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SIDELIGHTS ON EVENTS IN THE MOTHERLAND

(New York Post.)

The Rev. Dr. Clifford, in a vigorous attack against lottery bonds, writes to the London press: "Our leading authorities in finance condemn it as bad business. The annals of the peoples whose governments resort to it are replete with warnings as to its results both on the finances of the state and on the morals of men. It is gambling, and gambling is bad for a nation. It debases the national ideals of thrift and economy, industry and honesty, self-restraint and brotherhood. It increases industrial unrest and diminishes the industrial output. It tempts those who have little to risk in the delusive hope of quick return. It feeds the passion to obtain money without work. It weakens faith in law and increases it in luck, and yet law is master and will reign. It forces the poor to save the taxation of the rich. It is a violation of the Mercurian maxim that 'Expediency is man's wisdom, but doing right is God's' and the nation that prefers expediency to right must inevitably suffer in the end of the day. Even if it escapes the difficulties of the moment, it creates greater ones for the times that follow."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, writing on the same subject to the Secretary of the Treasury, says: "I am now receiving a large number of communications, verbal and written, from men of all sorts, and I am struck by the marked difference which these two years have brought about in the attitude of thoughtful people, so far as I am able to test it. Certainly, as regards those who speak specially from what is called the religious standpoint, opinion adverse to the issue of premium bonds is firmer and more deliberate than it was in 1917. This is, I think, due primarily to the fuller consideration which has been given to what was to most of us a novel subject, and partly to the impression created by the evidence which was laid before the parliamentary committee by representative men as Lord Leverhulme, Lionel Hitchens, Sir Robert Kindersley, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Bowerman, Mr. May and others who, in different ways, were able to contribute definite information and to base their warnings upon experience gained in various fields. So intense is now the feeling which many wise thinkers and observers entertain upon the subject that I should regard a decision of the House of Commons in favor of premium bonds as a veritable misfortune. I was myself opposed two years ago to the issue of such bonds, but I had not then before me the ample material which is now in my hands. The consideration of it has greatly strengthened the opinion I then held."

A medical correspondent of the London Times, discussing the decline of the birth-rate, writes: "In the period 1850-1910 it is true the death-rate fell by thirty per cent. A large proportion of the fall is to be ascribed to the reduction of the infant death-rate and to measures of public hygiene. The result has been that, as a rule among the very poor, the falling birth-rate has been to some extent compensated for. It is this point which requires to be emphasized at the moment, for unless it is appreciated the true significance of the situation will be missed. Falling



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birth-rate has been compensated for by falling death-rate among the working and industrial classes in which, notoriously, the annual gain and loss were very high thirty years ago. But the state of matters did not prevent the middle classes of the country. Their

birth-rate is falling rapidly; their death-rate, never very high, is not falling and cannot fall rapidly. Thus the middle classes are sinking in the matter of population. We are witnessing what can be described without exaggeration as the death of the middle classes.

"Statistics as between classes are not available. But the testimony of medical men forms a safe guide. That testimony is heavily in favor of the idea that during the past ten years, and especially during the past three years, middle class births have been a rapidly diminishing quantity."

Coles Pasha, for many years Director of Egyptian Prisons, writes to the London Times: "I personally owe so much to Egypt and the Egyptians that I should indeed be wanting in gratitude if I had failed to make an appeal on their behalf. It only wants a little give and take on both sides and Egypt will quickly regain all the ground that she has lost this last six months. Egyptians have an innate idea of their own importance, especially the younger generation, and the schoolboys want a lot of licking, which unfortunately they do not get. On the other hand, the British government has so far failed to realize that nations, like individuals, grow up, and the methods adopted by Lord Cromer with such success forty years ago are now out of date. For this reason it is useless to compare the government of Egypt with the administration of, say, the Sudan or Nigeria; the inhabitants of the Nile Valley require different treatment and the difficulties are increased by the number of Europeans residing in Egypt who have their own methods of government, and though ever ready to talk of Mohammedan fanaticism, are quite prepared to encourage the lower classes in the cities to rebel against the powers that be."

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"The motor show at Olympia furnishes a singular commentary upon the present condition of national finance," says a correspondent of the London Times, "for an intelligent spectator, after making a round of the exhibits and without being advised as to the real state of affairs, could hardly fail to come to the conclusion that Great Britain was firmly established upon the crest of a veritable tidal wave of prosperity. It is sincerely to be hoped that some, at least, of those manufacturers who have addressed themselves to the production of large cars, and whose order books are already charged with orders with conditional sales, will realize that the direction in which they have set out is not that in which permanence and stability for the industry as a whole are likely to be found. It would require an almost inconceivable volume of national wealth to justify the programme upon which so many firms have cheerfully embarked as they are now, to make luxury the backbone of a key industry is to court disaster, and, indeed, but little short of industrial suicide."

