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An Insult To Britain.

The Los Angeles Times tries to explain why it is that British shopkeepers are not pushing the sale of American-made goods as they did during the war, when the "made in Germany" article was under the ban. The Times quotes travellers who have returned from London as saying that in Oxford street shops, where clocks and watches are sold, the German-made article has shoved the U. S. product to the back of the shop.

The explanation, which seems to satisfy the Times, is that Britain, once the money power of the universe, sees United States in possession of half the gold of the world, while its own coffers are depleted, and therefore, in a fit of pique, has turned its back on United States goods.

The Times also claims that "Americans are wearing expensive clothes and eating expensive meals, while the British are going threadbare and living on herrings and porridge that they may pay big income taxes to be remitted to us in payment of their huge war debt." With that view, which seems to gloat over the honorable effort of Britain in paying for a war that was fought for United States as much as for any other nation, there may be some difference, but there will be positive hostility to the concluding statement in the Times article:

"Surely Britain cannot be more concerned about the commercial restoration of Germany than about retaining the good will of her American cousins. Still, if she is, as we \$4,000,000,000 creditor, can afford to overlook her commercial antagonism just as we overlook the actions of a piqued and pouting child."

Britain has no apologies to make for her war debt, and it is to her everlasting glory that she is willing to eat herrings and porridge in order to pay her debts. These debts were contracted on behalf of all the allied nations during the time when United States' participation in the war consisted of selling all manner of supplies, including bacon that was so rancid that it could not be eaten, at top-notch profits.

When United States was at last forced into the war through the murder of her own citizens, it was the British navy that guaranteed safe conduct to the U. S. troops; it was this same navy that made it possible for supplies to be shipped. When the U. S. troops were ready for action they faced an enemy that had been battered and hammered for years by the allied forces.

When the war was over Britain was in bad shape; she found United States seeking to wrest from her, in the moment of her weakness, her supremacy as the sea-carrying power of the world. She found her debtors, France, Italy, Belgium, Germany, unable to pay even the interest on their obligations. Struggling under that load, she faced her debt to United States, sent her financiers straight to that country, and placed her signature on an agreement to pay every last cent of the \$4,000,000,000 with interest, and she has not yet failed to meet a single payment.

When one looks that fact squarely in the face and then reads that the Los Angeles Times considers Great Britain a piqued and pouting child because the sale of American watches and alarm clocks is slowing up in London, the realization breaks that all sense of decency has been discarded, and all regard for national gratitude and respect for worthy tradition has been forgotten.

Britain may be poor, she may be forced to eat her herrings and porridge, but never yet has she played the role of the pouting child. With all her problems, great enough to crush a people of less spirit, she has given a leadership in the past six months in restoring order in Europe that in itself would form a heritage which United States might envy. Great warrior as she is, Britain has set her face toward the League of Nations boldly and without reservation, while United States' contribution consists of sending an official observer, and farther than that she refuses to go.

The Los Angeles Times has penned an insult that will be as deeply resented by right-thinking people in United States as it is in the British dominions.

A Problem For Premier Ferguson.

Judging from the comment in the press, Premier Ferguson's position in dealing with those in his own party who looked to him to give them some other measure than the O. T. A. is not a pleasant one. Some Toronto members have already declared that Premier Ferguson will have to effect a change in that city or suffer loss of seats.

A glance at the election returns shows that Mr. Ferguson has supporters from many ridings that returned very large government sale majorities. It is not necessary to review the whole list, but the following bring out the point: Port William ... 3,655 Toronto N.W. ... 5,411 Hamilton E. ... 5,246 Toronto S.W. ... 15,014 Hamilton W. ... 4,461 Toronto S.E. ... 11,531 Kingston ... 1,417 Waterloo N. ... 5,913 Niagara Falls ... 2,236 Welland ... 2,696 Parkdale ... 1,508 Windsor ... 12,612 Riverdale ... 9,824 York E. ... 4,285 St. Catharines ... 4,408 York W. ... 3,568 Sudbury ... 5,186 Toronto N.E. ... 4,231 Total ... 107,102

From the point of practical politics, many of the men who represent these ridings will hold that their people have voted for something which the government is not able to deliver. Some of them have already done so, and others will do the same thing at the first opportunity.

