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LONDON, THURSDAY, JAN. 30.

WAR TO A FINISH?

The Balkan Allies, having given up waiting on the Turk, he can now have war to a finish if that is what he thinks he wants. It is reported that the Turkish forces at Tchataldja now number 170,000, put into as good shape as Nazim Pasha could manage before his death. In an immensely strong position flanked at both ends by the sea, and by fanaticism, such an army if united and well fed is a very serious obstacle to a rush upon Constantinople.

How well the Roman Emperor chose the site of his eastern capital and stronghold! By sea the approach is by a narrow strait either north or south; on land the city may be reached only from the west, over a tapering neck with a line of hills. Commercially as well as strategically the place is a marvel. With a fine harbor it stands at the meeting point of east and west, and is the outlet of the Thracian region, naturally one of the richest agricultural territories of the world. In ancient times Thrace was the wheat granary of the Athenian Empire. Today the Turkish blight is upon it, but even yet Constantinople holds its own.

It watches the trade of Odessa go by its doors. With an agricultural and manufacturing civilization government like Bulgaria's there is no knowing what advance both Thrace and Constantinople might make. A great wheatland in an ideal climate awaits redevelopment behind the city. With free scope to their energies, Greek businessmen will make the most of Constantinople's trading and shipping possibilities, and Russia in her Black Sea backwater may well want the city for her own.

The Turkish army stands on guard, and if discipline holds good, it will take a human thunderbolt to break them. But will discipline hold? The troops have every reason to think that a renewal of the war is both causeless and useless. Though they may hold Tchataldja, they have no chance of moving forward against superior forces of the Allies. Constantinople would have been saved without any fight. The Moslem inhabitants have largely cleared out of the Adrianople region and mostly gone over to Asia. Why fight for what is lost? The only motive would be the sheer love of combatting the glau, and it is doubtful whether such a motive will weld the defending force into such cohesion as is necessary.

If the Allies can burst through the Turkish defence both by land and sea, there will be a spectacular occupation of the sacred metropolis. If, again, they can agree on some joint or neutral management of the city, it is very possible that the great powers in their jealousies will not interfere with force. Most of the civilized world would be glad to see the Constantinople question finally settled by the upbuilding of a strong Balkan union around it as centre. This would block off Russia on the one hand, and on the other, act as a counterpoise to the Triple Alliance.

THE NATURALIZATION PROBLEM.

The Minister of Justice is hopeful that legislation by the Imperial Parliament will soon confer upon naturalized citizens of Canada the full status of British subjects in the United Kingdom.

Under the present laws such distinguished naturalized Canadians as Sir William Van Horne and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy are only aliens in the mother country. The anomaly would be even more strikingly called to public attention if a Canadian cabinet minister, Hon. George Perley, born in New Hampshire, were made the Canadian member of the Imperial defence committee.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier raised the question in the last Imperial Conference, not for the first time. The Imperial authorities promised redress, but frankly indicated some of the difficulties of the problem. There are millions of British subjects in India, born under the flag, who are denied political rights in the British self-governing colonies. The Hindus are practically excluded from Canada, Australia and South Africa, but they are freely admitted into the United Kingdom, as are all the black and brown races. While Canada asks that the full rights of British subjects be conferred on naturalized Canadian citizens who go to the "mother country," she is not prepared to fully reciprocate. For instance, Chinese and Japanese can be naturalized in Great Britain as readily as white aliens, but Canada will not admit Chinese and Japanese merely because they have become British subjects under the easy laws of the United Kingdom.

These circumstances suggest some of the difficulties of government in a world-wide empire of diverse races. The Imperial authorities may be excused for moving deliberately, even though anomalies exist that seem to outrage the principle of British unity.

HON. JAMES YOUNG.

