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THE AMERICAN ARMY.

Confronted with the possibility of war with Mexico some Americans are inclined to take stock of a little of their military equipment. No doubt can be entertained of the fitness and capability of the United States navy. How about the army?

The Berlin Kreuzzeitung is quoted by the Literary Digest of New York as criticising certain features of the American war administration. It points out the anti-militarist character of the people, and especially of the present Government, which holds the war office back. "The strength of the standing army," it observes, "is only 70,000, and as long as no foreign war is imminent the tendency has been to reduce instead of raising the strength of the military forces."

In a prosperous new country it is difficult to get recruits for the army, though the navy, with its superior attractions, is under no such handicap. Also, says the Kreuzzeitung, the army is unpopular with Americans because its higher officers are controlled by politics, and the spirit of favoritism. This is a condition that seems hard to banish from any country. Perhaps if the Kreuzzeitung were frank it would admit that Berlin is not guiltless.

If the American army is so weak, it may be doubtful whether it would have such easy success against the turbulent Mexicans as 65 years ago, in case of a war. An invasion of Mexico would have to be of the most cautious kind. As for our Canadian militarists fears of an American attack on this country and their desire to arm our border with cannon and bayonet and a thin red line, that would be rather amusing to the German observer.

A HYPOCRITE.

With the taste of Macdonald not yet out of its mouth, the Winnipeg Telegram, the organ of the Rogers-Robinson gang, appeals for "a clean election" in the constituency where the notorious Dr. Montague is running. The Telegram would do well to keep Dr. Montague's reminiscences of Australia out of its campaign literature.

LARKIN.

In Mr. Larkin, the Irish labor agitator now burning up England, the Celtic fringe contributes a new sensation. What would staid England do without her scintillating Welshmen, her "perfidious" Scots, and the exhilarating Hibernian? A century or so ago it was Burke, Sheridan and Goldsmith. Now Bernard Shaw, T. P. O'Connor and Larkin strike fire or water from the rock of an English audience.

The meteoric apparition of Larkin has much significance. His work in Ireland and the movement that has cast him up mean an insurrection that will have to be reckoned with in Irish party politics when the Dublin parliament has commenced to legislate. Larkin and his Roman Catholic followers are clashing with the clergy. It is plain enough that a struggle is coming in church and the peasant proprietors on the one hand and socialistic labor on the other. Far from knocking under the Rome rule, as archaic, Orangemen allege, the Roman Catholic workmen will be ready to unite with Protestant workmen for common interests. Larkin stands forth as the champion of the poor, who want something in this life as well as in a life to come. He charges that some of the clergy are capitalists, shareholders in the tramway and the brewery. An issue arises that will sweep away orange and green divisions. Home rule will not be Rome rule unless the Protestant capitalists, professional and business men choose to make it so.

The significance of Mr. Larkin's campaign in England is that he divides labor, as a syndicalist trusting a wedge between official trades unionism, which is cold to his proposals for a sympathetic strike in aid of the Dublin men, and the mass of the workers who respond to his magnetic appeals.

The same spirit moves in his immense audiences as finds living voice in the eloquence of his untutored, h-dropping, half-English, half-Irish dialect. He speaks their thoughts. For a century red revolution has been more or less a fear of England. Tennyson spoke to our grandfathers of the hungry lion prowling around and hearer to the camp fire of society. As the Judgment Day was an impending horror to the men of old, so the social revolution has seemed to hover over industrialized Britain. Now that Ireland grows industrial at last,

will her quicker temper hasten on the storm? Is Larkin a first flash from a cyclonic cloud that rolls up from the west to the English sky? Is the deluge coming? It is only the rational Liberalism of Asquith and Lloyd George, that can protect the land as with a lightning-rod against the storm.

CUT RATES.

One of the most interesting commercial developments of the past few months in London is the cut-rate "war" among the retail druggists.

The public has taken the attitude of Barkis in the matter, and well it might. The public gets much of the benefit, and the increased business attracted by the druggists has no doubt stimulated all along the line.

It would seem that a wonderful opportunity was knocking at the door of other lines of trade. A butcher is advertising cut-rate meats, and the lid is announced to be off by more retail stores. The experience of the druggists who met the condition has not been unprofitable. In these days trade must be resourceful and ready for sudden outbreaks of sharp competition.

