

The Evening Times and Star

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THE MEDDLERS

There is much significance in the growing protest in the United States against the activities of the haters of England. It has been said that one of the reasons for the success of Mr. Harding and the Republican party in the presidential elections was the revolt of the real Americans against the various un-American groups who nursed their old-world prejudices and hates, and sought to strike from the safe vantage-ground of the country which gave them homes and freedom and the opportunity to gain wealth, regardless of the injury their intrigues might do to that country.

The great meeting in Madison Square Garden last week should serve as a warning to those people. That meeting had the endorsement of the president himself. He may be more pronounced than we would like against what are termed "European entanglements," but he is sound in his views regarding the trouble-makers who take advantage of their freedom in the United States to stir up ill-feeling against a friendly nation. It is to be regretted that here and there are to be found men who are not "hyphenated" but are willing to play the game of the disturbers. For example, the former postmaster-general, Mr. A. S. Burleson, has the effrontery, in an article in Leslie's, to demand, among other things:

"That we shall maintain terms of county and friendship with all nations, including, of course, Great Britain, and that steps shall be taken to secure the complete independence of the Irish Republic."

What would Mr. Burleson say if a British statesman should express himself in these terms:

"That the British Empire shall maintain terms of county and friendship with all nations, including, of course, the United States, and that steps shall be taken to secure the complete independence of the Negro Republic in the south."

To cultivate county and friendship with another nation by taking steps to dismember it may appear to Mr. Burleson to be possible, but most people will regard such a suggestion as that of an imbecile. Happily, Mr. Burleson is a member of a party which has been removed from power. He does not even express the views of the better type of men in his own party. His utterance is that of an irresponsible person who may have a personal reason for throwing a sop to the "hyphen." What the real Americans think is expressed in General Pershing, and in the following extract from Leslie's:

"The hyphen is an anachronism. It obstructs the path. It is a sign that an immigrant brought over everything except his heart. It is a waste of lip-loyalty behind which malcontents may prowl around in the dark. It is an index that may turn into a dagger struck at our vitals in the next year, for it has hand-dog and cast-trammelled symptoms and traditions. It is every day becoming more repugnant to the American people, filling the perspective with congeries of polyglot prejudices, speech, feuds and well-aid and it recalls the inert masses within our lines during the war and marplots of treachery, who even yet occasionally show the fangs of bitter asperity within the very bosom of the hospitable institutions which warmed their torpid faculties into life. The hyphen must go."

The literary life of Canada has sustained a loss in the death of Martin Joseph Griffin, C. M. G., LL.D., illustrious in parliament at Ottawa since 1881. While he accomplished no great literary work, his contributions to leading Canadian, British and American periodicals were always of interest, and his series of articles devoted to literary criticism which appeared for years in the Montreal Gazette under the heading "At Dodsley's," stamped him as a man of high literary merit and the master of a lucid and entertaining style. He was regarded as an authority on literary subjects. Mr. Griffin was a native of Newfoundland, but was educated in Halifax, practiced law there and also engaged in journalism. Later he went to Ottawa to represent the Toronto Mail (in 1879-81) and in the latter year became editor of that newspaper. An alibiarian of the capital he had exceptional facilities to pursue literary work. Readers of the period between the early eighties and the last decade have pleasant memories of their reading acquaintance with this gifted man.

It was intimated that Mr. Austen Chamberlain would probably be the choice of the Unionist party as successor to Mr. Bonar Law, and the choice is unanimous. There is much speculation as to whether he will at once resign the chancellorship of the exchequer, and whether he and Mr. Lloyd George will get on as well together as did the latter and Mr. Bonar Law.

Upper Silesia has voted to become a part of Germany, and not of Poland. The vote was overwhelming. The Allies will see to it that the wishes of the people are carried out.

THE BOY LIFE SURVEY.

