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HOME AGAIN.

On Monday, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales returned to his native land from his overseas Dominion tour, after an absence of several months, during which he has probably done more to cement the ties that bind the hearts of the people of these Overseas Dominions to the Motherland than years of statesmanship could possibly have done. Apart from the fact that he is the heir to the Throne, his own personality has had much to do with the success of his tour. He had no need to use any of the arts and wiles which some ambassadors might have found necessary; he had only to be himself. He is young, and that goes a long way. He is a bright boy, bubbling over with high spirits, which appealed to the Australians, who love the manly model in the broad sunshine of that glorious country. He was the future King; and he had an eager eye and ear for the vital knowledge of the conditions which disclosed themselves as he went in and out among the people. The Prince was acclaimed at every turn. The people gave him their love in the first propitious moment he appeared among them.

The visit to Australia has deeper purposes than appears on the surface. It was high statesmanship to send the Prince to the outer marches of the Empire. The war made a tragic disruption of the monarchical principle. While the great thrones in Europe toppled, that of Britain remained seated in the people's love; but it was not the favorable regard should be deepened by the personal visit of the high representative of that monarchy which had weathered the storms of war and revolution. By his engaging personality, his ingenuousness, his genial nature which guaranteed a happy outlook on life, by his consideration for every class in the community, his free mingling with the people, his perfect candor and naturalness, but treasured by youth, he commended the monarchy to a loyal and devoted people. It need not be doubted that the visit of the Prince to India, which is to take place at a later date, will have equally desirable and binding effects, for that great Dependency, while it loves color, first of all, loves also the human touch, to which many of their native rulers are inaccessible.

The simple joyousness of one bright and young and happy lad, has brought a great continent to the foot of the British Throne, in love and loyalty and longing.

THE SUGAR SITUATION.

The Dominion Government is faced with a proposition with regard to the sale of sugar that will need very careful handling to give satisfaction all around. For some months past sugar has been at a price which has inflicted considerable hardship upon many classes of the community, who have had very serious doubts whether such high price was in any way justified. Now it seems that sugar can be purchased from the United States at a much cheaper rate than it can be bought in Canada, and the refiners of this country are opposed to its importation on the ground that they have large stocks on hand, bought at high prices, that would have to be sold at heavy loss, if sold in competition with sugar brought in at present prices.

How far the sugar consumers of this country will tolerate Government regulations that will prohibit the importation of the cheaper sugar from across the border remains to be seen. Yesterday 124 cars of granulated sugar were offered to Toronto at 16 cents per pound, or at four cents under the Canadian price of the moment. It is claimed that if the market was thrown open, with all embargo restrictions off, sugar in Canada would fall that amount per pound everywhere. A wholesale grocer of Toronto is predicting 11-cent sugar within a year, he says it will be a loss to the refiners of \$2,500,000. While the consumer has no particular desire to see the refiners lose so heavily, there is nevertheless a pretty general feeling abroad that, even after losing that amount, they would still be well on the right side, as a result of the extremely high prices they have been getting for so long; and the feeling is also very strong that it is high time the consumers got some little relief. In fairness to the refiners it should be mentioned that when sugar was skyrocketing in the United States, the Board of Commerce held down prices in Canada for a long period, far under the profiteering United States levels. But users of Canadian sugar are now justly demanding that the Canadian refiners bring down their prices, at least to the import cost of the United States sugar, and on the large quantity of raw sugar on hand this may involve heavy losses. When the price of a single 125 lb. bag is pushed to such

absurd heights, by an orgy of over-bidding, gambling, propaganda, and just plain greed, the reaction is bound to catch many persons. At the same time, a sudden fall of the price of sugar to 11 cents here would almost ruin many a hitherto prosperous business.

The Government has been asked to retain the embargo against "dumping" American sugar into this country, and now has the matter under consideration. The consumer does not concern himself about dumping or anything of that kind; he wants cheaper sugar, regardless of whose hide is singed in the getting of it. The Government will need to act very cautiously, if it wishes to keep in the good graces of the people.

THE WOMAN VOTER.

Many politicians who were intensely opposed to the granting of the vote to women comforted themselves, when this hard-won reform at last took place, with the thought: "They may have got it, but most of them will never use it, or even if they do, it will only be blindly, under the dictation of their men folk. The intricacies and subtleties of politics will never be penetrated, in our time, by the intelligence, such as it is, of women."