Hon. James Young, of Galt, who has passed away at the age of 77, was not a veteran who lagged superfluous on the political stage. Elected to the first Parliament after Confederation, he voluntarily retired from active politics in 1886. During that period he sat continuously, with a year's interruption, in the House of Commons, and later in the Legislature, where he held the portfolio of Provincial Treasurer for a few months. But he continued to be an influential voice in public affairs till his death. His reputation perhaps owed more to his literary work than to his earlier parliamentary labors. His pen was unceasingly active. His volume "Public Men and Public Life in Canada," published some years ago, is a very readable combination of history and biography, and likely to be of permanent value. Mr. Young became interested in politics in early manhood, and came into close contact with most of the eminent Canadians of the pre-Confederation era. He frequently attended the Legislature of Upper and Lower Canada as an eager student of public affairs, and his volume contains vivid descriptions of its outstanding personalities, and the fierce rivalries of that day. He throws a clearer light on the vexed question of that time than some of the more pretentious historians.

The new Turkish cabinet has been given Hobson's choice.

The president of the Canadian Defence League says the Canadian militia system is wrong and extravagant. But the voluntary principle is worth a good deal.

A French scientist says the legs and arms of the human race are destined to shrink. Emerson said that the modern man had built himself a carriage and lost the use of his legs. That was before the street car, and the automobile, too.

The London Morning Post gives four columns of its space to a letter from Hon. W. S. Fielding. The readers of the Post, like other British machine imperialists, need a diet of this kind. May they inwardly digest it. It may not agree with them, but it is good for the Empire.

Premier Asquith has published with great effect a letter from the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, asserting that they will oppose any scheme that will give them a higher price for their grain at the expense of the British workman. The grangers give an example of real Imperial thinking.

The dumb animals have had in Rev. W. L. Steeves a vigilant friend, and he will be hard to replace as secretary of the Humane Society. Mr. Steeves, who has accepted a call to Philadelphia, has been a good pastor and a good citizen. Young, able, and energetic, the future should hold much for him in his chosen work.

Sir Rodolphe Forget, having accused the editor of Le Soleil, Quebec, of being a deserter from the French army, the editor produces a copy of his discharge as an officer, signed by the president of the French Republic. Sir Rodolphe has sadly abused the privileges of Parliament, which were granted in the first place to protect its members from tyranny. These privileges are too often perverted today by members into a covert for slander.

NEW LEGAL MAXIM.

The old axiom of all men being equal or equal, or equal before the law, should be changed to "All men are to be considered on a graduated scale of worth, their mark fixed according to their earning capacity, with no consideration as to the means—so long as they are legally employed to earn this money."

A FOND FAREWELL.

It is easy to believe that the Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, is eager to bid his distinguished cabinet colleague, Hon. George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, bon voyage and soon see him off at the departure for Australia on a trade mission.

VANISHED FEARS.

Sir William Van Horne, who is at the head of a large paper company in Quebec, now demands of the Provincial Government the abrogation of the exportation of pulp wood laws so that his company may reap the benefit of the United States concession on paper incorporated in the reciprocity pact. A year or more ago he was stumping the country denouncing the agreement and posing as an imperialist of the imperialists, though under British naturalization laws he, being of United States birth, is only half a Britisher. Evidently his inherited desire for personal gain has overcome his suddenly developed fear of his brother Yankee gobbling up, and he now wants to have "truck with the Yankees"—in paper. He has not as yet shown any desire to give the Canadian farmer a look-in to the same profitable market.

BRITAIN'S BOOMING TRADE.

The condition and volume of the home trade can only be measured by a variety of indirect evidences such as we have already glanced at, but of our foreign trade we have a direct measure in the board of trade returns. These statistics point to a total external trade for the United Kingdom of no less than £1,320,000,000 sterling—figure exceeding by nearly £100,000,000 the total for 1911, nearly £125,000,000 more than the total figure for 1910, and no less than £168,000,000 more than the record of the "boom" year 1907. Compared with 1903 (the year in which Mr. Joseph Chamberlain proclaimed the imminent decay of British industries and raised the banner of "reform"), the increase in our total external trade (imports and exports) is no less than £428,000,000, or almost 50 per cent. If we look at the exports alone (and Mr. Chamberlain insisted that these were the true test

of commercial and industrial progress), we find that from a value of £360,000,000 in 1903 they have now grown to £536,000,000, an increase of 66 per cent.