Unless the men of the different organizations interested take themselves more seriously the proposed boy life survey will fall through. There have been many meetings since the Rotary Club invited half a dozen or more of other bodies of men to co-operate, and all is now in readiness except the raising of the necessary funds and the actual canvass of the wards. With regard to the first nothing has been done, and with regard to the second there has been no real response to the call for men. Every member of the Rotary Club, nearly one hundred of them, is pledged and ready, but the task is far too great for any one organization. It should be possible to get a thousand men to give part of a day to this work. There should be a rivalry between the wards to see which can do the work most promptly and completely. The work must be done soon, as the season when many of those who would like to help will be busy with other matters is at hand. The first step toward doing something of real value for the boys of St. John is to make this survey, listing every boy between the ages of seven and eighteen years and getting the essential facts about him and his education and occupation—if he is at work. All parents will be found willing to co-operate, for the survey is merely preliminary to such action as may be shown to be necessary for the benefit of all the boys of the city. Such surveys have been made in other cities, and have been followed by community action to better the conditions of boy life. Every parent, every clergyman, every man interested in the welfare of boys, should heartily support this movement. It is useless to ask what it is intended to do. That must be determined by the results of the survey. The information obtained will be invaluable.

Moncton Transcript: "A Portland, Me., newspaper boasts that the Grand Trunk elevators in that port have been loading ships with wheat at the rate of a million or more bushels a week. That looks rather like an exaggeration, but evidently grain shipments through Portland have been large. The St. John Standard says the winter port of Canada is half idle, and laments that nothing is being done to develop Canadian trade through Canadian channels. But the government The Standard supports is putting up the money to enable the Grand Trunk to continue the work of building up the business of the port of Portland. Evidently we need an extension of the National Policy to cover other matters than providing high protection for the manufacturers."

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WAVE OF CRIME IN BERLIN; SEVEN DEATHS IN ONE DAY

Berlin, March 21.—For a long period hardly a day has passed in Berlin without a suicide or some crime of violence. The record was reached the other day with five suicides and two murders. One of the murdered men was a visitor who became involved in a quarrel with one of the numerous beggars who haunt the streets. The beggar felicit his man and then beat him to death. Robberies are frequent.

GERMANY WANTS DAY OF MOURNING FOR WAR DEAD

Berlin, March 2.—(Associated Press by mail) Widespread agitation has begun for a national day of mourning for those who fell in the war. One of the proposals suggested to the Reichstag is that the day of mourning be held on the day the peace treaty was signed.

BABIES COME IN LOTS.

Rainford, L. I., March 21.—While Dr. Frank T. Caley was busy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher here, the event being the arrival of twin babies, a boy and a girl, the phone was busy calling him to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Repora, where triplets had arrived. The three were girls weighing four pounds each. All five babies and mothers are doing well.

BANKING SYNDICATE FORMED.

London, March 21.—A plan to aid in the financial restoration of Europe by the formation of a large syndicate of banks and insurance companies is under consideration by government representatives, and leading bankers and insurance men. The proposal also has been taken up by several chambers of commerce.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

New York, March 21.—On March 4 a ten-pound baby boy was born to Mrs. Florence Dougherty on board the United Fruit liner Santa Maria. He was named Harding Dougherty. The physician in attendance was Dr. Wilson. The nurse was Mrs. Cox.

LIVED TO 104.

Glasgow, Scotland, March 21.—Mrs. John Geddes has just died at the age of 104. Her husband died fifty-six years ago and she remained a widow. She always enjoyed good health. Out of a family of seven four are living.

REST.

(J. S. Jayne.)

"Silence sleeping on a waste of Sun down—westward trailth a red streak—"

One white sea-bird, poised with scarce a motion.

Challenges the stillness with a shrike.

Challenges the stillness, upward whirling

Where somer rocky peak containeth her rude nest;

For the shadows o'er the waters they come stealing

And they whisper to the silence, "There is Rest!"

"Down where the broad Zambesi River

Gilds away into some shadowy lagoon,

Lies the antelope, and hears the faintest quiver.

Shaken by the sultry breath of noon;

Hears the sluggish water ripple in its folds

Feels the atmosphere, with fragrance all about;

Dreams his dreams, and the sweetest is the knowing

That above him, and around him, there is Rest."

