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RELATIONS BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

Much valuable information which will help to remove the impression that the people of Great Britain and Germany are strongly antagonistic to one another is given by Mr. J. Allen Baker, a Canadian and a distinguished member of the British House of Commons, who has recently been visiting Canada for a few weeks. The churches of the two countries, Mr. Baker tells us, by uniting together are doing a great work in promoting a feeling of goodwill and friendship between the two nations. The German war scare, of which so much has been heard from time to time within the last few years, Mr. Baker evidently regards as having no solid foundation. The only menace to peace between the two countries, he thinks, lies in the irresponsible utterances of the yellow press, and with the men who are interested in building war ships. The two nations have no other desire than for peace.

"The people of Canada," said Mr. Baker, "do not appear to understand the facts in regard to the relations between these two great countries. This is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that the press despatches sent to this country are largely controlled by those who seem to be interested in fomenting trouble rather than in promoting peace. As a matter of fact there is no real antagonism between the German and British peoples. On the contrary, there is a sentiment of sincere friendship, and this has been and is being fostered by the creation of associations in the two countries intended to promote peace, and by the interchange of fraternal visits. These associations are known as The Associated Councils of Churches in the British and German Empires for Fostering Friendly Relations Between the Two Peoples."

"At the head of the British Association which has taken this duty in hand is the Archbishop of Canterbury, while among the vice-presidents are the Duke of Argyll, formerly Governor-General of Canada, the Archbishop of York, the Primate of all Ireland, over a score of Anglican bishops, all the Catholic archbishops, and many of the Catholic bishops of the United Kingdom, besides many others distinguished in church and state, while on the Council of the Association are no less than 6,000 ministers of Christian churches in Great Britain. It is intended to hold a great meeting in the autumn for the purpose of still further forwarding the movement, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preside and when addresses will be delivered not only by many men prominent in British public life but by representative Germans as well. The object of the organization already formed, and which is to be extended at the meeting in the autumn, is, as the title indicates, the promotion of brotherly and friendly relations between Germany and Great Britain not only as an end in itself but as a means to the maintenance of world wide peace."

"Our organization was formed two years ago and about the same time the sister organization was created in Germany. The German body, like the British, being composed in the main of heads of various Christian churches but including leaders in public life as well. These allied organizations are constantly in touch with each other and, since their creation, delegates from the German body have visited England three or four times while there have been two or three return visits by British delegates. The spirit and chief object of the two bodies was shown at one of the joint meetings when a resolution was passed appealing to all classes in both nations to promote by their earnest endeavors, a mutual spirit of goodwill and friendship, and pointing out that the two nations are closely allied by the common stock from which both nations have sprung, by the kinship of our sovereigns, by our history, by our long friendship, our mutual indebtedness in art, literature, and science, and above all by our common Christianity. The opinion was further expressed that frank co-operation between us will do much to promote the coming of the Kingdom of Peace on earth and goodwill among men."

"A further evidence of the fact that the people of Germany, like the people of Great Britain, earnestly desire peace was afforded recently on the occasion of a great international gathering in Berlin. This was a World's Conference of Free Christianity. One evening during this conference was given up to Religion and International Peace and Amity. Another delegate and myself were sent to attend this conference on behalf of the British Association. Two or three speakers were also present from France, and a number from the United States, one of whom was Dr. Starr Jordan of the Leland Stanford University of California, and the burden of all the speeches was peace and concord among the nations."

"The English and German people have come to see," concluded Mr. Baker, "that the only source of danger in their relationship lies in the presence in each country of jingoes, men interested in the building of warships, and other similar classes, and the masses of the two countries have determined to take effective means to prevent these sinister influences from estranging people who should be and are united in terms of friendship."

So universal among the churches is this movement to which Mr. Baker refers, that it may be of interest to give a more detailed list of those who are taking an active part in furthering the objects it has in view. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has accepted the position of president, whilst among the list of vice-presidents the Church of England is represented by the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of London, the Dean of Westminster, and the Bishop of Salford. Scotland is represented by the Moderator of the Established Church, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, and the Bishop of Brechin. Primate of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, The Primate of All-Ireland and the Archbishop of Dublin and several prelates of the Church of Ireland have signified

their adherence. The Roman Catholic Church in Ireland contributes the names of the Archbishop of Cashel, the Archbishop of Tuam, and the Bishops of Ferns and Cloyne. The Nonconformist communities appear to be universally represented. Dr. Jowett, president of the National Free Church Council, is one of the vice-presidents. The names of Dr. Clifford, Dr. Horton, Dr. Scott, Lidgett, the Rev. R. J. Campbell, Dr. Estlin Carpenter, the Rev. J. D. Jones, and many others, show that the leaders of the Free Churches have thrown themselves readily into the work of the new association. Amongst laymen are to be found His Grace the Duke of Argyll, the Earl of Meath, the Earl of Denbigh, Lord Alreale, Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir John Kennaway, Sir Lewis Diddin, Sir John Brunner, Sir William Bilsland, the Master of Polwarth, Prof. Rendel Harris, Mr. George Cadbury, Mr. Thomas Burt, and Mr. Thomas Rowntree.

