." "It didn't take Hunger-striking makes a farce of the us long, when we got into it, to finish the job." "Their boasted Lloyd George could not even draw up the terms of peace, when we had won the day him out," and so on, with tiresome iteration. But nobody contradicted, or offered any comment, until the Canadian border was reached. By that time a facturing plant in the rear facing the flere storm was raging. "Oh, dear!" exclaimed the alley; doesn't it make considerable fierce storm was raging. "Oh, dear!" exclaimed the alley; American, "one of those awful Canadian blizzards. Does the wind always blow in this country?" "In this country the people keep quiet and let the wind do all the blowing.

STRIKES UNPOPULAR.

[Waterbury American.] been increasing evidences of this. Strike after strike has failed of late. The great body of people are so much concerned about their own difficulties in making both ends meet that they have no sym pathy with the efforts of others, whom they think better off than themselves, to better themselves, especially when these efforts add to their own burdens. Public opinion is unsympathetic. Public opinion comes from the great middle class, which at present considers itself the chief sufferer from high prices. They are intelligent and corderly They know that the cure of present troubles is conomy and hard work, the revival of industry, the restoration of steady, continuous transportagiving up their own way in many things in order to bring about normal conditions. They think others should do the same thing. They have no patience with discontent which manifests itself in ways that make matters worse. That is why strikes are not popular and fail. The thing for everybody is first to pitch in and help get out of the hole and then take up individual or group grievances in the way to get them settled.

AVOID EXTRAVAGANCE.

[Winnipeg Telegram.] The overall campaign is an expression of the spirit of protest against vanity over all. people are willing to buy garments, rent houses, and he entertained at prices which are within their means; when people stop trying to live like others with ten times more money, then the stores will proffer the kind of things asked for, and at prices people will be willing to pay. Such things today are to be had in the store. They may not be in the windows. Why should they be. They are obtainable if anyone wishes to ask for them. But nobody does. The spirit of the age is extravagance.

"FROM HIM THAT HATH NOT-"

[Toronto Star.] The pastor of a church is supposed to dress himself and his family decently, or whispers about "slovenliness" begin to circulate in his congrega

He must keep his library up to date, or foll allege he is a back number. He must see that his children get a fair education, or he is setting a bad example to other

His home must be maintained in good repair or the Ladies' Aid will say that his wife is a poor housekeeper. He must give liberally to all good causes, or

be denounced as a hypocrite who does not practice He must assist, out of his own pocket those needy cases which require help, but dread publicity. Otherwise his own conscience will accuse

He must house and feed all the visiting speakers who are not billeted elsewhere in his congregation, or the stigma of being inhospitable will attach to his church. He must always and without exception "take delegates" when there is a convention, or his deacons will say that he lacks interest in the work

of the denomination. He must, if his congregation is scattered, keep either a horse or a car, lest he be accused of for getting the sick and neglecting pastoral calls. He must, of course, have a telephone, and in some congregations he is expected to supply a typewriter. If he maintains a machine for turning

it the church's circular letters, there are many

willing to forget that it costs him money Above all, he must be prompt to pay and ac cumulate no debts, lest he should be scorned as He must never ask for an increase of salary. f he does, he is in the ministry, for money. Or so, at any rate, will say some of the people.

Ontario the pastor is expected to live up to all these obligations on a salary scarcely larger—if at all larger—than was paid before the war. While others cannot make a dollar go further than sixty cents used to go, the pastor is asked to make it go as far as eighty or ninety of even a hundred cents. On the selection of the congregation

And in many cases in Toronto and throughout

Poetry and Jest

THE PASSING STRANGER.

[John Massfield in Yale Review.]

Since moons decay and suns decline,
How else should end this life of mine?

Water and saltness are not wine. But in the darkest hour of night,

When even the foxes peer for sight, The byre-cock crows; he feels the light. So, in this water mixed with dust, The byre-cock spirit crows from trust, That death will change because it

For all things change; the darkness changes, The wandering spirits change their

They change, and we, who pass like foam, Like dust blown through the streets of

Only a beauty, only a power, Sad in the fruit, brigh, in the flower, Endless erring for its hour.

That those who follow feel behind Their backs, when all before is blind, Our joy a rampart to the mind.

JUST HOW TRUE? A girl and a man sat under the palm just outside the ballroom.

"Is your love true?" asked the girl.

"As true," the man answered in low, impassioned tones, "as true as the delicate flush on your cheek."

