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Waiter!

There are some lines of employment in England 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.

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 release men for fighting may be fraught with immense 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.

solve the situation. In connection with the securing of women to carry on the industries of the 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 tasks.

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, recently put that useful household appliance to a novel use.

Great Britain and France will do well to arrange to celebrate on April 5th 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 nation 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 organization is wonderful," says Mr. Schwab. "Man for man and officer for officer; I would bet 100 to 1 on the German army." The odds won't be quite so long when the British get through with the Hun.

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 side of any movement that it carries great weight.

The death of Lord Rothschild calls attention to 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 navy, but during the past few months many Jews have received commissions, and are now fighting against the Germans.

Montreal is having considerable difficulty in solving its tramway problem. Apparently nothing has been done in this city towards the introduction of the "jitney" bus. In a number of cities on the continent, such as Providence, Vancouver, etc., the introduction of jitneys has not only brought the street railway companies to time, and forced them to give a better service, but in some cases has practically put them out of business.

While much attention is being paid at Ottawa to the inquiries into the prices paid for war supplies, it is interesting to note that the British Government have not escaped criticism for similar expenditures. In several instances the wisdom of the Government's arrangements were called into question by Opposition speakers.

The illogical nature of much of the maudlin sentiment behind the demand for the abolition of the death sentence is seen in the action of the Tennessee Senate, which has passed a bill abolishing capital punishment in that State, except in cases of attacks on women, or life convicts who commit murder. Why these exceptions?

IN AN ORIENTAL NUTSHELL. (Summing up by a young Chinaman in a Shanghai newspaper.) Now there is a great battle in Europe. This began because the Prince of Austria went to Serbia with his wife. One man of Serbia killed him. Austria was angry, and so wrote Serbia. Germany write a letter to Austria, "I will help you."

Russia write a letter to Austria, "I will help you." France did not want to fight, but they got ready, or I will fight you in nine hours." Germany write a letter to France, "You don't get ready, or I will fight you in nine hours."

Germany write a letter to France, "You don't get ready, or I will fight you in nine hours." Belgium say, "I am a country; I am not a road." And Belgium write a letter to England about Germany, to help them. So England help Belgium.

Chairman Howard Elliott is causing a poster headed "Courtesy," signed by himself and of attractive typographical appearance, to be posted in the New Haven's railroad stations. We quote the latter half of it:

Courtesy is catching. Be courteous always. Courtesy makes the rough places much easier and helps to smooth away life's little difficulties. Courtesy is a business asset, a gain and never a loss. Courtesy is one mark of a good railroad man.

"Life is not so short but there is always time for Courtesy."—Emerson.

BRITISH RECRUITING. An American, observing British enlistments, would be inclined to the opinion that they have done very well. They must regard this war as one which diplomacy has brought them into, even as diplomacy, handling the same facts, might have kept them out.

DELUSIONS. The war has already rid the world of a good many delusions. Many more will evaporate before it is over. A lot of artificiality is going to be removed. Russia has found that it can get along without the revenue derived from the sale of vodka.

BAD BARGAINS. Boots, bicycles, binoculars and handbags—quite an alliterative line up, isn't it? And every one of these is being stung the country!—Ottawa Citizen.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN" The European armies celebrated St. Patrick's Day in the old-fashioned way, with a fight all along the 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."—Knickerbocker Press.

Colored Mammy (in Woman's Home Companion).—I want to see Mistah Cummins. Office Boy.—Mr. Cummins is engaged. Colored Mammy.—Well, I doan want to marry 'im, honey.

An old and experienced lawyer decided to turn over part of his large practice to his son, in order to start him in life. Everything went smoothly until on one occasion the son came into his father's office with a beaming smile upon his face.

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 happy title of a Dublin bi-weekly which consists entirely of clippings from other papers, containing no original matter whatever).

The following story, the chief actor in which is still alive, would seem to justify the term "canny" sometimes applied to the Scot, says the London Opinion. An old retired Fifeshire farmer was from time to time called on and advised to insure his house against fire by an agent who was familiarly known as "Sandy."

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Oh, a trouble's a ton or a trouble's a pound, Or a trouble is what you make it; But it isn't the fact that you hurt that counts, But only—how did you take it?

Your beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that— Come up with a smiling face! It's nothing against you to be knocked flat, But to lie there—that's disgrace.

The harder you're thrown the higher you bounce; Be proud of your blackened eye! It isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts, But how did you fight—and why?

And tho' you be done to death, what then? If you did the best that you could, If you played your part in the world of men, Why, the critics will call it good.

Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce, But whether 'tis slow or spry, 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 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, writes us as follows: "Let me thank you most cordially for your recent editorial on the Uniformity of Laws. This is 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."

SECRETARY BRYAN. Secretary of State Bryan is criticized one day for talking too much and the next day for not talking enough. He might be guilty of both, but the trouble is that his bitterest critics do not agree about it. One newspaper will denounce his garrulity when his neighbor demands more information. This enables Mr. Bryan to bear his cross with resignation.

CANADA'S TRADE. Canada's imports have fallen off tremendously since last July, but the United States is selling practically as much as ever to Canada in spite of hard times over 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 show that we are losing our hold on Canadian trade, yet the contrary is the truth, because our sales have not diminished perceptibly although the Dominion's imports from the rest of the world have shrunk to less than two-thirds of their former volume.—New York Commercial.

TWO SCOTT REFORMERS. The name of Scott will live long in the annals of temperance 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 Leader.

NO DANGER FROM THIS QUARTER. It is worth while to remember that there is just one nation in a position to attack us. That is England, with her large navy and base of military operations in Canada. If there are any of the militarists who do not believe that the cordial relations which have kept the peace between us for a hundred years are good for another hundred, he is justified in parading this scare.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

HAS NINE LIVES. After having been shot as a traitor by the British and then executed as a traitor by the Germans, Colonel Maritz, the South African rebel leader, has escaped from a British prison camp and the last heard of him he was making tracks for the interior of Africa. After he has been eaten by a lion and slain by the natives, he may 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 twenty-six years ago and each settler got a farm, now the majority of the farmers are tenants. Living is precarious. The only persons certain of income from the land are the owners. This is in the inevitable drift and the only way to block it is to tax the land values only.—The Ground Hog, Cleveland.

The Day's Best Editorial WHY ENGLAND IS AT WAR. In this war, as we have again and again insisted in "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 of the oppressed, it is true, in Belgium and in Serbia, and she rejoices that she is standing with them 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 her blood and her treasure in so sacred a cause.

By Order of the Court, JACKSON DOBBS, Secretary. No. 5, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 2nd March, 1915.

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STOCKS IN BEING SHOWED FAVORABLE. Bullish Speculators Postpone Purchases Holidays INITIAL PRICES Strength in Interboro-Metropolitan Plans to Change Dividend of the Preferred.

NEW YORK, APRIL 1.—While traders give for a decline in stocks were well to the general list appeared to end of the first half hour. Trading kept. There were wide fluctuations in the five per cent debenture market.

NEW YORK, APRIL 1.—Although the market irregular during second hour a reactionary movement was getting underway. It appeared to be well taken, and no indications of a resumption of the having apparently passed out of weakness.

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