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BRITAIN IN EGYPT.

The murder of the Sirdar, Major General Sir Lee Stack in Egypt has naturally had the effect of focussing the attention of the world upon the affairs of that country and has been followed by very energetic action on the part of Britain. The murder itself, which should be everywhere reprehended most strongly, came not altogether as a surprise to persons who have been following the course of events in that restless country. The Labor party in Britain appeared to favor an appeal to the League of Nations. The question does not, however, as presented come within the purview of that body. Some comparison in certain quarters has been drawn between the cases of Britain in Egypt and of Italy in Corsica some time ago. The cases are hardly analogous.

Unrest has been evident in Egypt for some time back, and the Egyptian government had been warned and should have taken measures to curb the revolutionary elements. It did not do so, and there appears pretty certain evidence that the Bolshevik section of the country had tacit approval in official circles.

Britain has jumped sharply on Egypt but it is scarcely remarkable that the lion should bite when the jackal yelps at its heels or when riot is followed by murder. Britain took over the protectorate of Egypt when France or no other nation wished to assume the burden of responsibility. She found a dispirited people overwhelmed by debt, an army which was playing the warlike Soudanese, a state of general disorganization, she built up the country, rehabilitated its finances, prosperity has come in place of depression, magnificent dams were built, irrigation extended and the "gift of the Nile" as Egypt has often been called has been rendered doubly valuable by the reclaiming of land which were otherwise an arid desert. These things are forgotten or passed over by the malcontents, who descend to bombing and murder, and as a result the country as a whole is taught a very sharp lesson.

THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

Chicago Tribune: Two great forces are struggling in eastern Asia. There is Japan's drive for Mongolian unity under Japanese leadership. There is China's drive represented by Wu—whose mathematical subtlety has reached the conclusion that the sort of Ireland in which Ulster will take her place most comfortably and readily, is an Irish Republic, is an extreme example. The Irishman in the Free State has to ask himself how much he is ready to concede for Irish unity. The boundary dispute is a good test. Does he want a victory over Ulster or the hope of co-operation with Ulster? Does he want so many more miles of Free State territory or a good step forward to Irish Unity? In other words, is this crisis to be managed in such a way as to keep Ulster out of Ireland or to draw her in?

FRANCE CARRIES ON.

London Evening Standard: The revival of France has been made possible by co-operation, partly conscious and partly instinctive, between the Government, the employers and the employed. France suffered worse direct damage from the war than any country but Serbia, and her financial policy has been the subject of much criticism. But she has at least been spared our strikes and our costly legislative experiments, and her present position is an advertisement of the value of mere steady work in repairing the ravages of war.

BRITISH DUTIES.

Westminster Gazette: The present tendency of British policy is the very

frontier of the potential enemy, and whose memory records two devastating invasions, is more immediately exposed to danger; but her very sensible insistence upon security is probably due to her habit of facing disagreeable facts which the English prefer to evade. The truth is that England, in case of war, is also directly threatened; and it is absurd for English statesmen to imply, as they habitually do, that an attempt to obtain some guarantee of peace is really a concession to a natural nervousness on the part of France.

LIVERPOOL'S WOOD WORKING INDUSTRY IS BUSY.

One of Liverpool's largest industrial assets and a very large contributing factor to the town's employment is the firm of Millard Bros., box-makers. This concern employs on an average of twenty-five or thirty men. The making of boxes requires a great deal of detail work if the best results are to be obtained and in this respect this plant is the last word in efficiency. Each man is assigned to his particular job and the board is taken in at one end of the mill and at the other passes out in the product. At present they are running at capacity on orders for boxes and various shapes and sizes. Among them and perhaps the most tedious of all is an order for 200,000 two pound size boneless fish boxes for parties in the Province.

They also have an order for a cargo of shooks, for the West Indies which are to be ready in January. The firm has also made 10,000, 150 pound size mackerel boxes. A good many of these were used in Liverpool and these boxes seem to be gaining preference over barrels for shipping fresh fish, as they are handled more conveniently.

In addition to these orders they claim they have over a year's business in sight. Their average weekly output is about two carloads of shooks, which means that past year this firm has made well over half million boxes. In doing this they used upwards of two million feet of lumber. The proximity of this firm to Thompson Bros., is utilized to the advantage of both these concerns.

A reciprocal arrangement by which the waste from these boxes is conveyed to the latter firm, who in turn supply Millard Bros. with steam necessary for their operation. This means cheap fuel on one end, and cheap power on the other. While this firm does a larger business in this Province, their largest orders come from Ontario, which circumstance shows how a Nova Scotia concern after having to pay heavy transportation charges, can manufacture and ship this long distance and meet competition.