It is certain that if, side by side with one another, the churches of Britain and Germany can labor in this field their influence will make itself felt not only among their own people but throughout the civilized world.

HUNTING WITH THE CAMERA.

There is no close season for hunting with the camera, and it may be carried on in the night time as well as by day. Some of the most successful pictures of the shy denizens of the woods have been the flashlights taken through the release of a shutter by the stealthy tread of the night-prowling animal. And the "telephone" lens has made it possible for the naturalist to bring the animal closer to the spectator in the picture than, in real life, the ferocious "nature of the beast" would permit. Thus we have moving pictures of the tiger couched and the lion rampant whose indignant originals would have compelled Nimrod and his gun to climb the nearest tree. It is now the open season for several sorts of game birds and no one can reasonably make objection to the hunter who fares afield of a frosty gray morning, not in the spirit of the "pothunter," but to obtain a moderate bag for his own consumption or for the open market. But laws grow more stringent and game wardens more vigilant to restrain the hand of the hunter who shoots merely in the wanton spirit of predaceousness, to see how much he can kill, and to get up a record of murderous marksmanship. On the other hand, the number of those who hunt with camera instead of gun is increasing, and the sport is not less fascinating because it does not destroy.

The camera-hunters have added invaluable chapters to our knowledge of the ways of strange wild creatures. The quick eye of the little black box has caught phases and phenomena too fugitive even for the trained vision of the naturalist. We know more of what our "neighbors of fur and feather" are like in life, as well as in death. And the knowledge has been acquired bloodlessly, leaving behind no "bare, ruined choirs where late the sweet birds sang," no torn wreckage of what was once a home and a family, even though the parent was only a dumb animal.

TWO APPOINTMENTS.

Referring to recent Ottawa despatches in which it was stated that Sir Frederick Borden will succeed Hon. Duncan Fraser as Lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, the Winnipeg-Telegram expresses the opinion that while the gubernatorial office will not be honored by the appointment, the country will truly benefit by the removal from its public life of a man who has done much to dishonor it.

There would be more public rejoicing over the retirement of Sir Frederick Borden from the government of Canada, says the Telegram, if there was reasonable expectation that a man of higher ideals would succeed him. There is unfortunately no such expectation. E. M. McDonald, M. P., for Pictou, will, in the natural order of things, succeed to the vacant portfolio. While in point of ability McDonald is distinctly superior to the retiring minister, his standards of public life are not more admirable.

What ability the member for Pictou possesses he has given freely to the nearest work that partisan necessity can assign a member. In the committees of the House he has chiefly interested himself in straggling parliamentary investigation. In this work he has been particularly useful to his party and he is now about to reap the reward.

The contemplated cabinet shuffle presents a gloomy picture of the political ideals which prevail at Ottawa. When a man with Sir Frederick Borden's record can qualify for appointment as representative of the crown, and when a man can earn promotion to ministerial rank by the infamous services which have characterized E. M. McDonald's career in the Dominion parliament, Canadians may safely conclude that our standards of public life are in dire need of a touch.

CURRENT COMMENT

(Toronto News.)

In Mary Roberts Rinehart's story, "The Window of the White Cat," this passage occurs: "Burton (a reporter) listened while he ate, and his cheerful comments were welcome enough after the depression of the last few days. I told him, after some hesitation, the whole thing, beginning with the Maitland pearls and ending with my drop down the dumb waiter. I knew I was absolutely safe in doing so; there is no person to whom I would rather tell a secret than to him. He will look it in the depths of his bosom and keep it until seventy times seven. Also, you may threaten the rack or offer a larger salary, the seal does not come off his lips until the word is given. If then he makes a screech of it, and gets in three columns of space and as many photographs it is his just reward." That is true even to the screech and the photographs.

(Catholic Register, Toronto.)

"Shoulders Together!" is the battle cry of Editor Macdonald of the Globe, in Mexico, as he advocates an American triple alliance—Mexico, the United States and Canada. It is another case of mixed metaphor, however. Who can imagine the three pairs of shoulders together without doing violence to the proprieties. And who really wants an alliance of any kind with the United States, and still much less with Mexico. We unite with the natural ally. That's the union we want and no other. Editor Macdonald, apart from his press gallery successes, has a disfigured fancy—he is indeed bizarre.

(Peterboro Review.)

There is a man in Peterboro from Maine. Maine is a prohibition state. This man neither drinks, smokes, chews, nor swears. He is a good living man. To the writer he stated that prohibition was a farce. He said that in Maine, in his home town, drunkenness was very common. This man has come to Peterboro to assume a responsible position. He is not talking through his hat. He is not talking for a purpose. The Ontario license law is good, as good as can be framed.