THE PORT NELSON EXPEDITION.

Some of the Conservative papers are professing great indignation because of the reports as to the wrecking of a couple of vessels belonging to the Port Nelson expedition. Those wicked Grits, we are told, are trying all they can to damage the proposed Hudson Bay Railroad, and are inspiring exaggerated statements in the United States press. Of course, we are accustomed to that sort of thing. If we mention the illness of a cabinet minister we are "gloating" over him. If we publish an item of news about accidents to, or mismanagement of, some of our public works, we are trying to injure it.

Why should a Liberal paper or a Liberal statesman try to injure any enterprise to which the country has been legally committed? We may criticise mismanagement, and point out the blunders of the minister in charge. And we may have been opposed to it in the first place. But if Parliament has decided to go on with it, and the public money is to be spent on it, then we can only desire that it be carried out as economically as possible, and made a success.

So far as the Hudson Bay Railroad is concerned it has been approved by Liberals as well as Conservatives. And among those who have been opposed to it the Conservatives have been as pronounced in the expression of their opinions as anybody else. If there have been any inspirers of United States sensational stories we could probably find them among some of the Government supporters who are interested in other schemes.

But our contemporaries south of the line do not need to be inspired by any one in Canada. There are plenty of them quite ready to make "copy" out of Canadian affairs, and the more sensational they can make it the better they are pleased. They will do that with their own domestic concerns, and they will not spare us whenever they think they have a chance. The first reports that came about the Port Nelson expedition were bad enough, and certainly would not be neglected by the United States press. We shall be only too well pleased if we find they were as much exaggerated as our Conservative friends say they were.

After all, reports about the Port Nelson affair cannot injure the projected railroad, even if they are not altogether true. Were the road to be built by private individuals incorrect reports might injure the men who were at the back of it, and prevent them from securing the necessary capital. But this is a public business; the Government is doing it. If the thing is feasible, the Government can provide the money and go on with the work, no matter how many lies might be told about it. There is no need to be frightened. So much professed indignation can only give rise to suspicions that there is something wrong, and that some one has blundered. No need to say so much if everything is all right. The work can go on, and the end will crown the work.

Why look frowsty when soap is so cheap?

Everybody get ready with the broad Christmas hint.

What has become of Sam Hughes' war with Germany?

After all, what would the British newspapers do without Ma Pankhurst?

President Huerta has his villa garlanded in expectancy of attack from Gen. Villa.

The women issued a Montreal paper for one day. What it lacked in news it certainly made up in views.

One of life's little vexations is to live in a double house, the other half of which owns a vacuum-cleaner that sobs.

Debate would have been an interesting oratory of Bishop Fallon and Henri Bourassa.

An English lady says that flirtation proves more useful than militancy in getting the vote for women. Now look out for the goo-goo eye.

"Tap! Tap! Tap!" goes the leader's baton, and the Conservative brass band tries to drown out Laurier's ringing "Free Food" utterances.

COME ALONG, MR. PELLETIER!

[Bobcaygeon Independent.]
It is estimated that the first year of the parcel post system in the States will yield a profit of thirty million

dollars. It will be in order to reduce the rates, or extend the service. Canada need hesitate no longer in establishing some similar service.

WHAT A WONDER HE IS.

[Ottawa Journal.]

That veteran engineer, Collingwood Schreiber, C. M. G., is home again after his "stealthy" trip over the route, through the Rocky Mountains, of the Grand Trunk Pacific. What a wonder he is. In his 83rd year, and more active than many a man of thirty.

CHLOFORMING LIVE ISSUES.

[Montreal Mail.]

The Winnipeg Telegram remarks disparagingly of those writers who devote so much space to dead issues. But what about the fellow who devotes so much dead, dull writing to live issues?

FERVENTLY GLAD.

[Puck.]

Mrs. Enright: "She says small check; will be in fashion for new fall suits."
Mr. Enright: "Thank heaven!"

NOT OFFICIALLY PROHIBITED.

[New York Sun.]

A Philadelphia clergyman says smoking is all right because it is mentioned in the Bible. In the old days anything not spoken of in the Good Book was all wrong.

