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SIR MARTIN HARVEY

The traditions of the English stage are honored and observed by Sir Martin Harvey, the great actor who is now delighting St. John audiences and who at the Canadian Club yesterday stirred its members to an extraordinary degree of patriotic fervor, by his impassioned rendering of the American Chant of Love for England which appeared in the Atlantic Monthly early in the war. It has been the misfortune of St. John that the long distance to be traversed, with few large centres en route, have prevented theatrical companies of the first rank from coming to this province; but now that British companies are heading this way, with St. John and Halifax as ports of entry or departure, at the beginning or the end of a Canadian continental tour, there is a better outlook for lovers of the drama at its best. The stage will never lose the strength of its appeal to human sympathy so long as men and women of great histrionic ability and earnest devotion to their art make the drama their profession. They are interpreters of the emotions and the passions of the race. Victor Hugo has described the stage as a reflex society, a mirror in which the public should see its image and the legitimate depiction of its vices and virtues. That which the dramatist conceives the actor performs in action; and when each performs his task under the compelling force of genuine inspiration and such gifts of expression as distinguish the great dramatist and the great actor, the effect upon the public mind is not merely entertaining, but is a moulding influence of altogether wholesome character. That public taste may turn to lighter forms of amusement is not a condemnation of the legitimate stage, and long as there are Sir Martin Harveys to interpret the conceptions of great minds it will deserve and receive the approbation of cultured minds.

THE SOUTH END LEAGUE

The South End Improvement League finds itself at the end of its year with a fine boys' club as well as its play ground, and a slight balance on the right side of the ledger. One wonders if the people of the south end, who take so little part in its work, have any proper conception of what this League may be made as an instrument to promote community welfare. Last winter an appeal was made to every church south of King street to send some of its men to help in the work of the League. The appeal was made several times. The result has been that about three men who were not before interested have become active members. This is not a great gain, but the League is still hopeful. The ten churches are still in existence, and so is the League. The Rotary Club has also made some motions that resembled action, and its south end members may yet hear the call of "service above self." Nil desperandum.

ART AND THE CRIMINAL

A Russian painter in Chicago, whose exhibit now hangs in the art gallery there, declares that jails should be filled with beautiful paintings and other products of art, in order to make the prisoners forget their evil ways. His assumption is that the appeal of art is universal, and that all persons are moved to higher thoughts and aspirations by "the culture of the spirit," to which art is a contributor. The most singular feature of this Russian artist's assumption is that the appeal of art is universal, and that all persons are moved to higher thoughts and aspirations by "the culture of the spirit," to which art is a contributor. The most singular feature of this Russian artist's assumption is that the appeal of art is universal, and that all persons are moved to higher thoughts and aspirations by "the culture of the spirit," to which art is a contributor. The most singular feature of this Russian artist's assumption is that the appeal of art is universal, and that all persons are moved to higher thoughts and aspirations by "the culture of the spirit," to which art is a contributor.

THE LAND OF PROMISE.

We read in the Frederickian Gleason of Monday's date:—The mine operators of Manitoba were naturally much pleased with the result of their interview on Saturday with the Hon. Mr. Wignmore, minister of customs and inland revenue. The hearty reception which Mr. Wignmore accorded the deputations, his sympathetic yet business-like attitude in the hearing, and his promptness in action at once won the respect and confidence of the representatives of the operators. If the Manitoba folk have any doubt of the ability of Mr. Wignmore to fulfill his pledges, or of the rapidity with which he springs to the task, they may come down to West St. John and gaze on the breakfast table—or ask any St. John man they chance to meet. The Gleason also prints a report of Hon. Mr. Wignmore's address at Rusagorish, that metropolitan community in York-Sunbury whose people clamored for his coming. Hear him at Rusagorish! "Referring to his own selection for a position in the cabinet, Hon. Mr. Wignmore said that it was to him not so much of a personal gratification as the recognition of the right of his native province to representation and the opportunity it afforded him to secure for his beloved city and province its just share in the progressive development that must assuredly come to Canada." The St. John reader can easily hear Mr. Wignmore thus deliver himself in his best voice, and see the Rusagorishers rise and cheer the noble sentiments so solemnly expressed. It would not occur to them at the moment to draw apart and ask each other what Mr. Wignmore had secured for his beloved city and province. Time enough to go into details after the by-election, and then the Rusagorishers will get to what the beloved city and province have already got as a result of the bold and uncompromising attitude of our member in the cabinet. It is really too bad that Mr. Wignmore had not time to come to St. John and hear the wild acclaim of this enchanted constituency.

