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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

While uncertainty as to the course to be adopted by Hon. Mr. King must continue until after the Cabinet meeting to-day, and perhaps even longer, it becomes increasingly clear that neither of the old parties is in a position to carry on and give the country a decisive government. The outlook, therefore, is that another general election will come in the comparatively near future. Comment on the situation as it stands is colored largely by partisan considerations. Liberal stalwarts are urging Mr. King to meet the House and to continue in office, depending upon Progressive support. Conservative stalwarts are saying that Mr. King should resign, and thus bow to the popular verdict which indicates that he has lost the confidence of the country.

The British precedent established in 1923 is being cited. On that occasion Ramsay MacDonald was permitted to form an administration, although the two other parties could have prevented it. He held on for nearly a year, and then chose to ask for dissolution without meeting defeat in the House. Mr. Meighen, having the largest group behind him, could form a government if the King ministry resigned, and he would be able to count confidently upon successful by-elections for his Cabinet. But, on the other hand, if he attempted to go ahead resolutely with tariff revision, for example, he would be facing defeat at the hands of the two other groups, and the situation would be unsatisfactory.

By the grace of Mr. Forke, Hon. Mr. King could carry on for a time, but both he and the Progressive leader are to-day confronted with statements they made during the late campaign and to which they obviously attach considerable importance. Mr. Forke was very critical of the Liberals, and denied positively that anything like fusion was contemplated. The Premier asked the country for a following large enough to make him independent of the Progressives, and declared that the situation existing in the last House of Commons was most unsatisfactory. Taking such words at their face value, and applying the principle thus enunciated to the existing situation, things are still unsatisfactory. It is not even certain that the Premier could count upon the thick-and-thin support of every member of the Liberal and Progressive groups under all circumstances. The Conservatives will continue to assert vigorously that another appeal to the country would give them a working majority, and that delay in calling another election is merely to attempt to defeat the popular will. Liberals will reply that the country did not give Mr. Meighen a parliamentary majority, and that what it would do on another occasion remains to be seen.

As to the next step, a day or two will probably clear up the situation. Ottawa this morning is of the opinion that the Prime Minister will not resign at present—that he will meet the House at least and ask for money sufficient to carry on the ordinary services of the country, but that there will be another election within a few months.

THE NARCOTIC PERIL.

A circular letter bringing out the extent of the danger to the American people arising from the increase in the use of narcotics, and pointing out particularly the danger to the young, has been sent to 5,000 superintendents of schools in the United States. As long ago as 1919 a special survey made under the direction of the United States Treasury Department fixed the number of addicts of dangerous drugs in the United States at exceeding 1,000,000, and those in touch with the situation believe the number has greatly increased since that survey was made.

Fred A. Wallis, Commissioner of Corrections, New York city, in a recent article on this question, says: "Of all the plagues visited upon our land, drug addiction is by far the most horrible and the most deadly. The increase in narcotics has been accompanied by an increase in crime. Heroin changes the ordinary small offender into a desperado of the most vicious type. Sixty per cent. of the inmates in all penal and correctional institutions in New York city are users or sellers of drugs. There must be in the greater city of New York close to 200,000 drug addicts of the underworld type. There are many more of whom nothing is known."

The health officer of Chicago, in a report upon increase of crime in that city, speaks of the increase of drug addiction among the youth of both sexes as alarming. Judge McAdoo, of the New York city courts, estimates that ninety per cent. of the addicts who have appeared before him are under thirty years of age. Almost all of them are users of heroin, and a peculiarity of this drug is that it is a powerful recruiting agent for gangs. Those who have the habit look to getting in the hope that the danger of being deprived of the drug will be smaller because of such association. The police have found that the use of

this drug is almost universal among the criminals responsible for robberies accompanied by violence and frequently by murder.

At the forthcoming session of Congress a bill will be introduced to provide funds to extend and intensify the national fight against narcotics, largely by means of enlightened publicity intended to educate all classes of people as to the gravity of the peril.

