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MONTREAL, THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1915.

Waiter!

There are some lines of employment in England use. that have fallen into the hands of foreigners, especially Germans, because it appears that the Englishman has not been disposed to qualify himself for them. One of these is the service-quite a large one-of waiters in hotels and restaurants. In recent years, in the most prominent hotels, an English waiter has been a rarity. The German was to found everywhere. Occasionally there was a growl in the press from some Englishman, who alleged that the foreigner was receiving an undue preference. The truth however seems to be that the foreigner was willing to carefully learn the business when the Englishman was not, for, the hotel managers tell us, waiting is a service that like most others requires training. One thing in particular that has operated against the empoyment of the Englishman in the leading hotels has been his limited knowledge of languages. The foreign waner often knows more than his own language, and if he does not know English, he settles down with a de termination to learn it, in which he soon proves fairly successful.

At the outbreak of the war, many of the German waiters returned to their own country, and those who remained in England fell into disfavor. sequently, the Englishman began to come again into his own; and now there is a movement by the London County Council, in co-operation with the Incorporated Association of Hotels and Restaurants, which "waiting" is treated as an occupation requiring a special course of training. Already a large number of lads have taken up this preparatory work. A few days ago a luncheon was given in London to support the movement. The Englishman loves to mingle his benevolence and his public spirit with food and drink. Few worthy movements can be started without the adjunct of a banquet of some kind. In this instance there was more than the ordinary excuse for the eating and drinking, for the luncheon was served by the boys of the training school. A very good luncheon, too, it was, as was testified by leading public men, who know a good thing in that line when they meet it, and also by the managers of some of the big hotels who were the foreign waiter had driven the British out of the Ottolighi, who formerly held the portfolio of Minbut that, "as a matter of fact, the British ister of War. waiter does not exist." "The London County Council," he said, "was offering a new career to boys, by means of a combination of municipal and voluntary enterprise which had great possibilities." Mr. Catti Smith, manager of some great hotels, encouraged City Council. the lads by informing them that one who seven years before had come into the service as a waiter years before had come into the service as a waiter at £120 per annum, was now receiving a salary of the inquiries into the prices paid for war supplies, alive, would seem to justify the term "canny" sometimes applied to the Scot, says the London Opinion.

Mr. Salmon largely interested in several hotel or

The illogical nature of much of the maudiin sensing is not likely to be abolished until the waiters them selves determine that it shall no longer exist. Nether Acts of Parliament, which are sometimes proposed, nor individual action against the system, are capital punishment in that State, except in cases of attacks on women, or life convicts who commit so universal that it now place a governing next is murder. Why these exceptions? the fixing of the wages of the men engaged in it, the waiter in many instances receiving little or no regular pay, and relying entirely, or largely, on the (Summing up by a young Chinaman in a Shanghai the hospitals and at the front by the Canadian Red the Dardanelles. Our soldiers and our sailors are the tip system would mean the abolition of the waiter's ordinary emolument. A waiters' organization which would insist on its mempers receiving

because the Prince of Austria went to Serbia with
his wife. One man of Serbia killed him.

With a resolute heart and cheerful? from their employers fair wages, and forbidding its nembers to ask or accept tips, would do much to remove the idea of servility and give the waiter a standing on even terms with other workers.

The British Appeal to Women.

The appeal of the British Government to the women that they should enter as far as possible into the industrial life of the country in order to many, to help them.

Belgium say, "I am a country, I am not a load. And Belgium write a letter to England about Germany, to help them.

Come up with a smiling race:

It's nothing against you to be knocked flat.

But to lie there—that's disgrace. possibilities. A few months ago the women of Great Britain were bombarding the government with petitions and bombs demanding votes for women, or in other words, that they be given a share in the political life of the country. Now at a time of "Courtesy," signed by himself and of attractive it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts, in the political life of the country. Now at a time typographical appearance, to be posted in the New crises, the Government, which turned a deaf ear Haven's railroad stations. We quote the latter half to the appeals of the women, is asking them to of it: me forward and assist in the titanic struggle. Courtesy is catching. Already, it is said, that one million women have

Be courteous always. Courtesy makes the rough If you played your part in the world of men, any kind; industrial, agricultural or clerical.

lar about the methods they employ in meet-railroad man. country, and special measures must be taken to Courtesy."-Emerson.