Mr. Ferguson has stated that the O. T. A. is the law of the land, and he is powerless for the present to do anything for them. He has tested public opinion, and must abide by the results.

If Premier Ferguson does face difficulties within his own party he has himself to blame. All through the provincial campaign he failed to make a clear-cut statement showing where he stood on the issue. He played for the rural vote on the idea that he would enforce the O. T. A.; he allowed those opposed to the measure to believe he would do something for them. When he brought in his "enabling legislation" after being returned to power he was implementing this unwritten promise to do something to shake off the O. T. A.

That the O. T. A. is still the law of the land is not due to the work of Premier Ferguson. He used each opportunity in answering inquiries about the proposed government control in Ontario to assure the people that it would not contain features to which they objected in other provinces, and yet he knew the legislation had not been framed, and that he could speak as only one man in the cabinet. These statements of the premier were used extensively in the Moderation League advertising to attempt to persuade the people that something definite and real was known of the proposed measure.

The truth is that Premier Ferguson was poorly advised when he first set his hand to the work of tampering with the Ontario Temperance Act. He cannot claim that he was not thoroughly warned from many sources to leave it alone. In the aggregate there were hundreds, if not thousands of resolutions forwarded to him stating that the people were satisfied with the O. T. A., and wanted it left alone. These resolutions he set aside and listened to the advice of others whose identity he has never disclosed. The premier is entitled to credit for his prompt statement that the O. T. A. will remain, and that the people must live with the conditions they themselves created. The same thing applies to Mr. Ferguson. If his policy of presenting an opportunity to smash the O. T. A. has created a political problem, he will have to live with the situation which he created.

The Free Press Breaks Its Silence.

The London Free Press on Saturday, October 25, became editorially aware that there had been a plebiscite in Ontario.

It breaks its long silence to say that it's too bad that Toronto can't have what it voted for, and to remark that "a lot of hard things were said during the campaign."

Now that's too bad, that men on both sides who were not afraid to come out and say where they stood have said some hard things. But the Free Press can say, with positively no fear of contradiction, that its editorial columns never uttered any of those hard words, nor did it utter any soft words, long words, short words, bright words or dull words.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal, summarizing press views uttered on Friday as to the outcome, stated the case very well when it said:

"The London Free Press expresses the same view as it has throughout the whole campaign—nothing."

Note and Comment.

We'll have to revise that talk about a white-collar job, seeing that so many men are now wearing 'em colored.

A new plot has been discovered in Germany for a monarchy. Despatch does not say in which cemetery it is located.

Perhaps the politicians have already made the discovery that there's a great big wallop in the rural vote of Ontario.

London's vote showed this city to be a little damp, not wet, and yet not dry. A pair of rubbers, but not an umbrella and a slicker.

In Hamilton employees of the tax department got cash by the simple method of placing an I.O.U. Imagine the indignation of these same people if taxpayers tried to pay on the same basis.

Before and After

I always note in readin' of the men who get locked up in jail, a-seeekin' after someone who'll put up ten thousand for their bail, as how these men when trouble comes and empties on 'em peck by peck, and when the hand of justice goes and grabs them firmly by the neck, it ain't till then they start to talk the things what lie inside their dome, and wonder what they's goin' to do about the folk's what's left at home.

I've seen this thing year after year, some jay he goes and cracks a door, and sneakin' in he robs the place while honest folks they sleep and snore.

He goes a-sneakin' out again, he puts the swag beneath a tree, a-reckonin' that no other man is half as smart and cute as he.

Another crook he gets an axe, a crowbar and a jimmy too, and plunders up the village store like honest folks would never do; he doesn't tell the folks at home as how he's bustin' through the law, and how a cop should come along and use a billy on his jaw.

