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## HAIR-TRIGGER DIPLOMACY

Mr. Denby, Secretary of the Navy, has raised a bit of a storm in the United States by saying in a public speech that his country must have "a navy as large as that of any country in the world." Mr. Denby had scarcely entered the Harding cabinet when he made this statement. Critics are reminding him that if what he said is an announcement of the administration's policy it should have come first from the President, and that if it does not represent the administration's policy Mr. Denby is too indiscreet to be entrusted with cabinet office. The New York Evening Post goes after Mr. Denby and the other jingoes from an interesting angle, saying: "The mischief of a declaration like that of Secretary Denby and of the policy that it embodies lies in the fact that it constitutes a challenge. It is idle to pretend that we need a navy as large as the navy of Great Britain for defence. If in our geographical position we need a navy of the size of her fleet, then she in her geographical position needs a fleet much larger than the one she now relies upon. For us to adopt the policy of a navy as large as that of any other country in the world would be to prepare not for defence but for aggression. All our protests to the contrary would avail nothing. Nations do not listen to another nation's words when that nation is trying out bigger and bigger guns. If Japan were to announce that she had adopted the policy of a navy as large as that of any other country in the world but that she meant no harm, how the halls of Congress would resound with angry and sarcastic comment. An indefensible policy does not become less indefensible merely because we make it ours."

Still pressing the question as to whether the Harding administration is for peace or for war, the Post calls upon the President to rebuke Mr. Denby. It says: "At almost the same time at which Secretary Denby was rattling the sabre business men met in Tokyo and decided (1) to send a cable dispatch to President Harding and Senator Borah urging them to use their influence for restriction of armaments and (2) to request the Japanese Diet to apply a part of the appropriation for armaments to educational and social improvement. With what face can they urge the second point in their programme when our Secretary of the Navy is calling for a fleet that will dwarf the Japanese fleet in its magnitude? Whom do we wish to encourage—the Japanese military party or the Japanese peace party? Senator Borah puts the matter terse. When the whole world sees us making haste to build and making every effort to postpone conferring, the world will come to its own conclusion; that is, that our disarmament proposal is insincere, it is simply being used to cover a programme of armaments such as the world never before saw. By act if not in word President Harding should make a prompt disavowal of Secretary Denby's mischievous speech."

Mr. Denby may have done President Harding injustice. Mr. Harding may not have known that Mr. Denby was a hair-trigger statesman until the Secretary's first speech proclaimed it. But if Mr. Harding was thus deceived the remedy is simple and easy. He has but to show by some definite act or proposal that he and his cabinet are ready to commit the United States to a policy which makes clearly for disarmament and peace rather than to a policy the outstanding feature of which is preparation for war though war threatens the republic from no quarter of the globe.

## VETERANS AND THE EX-KAISER

Some of those writers who were in a rush to condemn the Ottawa branch of the G. W. V. A. for objecting to the publication of the ex-Kaiser's memoirs by an English publishing house might at least have given the veterans' point of view fair consideration. The men who fought the Kaiser do not think Canadian or British money, or Canadian or British labor, should go to help make the sale of such a work successful and put the profits in the already well-lined pockets of Wilhelm the Damned. And that the men who made the greatest sacrifices to save the world from Kaiserism should hold these views is scarcely surprising.

It is true enough, no doubt, that a curious world might regard publication of the memoirs as desirable because they might be expected to throw new light upon German guilt before and during the war, and disclose much concerning the working of the German machine which is not now known in the Allied countries. While giving that aspect of the case consideration, the Ottawa veterans insist that it would be an outrage upon British sentiment that the ex-Kaiser should be allowed to pocket large profits by such an enterprise at the expense of the British public. They propose to appeal to the Canadian government to make it illegal for any person in Canada to possess a copy of such memoirs, or for any newspaper or magazine in this country to publish them, and they would exclude any American publications containing them. The government will probably follow the British precedent in this matter. If

publication and sale of the work is permitted in the United Kingdom its exclusion from Canada would not be likely. That the ex-Kaiser's writings, or that done for him, will deceive any but Germans as pro-Germans is unlikely enough; but it is quite natural that the veterans should feel indignant at the thought that British or Canadian money should find its way into the pockets of the great criminal in the fashion suggested. The censorship business is an awkward one, and in peace time it is seldom necessary, but the government, in considering the resolution of the Ottawa veterans, should give thought to the nature of not a few American publications now freely admitted to this country, some of them poisonous anti-British. By allowing their sale in Canada they are not lining the pockets of enemies of the Empire and encouraging the disaffected within our own boundaries?