"Oh—er—ah." the girl stammered trusticals """ the girl stammered trusticals """. "Oh-er-ah," the girl stammered hurriedly, "Isn't-doesn't the band play

KIPLING ON WORK.
[Halifax Chronicle.]
Kipling has added the persuasiveness of his moetic genius to the world's need for more work and greater production. In a stanza from his latest verse he

"In the carboniferous epoch we were "In the carboniferous epoch we were promised abundance for all By robbing selected Peter to pay for collective Paul;
And, though we had plenty of money, there was nothing our money would buy,
And the Gods of the Copybook Maxims said, 'If you don't work you die.'"

JUST JAZZ.

Mr. Hopper (rising from the table)—
Shall we dance this fox-trot, Miss

[Risa Lowie in New Republic.]
I have become quiet as the ground beneath the pines,
And my hours fall slow,
Like the fragrant lines

Of needles slipped on needles long ago. "No!"
"Or a Walter Scott?" asked Smith,

I lie, And through their wild unrest My starlight shines. And dream designs. Where once my dreams close-folded were.

And I-

I give them shelter and the balm of fir, I have become as quiet as the ground, Beneath the pines. ABSOLUTELY NOISELESS. Elderly Gentleman (wishing to rent com)—Yes, this room pleases me, but notice there's some sort of a manu-

Landlady-Oh, no, sir; not at all.

PRAYER. [Louis Untermeyer.]
God, though this life is but a wraith,
Although we know not what we use,
Although we grope with little faith,
Give me the heart to fight—and lose.

Ever insurgent let me be.

Make me more daring than devout;
From sleek contentment keep me free, And fill me with a buoyant doubt, Open my eyes to visions girt With beauty, and with won With beauty, and with wonder lit And let me always see the dirt, And all that spawn and die in it.

Open my eyes to music; let Me thrill with spring's first flutes and drums-But never let me dare forget The bitter ballads of the slums. From compromise and things half-done Keep me, with stern and stubborn pride: And when, at last, the fight is won,

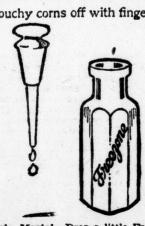
DON'T TAKE LODGERS. Hard luck had struck Smith a fearful blow. In desperation he took on a job to sell books from door to door. All down one street he went without making a single sale. Then turning

OUCH! CORNS!

LIFT CORNS OFF



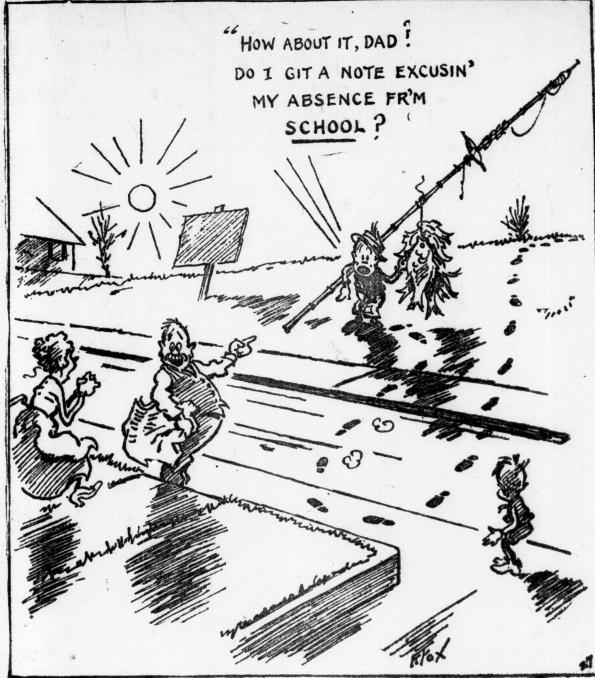
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ON THE STRENGTH OF THE DAY'S CATCH



By FONTAINE FOX

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the corner, he determined to try a new man, recently rejected, desires apart- himself. "that is quite the real thing. method. At the first house he came to a frowsy female answered his knock. "Have you a Charles Dickens in your home?" he asked politely.

ments adjoining those of young couple possessed of a baby that cries all night, causing father to promenade in pajamas; good, loud swearer preferred." home?" he asked politely.
"No!" snapped the female.
"Or a Robert Louis Stevenson?"

hope dancing momentarily in his eyes.
"No, we ain't," said the woman sharply. "And what is more, this ain't a boarding-house. If you're looking for

them fellers you might try next door they take lodgers." CONSOLATION.

UP-TO-DATE. To make a hit
Her/plan is clear.
She weeps a bit,
A profit tear.

"Shake before taking," read the fever-and-ague victim from the label on the oottle of medicine.

[Christian Science Monitor.]
Spring stands with feet expectant
At the parting of the ways,
The west wind lifts her tresses As to and fro she sways,

Her lips are parted slightly
As the breezes move her hair
While her hands hold blossoms loosel She issues from the woodland

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