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SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 13.

Mr. Gage's Work Crowned

With the opening of the administration building of the National Sanatorium Association this week the immensely important and helpful movement started on against lung disease in Ontario may be regarded as having become consolidated and established. It is twenty-two years since Mr. T. J. Gage, with the late Mr. Hart A. Massey and Dr. Powell, still happily surviving, began the work which has attained such splendid proportions and accomplished such happy results. Not only by his own efforts but also by the incentive which his example has given, the association has assisted in bringing the death rate from consumption in Toronto to the lowest mark attained by any city in America or Europe for a population over 300,000. This is a most noteworthy achievement, and shows what can be done by concentrated effort and intelligent direction.

It is entirely fitting therefore that the new building is to be used to commemorate Mr. Gage's name and fame in connection with this work. Dr. Powell, as representing the trustees of the property, accepted the building as "The Gage" building, and in doing so let out the secret which the industry of the donor would have considered that the money for its erection was provided by Mr. Gage, who had contributed at least one-quarter of the cost of a million dollars which had been put into the campaign funds.

But Mr. Gage's work has been of quite as great value as his money; his inspiration, his constant and selfless interest, his devoted watchfulness, have all been elements of the first importance in bringing the sanatorium movement to the successful stage it has reached.

Another Page of Belgian History

In his war the allies have been handicapped all along. This happened in its early stages because they were unprepared in a more or less degree, for the crisis precipitated by Austria's harsh ultimatum launched at Serbia. All the neutral powers now know that Austria's action was really dictated by Germany. It is a trite story now how the Prussian war lords were deceived and it was the first blow to their now notorious spy system that it was dealt them by their secret agents. They built on the reports of their spies, who, no doubt, early and always recognized that their livelihood depended not on the accuracy but on the character of their reports. That is the essential weakness of the spy system. The honest spy, if such there is, has small chance of a hearing and it is well for the world that his masters want not truth but truth colored.

Germany believed it could conquer Europe. Today the Germans appear to sympathize because they are fighting against a world of open enemies and neutral unsympathizers. But they do not ask themselves, why they are today without a friend. Supreme confidence not only made them overbold but led them to an extremity of arrogance that awakened all the latent but more the less powerful sentiment of independent nationality. And, as it happened all thru European history, the smaller and more helpless the nation the more closely does it cling to national pride and Belgium flung herself into the breach before she was assured of support and at a moment when support could not be forthcoming. Belgium suffered, but she preserved her soul and despite all the destruction and devastation, Belgium will survive with another memorable page added to her history.

British and German Ideals

Far removed as Canada is from the European battlefield only echoes from across the Atlantic Canadian equanimity. We hear about the war in the trenches, we are thrilled by the story of Canadian heroism, not because it is exceptional but because it touches us more closely. That is valuable only if it enables us to realize and recognize that the whole Empire, of which Canada is the premier Dominion, is not the closest colony, engaged in a European struggle. The independence of Canada is not a mere slogan.

A GOOD TIME TO LOCK THE STABLE DOOR.



EXPORT DOOR.

ada, but for the preservation of the British idea of empire founded, not on force, but on voluntary co-operation.

That after all is a great conception, not only great, but capable of infinite extension. England as the predominant partner in the United Kingdom had the same lesson to learn. A time there was when the national instincts of Scotland, of Ireland and of Wales were regarded as antagonistic to the unity of the kingdom. That notion is not entirely removed, but it is waning to extinction. Nationality is a force that persists and the true idea of unity is not less of individuality but the coordination of individual effort. What St. Paul said of the body is true of the greater body of the state.

British ideals will triumph because they allow of the preservation of individual nationhood. Germans want to recast the world in their own mold. They imagine that their is the final result of civilization, and that they are conferring a favor when they compel all nations to submit themselves to a German recast. Nothing could more clearly show that Germany can never be the leader of the world's civilization. Instead of introducing a new principle and a new ideal into the world Germany is harking back to the middle ages for her inspirations. This war simply revives, in a way hitherto undreamed of, the long story of the struggle for freedom—for liberty to live and develop along national lines while appreciating to the full the value of co-operation for a common ideal. Germany is living in the past, our empire is of the present and preparing for the future.

Looking to the End

Russia, along with the other allies, has provided surprises for the Prussian war lords. This will come as a greater blow to them than the failure of their political agents to appreciate the internal unity of the nations they sought to bring under subjection. Even in the military affairs where they believed themselves to be supreme the Kaiser and his advisors have found themselves woefully at fault. Now after seven months of war Germany is reduced to a point where it is no better off than Britain—indeed, worse, because the men under training in the United Kingdom equal the first line troops of Germany.

