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MR. MEIGHEN'S TRIPLE ROLE.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen made his debut on his seturn to the stage of Canadian politics in the triple role of optimist, prophet and apologist. As an pumist Mr. Meighen is not at all convincing. He lacks that power of carrying his audience with him, which is the natural heritage of great actors. Fresh from the invigorating atmosphere of the Imperial Conference, we expected something better from the Premier of Canada than the mere expression of opinion that "those who lament about Canada have not seen much of other countries in these times."

It is small consolation when a man has got a black eye to tell him that some other fellow has got What other countries does Mr. Meighen mean? Does he refer to ravaged Belgium or desolated France? Does he imply that Great Britain is still weltering under her wounds, without hope of recovery? The stest news from that quarter is that Britain is bravely acing her responsibilities and is slowly getting on her feet again. But if the premier alludes to ragged Serbia or starving Russia, grammercy for his com-

Canada, too, has had her wounds and her scars, but she takes her stand in the world not as a nation that has been weakened by misfortune, but se one that has been made stronger by her sacrifices. She only awaits someone to lead her back to the promsed land of prosperity, and Mr. Meighen knows in his heart of hearts that he will never be that one.

Nevertheless he calmly usurps the mantle of Moses, Does he expect that the hash of which he has conocted his cabinet pudding at Ottawa will be palatable the people of Canada all that time? It is already nouldy, stale, evil-smelling and repulsive to the apetite, and the people are sick of it.

This is why Mr. Meighen has assumed the third character in his triple role, that of an apologist. He athetically exclaims: "Let us take courage, and let every class be reasonable, and there will soon be work for everybody who is willing to work." Mr. Meighen need have no qualms on this score; the people are courageous enough and reasonable enough, but they are not given the opportunity of exercising those virtues as they would like for the country's good. In their present anxiety to get things going and to sweep away the cobwebs that clog the wheels of it is to them small consolation for the premier to come back from his protracted sojourn beyond the seas with the declaration that ten years hence there is a good time coming. The country is looking or something more tangible than this and means to have it without having to wait a whole decade.

A TWENTIETH CENTURY EYMERIC. Nicholas Eymeric was an inquisitor in Aragon in he latter half of the fourteenth century, a seeker out of heresies, indefatigable in his labors and filled ofth a burning zeal to preserve all that had been ended down from the past. His compendious work, caring the imposing title, "Directorium Inquisrum," was probably the most authoritative of all nquisitorial treatises, being a complete exposition the principles of the tribunal, and more particuarly a setting forth of the doctrines of all the Afferent sects with which it had to deal. Master Nicholas Eymeric had them all on his list, all tagged nd identified so that his dullest associates would be

ble to spot a heretic anyhere and at any time.

Micholas Eymeric has a successor. His name is ask, and he is a member of the Senate of the state of New York. He is the arch-inquisitor of he has had published at the expense of the state four-volume report, many thousand pages in all, which he has listed everybody who in any posble way might be suspected of even the slightest soundness with regard to the existing conditions. mak has them all, college professors, ministers, social evists, real Bolshevists, anarchists, humanitarians, of cane. e's got them on the list," and in his opinion "they ever would be missed." Old Nicholas Eymeric has othing on Mr. Lusk as a cataloguer of deadly sins.

The chief trouble with New York's arch-inquisitor be sure of his facts. Consequently he charged bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, among thera with "socialistic tendencies," and they are at sent putting the senator in his place with some Then it developed that this arch-patriot, this per cent American, had recently accepted a gift a silver service from a certain element who fited financially by legislation that he pressed rough, and the Republicans at Albany are now to depose him as Senate leader.

ar friend Uncle Sam, since he entered the war 917, has been undergoing a period of reaction in he has been standing up so straight that the

defame and malign everyone who did not hold opinio exactly the same as their own.

A noted English publicist, who visited the United States recently, said that there was less real freedom in the United States than in any continental country that he had recently visited. Daily life was bound about by netty restrictions and there seemed to be

that he had recently visited. Daily life was bound about by petty restrictions, and there seemed to be widespread fear of allowing free speech or a free press. What he actually witnessed was the bad outbreak of Luskism that is now abroad in the land. The most hopeful thing to say is that the disease is its own cure.

