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GERMANY.

If the Germans had any notion that the withdrawal of America from the Peace Council would weaken the attitude of that body, they have already been undeceived. The latest note addressed to protesting Germany does not admit of any argument. Quite plainly the Supreme Council warns Germany that further refusal to sign the protocol will abrogate the Armistice, and inaugurate a state of war, giving the Allied armies all latitude. Further, Germany is warned that it will be vain to hedge on account of America's position with respect to the commissions charged with the responsibility of giving effect to the provisions of the Treaty.

General Noske may bluster. The German Government may even refuse to sign for some time yet. But that will not solve the difficulty. Even Noske admits the impossibility of armed resistance. Major-General Maurice, a leading English military writer, affirms this view. He ridicules the suggestion that Germany has a secret army; he is emphatic in the assertion that Germany has no bombing planes, no tanks, practically no navy, little heavy artillery, and could not maintain any resistance to the forces Foch has at his command. If the obduracy of the German Government should compel the Allies to occupy more of the country, the bill against Germany would only be augmented; and the will of the Allies would have to be accepted in the end.

Even without a movement of the Allied land forces, a naval blockade of German ports would soon force Germany to her knees. Germany cannot get on her feet without raw materials. A young man told a St. John audience the other evening that German workmen are working fifteen hours a day. But British correspondents in Germany say that most of the factories there are only working part time, and that there is danger that her industries will come to a standstill. Not only is Germany greatly in need of raw materials from foreign sources; she is short of iron and steel, which in pre-war days she had in abundance; her railways are crippled because of the Allied demands on her rolling stock, and only recently all passenger traffic was prohibited for a period of eleven days while the railways attempted to move coal where it was most urgently needed. Lack of shipping is a serious handicap to industrial and commercial recovery.

According to reliable English correspondents, Germany is suffering from the reaction from the titanic struggle which overtaxed her energies. Most of the political energy of the people is being employed in factional quarrels. The Ebert Government has not enough authority to rally the nation to a foreign war; the trouble is it is so lacking in respect that it may not be able to save the country from revolution or prolonged disorders. The only two parties in the new "republic" which know their minds and their purpose are the Monarchists and the Spartacists. Other parties are blundering along, quarrelling among themselves and not helping Germany out of her troubles. A Monarchist reaction is possible; that faction has natural leaders and organizers; it could probably give Germany an orderly political and economic existence for a little while, but its ascendancy would coincide the only elements capable of establishing a semblance of German democracy, and it would again yield place to a pseudo democratic regime—possibly without much bloodshed in the transition. A Spartacist revolution is also possible, and probable, unless the present regime develops a leader with capacity to alleviate the people's worst troubles. And if Germany goes Bolshevik it will mean fresh fuel to the spirit of revolution now lifting its head in Italy, and working assiduously in France and Britain. If Germany turns Red it means an alliance with Red Russia; the release of forces of hate and hunger which may do incalculable mischief. In any case a Red Germany would mean a Samson among the nations, threatening the whole temple of credits and perhaps bringing down other nations in ruin and anarchy.

INDIA.

Great Britain is about to try an important experiment in India. The Mother of Parliaments has adopted the Home Rule bill for that great dependency; 400,000,000 are to be given a large measure of self-government. The new act may not satisfy the extremists in India, but it goes a long way. It does not give India the same responsibility as is possessed by Canada or Australia, but it throws open to the natives opportunities of first importance by providing for their participation on an extensive scale in local and other affairs. Even in the Supreme Council, which has the power of veto, the natives will have representation, though not a controlling voice. Native representatives will have a voice in the discussion of all policies touching Indian interests as a

whole, and a certain voice also in Imperial affairs. There will be a considerable amplification of the native judiciary, and local institutions will be manned by native representatives.

The British Government will doubtless feel its way in the application of the act. The extension of a large measure of responsible government to a vast population of diverse races and creeds still surrounded for the most part by a semi-feudal organization is no facile matter. Modern industrial and commercial cities connected by railways, telegraphs and all the appurtenances of civilization, have been imposed upon a system of society essentially feudalistic, and complicated by the persistence of caste and traditions peculiar to the eastern temperament.

With the growth of native industrialism and education the demand for native control of political affairs was inevitable, and India has been the scene of agitations often having extreme aims. At the very beginning of the war there were serious disturbances in the East over which the British Government cast a veil; possibly they were the direct result of German intrigue. At any rate after Japan's entry into the war on the side of Britain, and the overthrow of the German power in the East, India began to manifest an unexpected joyousness, and her princes and troops played an important role in the war. As a result of this attitude the British Government has now undertaken to give India a larger share of responsible government than would have been considered possible or safe a few years ago. The experiment will be watched with interest, and possibly anxiety, in some quarters, for railways, education, the whole technique of civilization, is naturally having the effect of breaking up the feudal organization and creating conditions which beget a spirit of nationalism.

