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### BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

The New York Herald pays a tribute to British policy in relation to South Africa, Ireland, Egypt and India. British subjects everywhere may well contemplate with the greatest satisfaction the fruits of British policy ever since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Its first fruits were observed in the British provinces now a part of the Dominion of Canada. More and more freedom of action was granted, and the people remained faithful to the throne and built up this great Dominion. South Africa received the boon of self-government when there were many who feared it would result in separation from the Empire. The peculiar difficulties in the way of a settlement of the Irish question were long a bar to home rule, but now here is an Irish Free State and it is relieved with confidence that the relations between Ireland and Great Britain will be more cordial than ever before, while the overseas states of the Empire rejoice in the change. Now has come the turn of Egypt. The British protectorate over that country is ended and Egypt becomes a sovereign state. The terms are:

- (a) Security of the British Empire communication;
- (b) Defence of Egypt against all foreign aggression and interference, direct or indirect;
- (c) Protection of foreign interests in Egypt and protection of minorities;
- (d) Guarantees for British interests in the Sudan.

A cable from Cairo says that Sarwatasha, who had before declined to be premier of Egypt, is now in hearty sympathy with the government plans. We quote: "The letter of Sarwat to the Sultan says that the cabinet considers that Egyptian national aspirations will be satisfied by the immediate declaration of Egypt's independence and subsequent negotiations regarding guarantees. The cabinet will draft a new constitution and a new electoral law providing for the establishment of ministerial responsibility and create a foreign minister looking to diplomatic and consular representation abroad. The letter of Sarwat concludes by calling on the nation to support him and to maintain peace and concord."

The guarantees referred to were elaborated in a recent speech by Mr. Lloyd George, who said: "We are prepared to make agreements with the Egyptian government on those matters in a spirit of mutual accommodation. I must make another point clear. We regard the special relations between ourselves and Egypt defined in this clause as a matter concerning only ourselves and the government of Egypt. Foreign powers are not concerned. And we purpose to state this unmistakably when the termination of the protectorate is notified to them. The welfare and integrity of Egypt is necessary to the peace and safety of the British Empire, which will always, therefore, maintain as an essential British interest the special relations between itself and Egypt long recognized by other governments. The definition of these special relations is an essential part of the declaration recognizing Egypt as an independent sovereign state. His Majesty's government have laid them down as matters in which the rights and interests of the British Empire are vitally involved and they cannot permit them to be questioned by any other power. In pursuance of this principle, they would regard as an unfriendly act any attempt at interference in the affairs of Egypt by another power and they would consider any aggression against the territory of Egypt as an act to be repelled by all means at their command. On the other hand, we of course accept the protection of foreign interests and minorities in Egypt as a responsibility inseparable from the special position which we claim in the country."

Concerning the Sudan, the British prime minister said: "The combined efforts of Great Britain and Egypt were needed to rescue this vast country from devastation and ruin into which the Mahdi's movement had plunged it. His Majesty's government will never allow the progress which already has been made and the greater promise of the future years to be jeopardized, nor can His Majesty's government agree to any change in the status of that country which would in the slightest degree diminish security for the many millions of British capital which already have been invested in its development. Egypt, on the other hand, has an undeniable right to the most ample guarantees that the development of the Sudan shall never threaten or interfere with her existing water supply or with that which she may require in order to bring her own territory under full cultivation. Such guarantees His Majesty's government will be ready to afford and there is no reason why they should in any way hamper or retard the progress of the Sudan."

It was in November last that Viscount Allenby urged the withdrawal of the protectorate and the bringing into effect the chief proposals made by Lord Buxton. He continued to press for this action, was finally summoned to London to confer with the government, and made his point. This appears to be a

very happy solution of the Egyptian problem, and as in the case of Ireland will end a situation that had become acute. The problem of India remains.

### THE PROTESTANT ORPHANS

The name of St. John Protestant Orphans' Home is to be changed to the New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Home, and a large provincial institution is to be established as soon as the money is available. This is greatly to be desired. In the two Homes of the organization there are now more than one hundred children, and deserving cases are continually being turned away because the Homes are taxed to capacity. Splendid work has been done in the last three or four years, but very much more must be done. The call comes to the whole Protestant community of the province, which has never made proper provision for the care of the orphans. The very efficient and energetic board of management deserves the fullest support in its efforts to secure a large and fully equipped provincial institution, where children who would otherwise suffer and perhaps die, or at least begin life under most unfavorable conditions might be given the care and the nourishment and training which are essential to healthy, happy and useful manhood and womanhood. When there is an institution meeting the requirements, and such an organization as will get the children as quickly as possible, after they have been made healthy and strong, into good foster-homes, the Protestant community may assume that it has done its duty fairly well, although if we had a proper system of mothers' allowances it would be possible to hold together a good many homes that under present conditions must be broken up and the children scattered. Along with the plea, therefore, for a larger orphanage, should go a campaign for mothers' allowances. The one supplements the other and both are necessary.

