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SELLING THE WEST INDIES.

The suggestion was heard in the United States some time ago that the Motherland should wipe out her war debt to that country by handing over the West Indies in exchange. It will be remembered that the Prince of Wales in a few caustic words voted his country's—and the Empire's—view of the matter. Now the suggestion has taken an official form by a resolution introduced by U. S. Senator J. A. Reed concerning possible negotiations for the exchange. It is said that Hearst is at the back of the Senator and instigated his action. Very likely, in the ordinary way, the keen opposition, even resentment, shown by the British people when the suggestion was made would have been sufficient to have prevented its being made again. But everything that can annoy or embarrass the British people, or tend to cause friction leading to perhaps worse results between the Empire and the United States is eagerly seized upon by this man. Not only the Prince, but Mr. Lloyd George voiced the Empire's views. The latter said distinctly that Great Britain had not the slightest intention of bartering or selling the West Indies, and that intention, and that determination, remains.

It is worth while in connection with the subject to quote what may be taken as the British view of it. The London Economist says that "all the traditions of British financial prestige surely demand that we should, at any sacrifice, meet our own promises to pay. Suggestions have lately been made in the daily press that we should propose to America that she should take payment of our debt to her in the shape of our Allies' debts to us. This is not the way in which the word of an Englishman has been made proverbial throughout the world as an expression of scrupulous honesty and as the best asset we own. America lent the money to us, and we have to pay it. To ask her to 'read through' us to debtors who are less able to pay is to propose a composition, and, weakened as we are by the war, we are not weakened to that point, or anywhere near it." And the Empire is not so weakened as to listen to any proposal to sell or trade part of its possessions.

OVERCOMING HIGH CHARGES FOR HEATING.

The annual coal consumption in Canada for domestic purposes is nearly 7,000,000 tons which, if we allow a cost of \$15 per ton, represents a yearly expenditure of some \$105,000,000. With increasing population and the gradual extension of settlement northerly, this consumption will naturally increase; and effort, therefore, having for its object a substantial reduction in our domestic heating bill, is worthy of public attention.

The hope of relief, entertained by some through electric heating from our water-powers, has been definitely shattered by the fact that, outside of the question of cost, the demand would far exceed the supply available. For instance, in Quebec and Ontario alone, assuming a population of some 5,000,000, a total of probably not less than 100,000,000 h.p.—and costing from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 per annum—would be required to supply electrical heat. The power available within the more thickly populated portion of these two provinces, even including Canada's equity in the great possibilities of the St. Lawrence and Niagara rivers—the greatest water-power rivers in the world—only amounts to about 5 1/2 million horse power.

The possibilities and economic efficiency of central heating plants appear particularly applicable to Canadian conditions or to any country with long winters. Due to the initial cost of the underground distribution piping system, the plants usually involve heavy overhead expenses; when the plant is used intensively and during long periods each year, the charges can be spread over longer periods than would be the case for systems only used during shorter periods, as in certain localities in the United States. Another economy would result from the possibility of using the cheaper grades of coal, instead of the expensive anthracite now commonly used in Eastern Canada. Suitable

boilers with automatic stokers and smoke-consumers would overcome some of the present disabilities in the use of the inferior fuels.

THE PARVENU AND HIS "HONOUR."

During the war and long prior to its outbreak, if there was one thing which astonished the world more than the German's arrogance, it was his credulity. Mark Twain truly said that there could be no upper class in this country so long as the rest of the people declined to consider themselves a lower class. But the German was bluffed by the militarist into considering himself a lower (but never the lowest) class, and even gloried in it. He said: "Count those sixty-four quarterings on the Highly Geborn's coat of arms. You may call him a boor or a bully, but there are sixty-four certificates to his noble birth. This is unanswerable."

It is not unanswerable, if you know anything about geometrical progression. His sixty-four quarterings might mean that his parents had thirty-two each. It might mean, and probably did, that one out of each two of his great-grandparents had no coat of arms, for they only needed two quarterings between them. That is why a well-born Frenchman or Englishman exhibits a single device on his shield carried in the Crusades, while the Serene Highness of Pumpnickel displays a patchwork quilt.

There is no trifling in this illustration. It has a tremendous meaning. The German Empire was the parvenu among empires, puffed up with new wealth, materialistic, vicious, arrogant; a thing spawned out of the marriage of incompatibles, or base compatibilities, at Versailles, only fifty years ago. What does it know about honour, about paying its bets when it loses? The French paid the extortionate ransom of the war of 1870 in four years of honourable effort. Noblesse oblige. But the German will never face the reparations—not because he could not under a sane receivership, but because the honour of his ersatz empire is no more valid than the patchwork quarterings on his shield, lacking even the distinction of the bend sinister.