solve the situation. In connection with the secur ing of women to carry on the industries of the country, there is the possibility of two problems country, there is the possibility of two problems arising. In the first place, the million or more women who accept positions during the war may not be willing to step aside when the war is over and the men return to take up their accustomed. They cannot have the same facts, might have kept them out and the men return to take up their accustomed. They cannot have the same feeling regarding it that tasks. In the second place, it seems unreasonable animates the Germans or the French. They cannot to expect women to rally to the support of the nation during a time of crisis and be denied any pire's future depends, whether it does or not, upon voice in the country's affairs. The probabilities are, the outcome that following the close of the war there will be a disposition on the part of the Government to give a disposition on the part of the Government to give the franchise to the women of Great gritain. The ties are that new industries, such as that of aniline It might be difficult for an Englishman to condyes and other lines now held by the Germans, will sider this, enormous and all inclusive as it is, as provide not only the women but the discharged differing greatly from the Mariborough campaigns,soldiers with abundant employment at least until Chicago Tribune. the wastage of the war has been made good. In the meantime, nothing but the highest praise can be given the women of Great Britain for their willingness to contribute to the common cause.

Some musical efforts deserve to be suppressed. A German band of two pieces was arrested in New York for "murdering Tipperary."

The burglars who, in New York City, used a powerful can-opener to rip off the back of a safe, cer-

Great Britain and France will do well to arrange to celebrate on April 8th a festival to be designated "King Albert Day"—in honor of the fortieth birthday of the heroic King of Belgium.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is in a quandary He would like to extend his domains, and to do so side with the Allies. But he has \$25,000,000 invested in the Krupp armament works, and if his na tion declares war on Germany the Kaiser is likely to see that the House of Savoy is impoverished.

Were money easier one would like to take on a little bet with Charles M. Schwab. "Germany's or- The European armies celebrated St. Patrick's Day inished perceptibly although the Dominton's imports ganization is wonderful," says Mr. Schwab. "Man in the old-fashioned way, with a fight all along the for man and officer for officer; I would bet 100 to 1 The odds won't be quite so long when the British get through with the Huns.

Conditions are improving in the stock markets. The minimum prices have been abolished in New York and transactions put on a normal basis. In Montreal, floor trading has been permitted, while a similar plan will probably be adopted in Toronto. Undoubtedly the worst is over.

The King has now taken a hand in the movement to curtail the use of intoxicating liquors during the period of the war. While our monarch seldom takes an active part in political controversies, it is always noticeable that when he throws his influence on the want to marry 'im, honey. side of any movement that it carries great weight. The probabilities are that the nation will follow the

the place the Jews are making for themselves in the present war. Up to the present, no Jew was allowed to enter the Russian army or nayv, but dur- Wright case that you've been engaged in for the ing the past few months many Jews have received commissions, and are now fighting against the Germans. Russia is said to have 250,000 Jews in its army; Austria has 52,000; France, 10,000; present. Lord Peel, who presided and explained the are also a large number in the British army. In bering fool: scheme, said the situation was not so much that the Italian army there is a Jewish general named

"well over four figures"—over £1,000—as manager. It is interesting to note that the British Government times applied to the Scot, says the London Opinion.

In this war, as we have again and again insisted in the service was not a service was not a arrangements were called into question by Opposit, and it had great possibilities."

In this war, as we have again and again insisted in the service was not a service was not a arrangements were called into question by Opposit, fire by an agent who was familiarly known as the service was not a probably has had much to do with the disinclina, adians had fold him that the British War Office was the considered a clinching argument. "My hoose is standing with them probably has had much to do with the disinclina, adians had fold him that the British War Office was the considered a clinching argument." "My hoose is standing with them and she rejoices that she is standing with them and she rejoices that she is standing with them argument. "The Times," England is fighting for exactly the same kind of reasons for which she fought Philip II.

Louis XIV. and Napoleon. She is fighting the battle war of the oppressed, it is true, in Belgium and in Servia, war of the oppressed and again insisted in the same have again and again insisted in

IN AN ORIENTAL NUTSHELL.

Now there is a great battle in Europe. This began Austria was angry, and so write Serbia

Russia write a letter to Austria. "I will help you."

Oh, a trouble's a ton or a trouble's a pound.

Or a trouble is what you make it;

their soldiers. Germany write a letter to France, "You don't get But it isn't the fact that your hurt that counts, ready, or I will fight you in nine hours."