The Lusk report is being ridiculed right and left, not alone by the more liberal journals, but by the more conservative press as well, which is finding plenty of evidence that statements and documents have been tampered with to make out a case for it of the most nonsensical character, is strung out page after page until the very bulk of the report is probably defeating its objects, since neither the reactionaries nor the people who are attacked will ever read it. However, Mr. Lusk, in his retirement, may set the four bulky volumes beside the silver teal and the sidual farm at Crumlin, which is not four silmate the cost of drilling and equipping the the cost of drilling and equipping the cost of drilling and equipping the the cost of drilling and equipping the cost of drilling and equipping the the cost of drilling and equipping the cost of drilling and equipping the cost of drilling and equipping the the cost of drilling and equipping the three wells estimated to yield 500,000 tubic feet per day, delivered at the city limits at 1 cent per 1,000 cubic feet, will yield a revenue of \$1.825.

S 500,000 cubic feet of natural gate, a clievered at the city limits at the cit may set the four bulky volumes beside the silver tea service and "call it a day."

WHERE TOWN AND COUNTRY MEET.

Although there were no other signs visible, those erisp, still evenings and the tinges of gold and the slight blushes of red that are warming up the maple trees, indicate that the time of the Western Fair draws near. Someone has said that when the time does come that all roads will lead to the Queen's Park, where the great exhibition is held. This is in the main perfectly true, for the Western Fair is undoubtedly the rallying point for the people both of town and country. In other words, it is the hub of the wheel which keeps in motion both urban and rural activities, and it would be a bad day for the combined community if that wheel ceased to revolve with all its accustomed freedom.

Latterly there has been a get-together movement between the city and the country, and there is no better objective for those who have this movement at h art than the exhibition, which includes within its scope so many things in which both communities are vitally interested. It is a powerful medium for the formal state of the proposition of the road of the proposition. Go to it.

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vitally interested. It is a powerful medium for the fusing of the urban and the rural elements, a point at which the two are welded together by their common interests and sympathies. In this way the fair be comes the most powerful instrument in furthering the objects which the promoters of the get-together movement have in view, namely, a better understanding between the town and the county, so that the two may enter into hearty co-operation in building up not only the province, but the Dominion as a whole.

For these reasons it is the duty of every man, woman and child in Western Ontario to support the Western Fair with all their might, not only by attending it, but by being as far as possible exhibitors as well. Nothing is more conducive to the generation of a real live interest in the exhibition than for each of some of the products of the farm, the factory, the garden or the studio. It is the aim of the directors to arouse the interest of all concerned in these aim to the full extent of its ability. The Western Fair is not alone a place where many a pleasant hour may be spent, but it is a rendezvous where much may good may be accomplished. It is therefore the duty of everyone to give it a boost on every possible opportunity, remembering that in doing so they are active think about to pilot his engine and train units in the common task of attaining a worthy object. in safety without being wrought upon units in the common task of attaining a worthy object.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The only bores that are welcome are those that

same altitude as their titles.

A voung man with literary aspirations says that

he can write like the Dickens.

It is said that there will be no Yapping at the forthcoming conference at Washington.

It would seem that although the county constables are employed on peace work they are not always on

Horseless carriages are not the latest thing. Driverless autos are. The first one has been seen in the streets of Dayton, Ohio

Since the armistice the British navy has scrapped over 530 obsolete ships. The navy also did a gooff ieal of scrapping during the war.

Llanystrumdwy-No, gentle reader, this is not a and the actor cut their masterpiece ypographical horror; it is merely the name of the place water. The stream flows on and they where Lloyd George went to school.

A party of immigrants representing six countries arrived in Toronto. As representatives of the League of Nations it was appropriate that they should meet at

The lurid type of literature is the favorite reading United States in respect to economic heresies, of penitentiary prisoners in New York. Probably, however, this kind of reading was the causes of their being in prison, not the effect.

