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EUROPE'S BIG ARMIES

Europe talks peace and acts war. The great powers plan to scuttle obsolete war vessels and at the same time enter into competitive construction of ships. The debt-ridden nations have a depleted treasury brought on by greed, folly and waste, yet still squander millions on standing armies.

The most awful of all armed conflicts, fought "to end all wars", has seemingly been an experience without a lasting lesson. Nine years have elapsed since the junkers forced Germany into war, yet there are in some countries bigger standing armies today than there were in 1913. There is nothing of amity in the unbalanced budget which masses of armed men have loaded upon peoples already tax-burdened. They want opportunity to live their lives. They want their young men in the fields and in the forests. But where is the rainbow? Storm clouds still darken its hues. The cask of gunpowder and threatening torch are as conspicuous as ever. The standing armies of Europe in 1913 numbered 3,747,189 men. In 1922

the strength was 4,553,965, an increase of 806,776, despite the compulsory reduction of 696,135 men in the standing armies of Germany, Hungary and Bulgaria. This means that in the remaining states of Europe there has been an increase of 1,303,921, as compared with the year before the beginning of the world war. Where, mid such ominous signs, can the dove find a resting-place? All the nations of the earth, one after the other, were brought into that terrible vortex that dissipated Europe's immense reserves of wealth to the extent of thousands of millions of dollars and killed millions of human beings. Yet, although burnt, they seemingly have no dread of the fire.

Nations that refuse to profit by experience invite calamity. The world must come to its senses, and combine for the preservation of civilization. Today this beneficence evidently is farthest from their thoughts.—Boston Post.

Official announcement is made that a royal commission will be appointed to investigate the industrial troubles in Cape Breton.

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REMINISCENCES OF BRIDGETOWN IN THE DAYS GONE BY

(Continued from Last Issue.)

ing is the proof: They agreed to pay him a very modest stipend and were anxious to do so, but they were afraid. They remembered that "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven," and they loved him so that they never paid him, lest he should become carnally minded, and spend the money on themselves, preferring to injure their own souls rather than to injure his.

There were several members of the congregation who could have paid the whole amount, but they were fearful of doing so, and spent it upon themselves. What noble self-abnegation! How proud the great Saint James must have been of his church in Elm-hurst (late Bridgetown)!

He died in 1862 and on his death-bed bade me not to let me be detained in Nova Scotia.

So I went; full of loyalty and illusions, which he had instilled into me. But what was my disgust when I got to my relatives' house in London to see in their library a life of George Washington and to find that he was as much revered in England as in America. And as to the Church of England, I discovered many spots upon her white robes and as to Dissenters! I found there were shades of them. My father lies in the C. of E. cemetery, which was acquired in his day, and which the congregation is now only stirring itself to put in order.

Among the most prominent men were the Shipleys, James and his son William. They were Englishmen who had arrived in the early days of the town. Of James I know little, except he built Victoria Hall, now the Grey Don Garage. I think it is still the handsomest building in Bridgetown. The architect seems to have been inspired by the banqueting hall in Whitehall, London, from a window of which Charles I. stepped on to the scaffold. It seems to be an adaptation of that beautiful hall. As a little boy, living opposite, I looked upon it with great reverence because I thought Queen Victoria lived there. The shop was below and the upper part formed a hall which was used for theatricals, public meetings, etc.

William Shipley, the son, was the schoolmaster, and taught school in the old school house, which stood on the site of the present Court House. He was a fervent old-fashioned English Tory, enthusiastically loyal and one had only to mention "the flag that braved a thousand years' battle and the breeze" to make him explode in a rhapsody over the greatness of England. He taught us, among other things, English History and when we read of the execution of Charles I., the tears used to course down his cheeks and he would break out in maledictions of Cromwell. We never got further than the reign of George III, because that contained an account of the American Revolution, of which he could not bear to think. So when we came to that, he turned back to the ancient Britons. He used to hold forth to us on the glories of Standard Hill Academy at Leicester where he had been educated, and some of the boys were ungrateful enough to wish that he were still there.

He believed in the maxim "spare the rod and spoil the child" and he was wont to haul a boy over the dory bottom up, and lay on with a cutting edge, as a stick, and when the boy would cry, he would lay on with redoubled energy and shout: "Now give over, now give over!"

But at last he caught a Tartar in the sons of Michael Miller, who kept the hotel on Granville St., opposite Queen. They bombarded him with ink bottles and anything they could lay their hands on and finally bolted from the school.

When Mr. Shipley was dressed for State occasions, he was an imposing spectacle, for he had a ruff down his shirt front, as any one may see who will ask Mr. Fred Crosskill to show them a picture of Mr. Shipley that he has. He was honest, true and loyal and a thoroughly good man in every sense of the word. "May he rest in peace and light eternal shine upon him."

