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The Bok Peace Plan

It is certainly a little inconsiderate of Mr. Edward Bok that, when President Coolidge had closed the League of Nations, like any other "incident," he should offer a prize of \$5,000 dollars to the best way to keep peace and good will among men. Ten times that amount, so argue my Republican admirers, would have been better spent on peace between the Churches, and Mr. Bok retired quite too young from the "Ladies Home Journal," which, in these days of 10 per cent divorce, has no effect domestic peace. Naturally, there were Americans who, whatever their views on peace, were so generous as to want the \$5,000 dollars, and 22,000 of them wrote on the subject to Mr. Edward Bok, who in the meantime taken the prize, suitable also for a capital city, of referring the subject to a committee. If only one hour were allotted to each of these competitive plans—and a lawyer who contributed that he took six weeks to write—no verdict could have been declared for eight years of eight-hour week days. Yet in a month, during which Ellhu Root, the chairman of the arbiters, passionately took to his bed, the winner was discovered and his plan published just when Christmas had untidily stirred the aristocratic susceptibilities of Republicans who are addicted to voting Democrat. That such a blow should have been struck at the party of Lincoln by a Philadelphia merely aware that immigration from Holland should be yet further restricted. Edward Bok, after printing an entire autobiography devoted to his own Americanisation, has been so un-American as to indulge in political propaganda. In fact, he is a rank booster, and almost a Roman.

What makes things worse is the fact that Ellhu Root appears in the same company as Colonel House, the Venetian of the United States, where he is known, not indeed as the Cretan, but what is possibly worse, as the Titan. These two disturbers of the peace actually put in a note of their own, advocating the complete abolition of all manufacture and sale of arms as a means of keeping the peace. To begin with, people will fight all the often if they have nothing to fight with, and in the next place, Secretary Hughes is at this moment peddling surplus munitions to Mexico, which is a Philadelphia merely aware that the Monroe Doctrine, as Hiram Johnson points out, a Government which sells arms is responsible for their use, and by equipping President Obregon, which signifies the ancient Irish dynasty of Obrien—well, refusing to do so, he is the opportunity of purchasing weapons even from private firms, the United States has almost taken sides.

Personally, I think that Hughes has been impartial in the right direction. While there is much to be said against effusion outside Mexico, that country has already gained much from Obregon's seal in extending schools, his establishment of peasant proprietors, and, above all, his belief in trade unions, which to-day are the last hope of humanity. De la Huerta merely stands for aristocracy and militarism. And his army, consisting entirely of generals, is no match for Obregon's army, which consists entirely of soldiers. But the fact remains that, in dealing with Mexico, the United States has applied Clauses X. and XVI. of the League of Nations and a good many other clauses of which the League has as yet no cognisance. Indeed, the United States is now daily constituted throughout the new world by herself the League to Enforce Peace, and

countries like Costa Rica and Canada must beware of running what Mexico call a general election. The very word "general" suggests intervention. The Bok Plan is consequently awkward. Here is Hughes swearing that the Hague Court and the League are separate and distinct, while Senator Lodge says that they must be made even more distinct; and yet there comes along Number 1234, or whatever it was—as anonymous as the Klux Klan—and declares that the League and the Court are part of the same plan, that the United States should join the plan and that "gravitation" will sooner or later bring her in. What can a Republican elephant do? Which is the tail and which is the trunk?

THE REAL ISSUE.

For, after all, the important thing is not the peace of the world. Peace is only important as a means to an end. And the end is Republicanism. If the Democrats win the Presidency, of what use will it then be to talk about the peace of the world? Democracy is the real danger. Already, Democrats like Newton D. Baker and William G. MacAdoo and J. W. Davis may be seen creeping out of their oblivion and facing publicity. It is even possible that one of them may will then use the Bok Plan with which to belabour Coolidge, which is blasphemy. For with Coolidge, what matters is not so much what he says as the brief way he says it. His yes is brief and his no is nit. About the League, he doesn't argue or reserve reservations. He just remarks, "Enough said," and goes on to the next topic. When the President thus changes the subject, it is not for Edward Bok to pursue it. He has had his answer, and he should rest content. When policemen in Massachusetts went on strike, Coolidge was governor, and he had the credit of someone else suppressing the rebels. Let Bok remember that incident. Coolidge is now Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, Navy and Air Force, and if he is threatened with peace, he has his remedy.—Truth.