There will be six (variously spelled) Macdonalds in the new House of Commons.

More than two-thirds of the Progressives failed to re-election. Those of the so-called "Ginger group" did better in the last contest than their more moderate associates. There were thirteen "Gingerites" in the last House, and six of these have been re-elected, including Miss MacPhail.

The Toronto Star is of the opinion that there will be no sweeping changes in the tariff at the coming season or during the life of the present Parliament, no matter which party is in control. "There has been no sweeping change in the tariffs of Canada during the present century," says the Star. "No government is likely to make one, for the same conditions which have operated against radical changes in the past will be operating in the future. Only four years ago there was a ministerial inquiry into the necessity for higher customs duties, and the upshot of it all was that Sir Henry Drayton delivered a budget speech in which he emphasized the necessity of tariff stability—and changed the tariff on onions."

Odds and Ends

Kipling's Popularity

"That over two and a half million copies of Mr. Kipling's prose works have been sold by Messrs. Macmillan is evidence of his assured popularity, which shows no sign of decreasing, for booksellers are always compelled to keep a reserve supply of his books on their shelves," says the London Morning Post.

"From the Macmillan sales it is interesting to judge the order of popularity of Mr. Kipling's stories. The Jungle Book comes first, followed by the second volume in some way behind. Kim follows the first Jungle book, with Just So Stories a very close third. The Last of the Mohicans is fourth, and The Light That Failed fifth, and the second Jungle book follows close upon its heels, though rivalled by Plain Tales from the Hills. The first in order are Stalky and Co., Puck of Pook's Hill, Life's Handicap, Many Inventions, Rewards and Punishments, Soldiers Three and other Stories, and Captains Courageous."

Unknown Men of Wealth (Chicago Journal of Commerce).

One of the most curious things about great wealth is the obscurity of some of its possessors.

In every large city there are extremely wealthy men who are hardly known except to persons in the same business. If a wealthy man is not engaged in banking or in some other particularly prominent business, and if he does not enter into public controversies, or become conspicuous in church affairs, or sponsor reform movements, he is likely to live his entire life without impressing his name on the average newspaper reader.

For example, what does the average newspaper reader know of the late Frank A. Sayles, the textile manufacturer? Not a thing. Yet an appraisal filed in a New York court shows that Mr. Sayles possessed an estate of approximately \$34,000,000, most of which he willed to his family.

In our time we have come into contact with a number of comparatively unknown men of great wealth. We never noticed that they were especially depressed by their lack of prominence. We never noticed that their peace of mind seemed to be affected by a grating envy of other rich men who, by choice or by accident or by the necessity of defending their businesses, were well known to the average newspaper reader.

And it has seemed to us a cheering fact that there should be a large number of rich men who have deliberately avoided the headline fame that a man of wealth can easily achieve by engaging in publicity-hunting ventures. Rich men who keep their names out of the papers are living testimonials to American sanity.

A Modest Candidate (Toronto Globe).

Here's some fuel for the fire in Welland county: Mayor H. P. Stephens of Niagara Falls who is running as a Liberal candidate against George H. Pettit, Conservative, met a friend at the Ontario Club the other day. Said the friend: "I see you're having a lot of distinguished visitors at Niagara Falls these days. What's the big attraction? Is it you or Pettit, or merely the Falls?"

"Well," drawled His Worship, knowingly, "it isn't Pettit—and Niagara Falls makes a very fine background."

Town's Prodigy Returns Home.

Marion Talley, of Kansas City, Mo., whose fellow townsmen raised \$12,000 a few years ago to send her abroad to study grand opera because of her remarkable voice, has returned to her native town, increased and disillusioned. Possessed of a remarkable voice, she was advised that the training she was receiving at the hands of the Italians to whom she had been recommended would ruin her voice. Rather than risk her natural tones, she returned to the United States.

