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THE ROYAL VISIT.

The Royal visit is over. So far as St. John is concerned we may now proceed to say goodbye to our guests, take down the decorations, and settle back into the old routine which two days of holiday making has disturbed. The weather man was unfriendly on Friday, and from dawn till dark a depressing drizzle prohibited that enthusiasm which a day of sunshine would have brought. Yet we made the most of adverse conditions and while regretting that the Prince had not seen St. John at its best, we had consolation in the fact that the fault was not ours. But no amount of rain could dampen the spirits of our royal guest who from the moment of his landing until his return to the ship last night won the affectionate regard of all by his cheerful and happy expression, his evident shyness, and his desire to make friends. He came to us as a name; he leaves as an attractive personality, a young man whom we have met and know, and whom we like. His opinion of us is another matter, but it is better than our evident intention to make him feel at home and among friends, then he will long remember his first visit to the Loyalist City of St. John.

Yesterday's arrangements were to a certain extent of a formal character. In view of the fact that His Highness entered Canada through the gateway of St. John, it was fitting that his reception here should take the form of a national reception, and for this reason this city has been honored with the almost unnoted presence of His Excellency the Governor-General, Premier Borden, and others. There has been extended as well the greetings of the Province of New Brunswick, and the incidents connected with these official welcomes have naturally deprived St. John of a portion of the time at the disposal of the royal guest. But few moments were lost. From the hour of his arrival until his return to the cruiser, the Prince of Wales had no occasion to complain of lack of activity. Nor has he evidenced any sign of weariness in what must have been a rather arduous experience. Indeed, on the contrary, his unvarying kindness of manner and the undoubted pleasure with which he entered into all the items on a somewhat lengthy programme must have impressed everyone. In short, despite the abominable weather, the Royal visit has been an overwhelming success, affording pleasure to our guest and intense gratification to the many thousands who assembled to greet their future King.

THE COMMERCE COURT.

The appointment of W. F. O'Connor as a member of the Commerce Board, recently authorized by the federal government, has aroused in some quarters the hope that definite action toward reductions in commodity prices may result. Mr. O'Connor is a young man, a lawyer, and a native of Halifax, in which city he resided until a couple of years ago when he accepted a position on the Board of Food Control. His activities there brought him prominently before the people of Canada and at times the differences of opinion between Mr. O'Connor and those whose policies he condemned, resulted in bitter recrimination. While in those days it was not always possible for him to succeed to the full extent of his desires, and while his efforts may not have produced very permanent benefit, his record was sufficient to indicate a more than superficial knowledge of the matters submitted for consideration, and he displayed a desire to introduce reforms, which desire, if equally strong today, will undoubtedly, with the increased authority of his new position, lead him to immediate and determined action. Mr. O'Connor has been inclined in the past to devote his attention largely to the methods of those who stand between the producer and the ultimate consumer. It has been his desire to see that the final retail price of any commodity is not too greatly in excess of the amount received by the farmer, the fisherman, or the manufacturer who first places the article on the market. But this newly organized court will be compelled, in order to maintain production, to see that the producer enjoys an honest return for his goods. Otherwise production will fall and prices go higher. Nor can this country well afford to adopt such drastic regulations as may work hardship on other countries depending on us for certain necessities of life. The embargo on hides and leather was one thing within our power which has not meant inconvenience or loss to anyone else. Such a policy can be adopted in only a comparatively few instances, for even at the cost of higher prices at home, this country cannot afford to deprive old friends and customers of the goods which they have a right to expect. Indeed the general adoption of a policy such as this would so dislocate trade as to destroy all prospect of an early return to normal conditions. The duty of the Commerce Court will be to hold the balance between the producer and the consumer, and by applying methods

adequate to each individual commodity, to see that the former enjoys a fair return for his product while the latter is not compelled to pay an exorbitant price to satisfy the middle man.

JAPANESE, AND OTHERS.

With the people of the Pacific States again up in arms against Japanese invasion and backed at Washington by their own outspoken representatives, with the United States Senate denouncing the Japanese policy in the matter of Shantung, and with the presentation of scathing reports on Japanese massacres of helpless Koreans, feeling in the United States against the people of the Eastern Empire is not likely to become very friendly. The Shantung concession to Japan is declared in the treaty of peace to be for a limited period and at the expiration of the time required to readjust conditions there this territory is to be handed back to China. But Chinese delegates have no faith in Japan's word in this respect and hold the view that once in possession of the Japanese, Shantung will remain there. In this belief they are justified by records of history, for Japan has never yet been compelled to let go anything she once secured.