Germany to fight them, pass Belgium. Belgium say, "I am a country: I am not a road." Your beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that-

TIME FOR COURTESY.

d their willingness to take employment of places much easier and helps to smooth away life's little difficulties. Courtesy is a business asset, a gain At a time of crises, Governments cannot be too and never a loss. Courtesy is one mark of a good Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce

BRITISH RECRUITING.

be inclined to the opinion that they have done very

industrial, social and economic changes which are for generation after generation in Europe, sending likely to follow the cessation of hossilities will prob-ably be met by special legislation. The probabili-tlefields at the direction of their ministry.

DELUSIONS.

delusions. Many more will evaporate before it is Mr. Bryan to bear his cross with resignation. of the mailed fist .- Ottawa Free Press.

Boots, bicycles, binoculars and bandages-quite an alliterative line up, isnt' it? And every one of thes b's stung the country!-Ottawa Citizen.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

********** line .- St. Louis Globe Democrat.

'The Land of Make Believe" is the title of a show appearing in Calgary. They struck it right. Four o'clock and oil's well.—Saskatoon Star.

Jimsy tells me he is going to marry a girl on the stage. He has fallen in love with a broiler Jimsy always was chicken-hearted."-Knickerbock-

Colored Mammy (in Woman's Home Companion) .-I wants to see Mistah Cummins. Office Boy-Mr. Cummins is engaged. Colored Mammy-Well, I doan

beaming smile upon his face.

last twelve years ? 'Yes." admitted the old lawyer. "Well, what about

"I've settled it!" exclaimed his son "Settled it?" shouted his father.

Here are two genuine Irish bulls of recent date: Who is running 'Scissors and Paste'?" said one Dublin man to another. ("Scissors and Paste" is the enterprise which had great possibilities." Mr. Gatti, been done in this city towards the introduction of happy title of a Dublin bi-weekly which consists ena famous restaurateur, emphasized the need of trainthe "Jitney" bus. In a number of cities on the contirely of clippings from other papers, containing no ing and pointed to the French waiter as one who tinent, such as Providence, Vancouver, etc., the inoriginal matter whatever). The other gave the name
the majority of the farmers are tenants. Living is
who had lifted his compation to the dignity of the farmers are tenants. Living is who had lifted his occupation to the dignity of a troduction of jitneys has not only brought the profession, speaking of his customers as his "clients" street rallway companies to time, and forced them paper. "Ah, yes," said the inquirer thoughtfully, "I have received his honorarium with the same distance of the work. Seekling the procession, speaking of his customers as his "clients" street rallway companies to time, and forced them and "receiving his honorarium with the same dig to give a better service, but in some cases has thought I recognized his style." Speaking to a gathdrift and the only way to block it is to tax the landnity as the West End physician receives his fee." practically put them out of business. It is not de. ering of political friends, a Dublin propagandist ask-values only.—The Ground Hog, Cleveland. The waiter, said Mr. Gatti, "ought to be a physicial series, and be able to make a special study of every financially crippled, but a little wholesome competings which he had been conducting single-handed for client." Mr. T. P. O'Copper M.P. The goriel Tay. Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P.,—the genial Tay tion in the form of jitneys might prove of inestime some weeks. "However," he added, "the people are Pay-stressed the study of languages. Mr. Reeves able benefit. We commend the suggestion to the not tired of listening to me yet, because I get a fresh audience every Sunday."

The last mentioned speaker touched on what Conservative member for Milton, said that "Can-vances with "Na, na;" following by what ne doubt probably has had much to do with the disinclina- adians had told him that the British War Office was less considered a clinching argument: "My hoose is against their tyrants. She is helping her great allies to fight in defence of their soil and of their homes are the thought that it was a servile one. One reason ing horses at prices out of all proportion to their however, happened, and the neighbors were astonishment of the many probably has had much to do with the disinclina- adians had told him that the British War Office was less considered a clinching argument: "My hoose is against their tyrants. She is helping her great allies to fight in defence of their soil and of their homes against the aggressor, and she is proud to pour out system, which is now world-wide, and which The illogical nature of much of the maudiin sent the fire running up and down the village street, shoutship is not fighting primarily for Belgium or for Sered to see the old man, instead of trying to put out her blood and her treasure in so sacred a cause. But

ments and packages sent to the Canadian soldiers in and that its guns have been heard from the Pacific to Cross Society.)

Germany write a letter to Austria, "I will help ou."

Or turn your soul from the light of day with a conven beautrial.

But only-how did you take it?

