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A War Office Blunder.

(From the Toronto Globe.)

It's a dull day that does not contain at least one disclosure of how the British War Office does things better left undone, or the contrary. Capacity for surprise from that quarter had almost been lost, but a new revelation has shocked the Empire and many other sections of the world into a state of almost speechless indignation. It appears that the Solons who preside over His Majesty's armies actually proposed that the kilt should have no place in the new uniforms for peace service! It's a wonder the proposition was not accompanied by a circular suggesting that the Scotch accent be barred with the kilts, and that all regiments from North of the Tweed be named after flowers, so as to incite the love of beauty, the spirit of peace, and the fairness of allowing a reasonable proportion of Englishmen to occupy the best positions in the Empire. One cannot find words to comment fittingly upon the lack of imagination or anything else in the brain space of officials who would do away with the kilts. Poets and other writers would be deprived at one fell stroke of opportunities for glowing and picturesque descriptions of Highlanders on the march or in action. Few authors can write good poetry or impelling prose about trousers. Those garments do not lend themselves to that kind of treatment. And what about the feeling of the soldiers themselves? No matter how gnarled his knees, how far asunder or near together nature has placed them, how little of beauty they may have, or how cold they may be on occasion, there's not a man of the Scots regiments who wouldn't wear his kilts at any time, in any place, in preference to the bifurcated garment affected by other males who have never known the joys of anything in that shape of a kilt since the days of their helpless infancy. To the ordinary observer it might appear that the War Office would have all it could worry about at this time, in view of conditions in Europe and elsewhere, without provoking a rebellion in Scotland, assisted by every place in the world to its remotest corners, for there are Scotsmen in all of them. The officials who conceived

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Express trains pass each other at a velocity of 90 yards a second.

There are said to be 1,425 characters in Dickens's twenty-four novels.

A quarter of a pound of paint will cover one square yard, first coat.

There have been 257 Popes, who have resigned, on an average, 7 1/4 years each.

There are 65 seats in the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Commons, 42 in the Speaker's Gallery.

Rotary flight can be given to an arrow like that of a rifle-bullet by using feathers of one wing for the same set of arrows, the curve of the wing giving the rotary motion.

It takes five thousand bees to weigh a pound but when the insects come in fresh from the fields and flowers, freighted with honey, they weigh nearly three as much.

The first army medal was struck by Cromwell, to commemorate the battle of Dunbar. The second one issued was that for Waterloo, although in order of service the Peninsular medal should occupy this place.

After keeping a cylinder of gold and one of lead together for four years at about 65 degrees Fahrenheit—that is, a comparatively cold temperature—Sir W. Roberts-Austen found that the gold had slowly and surely made its way into or mixed with the lead.

The London of the Romans lies buried about 18 ft. below the level of Cheapside, and still deeper than that is buried the earlier London of the Britons. In nearly all parts of the city there have been discovered tessellated pavements, Roman baths, tombs, lamps, vases, sandals, keys, ornaments, weapons, coins, and statues of the ancient Roman gods.

The appearance of all fine gems is improved by gaslight. A perfect emerald, despite its color, which if anything else would turn to a dull bluish hue, is only intensified in brilliancy of color by artificial light. The blue sapphire, though darkened, remains true to its colour, as by daylight. The alexandrite is the only gem that changes, turning from a dark olive to a brilliant blood-red by candle or gas light.

Buoyancy of the Air.

Temperature Has a Great Deal to do With Buoyancy of an Airship.

Weather observations are even more important to an airship than to water-borne craft. Temperature has a great deal to do with the buoyancy of an airship. Here, however, we behold a paradox; for the officer, prior to a flight, carefully shades his thermometer from the rays of the sun before reading it, although his airship is going to be exposed to full sunshine.

It is the same paradox that gives rise to indignation in the average citizen when, at the close of a broiling July day, he reads the official weather report, according to which the highest temperature was only ninety. He feels positive it was at least a hundred—and so it was over a sun-baked pavement.

The universal practice of taking air temperatures in the shade is not sheer perversity on the part of the weather man. He would like to be able to answer the question, "How hot is it in the sun?" Unfortunately, this question merely prompts another, "How hot is that in the sun?" A thermometer exposed to the sunshine registers the temperature of the glass and metal of which it is made, not the temperature of the air.

The shaded thermometer registers more or less accurately the temperature of the air, perhaps the most important factor of weather. The thermometer is doubly protected by its wooden case. Perhaps there is also a ventilating device in the shape of a revolving fan.

An alternative to reading the thermometer in the shade is to whirl it rapidly in the air at the end of a cord. The excessive heat which the instrument absorbs is immediately lost by conduction to the air.—Popular Science.