Germany never dreamed of the present situation any more than she did that Russia would prove a formidable foe, not by reason of vast resources of men, but of rapid mobilization and skilful leadership. Germany had organized an efficient war machine, but it could not create or improvise a great military genius. Joffre and French have proved more than equal to German commanders and in this great eastern campaign the Grand Duke Nicholas has commanded the utmost confidence. He has known when to yield ground if that meant later success. He has allowed the Germans to waste themselves in futile attacks and the process of attrition carried out systematically is preparing the path for ultimate and final victory.

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

President is Supreme in Dealings With Other Countries.

Presidential power as defined by ex-President W. H. Taft, in the last of the series of Marfleet lectures at Toronto University yesterday afternoon, was very broad in its character and was capable of being extended according to the desires of the chief executive of the United States. Mr. Taft expressed the opinion that the powers were not too wide for the office; it was necessary for the president to have sufficient power entrusted to him to carry out his purpose of government, the conclusion of the lecture.

Under the category of presidential duties was that of pardon and reprieve. This could be exercised either before or after conviction and even before indictment. This had become a very difficult duty to perform and was generally at the suggestion of the attorney-general. Many held the curious idea that congressmen had power in the matter of pardons.

In foreign relations the president was supreme, being the sole representative in dealing with foreign powers. He was the only one who could make treaties, after obtaining the consent of a two-thirds majority in congress. The question had occasionally arisen as to whether a treaty or a law prevailed. The invariable result was that the law as the congressional enactment, has to be fulfilled. All communication with foreign governments had to be carried on by the president thru the state department.

Speaking of international police, Mr. Taft said that with the consent of the powers to abide by the court, the officer could be obtained later. "I am in favor of getting the court before getting the sheriff," was his humorous comment.

Judges of the supreme court have no army behind them as has the president, but their constraining of law had continuity and purpose. Behind it Presidents may come and go—some of them sooner than others—but none of them live as long as the supreme court. Congress could demand information from the president, but the latter could withhold it if he so desired. He could not be subpoenaed since Jefferson established a precedent by refusing.

His power as commander-in-chief of the army and navy was for the purpose of giving him power to have the laws enforced. When he was president, Mr. Taft had the treaty with Russia stopped, and his action was later approved by congress. The broadening of presidential power by Col. Roosevelt was referred to, and also the manner in which he quelled the anthracite strike was highly approved, the method which he declared, he would adopt if all others failed, was condemned as to be too aggressive to harmonize with the freedom of a republic.

In concluding Mr. Taft said that there was little danger that the power of the president was too great as it was rendered ineffective in two years at the most by the election of at least one congress. There had been times when executive power had been unduly strong, but the complete of executive domination was often entirely unjustified.

Ex-President W. H. Taft was the guest of the Toronto Press Club at a dinner held at Dunsmuir's last night, and was accorded a splendid welcome. The speaker, in a light manner, dealt with his early career when he entered the newspaper craft as a reporter on the county courts. He stated this was his first step towards his presidential career.

Donald McGregor rendered several well chosen songs and on the entrance of the ex-president sang "The United States." He also sang "We're from Canada." J. McLean, B.A., was the accompanist.

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Worried Woman. I repaid when due \$700, but owing to the conditions caused by the war, the closing down of government works in the district and the consequent loss of three tenths at a very bad time for retelling, I have been unable to pay the balance. I am now in a great deal of trouble, and the holder of the mortgage is now seeking to sell my property. I have tried everywhere, both privately and thru the press to remedy a \$500 mortgage, offering 20 per cent. interest, without success. I think you will agree with me that it would be a great injustice for me to lose my life's earnings for the sake of \$300, \$100 of which represents interest, at the rate of 25 per cent. per annum, and that a retroactive mortgage act should be passed.

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OH! WHO WOULD NOT BE IRISH? D'Arcy Hinds has added another stanza to his popular song, "Oh! Who Would Not Be Irish?" as follows: Into Berlin brave Beattie, French and Kitchener will bring One hundred thousand Irishmen, who'll make the welkin ring. And march, under den Linde, where the boys will gaily sing "Oh! Who Would Not Be Irish!" "Oh! Who Would Not Be Irish!" will be sung by me on Monday without fail. I will be glad to meet an Irishman who can converse with me in the Gaelic language. "Erin Go Bragh."

PRISONERS IN SIBERIA GET MEDICAL SUPPLIES Russian Agents Carry Out Work of American Red Cross.

Canadian Press Despatch. PEKING, Feb. 12.—American Red Cross agents report that medical supplies furnished by their organization have been distributed among the 150,000 German and Austrian prisoners in Siberia. This work is being done by Russian agents, inasmuch as the Russian Government refused to permit an American expedition from Peking to visit the prison camp.

RECIPROCITY IN LICENSES. ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Feb. 12.—At the annual meeting of the St. Catharines Automobile Club it was decided vigorously to support the campaign for reciprocity of licenses with the United States. A committee was appointed to endeavor to have the St. Catharines Council repeal the roadway law, which is at St. Catharines.

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