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TOMORROW'S WELCOME

Every returned soldier, of whatever unit, will understand that the welcome extended to the 26th Battalion and the Ammunition Column is meant for him as well, although he will be one of those to join in this particular demonstration. Later in the year we must have a gathering of all the units for a grand parade, when each in its turn may receive the plaudits of the grateful citizens. The whole city will join tomorrow morning as far as is possible in the limited space along the line of march, to do honor to the men of the 26th Battalion and the Ammunition Column. They are fresh from the war zone. All have not seen equally long service, for some were late drafts to the 26th, of which it is said not more than four officers and forty men of the original battalion are on the Olympic; but when the people cheer tomorrow they will be thinking of all the men who served in either unit, and of the great name the 26th Battalion earned for itself under the most severe fighting conditions during its period of service. The request that the city generally be decorated should meet with a general response. Tomorrow will be a notable day in local history. It will bring home the last large unit of New Brunswick fighting men. Many other soldiers are yet to come, but they will come in smaller groups. The citizens owe it to themselves as well as the soldiers to make the day memorable.

EDITH CAVELL

The tribute paid yesterday in England to the memory of Edith Cavell was but expressive of a feeling of reverence in which the world, outside of the Central Empire and the Abode of Bolshevism, profoundly shares. Hers was one of the great and noble characters revealed by the war, and they who condemned her to death and executed the sentence committed one of the most heinous crimes in the history of civilization. It is well, at a time when the Germans are searching their vocabulary for words strong enough to express their abhorrence of the harshness of the peace terms; and are representing themselves as a noble race, balked in their desire to advance the cause of human welfare in the world, that the world should be reminded of the crimes committed in a war into which they plunged the nations in their mad desire for world-dominion. They made of that high-souled woman a world martyr, whose glory will shine through ages that will heap but scorn and hatred upon the memory of her murderers. The English speaking world bows in silent homage beside her bier, and will forever cherish the ideal of duty which was her guiding star in life and death.

THE TARIFF ISSUE

The Liberal party in Canada, the low tariff party, is in the singular situation that its leader is being quoted as an advocate of a protective tariff. At a meeting of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday a resolution was adopted, protesting against any change in the tariff until a commission has been appointed, has investigated, and has devised a proper tariff. In moving the resolution, Mr. S. R. Parsons, former president of the C. M. A., said: "I think you will agree with me that this is not a party question, so far as party politics are concerned. I think we have all been gratified by the assertion of the house leader of the opposition when he declared that reasonable protection was needed in this country. The tariff is a national question and should not be decided in the interests of any one section, but in the interests of the people as a whole."

It remains to be seen whether Mr. D. D. MacKenzie, in making a plea for protection in behalf of the coal and steel interests of Nova Scotia, expressed the views of the majority of Liberals. As the Toronto Globe points out, the tariff is a national issue, and must be viewed, not from the standpoint of a province, but of the whole country with its varied interests and needs.

It was unfortunate that Mr. MacKenzie, the acting leader, should have provided the high protectionists with ammunition at the very time he was calling a conference to consider the planks of a Liberal platform. The advocates of a high tariff are extremely busy at present. The Canadian Reconstruction Association, of Toronto, which from its name might be expected to take a broad view, is devoting most of its present service to short articles designed to convey the impression that the Canadian tariff should not be tampered with, that the United States is certain to have a higher tariff, and would not consider reciprocity; that tariff revision upward is in the air in every country, and that it would be most unwise for the Canadian people to unsettle industry, frighten capital, or pay too much attention to those who would change existing conditions. The very first thing the Liberal party

in convention will have to do will be to define its attitude concerning the tariff. It is quite clear that the western Liberals want drastic changes. They are probably prepared to go farther than the Liberals of middle and eastern Canada; and a common ground of agreement must be sought before a platform can be announced to the country.

THE COST OF LIVING

Senator Robertson, minister of labor, says there is a food shortage in Canada and that the quantity in cold storage if distributed would be a mere trifle if divided among the whole Canadian people. But it is not necessary to divide it among the whole Canadian people. Every farmer has his own supply and supplies many others. Moreover, the reason the supply is short is that so much has been and is being exported. Senator Robertson says the government may present a programme to regulate the cost of living. Everybody knows that exorbitant prices rule, and very large profits are being made. The government may as well understand that with increasing unemployment there must be a serious attempt to reduce the cost of living. The people were content to suffer while the war was on, but the war is over, and the government has time to turn its attention to domestic affairs. It will not do merely to appoint commissions, or "pass the buck" to the provinces or municipalities. We have been told all along that the cost of living could not be regulated, but Senator Robertson now intimates that it can be done and the government may make the effort. Why delay the process?