Just Fun

ONCE there was a woman who trusted her husband absolutely. He was 50 years old, and bed-ridden.

WE RECENTLY saw an item in a newspaper where a young man in Indiana was refused permission to work in a mine because he was a minor.

AND to think with all of our wide-awake chambers of commerce no city has yet sent out a bid for a boot-legger's convention.

A VARIETY OF PALMS.

AN EASTERNER who went to work the criminals responsible for robberies accompanied by violence and frequently by murder.

At the forthcoming session of Congress a bill will be introduced to provide funds to extend and intensify the national fight against narcotics, largely by means of enlightened publicity intended to educate all classes of people as to the gravity of the peril.

Wait till the waiters and bellboys line up the day you leave and then you'll see plenty of palms," was the retort.

As a rule the less a woman wears the longer it takes her to dress.

THE hardest job in the world is stuffing a rat hole full of butter with a red hot awl.

IT IS understood they are going to put up a statue of the man who invented those toy balloons. It ought to be just a bust.

IN DUTCH.

HE-DO you know that in Holland the girls wear wooden shoes? She (having just danced with him)—I suppose it's a safety device.

MANY a man flees from temptation only when he feels sure that he will have a good chance to overtake him.

THESE modern pants were invented in a harem. America merely took over the puckering strings at the bottom.

HOLD-UP men are holding up Taxi drivers. Next we'll hear of porch climbers climbing porch climbers' porches.

SPEAKING of cigarettes, "Let the Rest of the World Go Buy."

A NEW way to catch falling hair—catch it!

SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMSON.

Grippe bacillus on the floor; Vexes carpets there gloom; Vacuum cleaner made him so—Quoth the gripe bug: "Never more."

When dad puts his foot down the jig's up.

Indigestion is often just a symptom of indigestion.

The railroad owns the right-of-way and the engineer has it.

When a woman goes on a diet she begins to look lost weight.

A lot of stuff that people take To cure a toe or stomach ache, Is just a waste of hard-earned rocks, For dope for aches is dough for Docs.

A pint of milk four times a day—swallow that and then go weigh.

It's the first frost of Autumn That tries a man's soul, When he stokes the old furnace With state in the coal.

Other Views

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

(London Daily Herald).

To refuse to listen to arguments with which one does not agree is not the way to secure the triumph of one's own views. Its effects are, as experience has constantly shown, exactly the opposite. You do not make a speaker's case wrong by refusing to listen to it; you only prove yourself intolerant and afraid of the case.

EMPIRE FOOD SUPPLIES.

(Glasgow Herald).

Two years ago our cheap loaf was produced at the expense of the Canadian farmers. Last year, though the loaf became dear, Canada was unable to profit as producers on account of her light crop. This year the price of wheat is still relatively high, and Canada stands to gain as the possessor of one of the largest available exportable surpluses of wheat. Already it is estimated that from the greater yield of field crops in the Dominion every Canadian farm, on the average, will earn \$300 more than a year ago.

THE LOOTING OF LONDON.

(London Star).

We can comfort ourselves with the just reflection that it is better to be a fertile producer of works of art than a barren buyer of them. The Leverhulme pictures will belong to America, but the signatures upon most of them are English—Reynolds, Burn-Jones, Morland, Orpen, Constable. One day, perhaps, there will be an equivalent list of great American pictures as keenly sought after by connoisseurs as British pictures are today. But at present, it must be confessed, that day shows little sign of dawning.

THE ROAD TO WEALTH

(London Daily Telegraph).

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YOU CANNOT LIVE TOMORROW.

THE Professional Orators are telling us continually that "We are confronted by great problems." They would have us believe that life is such a complex thing that it must be experimented with forever.

They have made it a commonplace that life isn't understandable; that we must resign ourselves to our lot and pray that we will be Better Off in the Next Life.

It isn't true; there were few great problems in the beginning, and they have been worked out, or have worked themselves out.

Life is simple. It is easy to know its rules. Nature is everywhere proclaiming them.

