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CONCERNING PROHIBITION.

Included in the Estimates now under discussion in the Legislature is an amount of \$30,000 to provide for the forthcoming Referendum on the Prohibition question. From this it may be gathered that the Referendum will take place in the near future. In view of this, therefore, it is well that those who will have the privilege of voting on the question should be as fully informed as possible upon the subject matter in regard to which they will be called upon to vote. With the object of providing some such information we publish elsewhere in this issue an article upon the subject of Prohibition, which all thinking men, no matter what their previously formed views on the subject may be, should carefully read. The article is moderate in the extreme in its tone; it is not an explosion of rabid vapors on the part of the confirmed liquor enthusiast; but it is a sane, temperate statement of the whole matter, which will appeal to all persons who are not blind fanatic partisans.

THE RISE IN STERLING.

The very substantial recovery in the value of the pound sterling which has taken place during the past few weeks is usually explained by the fact that Great Britain, or Great Britain and France together, will ship a very large amount of gold to the United States in the near future. An Anglo-French loan of five hundred million dollars will mature this year, but not till October. It was officially announced yesterday that it will not be renewed.

It is to be noted that while various suggestions have been put forward in the United States during recent months with a view to affording temporary relief to European debtor nations, by means of interest-funding operations and otherwise, spokesmen for the British Government have consistently asserted the determination and ability of Great Britain to meet its international obligations as and when they fall due, without assistance. British financial and commercial policy has been shaped to that end, and the measures adopted for strengthening the economic position of the nation have met with a very substantial measure of success. The Bank of England has been steadily accumulating gold, having added approximately \$11,000,000 to its stocks since the first of the year. Production for export has been stimulated, and the rise in exports has been so marked as to have established, with visible and invisible exports taken together, something not far short of an equilibrium between imports and exports. This, of itself, is calculated to exert a strong influence upon the international exchange situation, particularly in view of the large increase which has lately taken place in British exports to the United States. The reduction of the adverse trade balance has doubtless so affected sterling exchange in New York as to render it easily responsive to the influence of a prospective gold shipment.

Not only has British trade in recent months shown unmistakable indications of revival, but notable gains have been made in the national revenue, while expenditures have been held well within the estimates of the last budget. The weekly return of public income and expenditure in the middle of last month showed a week's income of more than double the expenditure. The estimate of the Chancellor of the Exchequer last autumn was that the revenue would show an increase of £212,000,000. Within six weeks of the close of the fiscal year (March 31) the gain amounted to £275,000,000, the proportionate increase having been greater than that anticipated. There is something more than a hope that the deficit estimated for the current year will not be realized, and that in the coming year it may be overcome. The effect of the achievements already noted in strengthening out the national finances will be to strengthen British credit and improve the whole economic situation. These developments given point to the attitude of the British Government in respect of its international obligations. Apart from what may be accomplished by gold shipments, there is taking place a steady improvement in the financial and commercial position of Great Britain which will do much to restore the position of the pound sterling on this continent. To these conditions will be added, during the coming summer, another, and by no means unimportant factor, namely, a great trans-Atlantic movement of United States tourists. With the complete restoration of the facilities for ocean travel, this movement is almost certain to be of abnormal extent. The battlefields of France and Belgium will excite a powerful attraction, and the presence of thousands of United States sightseers overseas will mean the expenditure of many millions of dollars in European countries. That has always been

a recognized factor in the exchange situation and its influence for the next few years is likely to be exceptionally great.

JUTLAND AGAIN.

Another American Admiral, testifying before the United States Senate, has declared that the long-range shooting of the German fleet at Jutland "stood the British on their heads." He expressed the opinion that the American fleet was unready, and declared that if Germany had selected the United States as its first victim, the American people would be paying an indemnity today. He blamed Secretary Daniels for the unpreparedness of the navy. It is a curious fact that whether a witness starts out to condemn or justify the American naval administration, it is impossible for him to conclude his testimony without a slap at Great Britain. Admiral Sims does not deny the heinous charge that he is "pro-British," and he is a strong critic of the naval department. Therefore, the defondations of the navy department, in order to discredit Admiral Sims, find it necessary to smear at Great Britain. Coming to the help of Admiral Sims, the newest ally also makes the sensational, if groundless, charge that Jutland was a German victory. But inferentially he makes it clear that it was this same "defeated" British navy that stood between the United States and a German invasion, protected by the destruction of New York and other coast cities. If the American navy was unready, what was it but the British navy that stood between the United States and the German fleet?