THEY'LL GET OVER IT.

[Toronto Star.]
Earl Grey is not worrying. He has lived in Canada, and knows that the Tories will not remain permanently offended with an earl.

"STATISTICS PROVE."

[Amos R. Wells in Life.]
"Statistics prove" so many things—The size of towns, the height of kings, The age of children in the schools, The skull development of fools; The salaries that parsons get, The number of abodes to let, The wealth of lucky millionaires, The price of hens and mining shares; All things below and things above, It seems to me, "statistics prove."

But, no! Statistics never yet Appraised a single violet, Measured the glances of an eye, Or probed the sorrows of a sigh, Statistics never caught the gleam That dances on a meadow stream, Or weighed the anthem of a bird In forest aisles devoutly heard; Statistics never proved a soul In high or low, in part or whole; Sin, beauty, passion, honor, love, How much statistics cannot prove!

FORGET ME NOT.

[Olivier Herford in Scribner's.]
"I wish that we had never met, All that I ask is to forget— To be forgot!"
She sighed, and turned away her head; He did not see her eyes that said, "Forget me not!"

"Why have you come again," she said,
"Now bowed his head, his pain to hide; He did not see her eyes that cried, "Forget me not!"

Now at his side she kneels and cries His name, and white and still he lies, His eyes will never look again Into her eyes, that cry in vain, "Forget me not!"

ALL HE HAD.

[Exchange.]
An Irish barrister speaking on behalf of his client, said:
"Gentlemen of the jury, think of his poor mother—his only mother."

ROWELL—FIGHTER.

[Chattham News.]
Men of British blood love a man who puts up a game fight. Hence N. W. Rowell commands the admiration of a lot of people who don't agree with him on every political issue. The man who in December, 1911, took the leadership of a forlorn hope, showed his mettle in big things. The man who the other night drove seven cars or so through a blinding snowstorm to keep faith with an audience showed that he possessed the same quality in regard to lesser things.

"ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS."

[T. P.'s Weekly.]
"Onward, Christian Soldiers," the hymn which is figuring in the present political campaign, was written by the Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould, then a curate of the Church of England. The hymn was composed for an Easter confirmation service, and was submitted for approval to the bishop of the diocese. The bishop was of decidedly Low Church opinions, and he objected to the word "cross" in the first stanza:
"Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before."

He argued that its use inferred papistical tendencies.
"Very well, sir," said the author. "I will change it. How would this do?" and he recited these lines:

"With the cross of Jesus,
Left behind the door."

The bishop did not agree, and the Rev. Dr. Baring-Gould soon found himself without a curacy. While waiting another appointment he made his first venture in the world of letters, where he later became distinguished.

LONDON MAN HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THEFT

John Howard, Alias Duncan, Was Arrested by Police at Wingham.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, Jan. 30.—John Howard, of London, who also claims Detroit as his home, is under arrest here on suspicion of being implicated in connection with the recent attempted robbery of the Brussels postoffice. Howard, while at Brussels, registered under the name of Duncan. He walked from Brussels to Wingham and soon after his arrival here was taken in charge by Chief Allen. So far nothing which would implicate the man has been discovered, and it is expected that he will be released tonight. Howard is known in this district as he is of a wandering disposition and usually comes up through this country once a year. He is a man about 60 years old.

DEATH OF D. McLEAN

Operation Performed at Local Hospital Was Followed by Relapse.

