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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 13.

Punishing the Kaiser.

Germany already possesses a volunteer army of a million men. Whether this fact has contributed to the continuance of the German government in declining to carry out the terms of the peace treaty in regard to the surrender of criminally guilty persons indicted for having broken the provisions of international law in the war, does not appear. But the German who regards treaties as scraps of paper, who refuses to observe the terms of the peace treaty which forbids an army of more than 100,000 men, and requires the surrender of the arch-war criminals, has evidently changed little since he tore up the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium.

The entente alliance has made its demand for the Kaiser and his crew of international strainers. Holland has declined to surrender those within her bounds. Germany practically repudiates the proposal. Can the allies insist, or if they fail to insist, can they save their face? From one point of view it was unwise to demand the surrender of the German leaders. They are given a prominence which attracts the sympathy of the German who is ruled by his feelings, and been trained not to use his reason. From another point of view the allies could not in reason and justice denounce the crimes of the war, and suffer the guilty criminals to escape. It is reported that such a British authority as Sir Frederick Maurice, relieved of his position during the war for indiscreet conversation, believes that the Germans should not be asked to deliver up their darlings. He thinks they only did their duty! It is impossible to say what will be the result of the dispute, but lesser difficulties have led to the renewal of some of the great historic conflicts of the past.

Alfred Noyes, the poet, advances an idea which might naturally occur to a wandering minstrel. Why should the Kaiser be permitted to live in luxury, asks Mr. Noyes, when his victims in every nation are paying half their income to defray the cost of the war he created?

The peoples of the world, we believe, are unable to conceive any punishment adequate to visit the crimes of which the Kaiser was guilty in planning and precipitating the war. Perhaps we would make no mistake in leaving him to the power that set a mark on Cain, whose ancient decree asserts that "vengeance is mine!" and further declares that He will repay. Nothing short of the infinite Nemesis can properly balance the score that humanity has to settle with William Hohenzollern, and perhaps Germany's refusal to abide by her treaty undertakings may be the mysterious way in which the wonder of an adequate retribution for the Kaiser may be performed.

The New Clinics.

A correspondent writes us under the misapprehension that the Ontario government has adopted the "contagious diseases act," which occasioned such controversy in Britain a generation ago. Our correspondent should get a copy of the regulations from the provincial officer of health, and learn that the Ontario legislation has nothing in common with the obnoxious measure of the last century.

The recent legislation was dictated by the growing ravages of venereal disease as exhibited by returns made by the military authorities during the war. It was found that it was from civilian sources that the diseases were chiefly propagated. The latest returns show that gonorrhea, which is responsible for nearly all blindness and sterility, is commonest in the country, and that syphilis, which is the source of an endless train of diseases, is commonest in cities.

Joint action by the federal and provincial government is being taken to curb and if possible exterminate these fatal diseases. Clinics are to be established in all centres under the provincial health officers, and in such places as Toronto, in the hospitals, where victims of the diseases may be properly treated, and delivered from the quacks who rob them. A grant of \$1000 will be made to every clinic for equipment whether installed or to be purchased, and grants of fifty cents per treatment in each case and 25 cents a day extra for bed patients will be made. A special clinic officer will be appointed to earn the grant, a social service nurse, and separate male and female clinics will be required. In Ontario the provincial health department has been promised the early issue of the license to manufacture salvarsan, the syphilis specific, which was promised last May, and the government will supply this remedy free to the clinics as soon as

SLAUGHTERED TO MAKE A WOMAN'S HAT



the laboratories are in a position to turn it out.

As a social scourge and as the greatest known menace to the health and the growth of the population, venereal disease is being grappled with everywhere by civilized governments, and as the innocent are liable to the terrible contagion as well as the guilty, the governments of this country feel they have no option but to endeavor to remove as far as possible the risks that exist to the innocent in the persons of those who have contracted these maladies. A glance at the literature of the subject which is available at the office of the provincial committee, 154 Bay street, will convince anyone of the facts.

Kids.

There is an unhappy member of the Drury cabinet, whose name is withheld in the hope that he may need the teaching of Sir Thomas White that it is not good for ministers to be alone.

The two big factors which "link a man up to the welfare of his country" are ownership of land and fatherhood. A childless man may, therefore, have no unselfish interest in the heritage he passes on. The Drury cabinet owns 3,000 acres of land, and has a combined "family" of forty-three children. The point is well taken; and the better half of the electorate will hope that the hint will be.

The bachelor always deserves condolence, especially when he is a landed proprietor. To have lingered forty years in the world, and to have cast no living anchor into the future is to be poor indeed. It is the final proof that a man has not been properly brought up; for bringing up father is the most beneficent sport of the age. A badly reared statesman is a load upon a government.