NOTICE—A Special Meeting of the Juvenile T.A. & B. Society will be held on Thursday evening, 21st inst., at 7.30 o'clock, when tickets for the Annual Treat will be distributed. A large attendance is requested. By order JOHN P. KELLY, Secretary Guardians.—Feb. 19, 21.

Will of a Wall Street Man

The following is from the will of a Wall Street man, which has just been proved:

"To my wife I leave her lover, and the knowledge that I wasn't the fool she thought I was."

"To my son I leave the pleasure of earning his living. For 35 years he has thought the pleasure was mine. He was mistaken."

"To my daughter I leave \$100,000. She will need it. The only good piece of business her husband ever did was to marry her."

"To my valet I leave the clothes he has been stealing from me regularly for the past ten years. Also my turcoat that he wore last winter when I was south."

"To my chauffeur I leave my cars, almost ruined them and I want him to have the satisfaction of finishing the job."

"To my partner I leave the suggestion that he take some other clever man in with him at once if he expects to do any business."

"Imported" State Governors

DECISION BY TASMANIAN ASSEMBLY.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 24.—Following the decision of the Tasmanian Assembly, by 14 votes to 12, reducing the estimate for the Governor's establishment by £1, it is understood locally that the Cabinet agreed to reduce the position to a Lieutenant-Governorship, and favours the appointment thereto of Mr. Justice Ewing.

In a leading article, the Hobart Mercury today declares that Mr. Justice Ewing does not possess the necessary personal qualifications, and names, as evidence, his methods as a Royal Commissioner when inquiring into the affairs of the Northern Territory, and, also, his part in assisting to secure the release, desired by a former New South Wales Government, of prisoners found guilty of incendiarism.

Although a resolution in favour of the abolition of the system of "importing" State Governors has appeared in the agenda of every Labour Conference in Australia for years past, the Tasmanian Legislature is the first to put the recommendation into practice. The present movement in that State began early in 1922 with the resignation of Sir William Allardice, now Governor of Newfoundland.

In explaining his reasons for resignation, he stated that he found it impossible to live on his salary, and added that the £2,750 voted to him each year was absorbed by the salaries of his personal staff and the cost of his gardeners, footmen, butler, groom, cooks, housemaids, chauffeur, and valet. In a formal interview at Hobart, he said that he had "never heard of a King's representative in any State or Crown Colony who had to maintain his kitchen garden out of his own pocket."

Soon after Sir William Allardice's departure, it was urged by members of the State Parliament that a successor should not be appointed, and that instead the Chief Justice should continue to act as Lieutenant-Governor. The matter was brought up in the House as a non-party measure and a resolution was passed to that effect. It was, however, immediately thrown out by the Upper House. The Colonial Office then adopted the attitude that although under the Constitution of the State, the Government of Tasmania could not be carried on without a Governor, it would not send out a successor to Sir William Allardice until a formal invitation was received from the Lower House.

The resolution brought forward by the present Government, urging the abolition of the office, has no significance as far as the loyalty of the State towards the Empire is concerned, and has been dictated purely by motives of economy. At the same time there are many others who urge that the actual saving in money does not justify the abolition of the office; they point out that as the Chief Justice is entitled to half of the Governor's pay during his period of service as Lieutenant-Governor, the economy effected is only some £1,400. Against this saving must be placed the considerable amount of money spent both by the "imported" Governor himself and by his household during his term of office. It is also necessary to maintain Government House at Hobart, perhaps the most beautiful Government residence in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Justice Ewing is Chief Justice of Tasmania, and, as such, acts as Lieutenant-Governor, when the Governor is absent from the State. He presided over a Royal Commission on the Administration of the Northern Territory, which was appointed shortly after the war, and was somewhat severely criticised by a section of the Australian Press on account of his attitude towards the Administrator of the Territory, Dr. Gifford, who was subsequently acquitted of serious charges brought against him. Mr. Justice Ewing was also invited by the Labour Government of New South Wales to review the trials and the sentences of several notorious I.W.W. agitators who were imprisoned during the war after an outbreak of sedition and violence which resulted in several buildings in Sydney being burnt down. As a result of the inquiry of the reviewing Court, some of these men were released and others had their terms of imprisonment reduced.—Times.