(Hamilton Herald.)

John Redmond told the United Irish League convention at Buffalo recently, that he asked for money not to assist him and his party to secure minor concessions for Ireland—that nothing would satisfy them short of national independence. He is a pretty good politician, is Mr. Redmond. In the United States he is willing to have the word "independence" interpreted one way, and quite another way in Britain and Canada.



THE COURTS.

King's Bench.

Before Mr. Justice McKeown in chambers, King's Bench Division at 11 o'clock yesterday an application was made on behalf of the plaintiff in the case of The Southwest National Bank vs. Herbert Hughes et al for an order fixing the time for pleading and the place of trial. Order granted. This is an action on a promissory note given in payment for a stallion, M. G. Teed, K. C., and L. P. D. Tilley appeared for the plaintiff; H. H. Pickett and Messrs Fowler and Jona for the defendant.

Probate.

In the Probate Court yesterday morning before Judge Armstrong hearing on the return of the citation to pass the accounts in the estate of Count Robert V. deBury was held. The executors Messrs. T. P. Regan and E. T. C. Kowles appeared for Count Henry H. V. deBury, an eldest son of the deceased, and St. Francis Xavier College, a creditor. J. Roy Campbell appeared for Mrs. Shenkelberger, a daughter of the deceased. Mr. Knowles gave evidence relative to the passing of accounts and at 1 o'clock adjournment was made until 11th inst.

Tribute to Late Mr. Skinner.

In opening the probate court yesterday morning Judge Armstrong paid a warm tribute to the late Hon. C. N. Skinner, who, he said, had held the position of Judge of probate on two occasions. He referred to his notable career, his kindly disposition, his many good acts, and the valuable acquisition he was to the legal profession. Daniel Mullin, K. C., speaking as ex-president of the law society, stated that he had paid a personal tribute to the deceased at the memorial meeting of the law society, and as it was not fitting that he should cover the ground again, he only remarked that in all his life he never came in contact with such a kindly and generous hearted person as his old friend the Recorder Skinner. E. T. C. Knowles who was also present, likewise made a feeling reference to the late recorder.

OBITUARY.

Wm. Shemell.

William Shemell, an old resident of this city, who passed away at his home, 13 Courtenay street, about noon Saturday, in the 85th year of his age, was buried yesterday afternoon. He had been a resident of the city since 1866, and previous to his coming here had been in active service with the British army in Ireland and elsewhere. He is survived by two sons, Charles of Boston, Mass., and William at home, and two daughters, Misses Bessie and Annie at home. The funeral was held from his residence, Courtenay street. Services were conducted by Rev. Duncan Convers. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

James J. Ryan.

James J. Ryan, son of the late Thos. and Mrs. Margaret Ryan, died Sunday at his home, 41 Elmwood street, aged 17 years. About a year ago deceased was operated on for appendicitis and never fully recovered, but gradually grew weaker. The young man's father, who used to keep the Hawthorne House, died two years ago. He is survived by two sisters—Susan and Margaret.

Elsie Louise Stephenson.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Stephenson, 53 Stanley street, will regret to hear of the death of their four year old daughter, Elsie Louise, which occurred Sunday as the result of an accident. Last Friday the little one in some way fell about eight feet from the stairs in her home. She was picked up unconscious and in spite of all that could be done she passed away Sunday. She was a very bright, lovable little girl and will be sadly missed.

Mrs. Margaret Mahoney.

The death took place suddenly at South Boston on Sept. 30th of Mrs. Margaret Mahoney, daughter of the late James and Margaret Hanlin of Fairville. She is survived by four sons, James, Patrick, John, and two sisters, Mrs. Patrick Dolan of this city, and one brother, Michael Hanlin of Milford. The sons are John and William, and the daughters, Nellie, Gertrude, May and Margaret, all of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan had paid a visit to Mrs. Dolan's sister leaving her Saturday morning in the best of health, but on reaching St. John received news of her sudden death. Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan, accompanied by Mrs. Patrick Dolan, left immediately for Boston to attend the funeral.

Child of E. F. Wallace.

Many will regret to learn of the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Wallace, which occurred Sunday morning at the parents' residence, 46 St. James street. The funeral will be held today at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. David Lang will conduct the burial service at the house. Interment takes place in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Guilford Slipp.

The community of Central Blissett was saddened last week by the news that Lizzie A. Slipp, wife of Guilford Slipp, had passed away. Mrs. Slipp had been ill more than a month, but hopes were entertained of a favorable result. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Thomas McLaughlin and besides a sorrowing husband and two little boys, aged 9 and 11 years, leaves also a mother and two brothers to mourn their loss. Mrs. Slipp was a woman much beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was in her 37th year at the time of her death.

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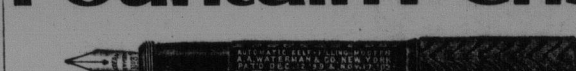
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