A recent report on Japanese administration of Korea pointed out that while Koreans are an intelligent and industrious people they do not seem to possess the faculty of self-government, and that the direction of persons better qualified in this respect is necessary if Korea is to be reestablished. The situation in that country has been compared with that which existed in Cuba previous to United States intervention. In the latter case it is shown that while in preceding years the Cuban people had been constantly in a state of unrest, American occupation resulted in such an improvement in their knowledge of administrative methods that today the government of Cuba is worthy of every commendation. Korea, it was felt, might benefit in like manner through the advice and guidance of the Japanese, but the weak spot in this experiment as indicated in the recent report is that the Japanese are enforcing the law, not by moderate council and justice but by armed force and cruelty. The natural result has been an increasing bitterness among the Koreans against those whom they regard as invaders, and if all reports are credible, that sentiment has developed among the Koreans such opposition to Japanese control as has led to serious conflict.

It is a common failing to describe the Chinese as unprogressive and to admire the Japanese for their aggressiveness and industry. But white men who have lived in the East, and others who by contact have come to know these two races, prefer the word of the Chinese to the word of the Japanese. And in view of the influence wielded by the Japanese government in the East it is strange that so little is actually known of conditions in Korea, Manchuria and those other portions of China and Siberia into which the Japanese have penetrated. This race is accomplished in the art of concealment and only occasionally does the world hear of conditions as they really exist.

WE MISSED NOTHING.

By reason of the many diversions of the past few days, outside news has been crowded from the front pages of our papers. But nothing of importance has been missed. We have read accounts of receptions to soldiers and to royalty, and have been spared the almost endless sequence of despatches relative to strikes, strikes, or prospective, to soaring prices, and to political controversies which seemingly have no end. We have managed to get along in the enjoyment of our own interests and without missing to any serious extent this foreign news. Now it will reappear and from day to day we will peruse the same old story of the world's unrest, its struggle toward the goal which all are seeking by so many divergent paths, and the incidental suffering and distress which in some future time will bring about an improved relationship between all classes. Meanwhile, during the few days we have spent in attending to our own affairs, nothing of importance has happened in which we have the slightest interest.

WHAT THEY SAY

Income of the Super-Rich.
 New York Tribune—The public mind has a fixed belief that the rich grow richer under all conditions and circumstances. But the income tax report does not suggest that such was the tendency during 1918. The war rise swelled the dollar income of a great number of little fellows, but the dollar income of the very rich, especially after surtaxes were paid to the government, averaged less.

Insufficient Security.
 New York Times—To get money at 4 per cent, the investment must be as secure beyond all chance of question.

With the Russian example of demoralization of industry fresh in mind and still before its eyes, the American public would not be very eager to supply money at 4 per cent, or any other rate for the purpose of putting the railroads into the hands of the representatives of labor and the politicians.

Yest of Good Sense.

New York Herald—There is too much good sense in the great body of the American people to yield to wild experiments or to hopelessly bend to the whirlwind of temporary illusion. Political charges of personal timidity simply add to the confusion and danger. The situation demands nothing but courage to face the facts and strength to combat the storm that is already upon us. It is not a matter of politics but patriotism.

Simply Arrangements.

New York World—In the last three years the railroad employees have received hundreds of millions of dollars in wage increases for which the general public is paying. As a reward for this generosity the country is to be taken by the throat and choked into submission if the most complicated economic issues that have ever confronted it are not solved by the railroad men. If there is any difference between that kind of arrogance and the arrogance of the German general staff in July 1914, we should like to know what it is.

An Undesirable If.

New York Sun—Mr. Wilson's administration must let the American people have their own wheat, bought from the farmers through the treasury with their own money. It must let them have it at reasonable prices in a free market working under the law of supply and demand. The cost of living will not come down. For unless he lets them have their own wheat in that way corn will stay up, corn may go higher. And as corn stays up or goes higher all food will stay up or go higher. If it does there will be hell to pay.

A BIT OF VERSE

PRAYER FOR A LITTLE HOME.
 (Florence Stone, in the Spectator.)
 God send us a little home,
 To come back to, when we roam.
 Low walls, and fluted tiles,
 Wide windows, a view for miles.
 Red freights and deep chairs,
 Small white beds upstairs—
 Great talk in little nooks,
 Dim corners, rows of books.
 One picture on each wall,
 Not many things at all.
 God send us a little ground,
 Tall trees standing round.
 Homely flowers in brown soil,
 Overhead, Thy stars, O God.

THE VOYAGER.

Over the storm-tossed ocean of life's short night,
 We battle on;
 To hail at dawn Heaven's beacon light,
 We sail along;
 As the mariner upon the mighty deep
 His watchful keep;
 Our barque at break of morn shall anchor safe beyond the reef,
 With its clear light;
 Of the Rock of Ages, from storm and tempest clear,
 There to abide;
 Until from Heaven's high arches the weary crew shall hear
 The roll-call cried:
 The last loud trump shall sound
 A fearful and shining host,
 And all with passports "homeward bound."
 Will now be passed
 Within the Jasper walls, life's voyage o'er,
 Serene to rest for ever more.
 Cobalt, Aug. 8, 1919.

A BIT OF FUN

He Didn't Care.
 "John, John," whispered an alarmed wife, poking her sleeping husband in the ribs. "Waken up, John! These are burglars in the parlor and they're eating all my pies."
 "Well, what do we care," mumbled John, rolling over. "So long as they don't die in the house!"