Phosphate Industry of Ocean Island.

Ocean Island, a tiny dot on the Pacific Ocean, only five miles in circumference, is the richest tract of land, for its size, under the British flag. This island, which is really a vast deposit of exceedingly rich phosphate of lime, was discovered in a curious manner. A New Zealand concern, with an office on a back street in Sydney, New South Wales, had a but colored, irregular shaped piece of rock to keep its doors open. A man interested in guano, who knew a little about rock phosphate, put the stone in his pocket one day and subjected it to many tests at home. He returned and tried to trace its history, but all he could learn was that a trader from Ocean Island had left it there. He took the next steamer to the island and discovered that the place was literally covered with the phosphate, a small pinch of which will enable any plant, on any soil, to double its fertility. He offered some Australian capitalists the chance to form a company to work the fields, but they passed it up, and a group of London financiers accepted the proposal and have established a plant there which now employs over 2,000 natives. The total native population of the island is 500 and they are the wealthiest natives in the world. Much of the land still belongs to them and the company has to pay them a royalty of sixpence a ton for every ton of phosphate shipped. This royalty is used by the British Government to benefit the island natives.

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Resents Report.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to contradict a statement which appeared in a recent edition of the Daily Star, where it stated in most sarcastic terms of a man going abroad in a naked condition, and likening him to Adam, in the Garden of Eden. The unfortunate person, it is true, is somewhat dejected, but he does not go abroad in the manner described by your contemporary. It is an affliction that comes to those so afflicted, by circumstances over which they have no control, and the unfortunate man in this case is one of the oldest and most respected residents of Freshwater, and the account given of him is much resented by the people of this part of the city. The report was no doubt given that paper, by some parties, who through ignorance or otherwise, are always ready to make amusement for themselves at the cost of others' misfortunes, but they should remember the old saying "we are all born, but not buried," and if it happened to them would they like such a report.

Thanking you for space,
Yours very truly,
LEONARD M. CARNELL.
Freshwater Road, Dec. 9, 1919.

Buying the Engagement Ring.

"I often wonder whether at any subsequent period of his life a young man feels more self-conscious than when he first proceeds to buy an engagement ring," said a jeweller to the writer. "There is, after all, nothing in the act to be ashamed of; yet, to judge from the behaviour of some of these love-stricken customers, one would think that they had to steal a ring instead of honestly purchasing it."

"Many a time have I watched a young man pass and re-pass, gazing furtively into my shop until it was void of customers, before venturing in, and even then, in nine cases out of ten, he has not the courage to ask for what he wants outright. He will buy some trivial object—a scarf-pin, perhaps, first; and on being asked if there is anything else, recollects that he wants a ring—a lady's ring. A question as to the size disturbs his equanimity terribly, but he is generally provided with the answer—another ring, a hole cut in a visiting card, a piece of string, the upper part of his own little finger, are still used as guides to this important point.

"Sometimes, but very occasionally, the lady accompanies her intended on this delicate errand, and then the efforts to conceal their relationship are most amusing. I remember one such pair pretending they were brother and sister, and buying the circlet for a third person. They consulted as to whether "Fred" would like this or that, and having finally made a choice, the lady slipped the jewel on her own slim finger, remarking that her rings always fitted "Lucy." They departed quite under the impression that their innocent little deception had proved successful."

Shipping Notes.

The S.S. Sable Island is due from North Sydney to-morrow.

The schr. Maagen sailed for Gibraltar this morning, taking a cargo of fish from a Goodridge & Sons.

The schr. Pars, with a load of fish, shipped by Goodridge & Sons, sailed this forenoon for Oporto.

The schr. Catherine Burke entered at Wood's Island to load herring for Gloucester.

The schr. General Smuts sailed from Grand Bank for Gibraltar with 4800 qtls. codfish from S. Harris, Ltd.

S.S. Sheba sailed from Heart's Content for Sydney on Sunday, in ballast.

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Fashions and Fads.

The bouffant skirt of a coral velvet with tulle evening gown is bestrewn with silk rose petals.

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A blouse of gray satin has short kimono sleeves and a new neckline cut very low and filled in with a sheer yoke.

Sheaves of plaited white organdie and bands of black velvet are some extremes to which collars and cuffs may go.

Although some of the evening gowns favor the high, transparent back, most of them are extremely décollete.

The waistline varies from those short and fitted effects to semi-fitted ones which join the skirt below the normal waistline.

A wrap of red duvetyne with cut-work and patent leather applique is a closely fitting sleeve cut in one piece with the cape back.

Buttons run from the throat to the hem of a smart gown of Poiret have the collar, turn-back cuffs, slit pockets and hand-bound buttonholes made of duvetyne.

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