The recent election has shown that while in some cases these predictions have been falsified, they are in the main true. It is generally understood that, in the city at least, quite a large proportion of the votes cast were those of women, but it is doubtful if very many of these voters really understood the ins and outs of the various questions that formed the issues in the contest. In one case which has come under our notice, one woman voter presented herself at the booth and wanted to vote. Asked afterwards by a party supporter who she had voted for, she did not know. Someone, she said, gave her a piece of paper, which he said was a ballot, and told her to put it in the envelope that would be given her. She did this, and that is all she knew about it.

The woman vote is an unsatisfactory quantity; it is something as to which no guide can be obtained. No one can tell with any degree of certainty what will be done with it, and it is liable at any time to upset all calculations. Only a small proportion of women wanted it any way; and it is safe to say that if a politician of the women were to be taken on the question whether woman franchise should continue or not, with the stipulation that all women not voting would be regarded as against it, it would lose by a large majority. Women are altogether out of place on political platforms; but while there can perhaps be but little objection to their addressing gatherings of women, no woman who expects to retain the respect of mankind will permit herself to "go on the stump" and address the ordinary political meeting—even on behalf of "the dear Government."

EXPLAINING CANADIAN DISLIKE.

Why Canadians dislike Americans is discussed in a recent issue of Collier's, the writer having come to this country to learn the facts at first hand. He finds there is a distinct toward Americans in this country, but believes it is not permanent, and he is also of opinion that the Americans are to blame for the irritation. Its basis he locates in the claim that the United States won the war, and the blatant character of American moving pictures shown to the Canadian public. The attacks on Great Britain by Hearst papers are also found to have contributed to the anti-American feeling, and also the depreciation of the Canadian dollar in the American market. The writer states his case with moderation and fairness, and we agree with him that there is no likelihood of the basically friendly relations between the two countries being seriously affected, despite the efforts of the Sun-Felix sympathizers on both sides of the line, aided by Hearst and the pro-German element, to embroil Great Britain and the United States over the Irish question. It should be the duty of leading newspapers and public men in Canada and the United States to stamp out this sinister movement, and in no circumstances to play politics with a question which has in it the elements of fatal discord.

We know that the most influential of American papers, with the exception of those controlled by Hearst, regard the preservation of Anglo-American comradeship as the first principle of foreign policy; and save in the heat of a bitter political campaign it would be impossible to discover half a dozen public men of the first rank who would say the slightest word to offend British sentiment. Yet there are exasperating exceptions. Here is a specimen:

"Our friend reflects the spirit of

"American youth. For it was the same indomitable spirit that broke the shackles of British tyranny, and laid the foundations of this republic. It was the spirit that kept this nation together when civil war threatened to rend it asunder, and it was that same unconquerable spirit that but a few months ago, when British armies had failed and French armies were in retreat, went to and stemmed the tide at Chateau Thierry, crowned the Ourcq, closed up the St. Mihiel salient, pushed through the impregnable Argonne forest and reached the heights of 'Sedan.'"

We believe readers will be astonished to learn that these remarks were made by Rev. Dr. William A. Scullen, Chancellor of the Cleveland Diocese, and that he had the incredible bad taste to utter them in the course of a funeral oration over the body of Ray Chapman, the ball player who was killed a short time ago by an accident on the playing field. When a high church dignitary can seize upon such a solemn occasion to offer an implied insult to both Britain and France, and to suggest to his hearers that the American spirit is something superior to the British spirit or the French spirit, he is carrying on the work that drove Prussia insane with the ambition of military conquest. Incidentally he made this remark in the presence of a valued member of the Cleveland team who is a Canadian. Canadians will find it much more easy to forgive such exhibitions of ill manners and unworthy spleen if they see them promptly rebuked by Americans who are better qualified than the Chancellor of Cleveland to voice the spirit of the United States.

Some members of the Opposition party happened to be in the city yesterday, for an informal talk over the situation. The Telegraph announced that Mr. C. J. Morrissey, of Newcastle, one of the elected Independents, was also in the city, the inference it desired to leave being that Mr. Morrissey was being "dickered" with, in order that Government emissaries might use this among the Farmer-Labor group. As a matter of fact, Mr. Morrissey was not in the city at all, and is not being "dickered" with by the Opposition; but as Mr. Ventor says that he saw Mr. Morrissey in Newcastle on Monday, the question arises what has he been up to?