FIRST THINGS FIRST.

[Greenwood Ledger.]

Canada should put more gum on its postage stamps before it thinks of buying a navy.

AND IN CANADA, TOO.

[Montreal Gazette.]

A movement to encourage thrift started by a banker of Chicago, is said to be spreading in the United States. The promoter claims that \$1,000,000,000 is spent in the country on indulgences every year. The assertion can readily be believed. It is to be said for the new organization that it has a great field to work in. At the same time it must be admitted that there are many thrifty persons in the United States. The savings bank deposits are proof of that.

HOW WILLING WE ARE.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

A coroner's jury has found that the Great Lakes tragedy was an act of Providence and no one was to blame. It is wonderful how willing we are to shift the responsibilities on to Providence.

DO NOT OWN UP.

[Detroit Free Press.]

Few men really tell the truth when the other fellow asks them what they usually smoke.

THE ONLY ONE.

[Arlington Globe.]

A chaplain is about the only one who gets much credit for neglecting her business.

STILL HITTING HANNA.

[London Free Press.]

No corporation lawyer for Premier of Ontario.

THE PESSIMIST VINDICATED.

[Buffalo News.]

Nan's new lid is just in style. And many gaze thereat.
The pessimist sees the hat.
The optimist sees the hat.

THE FIRST STEP.

[Boston Transcript.]

Miss Young—In selecting a husband, what would you consider first?

Miss Elderleigh—A proposal.

CRAMPED.

[Washington Star.]

"What's the matter with this elevator?" asked the nervous man. "You keep trying to run it through the roof."
"You'll have to excuse me," replied the operator. "I'm not used to one of these little twenty-story buildings."

IN TWO CITIES.

[New York World.]

London's lord mayor's show beats anything of its kind in New York. But they didn't have an election like ours.

THE LAW OF COMPENSATION.

[Chicago News.]

Canada's crops of spring wheat, fall wheat, oats and barley are all greater in 1913 than they were in 1912. Thus, Winnipeg will get some of the 1914 automobiles that might otherwise have gone to Wichita.

ABE MARTIN



Don't hate t' part with your salary. I won't go very far. It don't make no difference where you wear your heart if your liver is off th' job.

ODD ONES IN THE DAY'S NEWS

NO WONDER AUTOS GROW.

BERLIN—In the first eight months of this year 6,753 horses were eaten in Berlin, according to the Government meat inspection reports issued today. This is a reduction of 500 horses as against the same period last year.

WHAT A THING FOR DUCKS!

LONDON—An aeroplane gun, the invention of an American, was tried out by British army officers, one of whom made 11 hits out of 14 shots, fired at the rate of 800 a minute from a height of 600 feet.

THE TROUBLES OF A GENIUS.

PARIS—Rodin, the sculptor, denounces as a forgery a figure which he forgot he had modelled. An art dealer offering the piece for sale, has sued him for heavy damages.

CAN'T FORGET IT.

BERLIN—The crown prince saves in a scrap book all the fake stories printed about him and the book is labelled "What I Am Not."

SOUNDS PLOTTY.

LONDON—Prof. Richard Kerr went to lecture 600 convicts in Portland prison and while he was there thieves robbed his home.

LOOK FOR THE MOVIE MAN.

CHICAGO—Two detectives chased a "kidnapper" two blocks, raining bullets at him until he dropped his burden. The "child" proved to be a woman's dress form.

TOO MUCH YUM YUM.

CHICAGO—J. T. Harris is semi-conscious after trying to eat a Thanksgiving dinner large enough for 12 persons to win a \$10 bet.

NEW CAR ROUTES

Effective Monday morning, Dec. 1, 1913, the following street car routes will be changed as follows:

Oxford.
The Oxford cars will operate on the Hamilton road, Horton street, and Richmond street to Oxford, just the same as at present, but all Oxford cars will turn eastward on Oxford street to Adelaide, and return to Richmond street by the same route.

Ottawa.
The cars on this line will operate the same as at present, except that west-bound cars at Oxford and William streets will turn north on William and westward on Cheapside to Richmond, and south on Richmond over the southern portion of the route. Northbound cars at Oxford and Richmond will continue north on Richmond street to Cheapside, east on Cheapside to William, south on William to Oxford, east on Oxford, and over the remaining portion of the route as heretofore.