Referring to the debate on the address, The Times thinks that "eloquence which usually occupies the first week of the session might well be curtailed." We entirely agree, and in any case that debate this year will be short. Nearly half of the members are new, and while they may not be exactly shy, they will probably desire to get more familiar with their surroundings before launching forth into debate. After the leader of the opposition has been heard in criticism of the speech, and the premier has replied, further discussion is practically waste of time. No new arguments are ever—seldom—advanced; it is merely repetition. Words, words, words. — The Standard.

Quite so. And, really, how many read a long speech? The idea that these long ones should be published in order that the extended views of honorable gentlemen may reach their constituents would be fine but for the fact that the constituents, while they might listen to a long speech, will certainly not read one unless there are very exceptional reasons for doing so; in nine cases out of ten there are no such reasons.

Here's a chance for the Hon. Rupert Wignmore to square the account. There's a Nova Scotia vacancy in the Senate. Let Mr. Wignmore have a New Brunswick appointment to fill it. Quite simple. And Mr. Wignmore's prestige needs brushing up a bit. But, says somebody, how can Nova Scotians be got to consent to the appointment of a New Brunswicker to represent them? Their consent is not necessary. Mr. Wignmore did not secure New Brunswick's consent to the appointment of a Nova Scotian. He made the appointment and let New Brunswick yell. Now, if he would peace in his troubled province, let him better borrow a senatorship from his friend Hon. Mr. McCurdy, and divide it among a score or so of New Brunswick applicants.

A rumor is circulated in Ottawa to the effect that Senator Fowler might be his seat in the Senate is to be questioned on the ground that he is not living in New Brunswick. In reading the rumor it is well to keep in mind the fact that Senator Fowler recently published a strong letter criticizing Hon. Mr. Wignmore and the government. What's the idea in going after the Kings county senator? Do they want his seat—to give to a Nova Scotian? The business of taking meat from a bear has been described as hazardous, but it is safe compared with any attempt Mr. Wignmore may make to pry Mr. George W. Fowler loose from the Senate.

"It is confessedly an uncertain and difficult situation created by the new advance of allied troops into Germany," says the New York Times. "But the duty of Americans is clear. They must neither by word nor by act give comfort to the evasive and intriguing Germans. They must not add to the grief of France by letting her suspect them of coldness to her righteous demands for reparation. Specific action may not be required of us. But where our sympathies are not hopes lie, the whole world should know."

Once more conferences regarding peace in Ireland are said to be progressing favorably in London. Peace in Ireland is overdue. Previous attempts at reconciliation, which have been numerous have failed, but the hopeful tenor of today's despatches is encouraging to the forces of good will. Even to Ireland peace will come. May it be soon.

## YOUNG HEROINE

Gave Blood to Save Father's Life.

A girl's heroic effort to prolong the life of her father was described at South-west County Court, England, during the hearing of an application for appointment. The applicant a widow named Pike of Horselydown, explained that her husband met with an accident on board ship at the Surrey Commercial Docks. He was brought home, and a daughter, aged nineteen, gave one and a half pints of her blood to prolong her father's life. With tears in her eyes, the woman informed Judge Grainger that in consequence of the sacrifice, her daughter was now in a very weak state of health. The husband had since died, leaving a family of eight children.

His Honor—It is indeed a heroic action, and your daughter must be fed very generously. He awarded her £9 for nourishment for the daughter, in addition to £21 for personal needs.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A golfer was returning from the links when he saw his street car about to start. Making a sprint forward he was about to board it when a woman hailed him from a nearby house.

"Here, mister," she cried. He hesitated a moment and the car was gone, so he shouldered his heavy golf bag and made toward the house. The woman's head had disappeared from the window now, but he could still hear her in the upper room calling: "Here, mister!" After much deliberation as to whether he should leave his loaded bag down stairs or take it up with him he decided on the former and toiled up numerous flights of stairs.

When he reached the top of the house the woman said: "Won't you get the golf bag?" "Won't I?" asked the golfer. "Won't you take Willie away in your bag if he is not a good boy?"

A college education was deemed worthy of the son of a profligate, and when he came home for the holidays he was questioned by his fond parents as to the nature of his studies. "Well, father," said the son, "I've been learning arithmetic."