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Must Strive for Christian Unity

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY DISCUSSES UNION MOVEMENT IN CONVOCATION.

London, Feb. 6.—The movement toward the re-union of the Christian churches were discussed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in addressing the convocation of Canterbury at Westminster this afternoon. Confessions, he said, were steadily taking place at Lambeth between representatives of the Church of England, the non-Episcopal Churches of this country, and before long he hoped for the publication of "results, not merely joint conclusions."

As for re-union with the Roman Catholic Church, the Archbishop stated that nothing in the nature of negotiations had taken place, but were such negotiations within measurable distance and therefore there was nothing to make public.

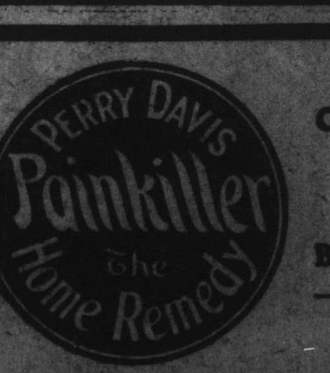
Discussing the criticisms and clamor aroused by the conversations between Anglicans and Catholics under the roof of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, the Archbishop declared the best answer to those denouncing him as "betraying the church," or "bowing down to idolatry" was silence. There were no negotiations whatever, only conversations, and Cardinal Mercier had emphasized this as strongly as had he.

The uniting of the forces of the Christian men on earth may be a long long way off," continued the Archbishop, "I think it is. But we must continuously and prayerfully strive toward it."

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House of Windsor

AMERICAN TRIBUTE TO ROYAL FAMILY—GOOD STORIES OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Americans, it has long been suspected, have "a smothering regard" for kings, whatever they may say sometimes on Independence Day. If anyone has any doubts on the subject they will be dispelled by a perusal of a very entertaining volume entitled "This King Business," by Mr. Frederick L. Collins, and published by T. Werner Laurie. In a series of cleverly written sketches, which he calls "Intimate Accounts of Royalty as a Going Concern," Mr. Collins passes the Monarchs under review, and shows only too clearly that disrespect for crowned heads is only part of the American pose. He owns that he came to Europe a firm believer in republicanism, and left with an inclination "to be patient with monarchy." He is quite enthusiastic about "the Windsors." "Nowhere have I seen," he says, "such devotion to the mental and spiritual needs of a people as is shown by the entire family of George V."

It is not because these Windsors are such thoroughly "nice people" that they alone of Royal Families of Western Europe have emerged from the war stronger than they entered it. The British Royal Family is stronger because it has made the British Empire stronger. England without its Dominions would be at the mercy of the world; and the chief knot which ties the naturally independent and self-sufficient States of Canada and Australia and India to the little dependent Island of Great Britain is the patriotic sentiment embodied in the Crown. British Royalty performs a necessary function; it is a going concern.

Of King George he doubts whether, in sheer brain capacity, he is surpassed by either his father or his son, or any of his Ministers. "The man's brain is encyclopaedic," like a great reference library lined through-out with three-minute monographs on every subject under the sun." Illustrating this, he tells a story of how the King, visiting a London Club, noticed a curious stuffed bird on the mantelpiece. No member of the Club knew what it was, but the King had seen a five ope in Australia, and proceeded to give a Jitta lecture on the duckbill platypus, the only mammal that could live under water.