Normal.
These cars will be reversed through South London, operating westward from York and Richmond streets, through Stanley street, Wharncliffe road, Elmwood avenue to Ridout, then north to Horton street, eastward to Richmond, and north on Richmond to Central avenue, east on Central avenue to Adelaide, and return to Richmond via Central avenue, and south on Richmond to York.

Ridout.
These cars will be reversed in South London, and will operate on Dundas street as follows: From the fair grounds to Richmond street, south to Horton street, west to Ridout street, south on Ridout and around to Wharncliffe road

and Beaconsfield avenue, east on Beaconsfield avenue to Worley road, and Stanley, east on York street to Ridout, north on Ridout to Dundas, and east on Dundas to the fair grounds.

Short.
The short line cars will operate from the fair grounds loop to Dundas and Richmond streets, south on Richmond street to York, and east on York and Richmond streets, returning northward to Dundas, and then eastward on Dundas to the fair grounds.

MASONIC FUNERAL FOR SIR AEMILIUS IRVING

Wreaths From Lodges All Over the District Poured Into Toronto.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Nov. 29.—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and the Chief Justice of Ontario were among the crowd of black-robed judges and benchers of the law society and prominent citizens who assembled to pay tribute at the bier of Sir Aemilius Irving in the central hall of Osbourne Hall. The portrait of Sir Aemilius was draped, and there was a simple draping of black above the gallery.

The casket was banked in flowers, including a spray from Upper Canada College, a token from the Forsythe family of Ottawa, and many emblems from different Masonic lodges.

The members of the legal profession assembled in the corridors about the main hall while the Masonic friends assembled in the corridors above.

A message was received conveying the sympathies of Irving Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Lucan, Ont., organized by the deceased fifty years ago.

The pallbearers were Guy Irving, jun., of New York; Hemfray Irving, jun., William Sutherland, of Montreal; William Jarvis and Aemilius Jarvis, jun., grandsons, and Captain William Clifford, of Ancester, who married a granddaughter.

Following the mourners came the Lieutenant-Governor, the attorney-general, the judges, the members of the law society, and the members of the Masonic Order. The cortege moved to St. James Cemetery by way of Queen's Park and St. Albans streets.

NEW GERMAN CRUISER

Will Be Driven by Turbines and Carry Heavy Guns.

[Canadian Press.]

Danzig, Nov. 29.—The new German battle cruiser, which is to take the place of the old Kaiserin Augusta was launched here today and christened the Luetzow. It is understood that she will carry ten 12-inch guns as her main armament, and a secondary battery of twelve 9-inch guns. Her length is 718 feet, her beam 98, and her draft 27 feet. She displaces about 23,000 tons, and her turbine engines are expected to develop a speed of 30 knots.

ASSAULTED MOTHER

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Goderich, Nov. 29.—In the county criminal court, presided over by His Honor Judge Holt, today, Jos. Campbell, of the township of McKillop, pleaded guilty to the charge of common assault upon his mother, and the judge, considering the young man's previous good character, let him off on suspended sentence.

Dope Fiend Or Hero—Just the Same to E. H. C.



E. H. CALVERT.

E. H. Calvert has played every sort of uncanny character part from a wide-eyed dope fiend to a ghostly ghost.

He is a great, stalwart chap. Maybe that's the reason he doesn't mind how "spooky" the role.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Miss Ethel Robson Gave a Fine Address at Walkerton.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Walkerton, Nov. 29.—A very interesting meeting was held in the court house last night to finish up the session of the South Bruce Farmers' Institute at their general annual meeting.

Miss Robson, of Iderton, and Mr. Barber, from Waterloo, added very materially to the value of the different sessions. Miss Robson spoke at the meeting of the Ladies' Institute in the afternoon, and at the general public meeting, at which a large number of citizens attended, and spoke on the trend of modern events, and showed what part the farmers and women's institutes are taking in making history in the economic conditions of the country.

Mr. Barber made the question of the improvement of condition of the farms and the fertility and cultivation of the soil interesting even to a townsman.

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[Chicago News.]

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