And the more the present condition is considered the more essentially pro-German Mr. Wilson's "fourteen points" and his League of Nations demonstrate themselves. The former put out ten months before the Armistice, constituted an option at which the German gambler could cover his shorts. The latter was forced upon the Allies largely to save the defeated German Empire. Had the Treaty of Peace with no such addition as the League been summarily concluded in the spring of 1919, as the Allies attempted when Wilson came home for the first time, the pinchbeck German Empire would have been resolved into its constituent parts.

It is not difficult to trace the source of the German whine. He never intended to pay if he lost. The lack of the French spirituality in his character made the German incapable of facing the possibility of losing. He only bet, as the cheat does, when he thought he was gambling on a certainty, with all the honours in the cards marked for identification.—Wall Street Journal.

Help the Y. M. C. A. Service is the word nowadays. In service the Y.M.C.A. has few equals.

It is there for your use. If you do not share the Y.M.C.A. benefits, it is unquestionably because you haven't done your part.

The public who attend the City Hall debates are better listeners than singers.

The fact that the City Hall has been comfortably filled three times to hear "ourselves" talked about is surely indicative of an awakening sense of community interest and responsibility.

On of the recommendations with respect to Belleville schools which is deserving of attention is that which refers to the teaching of music. There the American school, not to speak of the old country school, leaves us far behind.

STUNG. "Bargains in Chin Rests," the placard read. And the man who saw it halted there. The hot sun beating down upon his head and his eyes half blind in the pavement's glare.

At a farewell meeting held in Park Baptist Church, Brantford, the Rev. R. White, who is leaving for Detroit, was presented with a purse of \$200. Provincial Secretary Marks, of the L.P.F., says that in the event of the Liberals and the U.F.O. to nominate a candidate for the Federal election, their charter will be revoked. Henry Neeb, farmer of South Easthope Township, aged 42, was found dead in his barn.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

THEY "FOUGHT THE WAR"

When ex-Kaiser Bill learned the other day for the good old middle ages, it escaped his memory that medieval kings, whatever their failings, did some fighting for themselves.—Toronto Star.

THE LAST PARTING

Now let the Huns take their own medicine, without any whining from themselves or silly meddling from the pacifist crowd of the old country. Before the armistice reparations are made less severe Canada ought to have something to say—and it won't be in mitigation of the severity of the conditions. There are too many homes mourning in this country for that.—Guelph Herald.

DUTY

Lots of politicians, remarks a contemporary, won't be able to understand the motives of Judge Hughes, of the United States, who gives up a \$200,000 practice for a \$12,500 job in the Cabinet of the new President. Some folks there really seem to think a man has a duty to his country that comes before his duty to himself.—Brockville Recorder.

THERE ARE OTHER WAYS

The game of "three card monte" has been pronounced legal by a judge. If it is played honestly. It appears, however, that it is not always Montreal, it seems to be suffering from an epidemic of the game, just now. The Star says a robbing business is being done. "All that is required is a pack of cards, one or two thieves and his money. The game is so part the fool and his money, a notoriously rapid process. As there are plenty of cards, plenty of thieves, an overplus of fools, and lots of money, there seems to be an assured future before "three card monte in Montreal."

Montreal is not the only place where there are thieves, and fools with money. And both the thieves and the fools want to get something for nothing. The get-rich-quick-and-easy mania is everywhere. The problem is how to save the fool from himself, and how to turn the thief into an honest man.—Oshawa Reporter.

OUR RELATIONS TOWARDS BRITAIN

"L'Evenement." Outside of the circle of businessmen and of those persons whom reflection and study rescue from prejudice too many of our fellow citizens have a false conception of the solidarity which exists between Great Britain and Canada. Let the situation in India, Africa or in Ireland come up for discussion and certain newspapers vaunting the difficulties of the Crown and in uttering doleful prophecies. It is our ardent wish that justice be done to all who live under the shadow of the British flag. In the Province of Quebec, in spite of the croakings of the anglophobes, it is our duty to recognize that the French-Canadian nationality enjoys the largest possible measure of liberty and of goodwill.—We would not change our condition for that of any other people, great or small. So, in order to co-ordinate our conduct to a proper appreciation of so advantageous a situation we ought to desire ardently that the British Government should grant constitutions, just as good as our own, to the sister nations without ever wishing for the humiliation, the debasing or the trial of the Motherland. Who can say it is a diminution of authority on the part of the British Crown, our own standing would be directly endangered. Who, too, can say we would ever recover the peace that we enjoy in such full measure today if, by chance, we were deprived of it. In Germany, in the United States and perhaps elsewhere, the hostility of certain individuals against Britain is comprehensible. In French Canada it is a historic and a political anomaly. Let us leave to the unfortunate Hearst newspapers the unenviable privilege of kindling hatred between the two great parent nations—the British and the American people. For ourselves the obvious duty is to hand down to our descendants a status as good as that which our forefathers the Catholic tradition preaches moderation and loyalty towards Great Britain.