Strike action has received the approval of the teachers' convention at Toronto, but this sort of action has been condemned by thousands of pupils, formers. I. W. W. agitators, socialists, parlor Bol- who for centuries have had an aversion to the brand

It is said that the "Wets" are getting back at the London Methodists on account of their zeal on behalf of prohibition, and although the results have been so that he was more anxious to issue his report than far striking and full of fire, they are not inspiring. The Methodist have still many towers of strength.

THE ALARM IN CANADA. [Waterbury American.]

The Rev. Canon Scott, a prominent Quebec citizen, gives Canada the alarm over the sign of the disposition in the United States to grasp Canada in its power by taking possession of the St. Lawrence River. He imagines a time in the future when Canada might be at war and the United States a neutral, and would resist the Canadian necessity of closing the river by mines. "The St. Lawrence is a great Canadian asset," he said, "and must be wholly under our control. It is the very spinal marrow of Canada. The internationalizing of the St. Lawrence would cut us off both really and sentimentally from the lower provinces. Would he has been standing up so straight that the from his heels has been striking on the back of head. It has been a perfect heyday for the Lusks their kind, who, giving themselves out to cradicators of dangerous agitators, have been a savantage of their powers and opportunities to the internationalizing of the St. Lawrence would cut us off both really and sentimentally from the lower provinces. Would the Americans consent to the internationalization of the Panama Canal or the Mississippi? Our great river must be ours, and ours alone."—This sounds a little like hysteria, and not unlike things we used to hear when reciprocity was an issue. Canon Scott's outgiving will astoniah a great many Americans who looked on this matter as a business proposition, and hadn't realised its political pessibilities.

LETTERS

FIGURES ON THE GAS SITUATION.

cash investment?

No person is employed to manufacture this gas, and no materials are purchased to produce it. It is nature's gift. Who is entitled to its benefits, above reasonable return on capital?

Now take a look at the revenue for distribution after the supply is received at the city limits:

HAS TRUE WESTERN SPIRIT.

[Halifax Chronicle.] [Halifax Chronicle.]

Admirers of the writings of Mrs.

Nellie McClung will be inclined to congratulate Alberta upon her election to the House of Assembly. She seems to be the embodiment of the true western spirit, progressive, to-erant, thoughtful, resourceful and of a buoyant disposition, with a keen sense of humor. Such qualities should soon win a foremost place for her among the legislators of "Sunny Alberta."

[Belleville Daily Ontario.] A railway engineer remarked not long why motor drivers persist in running their cars full speed ahead when approaching a moving train at a railway crossing. Of course, they don't intend hair-breadth escapes, and many are the shoot across just ahead of me, and ther turn and laugh at me. They may think it a joke, but it is a serie to a locomotive driver. T driver has enough to watch for and by the foolishness and foolhardiness of

the motorist." What you may think is only a joke, is to the man with his hand on the throttle and his eye on the track, a time of intense and mental and nerve-racking strain.

Motorists can just as well stop their High constables' salaries are apparently not of the cars further back, thus insuring their own safety and relieving the engineer of that horrid feeling.

CARUSO.

[Montreal Star.] The failure of Enrico Caruso to win

his gallant fight against disease inflicts on the finer side of civilization only one such voice in the world, so far as the musicians knew. Once before the physical apparatus that carried i overcame the malign influence and gave us back our great gift. But this time death has intervened. There is no re-covery from death.

Modern invention has preserved some adowy suggestion of this golden voice which would otherwise have passed wholly into memory. That is an advantsamples of Jenny Lind. But for many a year those who felt the magic of Caruso can at least be reminded of the melody which poured from his throat In the main however, both the singet are forgotten. It is as if the Venus de oblivion. Happily, however, new dramatic stars arise and new melodious throats are opened, and the masterpieces of the past live again.

WHAT IS BOLSHEVISM?