He had two sons James and William, but the youngest, oh, poor Billy! climbed up the mast of a schooner when he was about 15 years of age and fell to the deck and died of his injuries. Mr. Shipley's grief was pathetic! It reminds me of the cry of David: "O, Abimelech my son! my son! would God I had died for thee."

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ST. CROIX COVE

Miss Nora Thurber spent over Sunday with friends at Port Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perry, of West Paradise, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Hall, the 6th.

Rev. Myron O. Brinton completed his service as pastor of Cavendish and Fairview churches, P.E.I., last month, and attended the Convention held at Wolfville and is at present visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. Brinton. He was accompanied home by Miss Elaine Simpson, who left the 6th for Acadia Ladies' Seminary.

Ralph Marshall left on Friday Aug. 31st for Rowley, Mass.

Miss Annie Healy and little Virginia Wood returned to Massachusetts August 29th.

Mrs. Charlotte Anderson, of Port Lorne, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ray last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George O'Neal, Melvern Square, and Miss Irma Charlton, Los Angeles, Calif., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Beardsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brinton and children, Hampton, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Poole, the 5th.

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was a brilliant conversationalist, so that he was much sought after wherever he went. He studied medicine in New York and then went to Costa Rica as doctor on a steamer which was owned by the millionaire, Minor C. Keith, a nephew of Henry and John Meigs, of Parrish fame. They built the railway over the Andes. He settled in Costa Rica, where he was one of the first physicians, but his health had been undermined by yellow fever, and malarial fever, of which he eventually died. He was generous to a fault, but anything like trickery made him like a wild bull.

Besides the Shipleys there was the genial lawyer Timothy Ruggles whom everybody liked, and his equally popular brother-in-law, James H. Thorne.

I had nearly forgotten Dr. Forsythe.

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N. S. WOMEN'S INSTITUTES LIBRARIES

"The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword"

In the 1922 handbook of Women's Institutes, prepared by the Superintendent, Miss Helen MacDougall, will be found a very comprehensive list of suggested topics for study. Prominent among these are subjects which have to do with reading matter and libraries, such as "Wholesome Reading for Boys and Girls," "Books that are Best," "How to Start a Home Library," "Periodicals for the Family," "The School Library," "Value of Reading Circles," and "Value of Travelling Libraries."

The programme carried out bears evidence that the Institutes are intensely interested in these topics. As is right and proper, the question of literature for the young has received the most attention; many papers have been read and there has been much discussion along this line.

In order that the children may have an opportunity to secure proper reading matter, many of the Institutes have started school libraries, which contain not only books which will be useful to scholar and teacher in connection with the regular school work, but also books of fiction which children can safely read and enjoy. One of the most recently established school libraries is at East Waltham. Bridgetown has lately assisted their school library by a contribution of \$25.00.

Berwick is taking special interest in the books for the juvenile shelves which they have made a source of real pleasure to the boys and girls. This Institute has taken over the library, which was idle for four years, repaired the books and added new ones. Members have kept the library open certain hours and during this time have also conducted a Women's Exchange.

A great interest is taken in the Bear River Library, which has been established for some time. The library is open every Saturday afternoon and the Institute aims to add at least one new book each month.

A number of the branches have circulating libraries. The one at Sheffield Mills has been carried on very satisfactorily. Thirty members each donate a book and these books are passed from house to house, exchange being made every fortnight. In this way, each member pays for one book and gets the reading of thirty. The exchange of books is in charge of some person who has a list of books and the names of the members and can tell just where each book should be at any time.

Magazines of special interest to Institute members are circulated in this way in some of the Institutes. Many of the schools have the benefit of magazines which are paid for by the Institutes.

In addition to the locally established libraries, the Institutes have the opportunity, through the Department of Agriculture, of securing a Travelling Library from McGill University absolutely free of cost. Institutes are constantly taking advantage of this offer and are deriving much benefit therefrom.

ANOTHER LIFE-GIVER

Long life, coupled with good health, is the ideal and obsession of everyone who has passed the fifty-year mark without being found out. How many of us, then, were at once interested in the cable announcement of Dr. Oliver, of London, that, if they will let him diet the nation, everybody will soon live to be a hundred. It is very simple, too—you cut out meat, tea, alcohol, and a few other things like that, and fasten on what's left. Porridge stands first, and the life-giving men winds up with butter-milk and onions.—(The Australasian).

A PUBLIC PROTEST

The Bell government was exterminated, all the ministers being defeated. Only four Liberals got elected. The administration claimed credit for having improved roads and schools. The opposition promised to reduce taxes. The result may show the relative importance that the voter is attaching just now to a policy of spending money and a policy of cutting down their tax bills.—(Edmonton Bulletin).

JUST SO

Prohibition would be an issue in 1924 all right if either party could get the other to take the wet end of it.—(Columbus Dispatch).

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