Recovered.
 Barber—"Have I shaved you before?"
 Customer—"Yes, you have."
 Barber—"I don't seem to recognize your face."
 Customer—"No, it's healed up now."
 —TR-Bits.

Mistress (to new maid)—"I want you to understand that your master is a Colonel."
 Maid—"That'll be alright, mum—I just adore soldiers."

Disappointment.
 A small, henpecked little man was about to make an examination for life insurance.
 "You don't despise, do you?" asked the physician, as he was ready for tests. "Not a fast liver, are you?"
 The little man hesitated a moment, looked a bit frightened, then replied in a small piping voice: "I sometimes chew a little gum."

It was visiting day at the hospital. The visitors were mostly old ladies, and one of them stopped at the bed of a Tommy and asked him a question he had been asked a score of times before, thus:
 "How did you come to be wounded, my brave fellow?"

"By a shell, mum," replied the hero. "Did it explode?" queried the lady.
 "No," answered Tommy, rather bored. "It crept up and hit me!"

Promotion.
 Little Sydney had reached the mature age of three and was about to discard petticoats for the more manly raiment of knickerbockers. The mother had determined to make the occasion a memorable one. The breakfast table was laden with good things when the newly breeched infant was led into the room.
 "Ah!" exclaimed the proud mother,

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

This afternoon I was in the bath tub taking a bath and the telephone bell started to ring and keep on ringing like everything, me thinking, G, nobody aint home, and maybe its Artie telephoning to me or something.
 And I got out of the bath tub and I stepped a towel around my waste and unlocked the door and went in the setting room and was just going to answer the fone wen I herd somebody's footsteps coming up stairs, me thinking, Gosh, G, holy smoke.
 And I quick ran in the setting room closet and me came in the setting room and answered the fone, saying, Hello, O, is this you, Willyum?—yes, I herd it ringing, but I was down in the kitchen and I thawt Benny was up heer to answer it.
 And she keep on talking to pop and I keep on standing in the setting room closet with a towel around me wishing I was back in the bath tub wen I belonged, and ma hung up the receiver, saying, Now wy didnt Benny answer that fone, he knows his father hates to be keep waiting—Benny, Benny.
 Me not ansering on account of not wanting to anser from the closet, and ma went and looked in the bath room, saying, For goodness sakes, heers the tub full of soapy watter and his clothes all hanging up, ware in the world is he?
 And she started to go up stairs calling, Benny, Benny, and I quick snuck out of the setting room closet and went back in the bath room and looked the door and got in the tub agen, me calling from up stairs, Benny, Benny, Ma? I yelled in the bath tub, an d ma sed, Well for mercy sakes, ware are you? and I sed, In the bath room.
 You are not, I jest looked, sed ma. And she came down and tried the bath room door and I was in there all rite, ma saying, Well, isent this rediculous, we have you bin?
 Who, me? I sed, and ma sed, No, Abraham Linkin, and I sed, I bin taking a towel out of the setting room closet. Not saying I had took it it before I took it out, and ma sed, Well then you must of bin in there wile I was talking, and I sed, Yes ma'am, and I sed, Well you take the cake.
 Wich I do.

U. S. REFUSES WAR MATERIALS TO THE MEXICAN GOV'T
 Further Importation Shut Off as the Result of An Exchange of Notes on Mexican Behaviour.

Bulletin—Washington August 15.—The Carranza government will not be permitted to import further arms and munitions from the United States, for the present at least. This became known today following the publication of the exchange of notes between the United States and Mexico in which the American government threatened a change of policy unless Americans in Mexico were adequately protected.

FORD VERDICT
CARRIES OFF \$50 IN SUIT COSTS
 Mount Clemens, Mich., August 15.—The amount of costs that Henry Ford may receive from the Chicago Daily Tribune, in addition to the six cents damages awarded him by a jury, which he answered his libel suit against the Chicago newspaper, will not exceed \$50. Under a Michigan law, where nominal damages are awarded, not more than \$50 costs can be assessed against the losing party.

HONDURAS REVOLT GAINS SUCCESSES OVER GOVERNMENT
 San Salvador August 15.—Progress in the Honduran revolution is reported today in despatches received here. The department of Gracias and La Esperanza were said to have been taken from government troops. The operations of General Gutierrez in the departments of Paraiso and Choluteca and those of General Cedeno in the department of La Paz were said to be meeting with success.

FRENCH SUFFERED HEAVILY IN ITS AIR SERVICE
 Paris, August 15.—French pilots and observers killed and wounded during the war aggregated sixty per cent. of the total flying personnel of slightly less than thirteen thousand men. The percentage of loss was greater than that of any other branch of the French army.

Pilots and observers killed at the front numbered 1,943, while 1,461 are missing and are believed to be dead. Two thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two pilots and observers were wounded at the front, and 1,927 were killed in flights in the rear of the fighting area.

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