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Victoria crosses are dealt out as grudgingly as though they were composed of radium. This is because the honor is the greatest that can be won by a British subject and also because in the present war all previous standards of gallantry have been surpassed, or rather, what one man did in the Crimea and three in South Africa a hundred are doing in the present war.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Boston Transcript refers to the German Ambassador at Washington as "Assistant President Von Bernstorff." "A Daniel, yea a Daniel. I thank thee, Jew, for teaching me that word."

The five languages richest in words are as follows: English, 450,000; German, 300,000; French, 210,000; Italian, 140,000; Spanish, 120,000; The figures, are of course, approximate. The percentage of illiteracy in the various belligerent nations is as follows: Austria, 22.6 (Hungary, 40.9); Belgium, 12.7; France 14.1; Germany, 0.02; Italy, 48.2; Russia, 70.0; Servia, 78.9; United Kingdom 1.0. It should be remembered that these figures are estimated from different bases of age and qualifications (e.g., inability to read or to write or both), and, therefore, can not be taken absolutely as a basis of comparison.

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PROHIBITION FOR QUEBEC.

The Matter is Becoming a Practical Political Issue in That Province.

Three hundred leading citizens, lay and clerical, of the province of Quebec, recently waited on Sir Lomer Gouin, the premier, and the members of the provincial cabinet, and urged the responsible ministry to use its influence in favor of at least a test of the attitude of the Legislature as to prohibition of the liquor traffic. In the deputation were judges, officials of temperance organizations, clergymen, and laymen of all callings. They held steadfastly to their straight demand, and refused to be diverted by intimations that light drinks should be excepted. They impressed the Government officials strongly by their unity and zeal. Sir Lomer Gouin pledged serious attention to the arguments presented, intimating that it was now more a question as to whether the public opinion of the province had been educated to insist on enforcement of such a law, and less a question of the righteousness of prohibition itself.

The character of this deputation, as well as its size, the respect with which it was treated, and the answer it received, all combine to make friends of temperance throughout Canada more hopeful. It has been assumed by many that Quebec must be left out of any general prohibition scheme, however remote its complete accomplishment. The supposition, for a long time, has been that ecclesiastical and political forces too strong to be overcome stood in the way of even converting cities like Montreal and Quebec and a peasantry such as inhabits the villages to any favor for prohibition, much less getting a statute on the law books. And no doubt the past history of reform movements in the province has given much cause for the supposition.

The fact is, however, that example teaches louder than precept, and the victories for prohibition in Ontario, and in the provinces of the west, are not being overlooked in Quebec. The facts cannot be hidden, and they are having an educational effect. The burdens of taxpayers will be heavy, and if jails can be emptied, prisons relieved of many inmates, and bank deposits increased, the French-Canadian town or country dweller will not miss noting the relation between cause and effect, between temperance and thrift. He is as shrewd a citizen as any country boasts, albeit thrifty to an extraordinary degree.

After Ypres the Somme.

Two officers—one from Edmonton and the other from Montreal—who were wounded early in the recent advance, too early to speak of the actual event, in the course of conversation with a representative of The Canadian Gazette discussed the difference between life in the Ypres salient and on the Somme. "Ypres and the Somme are," said one, "the exact opposite of each other." On the Somme front, they explained, they were out in the open, and shell-holes served as trenches. At Ypres there was no seeing the enemy and very little chance of hitting back. On the Somme you saw the enemy and even saw cavalry at work. It was harder work on the Somme, but it was much better sport. There was not the sense of being shut up in a limited area, for there were many miles of front. Both officers spoke of the superiority of the British in the air. The enemy employed no Zeppelins on the Somme, and very seldom was an enemy aeroplane seen. When one was seen it was so high up as to be useless from an observation point of view. The consequence was the German observation was nothing like as efficient as it used to be, and more liberties could be taken than in the Ypres salient. Rations could be brought up in the daylight, and altogether life was very different from that led in the Ypres salient. The "boys" were all glad to be on the Somme front. The German shelling was sometimes severe, but the British artillery sent over quite ten times as many shells as the Germans fired. Our guns stood in rows and did terrible execution. A large number of German prisoners were taken. They were for the most part small men, but were very smart, springing to attention directly on meeting an officer. These prisoners expressed their amazement at our artillery, which had done destruction in their ranks. Both officers spoke with enthusiasm about the "tanks" which were like little battle-ships on land. The nose of a "tank" could be raised up, and that was how the great machine managed to cross trenches. They were marvellous in what they could do, and they certainly annoyed the Germans very much.