Chile to Try Out Sugar.

VALPARAISO, March 1.—Sugar cane growing is to be attempted in northern Chile. Experiments are now in progress under the direction of a Spanish expert, and work soon is to be started on canals to irrigate the lands recently purchased by a sugar company of Spain.

Worms in children, if they be not attended to, cause convulsions, and often death. "Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator" will protect the children from these distressing afflictions.

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FOUNDERS IN CANADA.

ON Place d'Armes in the City of Montreal stands a monument to Sieur de Maisonneuve who, landing near this spot in the year 1642, founded the settlement which is now the City of Montreal.

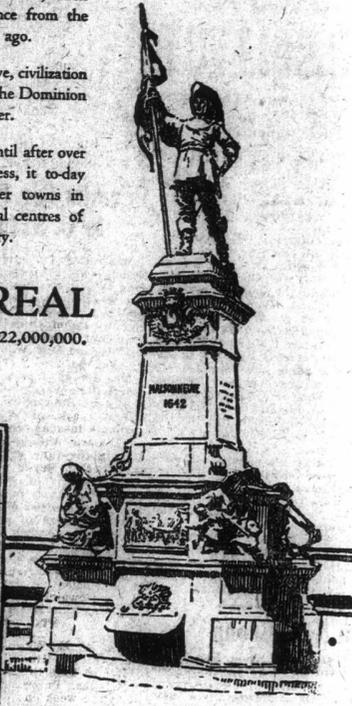
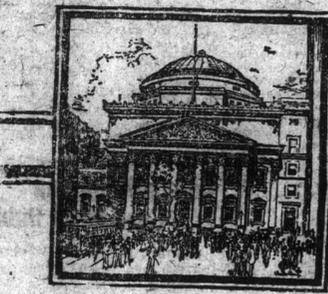
Facing Place d'Armes stands the Bank of Montreal, which opened its doors for business a short distance from the same spot over one hundred and three years ago.

From the Settlement founded by Maisonneuve, civilization has spread to the east and west until to-day the Dominion of Canada extends from Halifax to Vancouver.

Likewise the Bank of Montreal has grown, until after over a century of steady and conservative progress, it to-day has branches in all of the cities and larger towns in Canada, with offices in the principal financial centres of the world, and correspondents in every country.

BANK of MONTREAL

Capital Paid Up \$22,000,000. Reserve \$22,000,000. Total Assets \$560,150,812.85.



News About People and Social Events

DO NOT place your wish-bone where your back-bone should be.—Mark Twain.

Mr. Bolton, of Brampton, is in the city today.

Mr. William Morrison, Campbell street, is confined to his room through illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ridley and family of Calgary are visiting Miss M. B. Falkiner.

Mr. L. E. Allen, president of the Good Roads Association, is in Toronto to preside over the annual meeting of the association.

Some thirty-five of the Belleville Rotary Club members left this afternoon for Peterboro, where tonight they assist in the opening of the Peterboro Rotary Club.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerr celebrated the 16th anniversary of their marriage. They were called upon and congratulated by a few friends and relatives, including the mothers of the wedded couple. A very pleasant evening was spent by those present.

G. L. Boyes, of Napanee, was among the visitors to town yesterday.

Rev. George Brown, assistant pastor of Bridge Street Methodist church, is out of town.

Mrs. P. Wood and her daughter, Miss Helen Wood, of Campbellford, were in the city yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Cleaver is confined to his bed with lumbago and will be unable to take charge of the services tomorrow.

Mr. Manley MacDonald, the Canadian artist, is at present in Toledo, Spain, studying art. He left Belleville in December last to study abroad under the terms of a scholarship. Mrs. MacDonald is also at Toledo.

Mr. Heighman, Trenton, General Manager of the Chemical Products, Ltd. was in the city on business. He stated that construction of the large steel and concrete buildings for the company will be begun immediately spring opens up.

Lady Rachel Cavendish and Lady Margaret Scott, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, will be the guests of Sir Archibald Geddes, British Ambassador at Washington, and Lady Geddes for the inauguration of President Harding.

The competitors from the Mirror Club, Ottawa, at the figure skating championships of Canada held at the Winter Club, Montreal, on February 25, were Lady Rachel Cavendish, Miss Aiden Godwin, Miss Dorothy Jenkins, Miss Elizabeth Blair, Miss Florence Wilson, Miss Lily McGee, Mr. J. R. Booth, Mr. C. J. Allan, Mr. John Macchado, Mr. P. J. Wood and Mr. Chamney Bangs.

