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THURSDAY, JUNE 5.

NO LOSS OF PRESTIGE.

We observe that some American contemporaries are taking comfort out of the supposed fact that, although the outcome of the Boer war is favorable to Britain, British prestige has been greatly lowered by the war.

There is no basis in truth for such an assumption. Neither from a political nor a military point of view has there been a loss of British prestige. From a political point of view British prestige has gained enormously. For the first time in history the world has witnessed the spectacle of large military forces from the various parts of Britain's scattered empire being dispatched to assist the mother country in coping with a danger that threatened the empire's interests. The world has for the first time had substantial evidence of the fact that the British empire is an entity, and that the might of Britain is not confined to the resources of the British islands. British political prestige has been raised, also, by the loyal support given by the British people to their government throughout the war—their patience, self-control and invincible resolution in spite of much discouragement, disappointment and disaster, and the cheerfulness with which they have assumed the burdens of the war. Let it be remembered that the British form of government is essentially democratic—that the people rule, and that the people had it in their power to overturn the government and stop the war at almost any stage of its progress. During the last thirty months the people of Britain have given an exhibition of courage, steadfastness, patience and self-control, such as the people of no other European country would be capable of. If ever a nation has proved itself rich in the essential elements of greatness, Britain has done so during these trying two and a half years.

Neither has British military prestige suffered. The fact is that among continental nations British military prestige has not stood high for many years. The defects of the cumbersome and expensive military system of Britain have long been known by European military experts and laughed at by military critics. That is the reason why so many of them predicted disaster to British arms from the first, and doubted whether ultimate British success was possible. But Britain has won through this war all right, as she has won through so many others, and comes out of it very much stronger in a military sense than when she began the struggle. She has now what no other power in the world has, an army of over 200,000 seasoned veterans, who have learned by long, rough and varied experience how to fight. With all its defects, it is probable that the British army in South Africa is the best fighting machine in the world to-day.

Another reason why British military prestige will be increased by this war is that the eyes of the British people themselves have at length been opened to the defects of their military system, and the necessity of radical military reform. We may be sure that the necessary remedies will be promptly applied, and that the remodelled British army will not be inferior, as it was before, an example to the nations of what a military system ought not to be.

And it might be added that there is no country in the world but Britain which could have carried this war to a successful issue—could have transported an army of 250,000 to the other side of the world and maintained it there for over two years, 7000 miles from the base of supplies. Those who talk of lowered prestige should ponder this fact.—Hamilton Herald.

UNEXPECTED FRANKNESS.

Hamilton Times, Lib.
Four years more of Ross' rotten government.

The Event of the Season

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Toronto Telegram, Ind.
Coal is so expensive that in some parts of Ontario ballots will probably be burned.

LIBERAL PARTY DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Montreal Witness, Lib.
The Liberal majority has certainly been seriously, perhaps dangerously, reduced, which may be called a moral defeat for Mr. Ross, and almost an actual one.

THE CANADIAN RECORD.

Toronto Telegram.
Canada has the melancholy satisfaction of knowing that the number of Canadians who have died in battle greatly exceeds the number of Canadians who have been taken prisoners by the Boers.

OF PREACHER OR DEPUTY?

Hamilton Spectator.
When a preacher promises to vote for a temperance candidate, and that temperance candidate gets no vote whatever in the preacher's polling sub-division, the circumstances has a tendency to cause something like suspicion, as it were.

STORM AND SUNSHINE.

The waves dashed up against the shore.
The wind beat out again;
The sea fell wildly on before,
And sobbed and moaned with pain.
The heavy clouds hung low and dark,
The rain swept on below,
And blotted on a storm tossed bark—
Sad types of human woe.
But that was yesterday, my dear,
To-day the sun shines bright,
And all that seemed so wild and drear
Has vanished in the night.
The little waves run up the shore,
The sea forgets its pain;
The whole wide world grows glad once more,
And courage lives again.
Take cheer, had heart, 'tis dark to-day,
But let us not repine;
These gloomy clouds will fly away,
To-morrow's sun will shine.

AT THE PLAY.

She took a seat in front of me,
Alas! I gave a sigh.
For looming up I saw a hat,
At least twelve inches high.
I could not see the stage at all.
So I gave a little cough;
It was enough; she took the hint,
Also the bonnet off.

I gave a smile, one little smile,
And then dumbfounded sat,
For coiled upon her head the hair
Was higher than the hat.

First Newspapers.

As it is to Germany that we owe the first examples of printing, so to that country is due the credit of publishing the first regularly issued newspaper. This was The Frankfurter Zeitung, and it appeared first in 1615. This publication is still in existence. It was followed the year after by The Nieuwe Tijdinghen, a Dutch production, printed at Antwerp, says a London paper. The first English newspaper was The Weekly News from Italy, Germany, etc., published in London 1622. The Gazette de France (Paris, 1631) and others followed. The London Gazette was the first regularly issued English newspaper that survives to the present day. It appeared in 1655, and the earliest numbers were published at Oxford, where the court at that time was temporarily established.