The harder you're thrown the higher you bounce; But how did you fight-and why

And the you be done to death, what then? Why, the critics will call it good.

ing the situation. War makes exacting demands on "Life is not so short but there is always time for It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts, But only-how did you die?

CORRESPONDENCE

UNIFORMITY OF LAWS.

Charles T. Terry, President of the Conference of ommissioners on Uniform State Laws, writes us as follows: "Let me thank you most cordially for you recent editorial on the Uniformity of Laws. This 's a cause which in itself is worthy of all effort and attention but I indulge also in the reflection that there is still a higher cause being served in the co-operation of our respective countries in this regard, namely: the cause of perpetual peace and everlasting good will. The discus ong lawyers and laymen alike of matters of mutual interest to our countries will be the Canadian and American substitute for war, in my

SECRETARY BRYAN.

Secretary of State Bryan is criticized one day for alking too much and the next day for not telling enough. He might be guilty of both, but the trouble is that his bitterest critics do not agree about it. The war has already rid the world of a good many neighbor demands more information. This enables One newspaper will denounce his garrulity when its over. A lot of artificiality is going to be removed. does not have to answer his critics, for they refute Russia has found that it can get along without the one another. The deadly parallel column applied to revenue derived from the sale of vodka. France has attacks upon him by New York newspapers accounts disillusioned itself from the belief that its people for his peculiar strength in the west and south. Mr. needed the absinthe they have been accustomed to Bryan is not the sum of all wisdom and his place generations. Above all, the German people are in history may not be assured, but it is idle to say fast learning that friendship and intercourse with the that a poor boy who sat in Congress, was thrice tain put that useful household appliance to a novel world would have been better for them than the threat the nominee of his party for the Presidency of the United States and is now Secretary of State, premier position in the President's Cabinet, has accomplished nothing. The more he is abused in this way the stronger he grows.-New York Commercial.

CANADA'S TRADE.

Canada's imports have fallen off tremendously since last July, but the United States is selling practically there, the decrease in our exports to that country being less than \$600,000 in the Canadian fiscal year ended February 28 last. Calamity howlers try to sho that we are losing our hold on Canadian trade, yet the contrary is the truth, because our sales have not dimtwo-thirds of their former volume .- New York Com

TWO SCOTT REFORMERS.

The name of Scott will live long in the annals of emperance reform in Canada. To the late Sir Richard Scott belongs the credit of the Scott Act, the first great effort made in Eastern Canada more than a generation ago to overcome the evils of the liquor traffic. To Walter Scott belongs the credit of being the first head of a responsible Government to abolish the bars of a whole Province at one stroke.-Regina

NO DANGER FROM THIS QUARTER.

It is worth while to remember that there is just ne nation in a position to attack us. That is Eng-An old and experienced lawyer decided to turn over land, with her large navy and base of military operalead taken by the King, Kitchener and Lloyd George. part of his large practice to his son, in order to start him in life. Everything went smoothly until on one who do not believe that the cordial relations which occasion the son came into his father's office with have kept the peace between us for a hundred years are good for another hundred, he is justified in parad-"I say, dad!" he said joyously. "You know that ing this scare.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

After having been shot as a traitor by the British and then executed as a traitor by the Germans, Colone Maritz, the South African rebel leader, has escaped from a British prison camp and the last heard of him Why, I gave you that case as an an- he was making tracks for the interior of Africa. After he has been eaten by a lion and slain by the natives, be able to get a pardon and settle down as a peaceable citizen.-Hamilton Herald.

HOW TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Though Oklahoma was opened to settlers only twen-

************ The Day's Best Editorial

***************** WHY ENGLAND IS AT WAR.

trenches and on the fields of Picardy and Artois, that (This stirring poem is being enclosed in all gar- her fleet holds its ceaseless vigil in the North Sea, defending their homes and the homes of their countrymen on French soil or in Turkish waters, just as truly as though they were facing German troops in Norfolk or German ships off Harwich. Our enemies are more remote, but did they crush our allies, as they presumptuously expected to do, an attack on us would not be long deferred. Germany boasts that it is her appointed mission to conquer a great worldempire, through which she may impose her ideals upon mankind. Our empire and our ideals are the chief obstacles in her path. That consideration is the key to all her world policy. That is why she has grasped at the trident. That is why she has been intriguing for years in Egypt, in India, and in South Africa That is why she has watched our domestic controversies and the supposed symptoms of our deca dence with malignant vigilance. That is why she has sought, again and again, to sow mistrust between us and our partners, and why at the last she tried to bribe us into treachery. Her object in this war is to shatter the Triple Entente, but to shatter the Entente in order to destroy the free empire of England, and to rear upon its ruins a German worldempire of militarism and bureaucracy. She hates us, she proclaims, with a hatred more vindictive than she bears the Belgians or the French. She hates us because she envies us, and because our honor and ready to take the places of male workers who may be toils of her diplomacy. It is to save ourselves from these women to work than to induce them to give the deadly consequences of her considered malignity the men their jobs back after the war.—Hami that we stand in arms.—London Times.