Miss Maud Gillett was the successful contestant at the election contest at Holloway street church

last evening under the auspices of the Royal Templars of Temperance. For her selection "Little Dan's Christmas," she was awarded 65 points out of a possible 80. Three others entered the lists in the competition and were complimented by the judges. All the selections were along temperance lines. The judges were Miss Merry, Mr. M. W. Holt and Mr. J. O. Herity. Mr. A. B. Bayle was chairman.

Bridge Street Methodist S.S. parlors were crowded last evening for the concert given under the auspices of the Sunday school orchestra. The orchestra played six pieces in all—two overtures, two marches and two waltzes and gave such a creditable account of themselves, that they were congratulated on their fine performance. The assisting artists provided a miscellaneous program as follows:—Reading by Miss M. Young, mandolin solo, Mr. G. H. Holton, vocal solo, Prof. Staples, piano solo, Mr. Beech, violin solo, Master Everett Stevens, selection by ladies' quartette—Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Keeler, Mrs. Wren and Miss Brown, vocal solo, Mr. James Booth and Hawaiian selection, Mr. Marshall Sills. The members composing the orchestra are: Piano, Mrs. Fowle, bass viol, Mr. Sills, violins, Mrs. Reid, Miss Anderson, Miss Weese, Mr. B. Sills, Mr. Bramhall, Mr. R. Arnott, Mr. H. Fowle, Master Ever-

ett Stevens, mandolin, Mr. G. A. Holton, Hawaiian guitar, Mr. M. Sills, cornet, Mr. Groves.

"That the present program of the Christian Church is adequate to meet the needs of the young people of today," was the subject of an interesting debate at Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. The affirmative was taken by Miss Gastrell and Miss Peck of the Baptist Young People's Society and the negative by Mr. Miller and Mr. Moulton of Albert College. The young ladies were able to sustain the affirmative and win the decision of the judges who were Rev. A. S. Kerr, Mr. W. J. Campbell and Mr. I. L. Moore. The young debaters put forth very clever arguments on both sides of the question.

Other numbers on the program were vocal solo, Miss Clara Prest, piano solo, Arnold Kerr, readings, Mildred Lloyd, vocal solo, Miss Davis trombone solo, Mr. J. Cookson, piano solo, Miss Gordon, address by Rev. W. H. Wallace and piano solo, Mr. Beach. Refreshments were served at the close. Miss Ella Rowland presided.

Would you like a tapestry panel to hang in some bare wall space? Simple enough and at nominal cost if you will take a little time. Ontario teachers are to have an excursion again this summer through Northern Ontario.

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RUM-RUNNER RING

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80 MEN IN CUSTODY Affair Pulled Off in Suburb Like R Western Fr

WINDSOR, Feb. 26.—an answer to his pray after his release, Rev. J. H. had he been on side of the river across home, might have seen prohibition officers of Ecorse, headquarters of rum-runners' ring in States. When they were men, 450 cases of liquor \$30,000, several automobiles speed launch worth \$3 the hands of the office through inability to prisoners and consigned Sixty Officers T

It was like a raid on front. Warned by them they might expect viol eral prohibition forces Chicago, armed to the quietly into the down-r Detroit. Under the James W. Jordan, chief eral prohibition forces officers entered the town ent sides in automobile more than a dozen of tres, and at the given ed their attack. In instance the prohibition completely by surprise.

All along the south Jefferson street, where through Ecorse, the over the river on plain the lower-storey beneath whiskey were seized. It blind-pigs were in full being distributed in auto seized by other squads of

A month ago Frank I prohibition enforcement four states; John A. Lo cleaned up Chicago, and chief of the prohibition Michigan, conferred addition of the outlying Detroit. Agents of the secretly worked their heart of the whiskey r all the details and ca plans for the raid.

Detroit papers have telling the details of the revenue inspectors and agents brought the to the central station. was taken to the tes In the loads were ev American, Canadian, Se whiskey stocks. More and arrests are expected cross-examination of this afternoon. Among many saloon keepers, patrons are represented bookish, in metal plater, ship build er.

Miss Simmons Was Teac

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Miss Frankie Beat eldest daughter of Mrs mons, passed away earl name, 3 Hillside stre of pneumonia, which w been suffering for ten Simmons was a teac Mrs School and her keenly felt by the st

Miss Simmons was low in 1882 and ha Belleville for five ye a member of Holloway church. Mourning her mother, a sister, a man, of the fifth conce low and a brother, M mons, of the second of

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Allen Boyle, driving son for Mr. George suffered the loss of tw tenth on Monday aft accident at the corne and Bridge Street. E west along Bridge str driven by City Engine was approaching fro The automobile swip the wagon, breaking and hurling young B His head struck some

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PARIS, March 1.—the League of Nation the United States not dates question, was de U. S. Embassy this at- plete satisfaction to t ranced by the U. S., Japanese mandatory of Yap, is understood

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