Mr. Lloyd George will retain the premiership. His Unionist colleagues have requested it, and Mr. Austin Chamberlain has made it clear that it was on request of their party that the prime minister accepted the office. Mr. Lloyd George desired to serve under Mr. Balfour, or Mr. Bonar Law, but it was represented to him that in the national interest he should accept. He did so, and Mr. Chamberlain pays him the tribute of saying: "We have told him that we value his leadership in the government and the cabinet, that we value the co-operation of his Liberal colleagues, and that we think no government constituted as a purely party government could have brought the country through the dangers of war as his combination has done." It is said there are some Conservatives who still oppose the premier, but in view of the action taken by the Unionists in the cabinet their influence will not seriously disturb him.

A new generation has arisen since Mr. William Shaw was most actively interested in public affairs, but the news of his death recalls to the older folk a delightful personality and a man whose popularity was unbounded. Of commanding figure, deliberate in his movements, and outwardly serious of aspect, Mr. Shaw possessed a rare vein of quiet humor, and his companionship was a constant pleasure to his associates. He was deeply interested in the welfare of the city, served it well as a member of the city council and was for quite a number of years one of its representatives in the legislature. Upright in business, faithful to his duties as a citizen, he leaves the record of an honorable and useful life.

Sir Donald MacMaster, whose death is announced, was a Canadian who pursued a brilliant career both in this country and in England. He served in parliament, both in Ottawa and London, but the greatest triumphs of his career were attained in the legal world. Sir Donald was one of the most eminent constitutional lawyers of his time. Though in recent years he lived in England, he never lost touch with Canada, whose interests he was ever ready to promote. Canada has sent many notable men to the mother country, and one of the most successful in his own profession was Sir Donald MacMaster.

The defeat by a vote of 254 to 65 of an amendment to the Irish Free State bill proposed by Unionist members proves that the British parliament is in no mood to put obstacles in the way of the Irish settlement. In Ireland De Valera still finds himself in a minority. Between the extremes Griffith and Collins are steering a steady course with excellent prospects.

### ST. JOHN AUTHOR DEAD IN MEDFORD

Medford, Mass., March 2.—Funeral service for James Langdon Mack, eighty-one years old, for more than thirty years a writer for the Youth's Companion and a cripple since the age of twelve, will be conducted from his home here tomorrow. He was born in St. John, N. B.

### THE LEAGUE RUSSIA WANTS



"If only the Geneva conference would establish a League of Nations." —La Democratie Nouvelle (Paris.)

### THE OLD NAVY.

The captain stood on the carronade: "First lieutenant," says he, "Send all my merry men aft here, for they must list to me. I haven't the gift of the gab, my sons—because I am bred to the sea. That ship there is a pirate, who means to fight with us. And odds bobs, hammer and tongs, long as I've been to sea, I've fought 'gainst every odds—but I've gained the victory!"

"That ship there is a pirate, and it we don't sink her, she'll be a menace." "Tis a thousand bullets to one, that she will capture us. I haven't the gift of the gab, my boys, so each man to his gun, for I wish to fight with us. And odds bobs, hammer and tongs, long as I've been to sea, I've fought 'gainst every odds—and I've gained the victory!"

We fought for twenty minutes, when the pirate had enough. "I little thought," said he, "that your men would be so good. Our captain took the pirate's sword, a low bow made to him. 'I haven't the gift of the gab, sir, but I wish to fight with us. And odds bobs, hammer and tongs, long as I've been to sea, I've fought 'gainst every odds—and I've gained the victory!'"

Our captain sent for all of us: "My merry men," says he, "I haven't the gift of the gab, my lads, but yet I thank you. You've done your duty handsomely, as each man stood to his gun. If you hadn't, you villains, as sure as day, I'd have dogged each mother's son. For odds bobs, hammer and tongs, as long as I'm at sea, I'll fight 'gainst every odds—and I'll gain the victory." —Capt. Marryat (1792-1846.)

### LIGHTER VEIN.

What Cohen Had. Cohen was a local salesman for a New York woollen concern. The depression in business being serious, he was willing to go on the way for an order. One day, in spirit that reflected recklessness as well as hope, he invited a prospective buyer out to dine.

The guest picked up the menu, studied it, and ordered from soup to stew. The waiter turned to Cohen. "What will you have, sir?" Cohen despairingly replied: "Gimme tea and toast."

From across the table came the mildy surprised query of his friend: "What's the matter, Cohen, on a diet?" "No. On commission,"—Judge.

### A Real Sport.

"I'm afraid my husband is thoroughly imbued with the gambling spirit," said a woman to her neighbor. "Why so?" "I said to him yesterday: 'Did you go and see Dr. Thompson?' 'No,' he answered. 'Thompson's sign read 11 to 2 while Dr. Smith's office adjoining said 10 to 1, so I chose the doc that gave the best odds.'—Boston Transcript.

Septimus Wagge met his chum the other day. "I say, Bill, I watched a wonderful machine at our shop this morning." "And how does it work?" asked Bill. "Well, was the reply, 'by means of a pedal attachment, a fulcrum motion into a circular movement. The principal part of the machine is a huge disk that revolves in a vertical plane. Power is applied through the axis of the disk, and the hardest substance, by mere impact may be reduced to any shape.'"