Arthur Greenwood, addressing a committee of the Labor campaign in favor of the public ownership of the liquor trade, said: "Liquorists and their up and down the country show that organized labor is solidly and overwhelmingly in favor of public ownership and control of the liquor trade. The prohibition movement does not stand a chance, and only commands itself to a very small and negligible proportion. The reason for starting the campaign was that the Liquor Control Regulations automatically ceased within twelve months of the end of the war. Even brewers, however, agreed that there could not be a return to the status quo, and had produced a bill, called the Public House Improvements bill, which was framed on the principle of enlightened self-interest. Its only effect would be to consolidate and intensify further the interests of the trade." Public ownership, in his opinion, represented the only solution of the problem, and was more in keeping with the temper of the country than any other proposal. The liquorists were not going to be satisfied with the temper of the country, and the Liquor Control Board's experiment in public ownership had proved a complete success. The public houses had been greatly improved; excellent food was obtainable in them at very reasonable prices; and, in spite of the moderate charges made for meals, the profit on food was larger than on the beer.

Canon Green of Manchester, in a recent address, said that the Life and Liberty Movement and the Enabling bill were a last effort to save organized religion in England. The leaders of the church seemed to have no idea of the extent to which the great mass of the people were hostile to, and not merely out of contact with, organized religion. The only possible line of safety was in the complete demoralization of the church. He prophesied that the next general election would return the Labor party to power, and that the Labor government would introduce a drastic Disestablishment and Disendowment bill. There would be a parallel to what happened in France. The church would be summoned by the bishops to fight the bill in every parish. Then a new and still more drastic bill would be introduced and passed. Nonconformists, Canon Green added, would play the part they had always played; their leaders would stand by and cut off the fugitives. They would do everything to prevent a temperate handling of the question, and they would discredit themselves. Organized religion would go down with a run.

GOT THE KAISER'S "GOAT."
Scotch Gamekeepers' Wouldn't Stand for Royal Abuse.

Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 17.—Robert MacPhail, a Scotchman, who is superintendent of Oliver C. Holton's Twin Brook Farm near here, tells an interesting story about a quarrel he had with the former German kaiser. Mr. MacPhail, who is an expert on wild bird life, worked for various royal families and wealthy people in Scotland and England on large hunting preserves, and it was his duty to help keep the birds healthy and thriving so that there would always be plenty of game for the royal hunters. It was while he was working on an estate adjoining that of the King of England when he had his "run-in" with the kaiser, who was visiting the king. A hunt party was held for the royal visitor on land which was very familiar to Mr. MacPhail. His employer offered to loan him his services to the king and the offer was accepted. To the Scotchman was assigned the work of guiding the hunters and of loading the kaiser's gun.

"The kaiser was a queer-looking man," says MacPhail. "One of his arms was all shriveled up. He could move it a little, but he had no strength in it. He had the ends of his moustache curled up with beeswax, so that they stood up straight and almost met his eyes. His



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SAYS MUSIC WOULD SOOTHE UNREST

Boguslawski Contends Steel Striker's Soul Had Been Jarred by the Jangle of Jazz.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—Music is Moses Boguslawski's remedy for social and industrial unrest.

"If there had been good music in the coal mining communities there would have been no strike," said the Russian pianist. "The government took their whiskey away from them, and gave them nothing to take its place."

"Given a Chopin mazurka, a Beethoven sonata, or a masterpiece of emotionalism by Debussy, the coal miners would have hesitated about turning the country cold; they might not have struck at all."

"It is a mistake to say that jazz is what the American public wants. It is what the poorer people accept because it is cheap. The worker buys a cheap popular ditty to put on his record, or play upon his piano, because it costs only ten or twenty-five cents. A fine symphony, or selection from an opera would cost him several dollars and he can't afford it."

"Neither can he afford to go to the opera, or to the concert hall, and hear the great musicians, so he stays home and listens to 'I'll Say She Does,' or attends the cabaret to be assaulted by a jangle and crash of mistreated musical instruments. Workers in steel mills, coal mines, factories, listen all day to discordant sounds pounding the soul out of them."

"Their bodies are weary, the nerves shattered, and in the wet days, they are turned to the whiskey bottle for relief. What they needed then, and need now that liquor has gone, is the soothing influence of the music. There is one thing the American has not learned about the foreigner, and that is his musical tastes."

CHIMNEYS TO DISAPPEAR?

London, Eng., Dec. 17.—"I am in favor of abolishing chimney-stacks for all rooms except living-rooms," said E. J. Sudgrove, president of the Society of Architects, speaking of the widespread and growing efficiency of gas-heating.

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