The question of Jutland has given rise to controversy ever since the battle was fought. The Germans claimed it as a victory. The unfortunately worded first British despatch helped to perpetuate the idea that the Germans had inflicted terrific losses and had escaped lightly. There are British naval critics to-day who assert that the strategy employed by Jellicoe was wrong, and that he ought to have accepted Beatty's advice and staked everything on a complete and overwhelming victory. But it is plain that Jellicoe was under orders from the Admiralty. If the Jutland strategy was wrong, the fault lies with the Admiralty, not with the Grand Fleet. Some time or other the matter may be settled and we may know just how wise were the tactics at Jutland and the exact losses of the two fleets. Until this time arrives, we do know that after Jutland the German fleet no more ventured to dispute the supremacy of the sea, that the submarine was finally adopted as the only sea weapon of any use to the Germans. Unless the Germans were insane, and having won a great victory did not know it, then we must continue to regard Jutland as the most important victory in Britain's naval history.

A BIT OF VERSE

An Easter Canticle
 In every trembling bud and bloom
 That cleaves the earth, a flowery sword
 I see Thee come from out the tomb.
 Thou risen Lord.

In every April wind that sings
 Down lanes that make the heart rejoice
 Yes, in the word the wood thrush brings
 I hear Thy voice.

Lo! every tulip is a cup
 To hold Thy morning's brimming wine;
 Drink O my soul the wonder up—
 Is it not Thine?

The great Lord God, invisible,
 Hath raised to rapture the green grass;
 Through sunlit mead and dew-drenched dell
 I see His pass.

His old immortal glory wakes
 The rustling streams and emerald hills;
 His ancient trumpet softly shakes
 The daffodils.

Thou art not dead! Thou art the whole
 Of life that quickens in the sod;
 Green April is Thy very soul,
 Thou great Lord God.
 —Charles Hanson Towne.

THE LAUGH LINE

Did you ever try seeking happiness
 by making others less unhappy?
 It is difficult for parents to understand
 where their children got their
 bad traits.

A Private Family.
 "What kind of neighbors have you?"
 "We do not know, my dear. They hang their wash in the attic."

Regular Rubber Band.
 Miss French looked so pretty when she entered the ballroom that even the orchestra men turned to look at her.
 "A regular rubber band, eh?"

A Modern Mrs. Malaprop.
 Mrs. Bumble (at a solicitor's):
 "Please I have called to insist upon about my father's will. He died de-

testated and against his will, and I want to know if I cannot be one of his executors."

Guilty.
 "Here's a firm advertising that it has over a hundred phonographs out on trial."

"Well what of it?"
 "Nothing only if that infernal instrument in the house next door is one of them, it certainly ought to be convicted."

Better!
 "How to lie when asleep," runs a headline. The space would be better filled persuading people to tell the truth while awake.

Otherwise She Wouldn't.
 "Why did you call your mother when I tried to kiss you?" "I—I didn't think she was in the house."—Dallas News.

Plenty of Nerve.
 "There's one thing I've got to say for the prodigal son," remarked Farmer Cornsloss.
 "What's that?"
 "He had the grit to walk back home instead of telegraphing for money."—Washington Star.

What Mother Said.
 Tommy had broken one of the rules at school and had been severely punished.
 "And tell your mother about it!" admonished the teacher sternly.

Next morning she called him up to her desk and asked:
 "Did you tell your mother about your bad behavior yesterday, and how I'd had to punish you?"
 "Yes, miss."

"Well, what did she say?"
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T. A. Hurt, M. P., is at home from Ottawa for the Easter recess. J. T. Whittick was a week end guest at Elm Corner; Mrs. G. H. Elliott and Mrs. Emma Stevenson are in St. John.

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Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

We was eating breakfast this morning, having flap cakes, and pop sed. Say, Benny, if you put much more butter on those flap cakes you mite not be able to find them again.
 Meaning I was using too much butter, and ma sed, I never saw such a boy for piling on the butter. Wich nobody else properly ever did either, and I sed, Wat do you think, ma, G, pop, I had a faursee dream last nite.
 Did you dream somebody else got a bigger pecee of pie than you did? sed pop.
 He must of dreamed he had to pay for all the butter he used, sed ma.
 No sir, no man, I dreamed the skool burnt down, I sed.
 And you call that a faursee dream, well im surprised, id of thart you would be delighted, sed ma.
 The boy gets stranger and stranger every day, to think of him complaining about a dream like that, the faerst thing we know he will be brushing his shoes without being told, sed pop.
 Well, it does him credit, anyway, sed ma, and pop sed, Maybe, but I dont think we're at the bottom of it yet, wat was so terrible about the dream, Benny?
 Waking up, I sed.
 Help, aid, sucker, sed pop.
 Well for pity sakes, sed ma.
 Meaning it didnt do me credit.

this week, attending the W. A. meetings in connection with All Saints' church.—St. Croix Courier.

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