"Yes, well," said the father impatiently, "a little disappointed." "And French, German, Euclid," went on the son.

"Ah, yes," returned the father joyfully, "that's better. Now just tell me the Euclid for 'Good morning.'"

Snobs, the cubber, opened a shop in the principal street of the town. Being a man of originality, he christened it "The Bazaar." A customer of lightsome spirit brought him a pair of boots which would have disgraced a heavy-duty boot.

"Shouldn't these be mended if I were you," said Snobs severely. "I would present them to the deserving poor." "But I want them mended," was the reply. "This is supposed to be a hospital for boots, isn't it?" "Yes, it is a hospital all right," answered Snobs, "but it isn't a mortuary."

## TO THE POINT.

H. J. Jennings, once editor of the Birmingham Mail, claims to have written the shortest dramatic criticism ever penned. "Last night a play called 'Pure As Snow' was produced at the Black Theatre. It was no tea party at all."

Equally pointed was a criticism which once appeared in a Manchester journal. "Last night Mr. W.—a play was produced. Quite a number of people sat to the end."—London Answers.

## HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW PASTOR

A congregational reception was held last evening in the vestry of the Fairville Baptist church to welcome the new pastor, Rev. Clifford T. Clark and Mrs. Clark. Speeches of eloquent greeting, music of excellent order, delicious refreshments and, above all, whole-hearted sociability marked the evening. A splendid success and assured the new pastor of the warmth of the feeling of his congregation. H. C. Ricker was the chairman of the evening and presided over the program. He was assisted by George Estey and George Fowler. In the large gathering present were many of the city clergymen and their wives.

Those taking part in the welcoming of Rev. Mr. Clark and in the musical program were: H. C. Ricker, Rev. Henry Penna, William McEachern, Rev. J. H. Jenner, Medames Murray Long, Osborne, Prime and Vincent. Rev. F. H. Bone, Rev. Isaac Brindley, Rev. William Townsend, Rev. W. P. Dunham, D. C. Clark and Rev. L. B. Gray. Miss K. Fox was pianist.

The refreshments were served from a table arranged at the rear of the church, decorated with yellow and white. Daffodils and ferns and white candles were the central ornaments. Presiding over the pouring of the tea and coffee were Mrs. H. Beveridge and Mrs. C. Cunningham. The replenishers were: Mrs. D. Huestis and Mrs. L. Trafton. The waitresses were Mrs. J. C. Maxwell and the Misses Grace Stone, Virginia Howard, Mrs. Allister, Hattie Cheesman, Sadie Stevens, Elizabeth McMillan, Pearl Kierstead, Priscilla Harris, Wills Carvell and Irene Symes.

The members of the reception committee were Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Black. Mrs. George Estey and Mrs. George Currie acted as ushers.

## THE METAGAMA

Most of the cabin passengers who arrived on the C. P. O. S. Metagama yesterday afternoon were returning Canadians and practically the whole list of 1297 cabin and third class were destined for points in Upper Canada and the west. Eighty-four were booked for United States points.

Hesh Aaron Lerman is to be the name of the boy who was born to his Polish parents on the trip across, on March 4. Sergeant Melniss of Lacombe, Alberta, accompanied by his wife and child and Private Walter Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Black. Mrs. George Estey and Mrs. George Currie acted as ushers.

## GARFIELD GUILTY

Woodstock, Ont., March 10.—The jury in the case of Norman Garfield, on trial today for the murder of Benjamin Johnston on the night of Jan. 29, brought in a verdict of guilty tonight.

## LOCAL NEWS

The steamer service of the Eastern Steamship Corporation between St. John and Boston and intermediate ports, will be resumed next month.

W. R. Pierce arrived in the city yesterday from Calgary to assume his new duties as chief engineer for the New Brunswick Telephone Company. This is a new department which the company has opened up to take care of its increasing business, and Mr. Pierce is the first chief executive of it.

Rev. J. A. MacKeigan delivered a short address last evening to the men of St. Luke's church on the kind of men the world needs, defining the kind required as men of understanding, capable of team work and men of enthusiasm. He was listened to with much interest by a large congregation.

In St. Columba's Presbyterian church in Fairville, last night, a tea was held by the ladies and young people of the church. The table decorations were in green, an attractive scheme having been the result of the ladies' efforts. The title of an Irish tea. A very large gathering was present and the financial response was most gratifying.