Of the slight improvement in general industrial and trade conditions in the United States, Bradstreet's says:—"And yet there are many indications in which actual improvement is discernible in basic conditions. A further slight relaxation in money and credit lines is visible; the German exchange has very generally acted as a tonic to exchange rates, and there are signs that better things are hoped for in international trade as a result thereof; the condition of the early-planted crops is still a good one, despite reports of deterioration in the south-west; the price situation, while not yet giving proof of stabilization in many lines, is not much weaker, and there are signs of improvement in the building trades, notwithstanding the continued unwillingness of labor to contribute voluntarily to the much-to-be-desired betterment in this important industry. In a few instances the apparent desire to depict things as really better than they are has resulted in some disappointments, which, however, are not impossible to be overcome later."

TO HAVE A SAY IN NAMING GOVERNORS.

Definite Arrangement to Be Made by Premier Meighen. Ottawa, May 18.—In connection with the expectation that the king will name the new governor-general after consultation with his Canadian constitutional advisers, it is understood that a definite arrangement will be made when Premier Meighen is in London next month for the Imperial Conference of Premiers. Among the names already suggested are those of Lord Byng and Lord Dunsborough, with a pronounced leaning of Canadians toward the former because of his popularity with the Canadian army, which he led for a time. The government's views are not known.

For Davis Cup.

New York, May 18.—The Davis cup committee of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association will meet on Friday to assign the matches to take place in the United States, possibly seven events, in addition to the challenge round. The challenge round had been assigned to the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, Sept. 2, 3 and 4. The annual meeting also adopted a resolution that the matches should be awarded to the cities desiring to hold them, in the following order: Newport, Pittsburg, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Minneapolis.

PEACE HATH HER VICTORIES

To raise the drooping artist's head, to breathe the despairing genius thirsts to hear, To crown all service with its earned wreath, To be of lawless force the foe austere; This is to stretch a sceptre over Time, And belt with the emerald scroll sublime; Peace hath her victories no less than War. To stand amidst the passions of the hour, Storm-lashed, resounding, fierce from shore to shore; To watch the human whirlwind waste, Till drowned Reason lifts her head once more; To be of lawless force the foe austere; This is to stretch a sceptre over Time, And belt with the emerald scroll sublime; Peace hath her victories no less than War. To draw the nations in a silken bond, On to the higher exercise of good; To show the better land above, beyond The sea of Egypt, all whose waves are blood; These, leader of the age! these arts be thine, All vulgar victories surpassing far! On these all heaven's benignant planets shine; Peace hath her victories no less than War. —D'Arcy McGee

LIGHTER VEIN.

There recently entered the employ of a bank in a western town a watchman who had come with splendid letters of recommendation. The president of the bank sent for the new man and proceeded to put him through his duties. "Well, Richard," he said, "this is your first job of this kind, isn't it?" "Yes, sir," the watchman replied. "Your duty must be to keep the premises safe, and to see that the doors are locked at night under any circumstances whatever." "No, sir," the watchman replied. "I am a good, honest and trustworthy man; but it will be your duty to keep your eyes on him." "But it will be hard to keep both eyes on you and let the directors know if you hang about after hours." "Why, sir, it was only yesterday the manager called me in for a talk and he said you were one of the best men in town, but it would be just as well to keep both eyes on you and let the directors know if you hang about after hours."

The chairman was addressing a meeting at a teachers' congress. "My friends," he said, "the schoolwork is the bulwark of civilization; that is to say, the bulwark is the schoolwork of the audience smiled. "The workhouse is the bulwark of civilization; that is to say, the bulwark is the schoolwork of the audience smiled. "The workhouse is the bulwark of civilization; that is to say, the bulwark is the schoolwork of the audience smiled. "The workhouse is the bulwark of civilization; that is to say, the bulwark is the schoolwork of the audience smiled."