Mr. Daniel McLean died suddenly Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital, after an operation performed on Jan. 7. The operation was thought to be successful, as the patient was doing well, when he suffered a relapse. Late Mr. McLean was born in Perth, this district, on Sept. 9, 1843, and came to Canada in 1868, locating in Orford, Kent County. He married Mary McLaren, eldest daughter of Robert McLaren, prior to immigrating to Canada. Of the family of five born to them, but one survives—John, on the old homestead. For upwards of 20 years the late Mr. McLean was an elder in the Duart Presbyterian Church, and connected with all that was for the welfare of the congregation.

Besides his son he is survived by one brother, Peter, of Tacoma, Wash., who is the last of a family of seven.

The remains were forwarded to Duart from W. J. Hall's undertaking parlors, and interment will be made in the Duart Cemetery on Friday.

F. L. SIGEL DEAD.

Denver, Jan. 29.—F. L. Sigel, who "grub-staked" hundreds of prospectors during the last 30 years, died yesterday, leaving an estate valued at \$3,000,000. In addition to mining, he was largely interested in live stock and water-power companies.

Literature's Debt To the Clergy

[By Special Arrangement With the Winnipeg Telegram.]

English literature is under a great debt of gratitude to the church. When we tell over the names of great poets, novelists and critics of the past we are astounded at the large number who were ministers of religion. It is, of course, a natural thing that the members of a learned profession should take an interest in arts and letters, and of all the professions that of the Christian ministry offers largest opportunity to a man with literary tastes. Congregations expect their ministers to spend a great deal of their time in reading the best that has been thought and said by the master minds of the past, and this reading habit in many cases leads to the desire to write books. I do not know that I have ever heard the statement made, and I do not know that I could prove it to be a fact, but I am strongly of the opinion that outside the realm of fiction more books have been given to the reading world by clergymen than by any other class or profession.

Some of our leading authors in Canada today are ministers. It is in England and Scotland, however, that the clergyman author is most numerous. In those other countries where life is not so strenuous, and where good old leisure has not yet been frightened out of the parish, the bookish minister is to be found in his glory. All the big ministers are voluminous authors, and many a little parish in Scotland has for its spiritual leader a man whose learned books are read by scholars in the far places of the earth. There are two famous writers who are joint pastors of Free St. George's Church in Edinburgh, Rev. Alexander White and Rev. John Kelman. These preachers are as well up in English literature as they are in the Bible, and whenever one of them sends out a new book it is sure to have a big sale not only in the United Kingdom, but in Canada and the United States. They represent the very finest tradition of the Scotch literary minister, and, as I have said, his name is legion.

Nothing could illustrate the wide-reading and the catholic taste of the modern minister better than the Rev. Dr. Kelman's new volume, "Anonymous Famous Books" (Hodder and Stoughton, London). The chapters of this book were originally delivered as lectures. The general theme of this series of what are really bookish essays, "Famous Books," is literary charm and spiritual value have made them conspicuous in the vast literature of England is that constant struggle between paganism and idealism which is the deepest fact in the life of man and whose story, told in one form or another, provides the matter of all vital literature. To illustrate this age-long conflict between paganism and idealism, the Edinburgh preacher has dipped into three periods of time: (1) Classical, (2) Sixteenth Century, (3) Modern. In his first chapter, "The Gods of Greece," he has interpreted the Greek myths with wonderful imaginative skill. His treatment of the story of Orpheus and Eurydice is particularly suggestive. Another chapter which deals with Rome is his illuminating review of Walter Pater's masterpiece, "Marius, the Epicurean." Other chapters in the book are as follows: "The Two Fausts," "Celtic Revivals of Paganism," "John Bunyan," "Pope's 'Dunciad,'" "Sartor Resartus," "Pagan Reactions," "Mr. G. K. Chesterton's Point of View," and "The Hound of Heaven."