THE ROGERS REMEDY

Hon. Robert Rogers is as eager for an end of union government as the most pronounced anti-union Liberal could be. In a speech in Winnipeg last week he said: "The fact is that the union government has failed in its preparations for peace; has failed to grapple with the new opportunities that peace presents for the real upbuilding of our country. By reason of its own ambiguity, fortunately for Canada, the contract under which that government exists is nearing its end." Of course Mr. Rogers has a remedy. The Conservative party must save the country. With an end of union government we may look, he says, "with confidence to the immediate return of the traditional policy of our great party, a policy that has given been the guiding star in every great and successful undertaking that has contributed to Canada's welfare."

Mr. Rogers of course recognizes that the soldiers' vote will loom large in the returns, and so he places next to "traditional policy" on the Conservative programme the proper care of returned men. He would next "correct the unbridled manipulation by jobbers, by traders and by profiteers that has resulted in the unbearable high cost of living." This last will be spicy reading for Sir Robert Borden. We are led to infer from Mr. Rogers' remarks that the Conservatives would long since have put the jobbers and traders and profiteers to flight but for the unfortunate alliance with certain Liberals in a union government. It may be remarked, however, that the very worst of the profiteering occurred before union government was formed, and the country does not remember that either Sir Robert Borden or Mr. Rogers went wild about it. The country may remember the fact and decide to give the Liberals an opportunity to do what the Conservatives made no real effort to accomplish.

Vancouver Sun—"Some members of parliament are worth a good deal more than \$2,500 a year and some are worth a good deal less. In order to retain the services of representatives who are particularly useful, it looks as if the country will have to increase the stipend also of those who are not."

Tomorrow morning the city should be dressed with flags and the streets along the line of march packed with cheering people. St. John people as a rule are not demonstrative. They should make tomorrow a notable exception.

PROHIBITION SECRETARY

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Ottawa, May 16—In discussion legislation now under consideration by the dominion parliament, the executive secretary of the dominion prohibition committee yesterday said that the committee was well pleased with the Canadian sentiment and established usage were in favor of leaving social legislation as largely as possible in the hands of the provinces. If this principle was adhered to the form in which the proposed legislation was before the dominion house was the strongest possible.

Zbyszko to Meet Lewis Chicago, May 6—Wladek Zbyszko, claimant of the world's heavyweight championship, and Ed. ("Strangler") Lewis were matched today to meet in a contest to an absolute finish, best two out of three falls here May 19. Zbyszko has two one-fall victories over Lewis to his credit.

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Each broken hedge a sunlit window still.

Uncrowned am I, unhonored,
What of that?
Green garlands hang for crowns above my way,
And children's love and passing smiles are mine,
The homage of each windy wayside day.

No birds have I or singers.
What of that?
The birds are mine and the old rest- less sea,
The spreading downs, their urgent viking song,

And all the deep woods' tender minstrelsy.

No wealth have I or fortune,
What of that?
Unfashioned jewels glimmer on each hedge,
And great waves roll and glitter, reaching out
In endless pageant to the wide world's edge.

No throne have I or palace,
What of that?
All dells are mine, all hidden dreaming glades,
Where streams slip by and murmur in my ears,
And God sends peace down solemn green arcades.

And death will come some day, and
What of that?
No strangers are we, quiet earth and I,
And there's no spot that cannot see one
Or hear the great winds thronging down the sky.
—H. H. Bradford in The English Out-look.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Isn't It The Truth.

"A woman is as young as she looks"—but not always as young as she thinks she looks.—Boston Transcript.

"Robe of Harmony Torn." "My wife hates darning and mending." "So does mine. Just now I can't even get her to patch up a quarrel."—Boston Transcript.

"My uncle left me only \$5,000. Wonder if I could break his will." "Sure thing! He must have been crazy to leave you anything."—Boston Transcript.

"He says the world owes him a living." "That may be all right, but what I object to is the fact that he is trying to collect it from his friends."—Detroit Free Press.