"Centuries have faded into shadow; Earth is fertile with the dust of many a decay;

Pilgrims all they were to some bright El Dorado;

But they wearied, and they fainted, by the way.

Some were sick with the surfeit of pleasure;

Some were bowed beneath a care-cumber'd breast;

But they all trod in turn Life's stately measure.

And all paused betimes to wonder, Is there Rest?"

"Look, O man! to the limitless Here; I am lifted from its dust,

When thy Sense shall be lifted from its dust,

When thy Anguish shall be melted into Light;

When thy Love shall be serv'd from its Lust,

Then thy Spirit shall be sanctified with seeing

The Ultimate dim Thine of the Blue; And the Passion-haunted fever of thy being

Shall be drifted in a Universe of Rest."

LIGHTER VEIN.

Modern Evidence.

Professor — Yes, Miss Hambleton, about two thousand years ago there was an ocean where we are now standing.

Young Lady—Yes, it does seem to me that the ground is still very damp.

Results Disappointing.

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WON FORTUNE; SOON LOST IT

French Barmaid Got Clear of Million Francs in Eighteen Days.

Paris, March 21.—The mystery of what becomes of the big prizes won at the half francs which fall to the holders of French national securities, has always been something French writers have loved to speculate upon. Every Frenchman or woman, who can scrape any money together, owns a government bond, and such millions sometimes fall to poor people.

Such was the case of Mlle. Hofer, a barmaid of Sedan who won a prize of 1,000,000 francs. She got the money on Aug. 7, and on Aug. 25 it was all done. Six days after she had received the money she had an automobile, a big house and six servants. She lent 12,000 francs to a physician, and he disappeared. A charming commandant of gendarmes borrowed 60,000, and she saw him no more. Another friend persuaded her to put 200,000 in a restaurant, and now the restaurant's doors are closed. Today she is "broke" again.

GUARD BOSPHORUS AGAINST ATTACKS BY SUBMARINES

Constantinople, March 21.—Batteries have been placed at both ends of the Bosphorus as defense against possible attacks by Bolshevik submarines.

TAKES GOTHLAND'S PLACE.

Montreal, March 21.—The White Star Dominion line announces that the Samland will take the place of the Gothland for the latter's scheduled sailing from Halifax on March 28 for Hamburg, Danzig and Lubeck. The Gothland's last departure from Danzig was delayed by the necessity for a careful examination of emigrants, and she will reach this side too late to keep her eastbound sailing date.

URGES A DAILY HIKE AS A CURE FOR UGLINESS

Houston, Tex., March 21.—Dan O'Leary, champion walker of the world, who is promoting walking in South Texas, knows how to make every woman beautiful. "I can make every woman beautiful," he said, "if she will walk the standard of beauty a hundred per cent., and that's going some in these days." O'Leary, at eighty, can walk 100 miles in twenty-two hours.

THE ORIGIN AND SPIRIT OF ROTARY

(Hamilton Spectator.)

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.

Sixteen years ago Paul P. Harris, a young man, had an office in Unity building, Chicago. It was a gloomy February day, and the heavy smoke and fog that enveloped a great city was sufficient to give even the most light-hearted the blues. While pacing up and down the hall of the great business block, he met another young office man with a fit of the blues came into existence. His professed mission was to promote friendship between men and nations. The origin of the name came from the custom of rotating the meetings from office to office of the members. That was the beginning of a world-wide movement which is destined to play a wonderful part in bringing together the men of all nations through the simple medium of acquaintance. Its influence is given in a quiet but forceful way to promote patriotic education and business. To know anything about the inside workings of the Rotarians one must become a member. But that is the rub? It is hard climbing to get inside the sacred walls of its assembly rooms, for its membership is rather select, as only a few are admitted of the thousands who would deem it an honor to be enrolled as Rotarians. A great many who may regard the organization very highly, but only from its activities, are not at all acquainted with the history of the organization as a world-wide movement, and they know nothing of the creed which appears to be just the kind to bind together a bunch of live wires such as the Rotarian club. All one outside knows of them is that they have occasional banquets, which bring together a jolly lot of fellows who seem anxious to learn from one another what can be done to make the world brighter and better for those who need the assistance of their more fortunate brethren. The Rotarian is taught the doctrine not to let his right hand know what his left is doing to make the world better. From that original group of four young men, one a lawyer, one a vining operator, the third a coal dealer, and the fourth a tailor, who met in Unity building sixteen years ago — February 28, 1905, there is today a membership of 85,000, and 400 clubs scattered in different parts of the world. The principles of the Rotarian creed are: "Man is friendly by nature; not self-sacrificing. He profits most who serves best."