Dear old Andy Broder, who, by his membership first of the legislature and then of parliament, did so much to make Dundas safe for Sir James Whitney, was compassionate towards the childless. "Something wrong about this government," he said one day, just before the old house was cremated. "I've never been close to the people, not a darned bit, six of them haven't got a child between them."

It was a good observe. A statesman without kids can furnish only kid statesmanship—as every father knows.

Dr. Hastings' Plea.

Dr. Hastings complains that the public has not responded to the appeal for help to nurse the sick. There may be some excuse for the public which just at present is pretty well occupied with nursing itself and therefore unable to spare attention to the neighbors. All the same, there must be many who, if they understood the need, would not hesitate to volunteer to help, if not in actual nursing, yet in caring for children and doing other work that must be left undone on account of the sickness of those on whom the duties usually fall.

As a community we are not accustomed to act promptly on the Christian impulses upon which Dr. Hastings believed he could rely in making his appeal. There are more priests and Levites among us than Good Samaritans, the doubtless we all feel qualified to graduate as Good Samaritans before the call comes. Among the poor, and more especially among the very poor, it is the general testimony that the spirit of comradeship and Good Samaritanism is far more prevalent

than among the well-to-do. The well-to-do give money out of their abundance, which is easy. But the service that counts on the day of the sheep and the goats is the service of hand and heart, of personal visitation of direct assistance to those in need, the sick, the prisoners, the hungry and the thirsty. Even the little ones in the Children's Hotel at Church and Carlton were unable to find a volunteer to help with the half dozen ailing infants, besides the many otherwise needing attention.

Pure religion and undefined, says St. James, is to visit the widows and fatherless in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. Dr. Hastings has no doubt been reading St. James and the Gospels, and his disappointment in Toronto the Good is not unnatural.

Barbers Raise Their Prices In All Parts of Montreal

Montreal, Feb. 12.—On and after Monday, Feb. 16, in the uptown central district of the city, the price of a hair-cut will be 40 cents, and a shave 20 cents. In the downtown districts the increase will be more drastic, the hair-cut jumping to 50 cents, and the shave to 20 cents.

THE GIRL WHO SMILED THRU

By MARION RUBINCAM

WAS IT LOVE?

CHAPTER 5.

A few days after the visit to the Model Farm, Alice chanced upon David Thorne driving out of the livery stable, a few blocks from her home. He had the same little runabout and the same gray horse with which they had driven to Five Corners.

"Want to come?" he asked, cordially, as he pulled up the horse and jumped to the pavement.

"I'd like to, but I can't this afternoon," Alice said reluctantly.

"What are you doing, then?" he asked, looking at the "string bag" that hung from her arm, and at the gigantic bunch of roses she held.

"I'm going visiting," she told him. "Visits can always be put off," he urged.

POLITICAL NOTES

Sir Sam Hughes in a characteristic interview which appears in this issue of The World, calls for the summoning of a national Liberal-Conservative convention. Sir Sam thinks the Union government has been an autocracy, and that representative government can best be restored by the return of the Liberal-Conservative party to power. At the same time he sees no reason why Sir Robert Borden should not retain the premiership for the present. The government, Sir Sam thinks, might carry on for another session or two and have the decks cleared for a general election in 1921 or 1922.

There is evidently a fear in some quarters that the government and its parliamentary support may disintegrate early in the coming session. It is rumored for one thing that Sir Thomas White declines to entertain the suggestion of the cabinet that he become the successor of Sir Robert Borden. The Toronto Mail makes an earnest, almost fearful appeal, to the supporters of Union government to hang together, and among other things says:

If Liberal Unionists and Conservatives unite to break up almost immediately. They say Sir Thomas White will not come in as premier and no one else is in sight. They look for a speedy disintegration, and find significance in the fact that Hon. Arthur Meighen is to address public meetings this week, beginning at Winnipeg on the 18th inst.

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that the might return in better health a few months hence. In any event, the crisis can be avoided by announcing that Sir Robert Borden has no intention of resigning, and will return to Ottawa before the end of the session.

The members of the house are not anxious for an election at this time. Nearly all of them would prefer to postpone the election until after the census and a parliamentary redistribution. Their admiration of the Union government may not ooze out of their boots, but they are willing to have it carry on for a time at least.

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If, however, Sir Thomas White becomes premier, what will be the procedure. Some say the cabinet will install him before parliament meets and ask only a ratification from the parliamentary caucus. On the other hand Sir Thomas' acceptance of the premiership automatically vacates his seat in parliament and entails his going back to the county of Leeds for re-election. Quite possibly he may be called to the cabinet, given a portfolio, secure his reelection as member for Leeds, and after that be translated to the premiership.

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