THE CHRISTMAS BUSINESS.

Today's Standard consists of forty-eight pages. It is not by any means the largest paper ever published in St. John, but it is considerably in advance of the corresponding issue last year. It contains, in addition to a great mass of reading matter appropriate to this particular season, much advertising of a very interesting nature. While the present winter is generally looked upon as the high point in newspaper advertising, this is chiefly true of business national rather than local in character. Manufacturers enjoying country-wide distribution of their goods, whose activities have been retarded by war requirements, are now endeavoring to extend their markets, and with this end in view are spending more generously than before in newspaper space. But in the local field this is not equally true, for merchants in this territory at least find business exceptionally good and do not feel such an imperative need for publicity as has been apparent in other years. True they are using white space, but the local outlay in this form of advertising is not in proportion to their increased business nor is it so marked as is the expenditure of national advertisers. Yet despite this condition, today's paper contains announcements from the majority of the leading business houses of this city as well as from many in other parts of the Province and in Upper Canada as well. These should be read with interest, for they contain much of value to the prospective purchaser.

N. S. ENTERPRISE.

The Yarmouth Herald says Nova Scotia's project for an Old Home Summer and World Industrial Exposition in 1924 is super-brilliant and stupendous. To finance the Old Home Summer project the promoters want \$1,500,000, which is not a great deal considering that the St. John Commercial Club, which has been organized two weeks, is already able to lay its hands on \$700,000 for a new hotel here. The promoters of the Nova Scotia enterprise will ask the Provincial Government to put up half a million, and the cities and municipalities to find another half million, leaving a half million to be raised by public subscription.

For the World Industrial Exposition a good many millions would be required, but the interest being shown in the Old Home Summer Campaign is not causing much worry. Some of the Nova Scotia country papers say they don't want to throw cold water on the idea, but really the thing is too big to be decided in two days. However, Nova Scotia has some years to complete its plans.

The Boston Herald says the recent Presidential message to Congress bears a lot of internal evidence, such as a lack of Wilsonian adjectives, that it was not written by the President himself. It suggests that the main features were written by the Department Heads and pieced together by Secretary Tamm. Possibly President Wilson is reserving all his adjectives

for a Jeremiah on the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations. Some European statesmen could express their sentiments on America's attitude to that subject in a single adjective.

A British doctor says it was not the lack of whiskey, but the shortage of sugar, that was responsible for many of the deaths during the influenza epidemic last year, and he does not think there is much danger of another epidemic.

The Community spirit sometimes runs round with a chip on its shoulder like a self-conscious boy. When it grows up it may develop a more nonchalant attitude, and a less facile disposition to look for affronts.

Now that Mr. Barnhill has put St. John on the railway map, some points are due the discoverer of Courtenay Bay, whose waters have humbly washed the feet of St. John these many years.

MOTHER AND SON SERIOUSLY BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Five Year Old Endeavoring to Light Gas in Furnace When Explosion and Flames Follow.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 8.—As the result of an explosion of gas, supposed to have been the result of a five year old boy trying to light the gas in the furnace, Mrs. Gordon Hopper and her little son, were severely burned in their home this afternoon and barely escaped with their lives. Mrs. Hopper was in the second story of the house at the time and, hearing an explosion in the cellar, rushed down to the place partially in flames and her five year old son in the midst of the fire and somewhat dazed by the explosion. The mother managed to escape from the cellar with her son, but not before both were quite badly burned about the face and hands. They were taken to the hospital and tonight it is thought their burns will not prove fatal. The basement of the house was damaged to the extent of about five hundred dollars by the flames which were confined to the cellar.

WHAT THEY SAY

Drury Better Than Dewar.
Toronto Telegram: Careful perusal of the Toronto Telegram reveals the fact that Drury is a better man than Dewar. Drury is a better man than Dewar. Drury is a better man than Dewar.

The Real Need.
London Free Press: Public servants are easy enough to get. What the world stands most in need of is the domestic variety.

One Thing After Another.
Calgary Herald: Last year it was the "flu," and this year it is sleeping sickness and smallpox. One way or another there doesn't seem to be any rest for either the wicked or the weary.

Class Government.
Calgary Herald: Just how a man can assert that he will represent the whole people when he accepts nomination from a class organization and gives that organization the right to force his resignation if it does not

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

The Park Ave. News.