A man got into a train. He was overburdened with all manner of fishing tackle. A fellow passenger looked up. "Been fishing?" he asked. "Sure thing. Just from Massachusetts." The other man raised his eyebrows. "But it's the closed season for fishing there," said he. "Oh, I never worry about that," was the answer. "I got just the same, and I got trout that size—huge fellows!" He indicated a size. "Yes, that's all very well," said the other; "but do you know who I am?" "No." "I'm the game warden of Massachusetts." "Indeed? And do you know who I am?" "Can't say I do." "Well, I'm the biggest liar in America."

BUILDING SITUATION SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Building activity throughout Canada has made a sharp improvement during the month of April as compared with the previous months of the year, according to the record of permits for the month now available. According to returns submitted to The Financial Post forty Canadian cities report for April of \$11,510,047, compared with \$14,739,151 for the same cities a year ago. The figures for April, 1921, are reassuring, indicating as they do a large volume of construction under way or in contemplation, despite the handicaps surrounding the building trades during the earlier months of the year. With building costs steadily declining, both in the matter of material costs and in wages, a still greater improvement may be confidently looked for in the succeeding months. An unusual feature of the present situation is the great preponderance of residential building over factory construction. The latter part of the building totals reported for April is made up by the heavy volume of home building undertaken. This situation has been brought about by the abnormal scarcity of housing accommodation in all the important centres. In the industrial field, on the other hand, there is no longer felt the need for new construction in the same degree as during the past year. Business in the majority of lines has been radically curtailed and there is a tendency under way to reduce stocks rather than build them up. The accommodation available, provided not only last year, but also the year before, when building was undertaken on a large scale to provide accommodation and equipment to care of the orders for war materials, is now more than ample to supply existing requirements. The situation in respect to residential building is radically different. Here there is an acute scarcity of houses, which the construction undertaken so far has done very little to alleviate. Building has been hampered by the scarcity of money for building purposes, but there are indications of an improvement in this situation.

LOCAL NEWS

Y. W. C. A. ANNUAL MEETING. At recreation centres, King street, E. Thursday, May 19, 8 p.m. The public and members will be welcome. Dance and bridge Amorties tonight. Barrett's for low priced and high quality wash tubs and boilers.

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Don't forget concert, Carmarthen St. Church, Thursday, May 19th.

Dance and bridge Amorties tonight. Y. M. C. A. ANNUAL MEETING. The 46th annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Members are urged to attend.

Some interesting news from Lessers in this issue, see page 7.

SAYS PROHIBITION IS A HELP IN THIS COMBAT

Toronto, May 18.—Dr. C. W. Saleeby, of London, Ontario, noted vigilance on eugenics, addressing a meeting of the National Public Health Convention here, declared that one of the cankers eating at the heart of the empire, he said, was venereal disease. He asserted that prohibition was of assistance in fighting venereal disease. He quoted figures from Boston's public health department, showing that during the year preceding prohibition the cases of new infection of such diseases increased 11 per cent, while during the first year after prohibition the new infections were reduced by twenty-seven per cent. He said similar figures had been obtained from New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.

FOR DISARMAMENT

Washington, May 17.—The Borch amendment to the naval appropriations bill requesting the president to call a naval disarmament conference, will be adopted under an agreement reached today in the Senate between the opposing factions.

RAID IN HALIFAX

Halifax, May 17.—Two small pots half filled with opium, placed on a table, were confiscated by police officers who raided a small Chinese cafe shop, 58 Beckett street, here this afternoon. Five occupants of the premises were arrested.

PENITENT NEGRO SPURNS \$500 OFFER TO LET MAN DROWN

New York, May 18.—Spurning \$500 offered by a drowning man if he would let him sink, Harry Green, a negro, who had been arrested for carrying him to shore. Penitent and without a home, Green lay on the docks at the foot of Duane street. He saw a man shed his coat and jump. He followed, waited until the man had appeared, then caught him by the hair. "I want to die," Green said the man shouted. "Let me go and take \$500 from my belt."