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AFTER WAR PROBLEMS.

A million British women have registered as bei plain sense have broken through the flimsy needed on the firing line. It will be easier to get Herald.

STOCKS IN GE

SHOWED F Bullish Speculators Postpone Purchases

Holidays INITIAL PRICES

th in Interboro-Metropelitan Plans to Change Dividence of the Preferred

New York, April 1.- Initial price fraction under Wednesday's clos idence of good buying on the rec covery was shown at the end of a emoval of minimum prices seemed atiment and wire houses reporte orders from out of town points. Rock Island was active and open 3%. It was firmly believed in 1

the financial requirements of the ro lied and the impression seemed to b hat the property is in good physical II. S. Steel opened % off at 48. dropped to 47%, a decline of 11/2 f igh level. There was evidence of the lower level. California Petroleum ially opening two points down at 13 Brie was a strong feature, opening mmediately doubling its gain. Favorable February statement wa

New York, April 1 .- While traders sively for a decline stocks were well tone of the general list appeared to end of the first half hour. Trading scale. There were wide fluctuations ssues The five per cent. debentur Tednesday at 63 sold up to 661/2, but to 64%. The stock, after opening a 31, but seemed to be wanted at th Bears argued that Erie was not leader, yet the buying of it looked in was a good deal of pressure on Read apparently for the purpose of getting s possible, but there seemed to be around 145. American Sugar advance on reports of improving business

prospect of important changes in the New York, April 1.-Although the ma that irregular during second hour as a reactionary movement was getting ur appeared to be well taken, and at n ndications of a resumption of the having apparently passed out of wea

U. S. Steel recovered well, advance about a point from the low of the morn timent on Steel has been somewhat count of the importance of the foreign steeel products which is steadily incr Bethlehem Steel after selling down to ed with 86 at Wednesday's close, rec clipe on a small volume of transaction It seemed absurd but some traders to f the market merely because stre ed in Interboro Metropolitan issues who utation for moving at end of advance ist. At present time however, there for the advance of those stocks in the pl

the dividend status of the preferred. New York, April 1.-The volume of comparatively small in the early afterno n general showed firmness notwithstane culators who were bullishly inclined de off their purchases until after the holida New York Central responded to the fa uary statement by recovering its div elopment that was considered a good si California Petroleum, which had open points at 13, rallied to 141/2 but the Stree lanation either of the early decline or su

As on account of the holiday Rock Islan not now be transferred in time to be vote nual meeting the explanation of the buyin iced to satisfy speculators early in the longer available. The true explanation i actory arrangements for financing will

TORONTO ADOPTS MONTREAL'S PLA REGARDING TRADING

Toronto, Ont., April 1.—Similar action en by the Montreal Stock Exchange recent en by the Toronto Stock Exchange exec morning, when it was decided to allow o in stocks above the minimum and in st nimum is \$15 or less.

The list of stocks affected is pretty muc as in Montreal, with the addition of Barce ion, which is not listed in Montreal. Trading on the new basis will begin of norning, at the close of the Easter adjour

MAY CLOSE BARS DURING WA St. John, N.B., April 1.- The New Bruns rnment has under consideration the ma quor prohibition during the war.

EXCHANGE TO CLUSE ON I

New York, April 1.-The governing con the New York Stock Exchange voted to clo change for Good Friday. Many of the si many of the governors who voted to grant tion, will suffer financial loss as a result, shited in explaining that while a few days felt it would be foolish to close, the approx most solemn day in the Christian caler wrought a change in their sentiments and felt it would be better to have no trading

on that day. The Curb and Consolidated Stock Excha will be closed. All grain exchanges of the

be closed to-morrow. The Chicago Board of Trade decided to meeting of the governors yesterday and this tion was quickly followed by all other grai country.

Most of the foreign markets will be closed urday and Easter Monday also. The Winni tet will be closed over this period. The N Coffee Exchange will be closed from Thursd intil Monday morning.