The Frederick Glenier was wont to refer to Mr. Blasius (Satisfied) Carter. It ought to be Mr. Blasius Satisfied Carter now, for a leader of a government who goes to the country and comes back again with fewer supporters than he started out with, and then declares himself as being perfectly content with the result, must indeed be very easily satisfied.

The Foster administration appears to be in a MacSwiney condition.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Addition to a Ritual.
(New York Times.)
The ritual of the Grand Army of Republic, which now reads "One country and one flag" was changed to read "One country, one language and one flag" as a result of action taken today at the first business session of the fifty-fourth annual encampment of the war veterans.

This addition to the ritual followed numerous speeches in behalf of its adoption as a step toward Americanization.

Attractions of Paris.
(Punch Correspondent of N. Y. Times.)
When the armistice was signed nearly two years ago and the trenches were deserted, rats which had multiplied and fattened there decided to migrate to Paris.

Only the heralds finished the journey, and the rest of the rats, the ancestors of the most abominable plague of their species the city has ever had. Old men declare that if there had been a quarter as many rats in 1871, Paris would never have surrendered to the famine. At night along the boulevard they swarmed so thick that the cabs run over them, and passers-by kick them off the sidewalks.

Every cellar is a nesting place, and visitors no longer go on the roof of Notre Dame, for the rats have made it one of their favorite ballrooms, and when the doors to the roof are opened they come tumbling down on the visitors' heads.

THE LAUGH LINE

Forewarned
"Why did you break off with that girl?"
"Well, by the way she said her mother ran the old man, I saw they'd make short work of me."
Louisville Courier-Journal.

No Cottages to Spare.
A waggish correspondent who says he has not noticed cottage pudding in the bill of fare for some months, inquires if its absence is due to the shortage of houses.—Boston Transcript.

Impending.
In a few weeks the ultimate consumer will take down his winter suit and learn how much it cost him

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAGE

My Aunt Sue had a birthday yesterday and ma went down town yesterday afternoon and bought a funny looking glass pitcher to give her for a present, and after supper pop and ma started to go to Aunt Sue's house, and ma said, O shah, I've gone and left the pitcher up stairs, Benny, run up to my room and bring down that package on my bed and for money makes it you were ever careful to be careful this time.

Yes ma, I bet I won't drop it once, what do you want to bet, ma, what do you want to bet, pop? I said.

Go up and get the pitcher, a sed pop.

With I went up and did, and there was a loose rug in the hall right outside ma's room and I fell down hard as anything, only I held the pitcher up high like a life saver saving somebody from drowning, and ma called up, Benny, O my goodness, that 6 dollar pitcher.

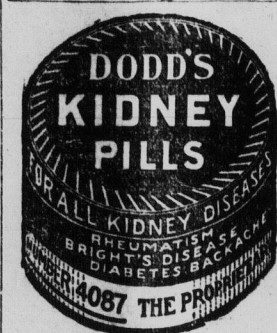
The confounded clown, sed pop. Meaning me, and I called down, I ain't broke, pop, I didn't break it, ma.

Better luck next time, sed pop. Meaning it was almost panned, thinking, Holey smoke, if I trip agen, good bye, Wich jest then wat did I do but trip a gen, and I fell the rest of the way down, only being about 5 steps, me thinking wie I was falling, G, its a good thing I was near the bottom instead of the top. And I left go of the pitcher on account of needing my hands to help me stop falling, and it hit the carpet instead of the wall more by good luck than good intentions, and pop and ma ran and picked me up first, showing they thawt more of me than wat they did of the pitcher, and then ma quick took the rapping off and the pitcher was still the way it awt to be, me saying, Hurray for me, I didn't brake.

You go rise up to bed, sed pop.

Wy, pop? G, it didn't brake I sed, and pop sed, You better so up before you're helped up.

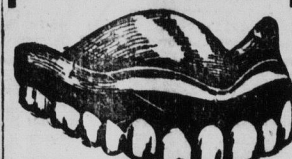
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