MILLIONS of men merely exist to-day, and, drunk with roseate hopes, tell themselves glibly, "I'll LIVE tomorrow."

Tomorrow I will live, the fool does say; Today itself's too late, the wise lived yesterday.

They have to learn that the present hour alone is man's!

And that the "who postpones the hour of living as he ought, is like the rustic who waits for the rain to pass along (before he crosses); but it glides on and will glide on forever."

Do you want a better epitaph? Then you must earn it—TODAY.

Poems That Live

APPARITIONS.

Such a starved bank of moss Till, that May morn, Blue ran the flash across: Violets were born!

Sky—what a scowl of cloud Till, near and far, Ray on ray split the shroud: Splendid, a star!

World—how it waited about Till God's own smile came out: That was thy face!

—Robert Browning.

That is the only way to raise the standard of living. There is no hidden store of wealth which by some mysterious process can be extracted from the capitalists and divided among the community. The secret of prosperity is in the development and organization of all our resources, so that the cost of production in the individual business, and in industry as a whole, shall fall with increasing quantity and quality of goods produced.

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THERE has been discussion recently about homing pigeons and their mysterious faculty of finding their way home from points hundreds of miles away, but this by no means exhausts the marvels of pigeon flying.

Tippler flying is a popular hobby with many in Europe. Tipplers are small, neat pigeons with well-developed wings, and feathers usually plentifully sprinkled with white. They are trained to keep on the wing, and matches are flown to see whose birds will fly for the greatest length of time. In some of these matches winning teams have flown continuously for 18 or 19 hours.

Another extremely interesting pigeon is the "roller." This pigeon is flown in the same manner as the "tumbler," but instead of turning single somersaults it will turn over five, six, and even a dozen times in a continuous roll.

The sight of a large flight of "rollers" with several individuals "rolling" with lightning speed in a series of back somersaults in a perpendicular line from sky to earth must be witnessed to be believed.

These pigeons are the smallest of the flying breeds, and are prettily marked. Some have long feathers on their legs right down to their toes, which give them a quaint appearance.

Dinner Stories

A WOMAN in Scotland, hearing of a house that was said to be haunted by the ghost of a woman who wandered through its rooms and passages, wrote to the agent and hired it for the summer. When she and her family arrived she remarked, "I must have been here before, for I know the place so well." Suddenly she remembered that it was a house she had frequently visited in her dreams.

A few weeks later she complained to the agent that part of the contract had not been fulfilled—she had hired the house and a ghost for the summer, but no ghost had been seen.

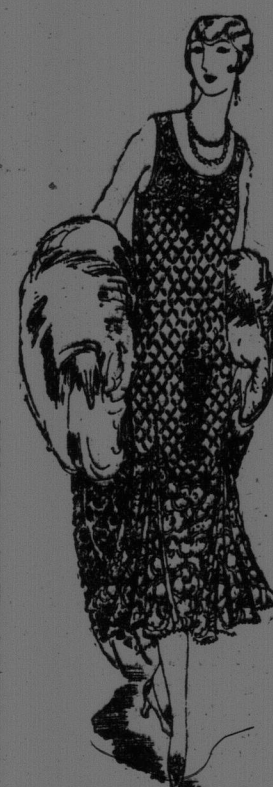
"Of course not," he replied, "for you are the ghost; we recognized you the moment we saw you."

AN AMERICAN fapper and her mother occupy the adjoining table. The fapper is studying the words painted on the fringe of the awning. "Oh, look, mother," she draws, "it says 'brasserie.' Isn't it too funny? I always thought that meant a thing um-bob you wear around your chest!" "Sh-h," my dear," murmurs the mother, "these French men be vulgar, but we don't have to imitate them."

DURING the World War, one of the greatest steamships that was used as a transport for soldiers was on her way across when a torpedo boat was sighted. In anticipation of the danger they were in, all on board were lined up on deck.

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