"What is this wonderful machine?" asked Bill. "A grindstone," was the reply. (From the Kansas City Star.) "A parcel of his neighbors gave Judd Lopp a birthday surprise party Tuesday night," related a resident of the Straddle Ridge, Ark., region. "Somehow the word sorter punctuated around to Judd that they were coming, and on the morning of his birthday he woke up with the grip. He got worse during the day and by night he was feeling meaner than thunder and plumb hostile. He loaded up his old shot-gun and 'lowed 'em, and if anybody surprised him they'd run themselves ragged getting away from there." "Well, did they see enough surprise him?"

"You bet! They found out how he felt about it, and didn't come."

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

About twenty friends of Mrs. Josh Cheeseman, Prospect street, Fairville, invaded her home on last Tuesday evening to celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Cheeseman was made the recipient of several useful presents, for which she expressed her thanks. Refreshments were served. Use Minard's Liniment for the Flu. Use the Want Ad. Way

### BALFOUR'S BRILLIANCE.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Mr. Lloyd George eulogized Britain's great philosopher-statesman at a banquet given in his honor the other night in exceptionally felicitous terms, and which Mr. Balfour was entirely worthy of. What the Right Hon. Arthur Balfour accomplished at the Washington conference table was characterized by the British Premier as "one of the most notable contributions statesmanship has ever made for the sum of human peace and human happiness." He added the well-merited addendum "the distinction and dexterity with which he handled the affairs of this country at Washington filled our hearts with real pride." With which sentiments there will be universal acquiescence throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire, where it has been generally conceded that all through the deliberations Mr. Balfour has outdone even his own well-known and proverbial brilliance for diplomacy. But Mr. Balfour did even more than this by the effective manner in which he brought the two great English-speaking races much nearer together to each other than they have been before. The peace of the world can be rendered effective only by the establishment of an entente between Britain and the United States such as Mr. Balfour has done so much to accomplish. Community of language, culture and ideals make for mutual respect and understanding. The new Anglo-American entente is not an alliance nor yet is it a conspiracy; it is not a mutual admiration society, nor yet a club with which to coerce, but an understanding that will set up the best of the world's traditions and ideals as the standard to be followed when solving its problems. No praise is too great for Mr. Balfour, therefore, in this regard.

Mr. Wickham Steed said, when he was in Montreal a few weeks ago, that a greater Mr. Balfour than ever the great Mr. Balfour that the Canadian with whom he was at Washington, and it was the new and greater Mr. Balfour that made so much possible that was achieved. There was a natural mal attitude at Washington which secured for the policy of the Washington conference the whole-hearted support of Great Britain and the United States, and the only thing that each of these nations regrets is that the measure of success achieved, invaluable though it is for the world, is less great than had been hoped. Courage, boldness and a high spirit are among the most conspicuous traits of the great order. One day, in spirit that reflected recklessness as well as hope, he invited a prospective buyer out to dine.

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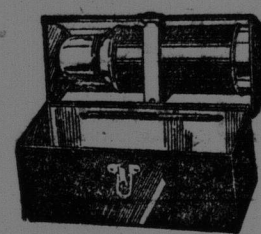
### COUNTRY DOCTORS, NEW STYLE.

(New York Evening Post.)

The old practitioner who jogged over country roads in a creaking sulky, his tools and wails in a rusty valise, ready for everything from boils to angina pectoris, and known to everybody as "Doc," was more likely to be a "character" than an expert physician. Sometimes he was as able and self-sacrificing as in Sarah Orne Jewett's novel, "A Country Doctor." Sometimes he was a blundering Homs. Of late better-prepared men have been going into country practices, but it is difficult to get them. Last summer a Berkshire community had to vote a money guarantee. To the means of overcoming the universal predilection of young graduates for the city field President Pritchett devotes some suggestive pages in the latest report of the Carnegie Foundation. To it is not, as the Berkshire township thought, merely the poor pay that is a deterrent; nor does the fear of intellectual isolation bulk large. Modern practitioners find their conditions of work unsatisfactory unless they have the use of a laboratory and opportunities to consult other physicians, while they like the aid which expert nursing gives them. Dr. Pritchett suggests that instead of letting country doctors go to city advantages, we bring city advantages to the doctors. Any moderate sized town, with the surrounding country, can support a community hospital, with laboratory, clinic, nurses, and consultations, as well as it supports a community high school.

The possibilities in this suggestion are already being demonstrated. It is becoming common to find good small hospitals in country seats throughout the east and middle west. Rural populations are growing discontented with their old facilities. Twenty years ago few country women in the middle west thought of going to a hospital for child

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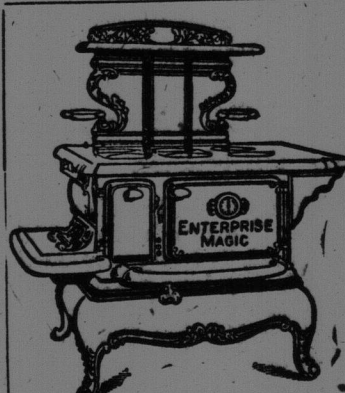
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