THE ROTARY PLATFORM.

Recognizing the commercial basis of modern life as a necessary incident in human evolution, the Rotary club is organized to express that proper relation between private interests and the fusion of private interests which constitutes society.

To accomplish this purpose more effectively, the principle of limited membership has been adopted, the Rotary club consisting of one representative from each distinct line of business or profession. Each member is benefited by contact with representative men engaged in different occupations and is enabled thereby to meet more intelligently the responsibilities of civic and business life.

The basis of club membership insures the representation of all interests and the domination of none in the consideration of public questions relating to business. On account of its limited membership the Rotary club does not contribute itself the voice of the community on questions of general importance, but its action in such questions is of great influence in advancing the civic and business welfare of the community.

The Rotary club demands fair dealings, honest methods, and high standards in business. No obligation, actual or implied, to influence business exists on Rotary. Election to membership therein is an expression of confidence of the club in the member elected, and of its good will toward him. As his business is an expression of himself, he is expected actively to represent it. Membership in the Rotary club is a privilege and an opportunity, but its responsibility demands honest and efficient service and thoughtfulfulness for one's fellows. Service is the basis of all business.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

As a result of a big slump in the eastern coal industry twenty-five Cape Breton mines are closed and will remain idle until Tuesday. The Sydney and Louisburg railway has been tied up since Saturday.

One man was killed and one seriously injured in a tornado which swept several sections in Ontario on Saturday, and much damage to property was done.

For stealing forty-six pounds of butter valued at \$29.30 from the warehouse of W. J. Kent, Bathurst, N. B., Albert Chaisson was sent to the penitentiary for five years by Judge McLatchy on Saturday.

The seven youths who were arrested on charges of entering cottages and destroying the countryside along the St. John river in the vicinity of Westfield and Long Reach appeared Saturday afternoon at Hampton before Judge Josiah in the Kings county court under the speedy trials act. All pleaded guilty to some of the charges, while Arthur J. Davis, one of the accused, pleaded guilty to all and wrote a confession implicating the others. The case was postponed until Wednesday for the purpose of securing additional witnesses.

Fire in St. Stephen on Saturday morning destroyed the garage of Willard B. Sampson and destroyed several new Ford cars and some that were in for repair. The insurance on the building was only \$1,000, and there was none on Mr. Sampson's cars. His loss is estimated at \$10,000.

At a meeting of the New Brunswick Lumbermen's Protective Association in Fredericton on Saturday officers were elected as follows: President, F. C. Beattie, St. John; vice-president, J. W. Brankley, Chatham; secretary, William Richards, Campbellton; W. Garfield White, Sussex; Angus McLean, Bathurst; James Robinson, Millerton; G. H. King, Chipouqua.

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SOME AGAINST THE REPARATIONS Debate in Italian Chamber of Deputies—Foreign Minister Replies. Rome, March 21.—The acts of the London reparations conference were severely criticized in a debate in the chamber of deputies on Saturday. Many deputies declared that the policy of the senate was not a policy of peace, but of provocation. The socialist deputies especially denounced the policy of France, which they declared was aimed at the permanent occupation of Germany. They further asserted that Germany, opposed to the domination of Germany, must be equally opposed to that of France in political matters and to that of Britain in economic and financial questions.

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