SEIZE 2 "WAR MILLIONAIRES" IN A \$300,000 FRAUD SWindle

Paris, May 18.—Two "war millionaires" of Roger Gault and Jean Bureau were arrested on a charge of swindling. It is alleged by the authorities that the two men had obtained from various banks, which they bought factories, maintained a chateau, purchased six automobiles and acquired the habit of the Paris night resorts by the expenditure of some \$300,000 francs, for which it is said Gault and Bureau were responsible. The police estimate that the men, who were without any great capital at the beginning of the war, had borrowed the sum of \$300,000 francs from various banks, which they bought factories, maintained a chateau, purchased six automobiles and acquired the habit of the Paris night resorts by the expenditure of some \$300,000 francs, for which it is said Gault and Bureau were responsible.

LONE BRICKLAYER BUILDING 60 HOUSES

London, May 18.—For many months past a solitary bricklayer has been at work on a housing scheme, which is for 60 houses, estimates that at the present rate the work will be completed in 15 years. A question of wages is the cause of the other workmen refusing to aid in erecting the houses.

OPium DEN CRIME

Berlin, May 18.—Chen Yau, a Chinese, wealthy owner of several establishments in Hamburg, was found robbed and murdered in an opium den in the Chinese quarter of the city. Three fingers of his right hand were hacked off.

SERVED 30,000 SUMMONSSES

London, May 18.—"You have done good work for your country," said the Marjorie magistrate to Constable Albert Ames on his retirement after 26 years' service. Among other duties he had served 30,000 summonses.

AMPHIBIOUS BOAT.

Brussels, May 2.—(A. P. by mail).—An "amphibious boat," which is intended to alleviate difficulties in Congo navigation entailed by the rapids, underwent a very successful trial here recently in the presence of the king of the Belgians. It consists of two boats joined together by shafts. When rapids are reached the craft will hitch onto an overhead rail above them and will "shoot" the rapids suspended in the air, afterward taking the water again and proceeding as usual.

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NEWS NOTES ABOUT PROMINENT BAPTISTS

(Martine Baptist)

Rev. A. N. Marshall, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Ottawa, is to be the preacher of the Baccalaureate Sermon at the closing exercises of Acadia on Sunday, May 22.

Rev. T. B. Watson, pastor of the St. Martin church, favored us with a call recently. He reports a very successful season's work in connection with his church. Already a large number has been baptized and others are awaiting the ordinance. Good progress is being made in all branches of the work.

General regret will be felt throughout our convention at the news of the death of Rev. Ira M. Baird, who passed away at Yarmouth, N. S., on May 4. It will be remembered that Mr. Baird was pastor of the Temple church, Yarmouth, some years ago, and did excellent service. The sympathy of our entire membership will go out to our beloved missionary, Miss Ida Newcomb, whose mother passed away at her home in Lawrenceville on Wednesday last week.

At a recent meeting of the Good Fellowship Class of Central church, St. John, the teacher, L. F. Kipp, was made recipient of a pair of engraved gold cuff links, as a token of appreciation for his services. Excellent work has been done by the class during the season.

Rev. B. B. Puryear, formerly of the Cornwallis street church, Halifax, and for the last three years pastor of the University avenue church, Toronto, has resigned his charge and will return to his boyhood home in Virginia. Mr. Puryear's health has been somewhat impaired of late and it is hoped a change and rest will be beneficial to him.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harding announce the engagement of their daughter, Olive Beatrice, to Kenneth F. Gault, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gault of this city, the wedding to take place on June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bailey announce the engagement of their daughter, Mayse Ruth, to Lee Ernest Hunter of this city, the marriage will take place early in June.

Mrs. W. W. Lodge announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Alexandra, to George Winfield Williamson, accountant in the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John, N. B. Marriage to take place early in June.

SIR CAMPBELL STUART.

The Canadian Club, together with the Rotary and Kilwanis Clubs of Kingston, Ont., will have as their guest on the evening of the 19th Sir Campbell Stuart, managing director of The London Times, and a great-grandson of the late Archdeacon John Stuart of Kingston, a noted Church of England clergyman, who died in 1811. Sir Campbell is going to Kingston to visit the grave of his distinguished ancestor. The body of Archdeacon Stuart lies in St. Paul's churchyard, just one block from the centre of Kingston's business section.

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