"The Queen," continues Mr. Collins, "is a charming woman," but she is hardly respected by the English, and is not at all liked by the Welsh, but for what she is. For the Prince of Wales, however, Mr. Collins reserves his chief enthusiasm. "The Prince promises to make the British Throne the most popular in the history of monarchy. All he needs to do is to sit on the throne. He tells many stories of his Royal Highness. Here is one:—

"He was to spend the night in a tiny town in British Columbia. The women of the village, knowing that the Prince preferred a dance to a dinner, prepared to clear the Town Hall for the festivity, but when the volunteer committee of women turned out in the afternoon, they discovered that the office would not hold the committee, so say nothing of the dancers. The women thereupon adjourned to the local garage, turned loose the fords into the neighbouring field, and swept, scrubbed, and polished the place. The Prince, hurrying to the Royal train after a day's evening of contrasting with the local belle, heard of the extraordinary devotion of their mothers, and, satisfied on remaining the following day to thank them for having gone down on their knees to give him pleasure."

There is another good story of the Prince fishing out of his pocket a letter from Princess Mary and reading it with a smile. He told her, "I have a new hat. Mother trimmed it. You can imagine what it is like!" The Princess is another of Mr. Collins's favourites. He comments in his easy American way on how

Marriage Has Improved Her.

I saw her first when she was a gawky, almost pinched, child of 15, under the complete domination of her mother. I saw her again at the end of the war, a big, heavy young woman, whose face in repose wore a sullen, almost resentful expression. But now, as a wife and mother, she has achieved the fine flower of English womanhood—a typical English wife, healthy, sensible, sweet and good.

There are nice things, too, about the Duke of York, a "nut" on mechanics," who, whenever he goes out to "represent" the Royal Family, goes

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All Roads Lead to Baird's

Home and renders a complete detail of report of, "just as if re were working on all important assignment for a board of directors." The chapters on the other European courts are lively, with a dash of cruelty. Victor Emmanuel is described as sitting "up there in Quirinal making a noise like a regular ruler," but really finding his chief job in introducing one outgoing premier to another. "In the Quirinal? Yes, but with his trunk packed!" Mr. Collins is equally saucy about Alfonso, "the royal play-boy." Alfonso, too, must go, according to Mr. Collins. "The royal express is almost due. Any day now they may hear the soft-spoken words, 'Good-bye, pleasant gentlemen; good-bye, kind lady.'"

Angered at Germany's refusal to display its flag at half-mast—a refusal which official and diplomatic circles considered the worst German diplomatic blunder since the war—Patrick Maloney, a student of Georgetown, assisted by a group of taxi-drivers, halted the Stars and Stripes above the embassy door during the night.

The police said that after the American flag had been placed there a woman appeared at a window of the embassy and vigorously waved a German emblem.

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AMERICAN FLAG REMOVED.
WASHINGTON.—(United Press) Police to-day removed an American flag from above the door of the German embassy, where it had been nailed following embassy officials' refusal to honor Woodrow Wilson's passing by displaying the German emblem at half mast.

The embassy was under heavy guard, pending a promise that the German flag would be half-masted at 12.30 p.m.

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AMBASSADOR INTERPRETED, IT IS SAID, INSTRUCTIONS WRONGLY.

WASHINGTON.—(United Press) —The flag over the German Embassy in Berlin was at half-mast out of respect to Woodrow Wilson.

It was stated on behalf of Ambassador Wiedfeldt to-day that instructions had come from Berlin to half-mast the flag, as it was not the intention to show disrespect to Mr. Wilson's memory.

BERLIN.—(United Press)—Manifesting surprise at the criticism aroused in the United States by the failure of the German Embassy in Washington to fly its flag at half-mast out of respect to Woodrow Wilson's death, officials here indicated that Ambassador Wiedfeldt has misunderstood his instructions.

Wiedfeldt, it was explained at the Foreign Office, was advised to "take into account the national mourning over Wilson's death," but not to participate in any special demonstrations.

It is understood that the Government feared to order any manifestations of sorrow lest it invoke the wrath of the pan-Germans.

Finally, when it was seen that the incident threatened to develop both internal and external controversies, the Government supplemented its previous instructions to Wiedfeldt, it was officially announced, and directed him to send no official condolences and refrain from official representation in the mourning ceremonies, but

left to his discretion what, if anything, he should do personally.

THE GERMAN FLAG HAD NOT BEEN FLYING AT ALL OVER THE EMBASSY BUILDING SINCE MR. WILSON DIED, BUT WAS TO BE HOISTED TO-DAY TO HALF MAST AFTER 12.30.

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