Some other folks they get a car, and in their pockets pistols clank, they stop their bus and sneak about a-holdin' up the village bank, where humble folks with horny hands, who play the game and do it fair, have trudged their path unto its doors and parked their hard-earned ducats there.

These shootin' men they never earned no dollar for the work they done, they grew no pains upon their back, no blisters ris upon their thumb. Yet when the cops get on the job and put their ears upon the ground, and when they snoot around a spell until the guilty guy is found; it's when they've run these crooks a race they start to whine a spell and groan, they don't know what they're goin' to do about the folks what's left at home.

'Tis only when the copper comes and places them inside the coop, and when they dine on humble fare and sup the spineless jail-house soup, they start to think what fools they be, they start to crumple in the spine, the tongue they used for plottin' with, they use it now to croak and whine.

P'raps it's cruel to say such things of chaps who prowl about at night, maybe we should be pointin' out the things men do what's good and right, yet all the same it seems at times as them what use a gun and dirk should think about the folks to home before they start their dirty work.—ARK.

Rarebits By Rex

THE CROSS-WORD PUZZLER.

No longer parties rough and wet
Can lure him forth to guzzle;
He stays at home each night to get
His crazy cross-word puzzle.
He growls and grumbles, frets and fumes,
On meals he's lost all tab,
For he's become a craven, cringing, cross-word puzzle crab.

No dynamite or brutal force
Can oust him from his attic,
His wife is getting a divorce,
He swears like some fanatic;
Wild-eyed and foaming at the mouth,
You'd think he'd need a muzzle
If you could hear his "crosses" words while he does his cross-word puzzle.

If asked the puzzle to define
"A mental test," he'll style 'em;
Last night they took him to confine
Him in the town asylum.
And now he raves in section D
In nice, congenial ranks
For they put him with ten other craven, cross-word puzzle cranks.

A New York scientist says it is pride that makes poor young men give their girls expensive engagement rings. But our guess is that it's the girls.

When a man's wife makes him refrain from cards, smoking, and the club, his life is one grand, sweet refrain.

The cause of most domestic battles is because a wife's yearning capacity is usually so much greater than her husband's earning capacity.

Another paradox is that when you wear your trousers out you cannot wear them out.

A go-getter is one who will get it anywhere—including the neck.

A lot of nice women dress as if they weren't which recalls the old maxim that all that glitters is not gold.

PAINFUL PATHOS.

"Even if I did marry the Prince of Wales, Maisie, with those 'sossitis' carryin' on social life of us aristocrats wouldn't be worth livin'."

A Cleveland clergyman sends in bills to every couple wed in his church. We personally prefer the cash and marry system.

Dr. Frank Crane

The Best Amusement.

The best form of amusement is not found by going forward in complexity and invention, but by going backward to simplicity.

The nearer a thing comes to being primitive, and the farther an act reaches back into antiquity, the more diverting it is apt to be.

People like baseball because, many thousand years ago their ancestors ran from their enemies, or swatted them with branches broken from trees, or threw stones at them. This running, striking and throwing is what constitutes the game of baseball and these three acts reach back to such a time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

May Peterson, former Metropolitan opera singer, was married last June to a wealthy Texas colonel, who was also a member of the American legion. At the recent convention held in St. Paul, May headed the Texas delegation as she rode upon an old gray mare.

She declared that it was her intention to ride to Texas on the beast.

"The pioneer brides of Texas took their honeymoons in prairie schooners," she said. "I will go them one better. I never rode before, but I am game."

We predict that the charming May will find more fun in this trip than she has ever found in Broadway cafes or Paris entertainments.

She will be going back to nature and will uncover a thousand little pleasures in doing so that the members of the high life of society have forgotten. Many a bored member of the smart set would be rejuvenated if he could mount an old gray mare and ride out of his environment back to nature.

We cannot run away from the human race or escape our instincts. We cannot be wholly artificial even if we want to. Nature draws us back.

And in the arms of nature are usually found more kinds of genuine pleasure than are found anywhere else.