A Mennonite Problem.

A delegation of western Mennonite bishops saw the Prime Minister recently about a curious grievance, and they asked his protection. It appears that under the Mennonite faith they cannot enter into litigation. They can neither prosecute nor defend lawsuits. Recently a member named Heinrich was excommunicated, and he sued the bishop for damages. He was non-suited and he then sued a number of members of the church for conspiracy. The case was undefended and he got \$2,000 damages. The Mennonites

fear that this sort of thing will become a habit, and it is suggested that the Government should name a counsel for them. It would be a way out. The community is law-abiding and much respected. When the Mennonites came to Canada, in 1873, they were granted freedom from military services. After the war began they waived this right and many of the young men have enlisted.

The Kaiser Talks.

The Kaiser, addressing troops on the Somme front, thanked them for their sacrifices and adjured them to "stand firm against French insolence and British stubbornness," concluding: "The Lord will give His blessing in the end."

Miller's Worm Powder, not only exterminate intestinal and other worms, but they are a remedy for many other ailments of children. They strengthen the young stomach against biliousness and are tonic in their effects where the child suffers from loss of appetite. In feverish conditions they will be found useful and they will serve to allay pain and griping in the stomach, from which children so often suffer.

SLANG OF THE UNDERWORLD.

Criminals Have a Suggestive Language of Their Own.

The professional pickpockets, or those who are left of the tribe, have an expression for every professional action and object. Pockets range from "side kicks" to "double insiders," which are the inner vest pockets, and hard indeed is it to abstract a "poke" or "leather" from one of the same and "weed" it in the security of some near-by haven.

A ring is called a "hoop." A watch may be a "super" in one locality, and in another it may be called a "block" or a "turnip" or a "kettle," while the chain is either a "white slang" or a "red slang," the chromatic adjective denoting either gold or silver.

Money is given a score of names. The most used is "kale," "scratch" or "dough," but the "Humble Dutchman," a well known character, was wont to call it "bulletts," and this name is used in many localities. A ticket in the underworld is known the world over as a "ducat," while a uniformed policeman is a "harness bull," which is rich indeed in suggestion and description.

The minions of the law are also given the following names, which are very expressive: "Cops," "mugs," "ny mugs," "bulls," "dicks" (an abbreviation for detectives), while in the west central office men are known as "C. O. dicks" or "elbows," from a habit they have of elbowing into crowds after their prey.—Star of Hope, New York State Prison.

THE CLOWN'S FACE.

Pathetic Incident From Which the Use of Black Lines Came.

"One of the greatest tragedies of the theater," said a prominent comedian, "is connected with the clown."

"In the time of Louis XIV, there was a famous clown known as 'Fat William' (Gros Guillaume), who held his audience in the Rue Favart by his wonderful eccentricities of gesture, voice and mimicry. One night, so the legend runs, his wife was dying, and he was still obliged to go on and entertain the clanking, clashing, ribald Parisian mob that stood in the pit. It was in the days before there were seats in the orchestra.

"Like all imitators of the Italian 'commedia,' his face was whitened with flour. Under the burden of his great domestic sorrow he was stupid and slow in his performance, and in order to stir him up his companion on the stage hit him a resounding whack with a heavy cane. The combination of his sentimental troubles and the physical pain caused Gros Guillaume to weep. As the tears streamed down over his whitened face the aspect was so comical that the audience cheered and laughed itself into hysterics. And ever since then every clown has black lines on his whitened face.

"Many are the black lines on the face of the actor that the audience knows not of."—Chicago Tribune.

Carlyle Declined the Honor.

Among the many distinguished men who have refused honors was Thomas Carlyle. Disraeli offered him in the queen's name the Grand Cross of the Bath, "a distinction," writes Froude, "never before conferred upon any English author, with a life income corresponding to such rank." Carlyle declined the honor, but he was deeply touched by the compliment, the more so as he had frequently attacked Disraeli in his writings. Most readers will probably agree with the verdict of the Chelsea bus conductor who said to Froude: "Very proper of the queen to offer it and more proper of him to say that he would have nothing to do with it. 'Tisn't they who can do honor to the likes of he."—London Standard.

Stale cake can be soaked in milk and made up into gingerbread.

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