MAJORITY OF N. S. CLUBS ARE AGAINST SIX MONTHS CLAUSE

Seventeen Nova Scotia Clubs Cast Votes Against Ruling.—Fourteen For.

That the six-month residential clause at present in force in the Maritime Provinces is not popular with Nova Scotia athletes can be gathered from the fact that at the annual meeting of the M. P. B. A. A. U. of C., held at Amherst on Thursday, the free registered by the representatives of this province stood fourteen for the continuation of the six-months period and seventeen against such a ruling.

The motion for continuation, however, was carried by the votes cast by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island delegates. The Island representatives stood solidly for the six-months ruling, while for the total of 21 votes cast by the New Brunswick men, only three were in favor with the majority of the Nova Scotia delegates. The standing by provinces is as follows:

For Against
Nova Scotia 14 17
New Brunswick 18 3
P. E. Island 4 0
Representatives of Nova Scotia clubs voting against the clause were those of the Crescents, Dartmouth, War Veterans, St. Annes, Truro, Stellarton and others. Those casting votes in favor of the existing ruling represented the Wanderers, New Glasgow, Westville, Amherst and others.—(Herald.)

A CALL-DOWN FOR THE WOULD-BE WITTY SALESLADY.

New Waterford.—A young fellow from a country district with all the appearances of a regular hayseed went into a music store in Toronto and asked a rather pert and witty saleslady what he had in the way of the latest music. The young lady sized him up and thinking he was a good mark and winking at her fellow salesman said, "Oh, we have 'Auld Robin Gray'." "The Old Arm Chair," and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." "Well," said the hayseed, "You can put Auld Robin Gray into the Old Arm Chair and you can sit on his knee and give him some chin music until Johnny comes marching home."—(Sydney Post.)

LARGE SUMS IN U. S. CHRISTMAS CLUB.

\$243,855.840 Accumulated for Spending in Christmas Season.
New York.—Nearly a quarter of a billion dollars has been saved up week by week during the last year by persons all over the country who joined Christmas Clubs that they might have a nest-egg for the greatest gift-giving holiday.
Six million persons share in this fund of \$243,855,840, which will be distributed within the next few weeks by 6,000 banks. The sum this year is ten times that saved for Christmas in 1914, when the movement started, according to Herbert F. Rawll, president of the incorporated Christmas Club, who originated the idea.
Greater New York will have the spending of \$25,000,000 and approximately \$41,000,000 of the \$65,000,000 total for New York and New Jersey will be distributed in the metropolitan district. The Borough of Brooklyn was the thirteenth, with \$9,681,860 in its pocket to spend on presents.
However, not all this money will go to Santa Claus. According to Mr. Rawll's figures over the ten-year period, Christmas Club members spend 45 per cent. of their club money for presents, 28 per cent. goes back into permanent savings, 12 per cent. goes into insurance premium and mortgage interest payment, taxes take 11 per cent., and 4 per cent. goes to pay fixed charges maturing in December.

L. O. O. F. LODGE ANNUAL BANQUET.

Kentville.—Grand Master G. W. Whitman, of Windsor, made his official visit to Hiawatha Lodge, No. 57, L. O. O. F., Kentville, Friday evening. There was a large number present and the evening proved most interesting and enjoyable. The Third Degree was conferred on two candidates, the work being well done by the Bridgetown Degree Team. After the routine business of the lodge had been completed, over one hundred sat down to a banquet tendered by Past Grand R. T. Caldwell. This is an annual event tendered the lodge by Mr. Caldwell. Past Grand James Yould acted as toast master. Speeches were given by Grand Master Whitman, Past Grand Master Whidden, Wolfville; Past Grand R. T. Caldwell, Kentville; G. C. Nowlan, Noble Grand of Orpheus Lodge, Wolfville; and by the Degree Master of the Bridgetown Lodge. Vocal solos were rendered by Mr. Champion of Montreal; Messrs A. H. Morash and F. W. C. Bailey, Kentville. The evening closed with brief remarks from Mr. Yould and the singing of the National Anthem.

SAYS UNITED STATES IS MOST ILLITERATE.

Country Poorly Educated Declares School Supt.
Nashua, N. H.—Louis F. Benezet, superintendent of schools at Manchester, in an address Thursday before the Nashua High School pupils, stated that "the United States is the most poorly educated of all the great nations of the world in proportion to its population." This country has six times as many illiterate in proportion to population as Norway, Sweden, Germany, Denmark, Great Britain, France and Ireland," he said. "According to the census, six per cent. of the population of the United States is illiterate. But at the time of the draft it was found that 24 per cent. could not read with understanding, a paragraph from a newspaper."