Lewis E. Smith of Halifax delivered an interesting address before the members of the St. John Art Club last evening on "Etching as a Fine Art." He was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. A short musical programme preceded the lecture, those participating were: Miss Erminie Climo and Miss E. B. Sinclair. Refreshments were served under the patronage of Mrs. H. A. Powell, assisted by Mrs. C. H. Lewelling, Mrs. W. F. Haddaway and Mrs. G. S. Fisher.

A joint meeting of the entertainment and benevolent committees of the G. W. V. A. was held last evening in the G. W. V. A. rooms, when it was decided to hold a concert early next week in aid of the benevolent committee's fund which had been used during the winter for the benefit of poor families of the community. The members of the Metagama concert party have kindly volunteered their services for the evening and it is expected that a splendid entertainment will be provided.

The men of the congregation of Centenary church were guests last night at a supper at which Chief Justice H. A. McKeown, chairman of the finance committee of the church, presided. Reports on the additional and repair work done to the church and aggregating \$28,000 during the last year and a half were submitted. W. A. Lockhart, J. Verner McEllen and Lawrence Hennigar substituted for the reports of the respective departments. H. A. Powell, Rev. H. A. Goodwin and Chief Justice McKeown presided at the supper. Singing was done by the men. The supper was served by a committee of ladies. Mrs. J. V. McKeown and Mrs. C. H. Peters presided at the table.

## LIQUOR BILLED AS POTATOES

Big Seizure in Ogdensburg on the Way From Montreal.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., March 11.—Billed as "potatoes" twenty barrels of brandy and ninety-five cases of whiskey were found secreted and concealed in potatoes in the New York Central lines yard here yesterday, by customs officers. The shipments, valued at approximately \$25,000, were consigned from Montreal to a firm in Luzerne, Penna.

## DOG SAVES HIS MASTER'S GOODS BUT GIVES LIFE

Chicago, March 11.—Leo, a St. Bernard dog, yesterday gave his life in preventing an attempt to hold up his master's grocery store.

Three bandits walked into Leonard Malone's store and ordered him to throw up his hands. The dog, watching from a corner, hurled his 150 pounds at one of the robbers, sinking his teeth into the man's throat. The man fired and the dog fell dead. The robbers escaped but did not obtain any loot.

## MAINE TO WATCH CANADA BORDER

Augusta, Me., March 11.—Federal prohibition agents met with state and county officials here yesterday to discuss enforcement of the liquor laws in this state, especially in the counties that border on Canada. After the conference, which was called by Governor Baxter, it was announced that the officials were prepared to act in "complete co-operation" for the enforcement of the law.

## LAUNCH BLUENOSE ON MARCH 26

Halifax, March 10.—According to present plans the fishing schooner Bluenose, now building at Smith and Rhineland's yards, Lunenburg (N. S.) as a contender for the honor of representing Canada in the international schooner races off Halifax, will be launched on March 26. The vessel is now planked and decked, with the dock houses up and the hatches and skylights in place. The caulking was practically all done as the vessel was being planked. About fifty men are engaged in the construction of the schooner.

## DOKEY CEREMONIAL

In obedience to the command of the Royal Visier of Adila Temple, No. 157, Knights of Pythias, the faithful assembled last evening at the Pythian Castle and inducted a band of novices into the mysteries of this sublime of Pythianism. A delegation was present from Moncton. Supper was served about midnight and was followed by a round of toasts and announcements. The officers were: Grand Visier, James S. Lord, St. Stephen; Grand Amis, A. L. L. Dykeman, St. John; Sick, Earl A. Kincaid, St. John; Secretary, Harry M. Akerley, St. John; Treasurer, T. W. Perry, St. John; Master, E. W. W. Bonnell, St. John; Mokanna, F. W. Munro, St. John; Satrap, E. W. S. Lawrence, Moncton; Sahib, B. L. Wood, St. John; Master Ceremonist, R. M. Bartsch, St. John; Master of Work, Beverly Heans, St. John.

## AMENDING DIVORCE LAW

London, March 11.—(Canadian Associated Press)—The House of Lords yesterday gave second reading to the matrimonial bill which is intended to amend the divorce law.

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## THE ST. PIERRE TRIAL

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## ROYAL WEDDING IN ATHENS YESTERDAY

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