[Kansas City Star.] worked, or attempted to be worked since history began. It consists simply in contracting to buy something it can't pay for, and under cover of these pretentious transactions to collect some-thing on account. The old-fashioned word for it was confidence game. The only difference between the new game and the old is that the new one is being worked on a scale never before attempted. Its failure will be on a coresponding scale. When the con charge of political and social fraud, and fronted with its unfulfilled conmore available assets than its reputed

PHYSICIANS AND THEIR FEES. [Kingston Standard.] The authorities of the famous Johns Hopkins Hospital of Baltimore hav come step in issuing a dictum to the effect that the maximum fee that may hospital, no matter how wealthy the patient may be, shall be \$1,000, and that the maximum charge that any physician ought to make for attending patients in

any hospital is \$35 a week. This order should have a very beneficial and salutary effect, since it will certainly end, so far as Johns Hopkins is concerned, any further "gouging" of patients merely because they happen to be wealthy. It has, indeed, been too common a custom in many places to about 100 to the common account of the common accoun mon a custom in many places to charge exorbitant fees in the cases of those patients who were known to be wealthy —and this merely because they were wealthy and not because the operation warranted it. If this order will put a stop to this overcharging not only in

WELL PRESERVED.

horrors of war was not only a damnable crime against humanity, but a losing proposition for herself, the publication distribution after the supply is received at the city limits:

1. 500,000 cubic feet per day at 20 cents per 1.000 cubic feet, will yield an annual revenue of \$36,500 for distribution.

2. If the City Company at the revenue for her war losses ought to open her eyes. Even though, proportionately to her population, France suffered more severely than Germany, the latter's casualty lists run to totals well-night staggering. numbered 4,246,874, and in addition some

POETRY AND JEST

THE MAGICIAN. [Life.]

Of forming roses out of clay;

Of getting from a heedless rafter

Of welding in a sunset sea

Of making out of crawling things

And then grown jealous of its trust Of changing roses back to dust VERY NEW.

[Lousville Courier-Journal.] "I want some desk stockings." "Desk stockings?" "Yes, roll-tops."

[Louisa Brooke.] It's just a heap of ruin, A drunken brick carouse

This thing my spirit grew in That once was called a house An attic where I scribbled Through making summer days, While street-pianos nibbled At the patient Marseillaise.

The spider-landlord squatted In a web of dinner-sme And people slowly rotted In little gossip-hells.

And yet I could have cried-For the little oil I burned there,

A CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISE. [Cleveland News.]
It is possible to kiss a girl while driving an automobile, but it take a whole lot of co-operation.

SONNET. [G. Gould, in Living Age.]
The creeping hours have caught us un-

awares,
And while we yet stand breathless
from the thrill Of the warm noon, the twilight wide airs: dead and equal light of evening

The world of shade ere shade shall have its fill, vague gleams on river, fold

and hill
Are lost and lonely as unanswered prayers. DDraw closer to me, dear; the great-

Must breed the greater solace. All about, The moods and marvel of the day

Like candles blown upon; the heat, the Are sped: but all things bring their 'own redress,
And love that's weary is not love

THAT'S WHY.

[Exchange.]
The other day we asked a couple of he boys why a ship is called "she." "If you ever tried to steer one you couldn't ask." replied the city editor. wouldn't ask," replied the city The sporting editor volunteered: "Because it takes so long to get them ready to go anywhere.' TACT.

[Edwin Arlington Robinson.]
Observant of the way she told So much of what was true, lo vanity could long withhold Regard that was her due: She spared him the familiar guile So easily achieved, And left him undeceived

Aware that all imagining Of more than what she meant Would urge an end of everything, He stayed; and then he went, That was to him as light

She smiled a little, knowing well That he would not remark The ruins of a day that fell Around her in the dark: He saw no ruins anywhere, Nor fancied there were scars

THE SILVER LINING

By Fullerton Walde.

GETTING A TOEHOLD.

ther.

There is a timorous, cautious kind of climber who will not think of starting till he is sure of a wide pathway from the bottom to the top of the mountain.

Baltimore but elsewhere, it will be well for the profession.

If people must go to hospitals and perhaps die there, they should at least have the consolation of knowing beforehand that the high cost of dying is keeping step with the declining high cost of living.

Baltimore but elsewhere, it will be well ing to go if you will grant him so exercise, too, that calls into play the muscles of innate manhood, and not simply those of the physical machine.

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