It is interesting to note that Dr. Kelman singles out Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus" as a book of incalculable importance. It inspired the men of the last generation, and if it finds fewer readers today, the Edinburgh divine advises us to return to it. "It is for want of such strong meat as this," he says, "that the spirit of an age tends to grow feeble." Here is an eloquent description of the life of the modern man, "standing in the shadow, he sends forth his great voice to his times, now breaking into sob of pity, and anon into shrieks of hoarse laughter, terrible to hear. He, too, is bewildered, and he comes among his fellows determined to pluck out the heart of the mystery—the mystery alike of his own times and of general human life and destiny. He is a spiritual interpreter of what to many has been a very puzzling book, Dr. Kelman places Carlyle squarely on the side of idealism and makes the claim that no volume could be so good as a background against which to view the modern surge of the age-long battle.

It is impossible to give more than a faint idea of the engaging contents of this book. I should be glad to indicate Dr. Kelman's opinions of up-to-date writers like Shaw, Wells and Chesterton, but space forbids. Let me say in conclusion, however, that this is a most valuable work of literary criticism that has appeared this season. It is full of weight and suggestive thought, and is written in a clear and graceful style.

Loophole the Loops.

[Hopkinton Leader.]

Wanted—Washing and sawing.—Mrs. De Loop.

Wanted—Washing and mending.—Dell Loop.

If some citizens could commercialize the names they are called, Croesus would be in the bread line by comparison.

The American paragraphs have been making life a joy over the haunting alliteration in the name of one Sandy Sample, of Sinnemahoning. Here's an example:

When work is slack, and time is ample,
I get to thinking of Sandy Sample,
And Mrs. Sanderson Sample, too,
The lady who threatens to wallop you
For starting us ginks a-rhyming and
droning
Of Sandy Sample, of Sinnemahoning.
—MIKE.

That old question: "Are either and neither pronounced 'either' and 'neither' or 'yether' and 'neyther'?" has not yet been settled.

Are you worried over the proposal to abolish titles? Neither are we.

Watching the children disport on the Victoria Park rink makes many a man feel the full weight of his years.

The Methodists of the city propose to look after the sick bodies as well as the sick souls of their flock.

A preacher whose dignity will per-

Closing Days of the January Sale—Values Such as Only Chapman's Will Give

Let judgment decide whether it pays to buy now. Read over this list of bargains—every item has a special attracting power. Prices are deeply cut, not merely shaved. We are closing the January Sale as it began with bargains such as only Chapman's will give.

Carpets

2 pieces Ingrain Carpet (Union), good colorings, 36 inches wide. Worth 45c. On sale at, a yard..... 29c

1 piece Ingrain Wool Carpet, attractive pattern, 36 inches wide. Worth 55c, on sale at, a yard..... 36c

Bibles, Books

35 only Bibles, clear black type, illustrated. Regular price \$1.00. To clear at half price..... 50c

PADDED POETS—A full selection of authors. Worth 75c and 85c. Month-End Sale price, each..... 50c

Children's Picture Books—A large assortment at half price. 50c Books for 25c; 40c Books for 20c; 25c Books for 12½c; 10c Books for 5c.

Laces 5c Yard

1,000 yards Imitation Linen Torchon Lace, edgings and insertions to match. Worth 8c and 10c yard. On sale at 50c a dozen yards, or a yard..... 5c

Scotch Fingering Yarn 69c Pound

For the balance of this week only we will sell Scotch Fingering Yarn at a cut price. 4-ply, light and dark gray and white, also 3 and 4-ply black. Every yard of this fine knitting yarn should take advantage of this price. Per pound..... 69c

Men's Gloves

36 pairs Men's Wool Lined Gloves, tan kid and tan and gray mocha, also tan Mocha Mitts. Our \$1.00 quality. Month-end Sale price, pair..... 73c

24 pairs Men's and Boys' Kid and Mocha Gloves, wool lined. Our special 75c glove. Sale price, a pair..... 59c

6 pairs only Men's Mocha Gloves, tan only, wool lined. Were \$1.25 a pair, 95c at..... 95c

Women's Gloves

Women's Lined Gloves, mocha and kid, well lined. Reduced from \$1.00 to..... 73c

Women's Kid and Mocha Gloves, tan only, warm wool lining. Reduced from \$1.25 to..... 89c