Weather, Continuous.
Extra! Six Hunts Fox Terrier Boats a Bull Dog! Six Hunts fox terrier Teddy beat a unknown bull dog running last Wednesday afternoon, which if he hadn't of something fierce would probably of happened to him.

Sisley, Mr. Charles (Puds) Simpkins had a berthday last Thursday and tried to celebrate it by staying home from school, but his mother influenced him out of the idea.

Intriguing Flocks About Intriguing People. Sam Cross used to have a ambition to be a snake charmer, and every time he found a worm in anybody's back yard he used to practice on it.

For Sale—A odd skate for the left foot in case you got one for the right foot and want to make up a set. See Leroy Shooster. (Advertisement.)

Sports. Artie Alexander was eating breakfast at his cousin Benny Pottas house last Sunday and they had a contest to see which one could make the most noise eating their toast, Benny Potts being slightly ahead when his father suddenly stopped the contest.

Pome by Skinny Martin

Call the Doctor
I bin so sick I couldnt hardly wawk
I bin so sick I couldnt hardly tawk,
But in the coldest coldness
Or in the hottest heat
I never felt in such bad health
I couldnt hardly eat.

agree with his course of action, it is difficult to understand. At the very outset he becomes the special servant of a particular class, and to hold his position must cater to that class.

Chicago News: Peace by resolutions, whether concurrent or joint, would not be a real peace. It would not enable a single American citizen to trade with Germany, travel in Germany or have any legal status there. It would place America at a great disadvantage as compared with those nations that are about to exchange ratifications of the peace treaty. Peace by resolutions would not settle a single issue between Germany and the United States.

A BIT OF FUN

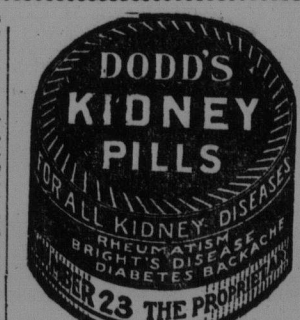
Truly Surprising
Elderly Hostess—So you are the daughter of my old friend Margaret Blank? I was at your christening eighteen years ago—but how you've changed.

Original Echo Organ
"I don't think Edith will ever make a hit as a vocalist."
"She has a good voice."
"Yes, but she's got such a big mouth that there's an echo, and that spoils the effect of her singing."

Plenty of Room
Wife: "There's a burglar down in the cellar, Henry."
Husband: "Well, my dear, we ought to be thankful that we are upstairs."
Wife: "But he'll come up here!"
Husband: "Then we'll go down in the cellar—surely a ten-room house ought to be big enough to hold three people without crowding."

The Obstinate Obstacle
Tom—Why won't she marry you, is there another man in the case?
Dick—I'm afraid there is.
Tom—Do you know who he is?
Dick—Yes; her father.

Too Well Understood
Mrs. Bolton—So you and your hus-



band have parted because of a misunderstanding?
Mrs. Wise—Not at all, my dear. We parted because we understood each other only too well.

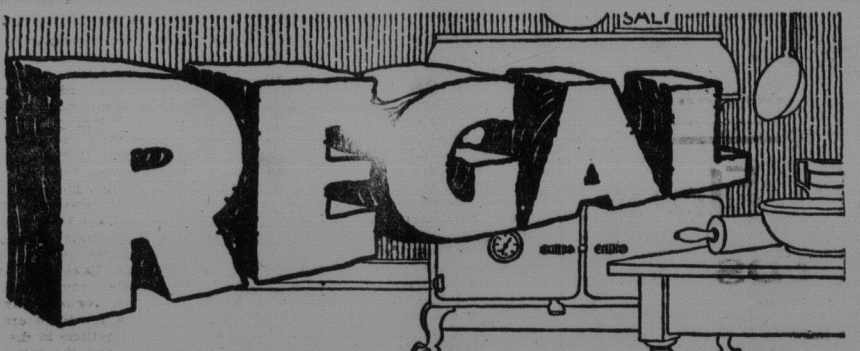
Utterly Spilt
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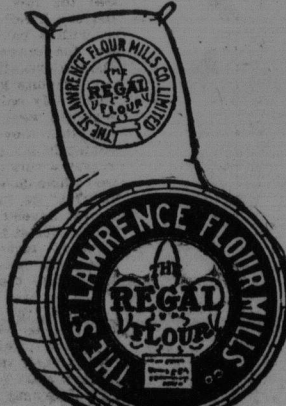
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