NOVA SCOTIA BUTTER WINS SWEEPSTAKES.

Creamery at Truro Has Highest Aggregate Score at Royal Fair Against 135 Other Entries.
Truro.—The Brookfield Creamery, Ltd., Truro, won the Special Sweepstakes for the highest aggregate score in the butter sections at the Royal Fair, Toronto, against 135 entries in Dairy Products, representing every Province in the Dominion.

The Great Villages Creamery was again prominent, winning three prizes with three entries, including a second against the highest scoring butter of all entries.
Pictou County Dairy, Stellarton, won a close third in the September class. The September butter always makes a hard fought class.
For the Brookfield Creamery to win the Sweepstakes for the highest aggregate score against such strong competition shows consistency in quality and workmanship, and brings high honors to the Province of Nova Scotia.

The three creameries made nine entries, won eight prizes and the sweepstakes. For this remarkable showing a great deal of credit is given the buttermakers for their hard and careful work for making such high quality butter and bringing such high honors to the dairy industry in Nova Scotia.

TONGUE-TWISTERS.

'Tis told that trying Tongue-Twisters thirty-three times Thursday tired Tiny Tomlinson teetotally.
Handsome hearty Harvey Harnish has hardly had half his holidays home.
Bachelor Billy Boddy buys bread by blacking boots, building boys' boats and beating Brussels.
Abbie Abramson aged alarmingly although always an ardent Adam's Ale advocate.
Sheldon says shy Sophie Saunders shall surely share Sam Smith's shelter, soon, she's so solicitous Sam's supplicants shan't spoil.

Edith Elizabeth Evans, expert English exponent, even extends efficient efforts to eventually eradicate entirely Etymological errors everywhere.
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WHAT THE CHIMNEY SANG.

Over the chimney the night-wind sang
And chanted a melody no one knew;
And the woman stopped, as her babe she tossed,
And thought of the one she had long since lost,
And said, as her tear-drops back she forced,
"I hate the wind in the chimney."
Over the chimney the night-wind sang
And chanted a melody no one knew;
And the children said, as they closer drew,
"Tis some witch that is cleaving the black night through—
'Tis a fairy trumpet that just then blew,
And we fear the wind in the chimney."
Over the chimney the night-wind sang
And chanted a melody no one knew;
And the man, as he sat on his hearth below,
Said to himself, "It will surely snow,
And fuel is dear, and wages low,
And I'll stop the leak in the chimney."
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But the poet listened and smiled, for he Was man, and woman, and child, all three,
And said, "It's God's own harmony. This wind we hear in the chimney."
—Bret Harte.

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FIRE LOSSES IN NOVA SCOTIA

Fire Marshal Reports for November Totalled \$198,957.30
Heavy increase in Nova Scotia last September same month of the year recorded in the report just now issued by the Fire Marshal. The losses for September of the losses for September of the year was \$198,957.30, an increase in loss of number of fires this year was 108 against 82 in 1922 being \$96,319.40, a corresponding high, the 1922 being \$106,967. The loss was \$40,413 for September, \$91,992 for September.

QUARTERLY MEETING ANNOU... Springfield

The Annapolis County held their meetings in the Baptist Monday and Tuesday. They were well attended. Some of the interesting music was furnished by Rev. Donald B. pastor of the Spring church, a lecture on given by Rev. Mr. Proctor, and a lecture on Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Middle ministers present were: Rev. D. D. Mr. Hanley, Smith, Deep Brook, Rev. Bridgetown and Rev. Mr. Annapolis Royal.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN UNIT

Middleton.—The United Church continues to have the opening church last Wednesday a rally was held in the mid-week meeting. Patterson, of Aylesford, dressed on Bible study. Freestone, of Bridgetown, the place of the prayer the life of the church, newer ideas concerning on the mid-week meeting or the mid-week meeting was the statement of the finance committees. Dr. services were of a with special soloists with Dr. Trueman, and speaker. A rally in the Sunday school after the morning services.

OLDEST MAN IN CANADIA DIED IN WATERVILLE

Waterville.—A well known resident of Waterville at the Kings County, son of John MacLean, reputed to be the oldest man in Canada, died on the 29th of the age of one hundred and seven years, and seven months in Ireland on March 18, 1844, was a pensioner of the Government. He had spent the County Home, lately at Waterville, living in Halifax. The service was conducted by Rev. T. Ayling at the afternoon and interment County Home cemetery.

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