Flannelette

35-inch pure white Soft-Finished Saxony Flannelette, for underwear, etc. 18c quality, at a yard..... 15c

Wrapperette

10 pieces Wrapperette, reversible black and white and red and white check and stripe patterns, also small spot patterns and a few kimono cloths. Were 12½c and 15c a yard. This week, a yard..... 9c

CHAPMAN'S 85c Colored Cheviot Suiting at 59c Yard

By long odds this is the best bargain that we have offered in the Dress Goods Section this month.

10 pieces All-Wool Cheviot Suiting, soft finish, medium weight, for spring suits. The range of shades includes fawn, tan, Copenhagen, myrtle, delf blue, catawba, garnet and mocha brown, 47 inches wide. Regular price 85c a yard. From now until Saturday night, priced at, a yard..... 59c

January Linen Sale

Opportunities in Table Linen, Towels, Towelling that will not be repeated after this sale is over.

Semi-Bleached Table Linen, all pure linen, 60 inches wide. Sale price, a yard..... 36c

68-inch Bleached Table Damask, extra heavy, assorted patterns. Sale price, a yard..... 63c

Other lines of Table Linens previously advertised will be on sale until Saturday night.

Table Covers

For dining tables and throwovers, fast colored, washable table covers; red and green and red and blue, fringed ends. Size 64x64 inches. On sale at each..... 89c

Hosiery

Children's Cashmere Stockings, 1-1 rib, very fine and soft in pink and sky blue only. Sizes 4 to 7½. Our 25c line. This week—only, a pair..... 19c

House Dresses

3 dozen Women's Cotton House Dresses, neat desirable patterns, fast colors. Back and front fastenings, ¾ sleeves. All new goods. Worth \$2. Price..... \$1.45

Shirtwaists

10 dozen Women's Shirtwaists, white vesting material, laundered collar and cuffs. Worth \$1.25. On sale at..... 98c

Fine White Waists

5 dozen Women's White Waists, fine lingerie and embroidery fronts. New styles for the coming season. Back fastenings, high collars and ¾ sleeves. Worth \$1.25 and \$1.50. On sale..... 98c

One Counter of Half-Price Articles

A large assortment of Jewelry, Neckwear, Jabots, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, etc., filling one counter. Values 10c to \$1.25. Your choice of any of these articles this week at half price.

45-Inch Embroidery Skirting at Half

Swiss Muslin Embroidery Skirting, 45 inches deep, beautiful patterns. Regular \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.50 and \$1.75 a yard. On sale this week at half price, 58c, 63c, 70c, 75c and 88c a yard.

Comforters

Cotton Filled Comforters, covered with silkline, size 66 by 72 inches. Sale price, each..... \$1.29

Women's Suits

28 only Women's Suits of navy, blue and black serge, plain tailored styles; sizes 16 and 18 years for misses, and sizes 34 to 42 for women. Worth \$16 and \$18. On sale at..... \$10

9 only Women's Tweed and Serge Suits, the balance of a large line, not all sizes, but the price is interesting. Worth \$10 and \$12. On sale at..... \$5

J. H. Chapman & Co.

239 AND 243 DUNDAS STREET.

in Germany. Watch the Daschunds head for the land of the free.

At Tuesday's meeting of the W. C. T. U. one of the members, in discussing the criticism that was made as to what would become of the ladies when their mothers were away voting, quoted the following:

"Where will we leave the baby, when mother goes to vote?"

Well, just for the convenience of anyone who axes, We'll naturally leave him—with our critics all please note?— Exactly where we left him when we went to pay the taxes."

The answer is that the child will be at home, in father's arms, where it is usually to be found.

If London's business district can't grow far south, north, east or west, it can go straight up.

Old Middlesex did not know it had so many progressive residents until this "Greater Middlesex" campaign got under way.