To Remember When Packing a Trunk.

If there be one principle more than another to be observed in packing it is that the heavy things go at the bottom of the trunk, even though one is sure that it is to stand on end all the trip.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A FISHERMAN'S PARADISE.

Harold Simpson Tells All About It in the Fishing Gazette.

"Yes," said the Major, as he lighted his cigar, "it was up in Canada, when I was quartered there in '88. We had got six months' leave, and went up the river in a little sailing boat. As luck would have it, we ran aground while trying a rather difficult bit of navigation, and damaged our craft so much that there was no going on in her. However, we struck a settler's hut not far away, and put up with him for a day or two while he helped us to repair the boat. Just before we left, he asked us if we would like some fishing on a lake a few miles away. 'It belongs to me,' he said, 'but I have never fished it, nor any one else for that matter. In fact, I don't believe it has ever been touched since the days of creation.' We jumped at this offer, naturally, and he lent us his boat—something between a punt and a canoe, but very light and easy to carry. Accordingly we stocked her with provisions and started off.

"We got there in the evening, or what we imagined to be there, for as to seeing the lake it was impossible, so thick was the forest that grew around it. But we could tell by the lay of the trees that there was a piece of water there. Well, gentlemen, we started cutting our way through. Ever seen a primeval forest? I expect not. It took us two days and a half, which will give you some idea of what we had to go through. We would cut our way for a hundred yards or so and then come back and fetch the boat to the furthest point that we had cleared. At night we camped under it on the spot where we had knocked off work for the day. We got very dark, but, however, and fished a lake about five miles long by three broad. A nice bit of water it looked, and we got out in the boat and started fishing about 10 o'clock one morning.

"Now, gentlemen, I have not the slightest wish to exaggerate, but any fool could have caught fish in that lake. I assure you, upon my word of honor, that had we been absolute novices we could if we had been able to cast a couple of thousand flies on the water at the same time have hooked a couple of thousand trout. The result was that after about two hours of it we began to get exhausted. My arms were aching, and I could hardly hold the rod. We agreed to knock off. But just as we were about to make for the shore we discovered that a terrible thing had happened. We had filled the boat so full of fish that it was beginning to sink. There was only one thing to do. Here we were in the middle of a big lake in a boat that was rapidly filling. We commenced to shovel out fish as fast as we could. Perhaps some of you have been in a leaking boat, and tried to bale her out against the water, in gaining on you every minute. Well, that was just our state, only we were bailing out fish instead of water.

"You get to shore without a ducking," one asked, when he seemed to have finished. "Yes," said the Major, "we managed it. But that was not the most wonderful part of the whole thing. A chorus of questions assailed him. 'Well,' said he, 'the extraordinary part of it was this. Every one of the fish that we threw overboard revived and swam away as if nothing had happened. They had been there for so many centuries that they had become immortal.'

Danger in Carrying Firearms.

Kingston's awful tragedy in which a bit of a schoolboy of fifteen shot and killed a girl aged fourteen draws attention once more to the danger there is in carrying firearms, with the most innocent intent. Why should any boy of fifteen go around with a gun in his hip-pocket? In this country there is no need for people to go armed. The jury found that in this case there was no intent to kill or wound, but that the discharge of the weapon was accidental. The finding does not lessen the force of the argument that the carrying of concealed weapons, more particularly revolvers, is always a source of danger to the carrier or to some other person. According to the story as given in the press despatches, the boy and the girl were good friends. He was nettled for the moment by her tipping his hat in play. He had no intention of shooting her when he drew the revolver, which went off before he knew. Yet he threatened to shoot, and he will now carry to his dying day a regret that the means were in his possession which made it possible for any such tragedy to be uttered or for an accident to happen which made the just good. The boy was a reader of dime novels of the Jesse James type, and, according to his companions, had been carrying a gun for some time. The carrying of the gun may have been a result of the dime novel habit, but both may be symptoms of something deeper. Boys who read trashy and silly paper story-books may do so because they are ignorant of the existence of more elevating literature that is equally entertaining. The reading habits of a great many boys and girls are unfortunately wholly unformed and unguided by their parents. Parents who are in the dark as to what their boys and girls are reading are pretty certain to be ignorant of other important points in connection with the habits they are forming. There are boys who could not carry a revolver for twenty-four hours without the fact becoming known to those at home. There are other boys of whose outgoings and incomings their parents are blissfully ignorant until something happens that shocks the community and makes a stain on the family escutcheon.—Don, in Saturday Night.

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