If there is any room on the back of Miss Peterson's old gray mare we would like to apply for the place.

Press Comment

Just Another Gold Brick.

Hamilton doesn't seem to be a bit proud of the notoriety thrust upon it by the city hall tax scandals. The paying of taxes with I.O.U.'s was too good to last, and the chaps who thought it a bonanza are beginning to think it was just another gold brick handed to them.—Guelph Mercury.

Take Them Along.

In Pondoland, South Africa, the practice of buying wives on credit is about to cease. After all, the cash-and-carry system is better.—New York World.

But Then That's Different!

Addressing Roumania, Mr. Hughes sends a sharp note to a small country and demands oil rights for American interests. A sharp note to American oil companies demanding oil rights for the American people in the United States would be a refreshing novelty.—New York World.

Much Like the Adults.

When a baby opens his mouth he somehow or other manages to get his foot in it.—San Fran. Cisco Bulletin.

Slandering the Cook.

A young wife's first cherry pie is more to be pitted than censured.—San Francisco Bulletin.

A Very Necessary Item.

The New York Times opines that all Davis needs to be elected President is a "sufficient number of votes." The same can be said of Andy Gump.—Brockville Recorder.

SEIZED WHISKEY WORTH \$100,000

Windsor Inspector Captures Booze at La Salle—Found in Freight Cars.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, Oct. 25.—Whiskey and beer, valued at \$100,000 bootleggers' prices, was seized at LaSalle this morning, following a raid instituted by M. N. Mousseau, chief license inspector for the county of Essex. This was carried out, he says, as the result of information which indicated that liquor and beer for export were being sold in the border cities and outlying districts.

Thursday Inspector Mousseau captured \$15,000 worth of liquor at LaSalle and Ford.

The huge shipments taken today were located in freight cars and export sheds. One of the docks is operated under the name of John Major, according to the inspector, and the other dock is known as Benoit's. From these sheds and from the box cars 1,400 cases of assorted brands of choice whiskies and 1,400 cases of Canadian beer were taken.

ITALIAN STEAMER SUFFERS \$500,000 LOSS BY FIRE

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 26.—The Italian steamer, Valdarno, which recently cleared from Mobile after taking on lumber here, was destroyed by fire according to advices from Panama city, Florida, this morning. The Valdarno had gone to Panama city to complete her cargo and caught fire at the dock there. The loss will total \$500,000.

BANK TELLER IS FOUND WITH BULLET IN HEART

Kempville, Oct. 25.—Claude Root, teller in a local bank, was found dead this morning with a bullet through his heart. According to medical men he had been dead about six hours. A pistol was lying on a nearby chair. After a preliminary session this morning the inquest was adjourned for one week.

To the Editor

Appeal To Court.

Safest Way in Case Husband Has Been Absent For a Period of Seven Years.

Editor of The Advertiser:
Sir—Will you please answer through your paper in the legal queries the following question?

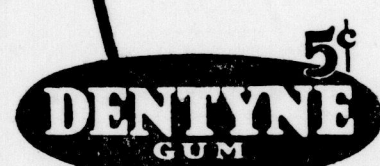
How many years before a woman could legally get married again, she having not heard from or received any support from her husband for five years.

INTERESTED.
Answer:—Seven years' absence, but it would be safer before marrying to have him declared dead by the court.

ISSUES WRIT.

A. G. Chisholm has issued a county court writ on behalf of Wm. Garley, London, against Harry Newby of Westminster township, to recover possession of an automobile valued at \$250.

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THRASHING ENGINE SPARK CAUSES BIG BARN FIRE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Pembroke, Oct. 25.—Fire started by sparks from a threshing engine in a barn on the farm of G. Ryan, councillor of Allumette Island, completely destroyed his home, outbuildings, and season's crop here yesterday. The entire contents of the house, barn and stable, besides a threshing outfit and all farm implements were burned. This is the second misfortune of this nature that Mr. Ryan has experienced, the first being some twelve years ago. A small amount of insurance was carried.



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