"Money is circulating very fast," remarked the economist.
"Yes," replied the ordinary person, "by the time a dollar bill gets around to me it is so tired it can't do anything like the work it used to."—Washington Star.

"I haven't heard you say anything about the uplift recently."
"I find myself misunderstood," answered the eloquent agnost.
"Well, they say I do," replied the man with the monocle.
"But it takes you considerable time to do it."
"You mean I am very bose?"
"Not exactly that; but you've been standing on the train of my dress for ten minutes."—Yonkers Statesman.

"I understand you get off some very good things occasionally," said the sweet young thing at the swell reception.
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Horse Racing in Paris

Paris, May 6—An immense crowd sweltered in the first hot weather of the season at the Maisson-Lafitte race track yesterday and witnessed the first public horse racing in Paris since July, 1914. This afforded the Frenchmen opportunity to show how eager they are to forget the war in participating in sports. The attendance was so large that employees in the mutual betting ring were unable to adequately handle the throng. The principal event was won by an outsider.

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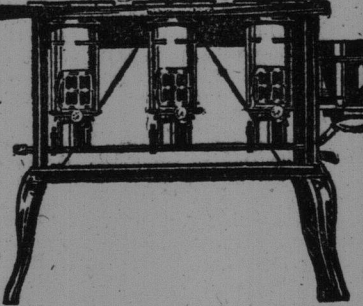
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Big Field of Horses For Sydney Races

Victoria Day Event is Attracting Interest Throughout Cape Breton

(Gloucester Gazette)

With the weather man furnishing fine weather, the public should see some great racing in Sydney on May 24. The track is in better shape now, according to horsemen that have looked it over, than it has been for a number of years.

Robert L. Fleet Bantlo and Nancy G. three Waterford owned horses are expected to race in Sydney on May 24.

Yesterday afternoon some horses worked on the track. The veteran driver Tom Buckley, had his splendid Two-toned mare, Snow Bell, out and Jean M., was also jogged around. A new comer that attracted considerable attention was White Sox. This fellow showed great bursts of speed. Frank Lewis, the popular owner of Loretta Directum and Admiral Togo starts his pair today, as will also "Yod" Andrews, owner of the Pakir and Commodore Grant. Billie Manson's stable will start tomorrow also. Manson has the speedy provincial horse, J. A. Todd, that local parties were trying to land recently, as well as Lela Burns and White Sox.

George Maloney intends starting Lloyd Achille in the 220 class, and this horse is expected to beat 20 this year. Billy Audouham, owner of the favorite Lilly Shaner, is also getting ready for the 24th. May Bingen, another speedy mare, will likely enter the 220 class, as Mr. Buckley thinks he can have her ready by the 24th.

Snip Fast a horse brought to Sydney by Billie Hill is to race his first race in Cape Breton in the 40 class. A favorite among Sydney race followers is the speedy Nellie Barron, owned by Hudson & McEachern, and Keith Heron will be another contender in the 40 class.

Crack Athlete Is Going To Retire

Word comes from Paris that Howard P. Drew, joint holder of the world's record of the 100-yard dash, has made up his mind that he will never run another race after the inter-allied games at Joinville-le-Pont in June. As soon as the big meet in the new Pershing stadium is finished Drew plans to take his discharge from the army in France on June 1 and land for a course in jurisprudence at one of the English universities. Drew has already graduated from Drake University at Des Moines, Ia.

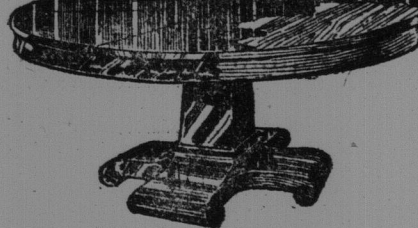
The crack negro sprinter has "retired" several times before, notably when he

broke down at the Panama-Pacific exposition games at San Francisco in 1915 but each time something has called him back to the track. After the big "Frisco" meeting Drew returned to running because of a desire to show the athletic public that he was a better sprinter than "Joe" Loomis, who won the race in which Drew broke down. Drew made a show of Loomis when the two met in a special 60-yard race.

Drew "retired" again after winning both of the sprint events at the college conference championships last spring. Then came his entry into the army and his going to Europe as first sergeant in a segment of colored pioneers.

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