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THE COURT HOUSE.

The ruins of the Court House still stand at the head of King street. The Municipal Council objects to any plan for reconstruction which have been presented, and has recently gone on record as also opposed to removal of the ruined structure. Apparently, therefore, the shell of the building is to remain during the winter as an evidence to St. John's indifference. We have had innumerable suggestions regarding this matter, proposals for the erection of a new city hall, a municipal building, a structure which will be at the same time a soldiers' memorial and a community centre, the rebuilding of the old court house with the use of the present walls, and various other proposals, all looking to the erection of something worth while on what is undoubtedly one of the finest sites in the city.

No action has been taken, because of lack of funds, for a modern structure to meet the requirements of the city and county would involve an expenditure of perhaps half a million dollars and the city and county of St. John are said to be in no position to meet such an outlay. But something must be done as some time or other and there is no prospect of any reduction in the cost of construction during the next few years. Hence it does not appear greatly to our advantage to longer delay action in this matter. It is the intention to replace the destroyed court house with a more modern and more commodious building. If, however, the purpose of the council is to do nothing in the way of new construction, then there does not appear to be any good reason why the ruins of the old building should be permitted to remain indefinitely as they stand today. The site might at least be cleared rather than have the appearance of the square and an advertisement of the backwardness of our municipal administration.

GERMANY'S TRADE.

We have been hearing a lot lately about Germany's bid for world trade. Dire predictions have been made in newspapers everywhere of the country's marvellous recuperative powers, of the determination of her people to regain their lost prestige, of the resumption of activity everywhere throughout the country, and indeed of the remarkable success which even in the first few months following the armistice attended her efforts. We are told that thousands upon thousands of buyers from other European and American nations are in Germany placing orders for tremendous quantities of goods for early shipment and we are advised that because of this Britain is likely to lose her premier position as a producer, that the United States must suffer in competition, and that unless we are awake, Germany will have captured all the trade worth having.

How very different from these predictions is the real situation today. In England there is not a manufacturer in any line who is able to come within twelve months of filling his orders. There is not an industrial plant which has not worked on hand sufficient to keep it going at its full capacity for eighteen months or two years. There is not a man or woman in England today who needs he does for ten minutes if he or she desires to do work. True, there are difficulties. The great coal supplies of France have been temporarily destroyed. Not for several years will the mining areas, damaged by the Germans, be productive. Italy is suffering from shortage of coal. Greece has no fuel, but England, to whom every nation in the world looks in time of trouble, has assumed the responsibility of protecting these other countries from distress by reason of this coal shortage, and England is exporting today to France, Italy and Greece, and to other powers, more coal than she is keeping at home. The people of England are on coal rations, and because of the necessity for guarding against waste the consumption is limited and manufacturers throughout the country are restricted in their activities. It is recognized in England that the restoration of normal conditions depends upon production, and it is equally recognized that this production must depend on the available fuel. Hence the all important feature of the economic situation today is the possible increase in the output of coal, together with its distribution for domestic purposes. The August production showed a ten per cent. increase over that of July, and September has been even better. True, the railway strikes proved a setback, but England, with the exception of two or three spectacular affairs of this nature, has been singularly free from labor difficulties. There are some unemployed, not because of lack of opportunity but rather by reason of the fact that they do not desire to work. Yet in spite of this the country is a beehive. On this side of the Atlantic where we read incidental telegraphic reports of labor difficulties, of political complications, of Irish discontent, etc., we incline to

a belief that all England is in a state of turmoil. Nothing could be further from the truth. As a matter of fact that country has settled down to hard work more systematically, more energetically, than any other nation involved in the war, and is already showing great results. The occasional disturbances are only incidents which however much they may rattle the surface of national life have but little effect on the great current of industrial activity, which is sweeping England forward in the lead of the world's industries and re-establishing her trade throughout the world.

In Germany, on the other hand, there has been revolution of a political nature and there is today revolution of an industrial nature. Manufacturers are unquestionably seeking orders from outside nations and are promising shipments, but these same manufacturers are unable to produce the goods with which to fill these orders or to secure credit for the extension of their operations. German goods, already manufactured but held in that country throughout the war, are today being offered at slaughter prices because the owners need every penny they can get to meet their obligations. Efforts towards re-establishment, Germany has not the raw materials for manufacturing, but must depend upon the bounty of those other nations whose trade she is now trying to steal. Undoubtedly these other powers will treat her generously, for unless the German people are permitted to regain a share of world trade they will be in no position to meet their liabilities to those other nations. But to commend that Germany today is reaching out and capturing the markets of the world in competition with England, United States and others is absurd in theory and impossible in practice.

IN CARLETON COUNTY.

Doctor David W. Rankine, one of the best known medical practitioners in New Brunswick and a gentleman highly esteemed by all in his locality, has announced himself as an independent Conservative candidate in the federal election for Carleton-Victoria to be held October twenty-seventh. There is this to be observed about Doctor Rankine—that friends and opponents alike will know what he represents. The nominee already in the field is said to represent the United Farmers' Association, an organization which the local Laurierites have encouraged through a realization of their own weakness as a party. Among the United Farmers there are perhaps a few Conservatives who have been hoodwinked by Liberal leaders but who will discover the error of their ways before many weeks go by.

Doctor Rankine's announcement preserves to Carleton-Victoria the reputation which it has enjoyed for many years in being the hot-bed of Canadian politics, the liveliest fighting ground in Eastern Canada. In that constituency the people have taken their politics very seriously, and their sacrifice of personal sentiment in support of Union as represented by Mr. Carvell was a greater sacrifice than that offered by the electors of any other county in this Province. Party lines have been sharply drawn in former years and while, since 1917, personal opinion has been suppressed, there is no question that in the approaching contest party feeling will dominate the minds of the people and that it is in recognition of this feeling that Doctor Rankine has offered. He is an exceptionally strong man and should command the solid support of the united constituency.

WHAT THEY SAY

A Homecoming.
 New York Herald—At the present stage of the discussion in the Senate about the only thing that members of that body may be anxious to find out from Colonel E. M. House is just why he came home—now a high diplomatic secret.

Revolver Play.
 Mail and Empire—Revolver shootings are reported to be increasing in frequency in France. Is the French Republic becoming Americanized? Gun play in peace time usually is associated with this continent.

Down Everything.
 Mail and Empire—"Down with Hitler! Hang him!" "Down with Wilson!" and "Down with Jugo-Slavia!" down with Serbia!" So shouted profane demonstrators in Fiume. Which indicates that the demonstrators favor downing almost everything. The end may be that they will be downed themselves.

To Whom Justice is Due.
 La Patrie—"We hope that in appointing Lieutenant-Colonel Lafleche on the Board of Commerce, the Federal Government has had in mind, not only the appointment of a valuable member of the board, but also the intention to render to the French-Canadians in lower Canada a measure, a commencement of justice."

Congress Blamed.
 Cleveland Plain Dealer—Congress is usually blamed by those who feel in critical mood. Responsibility for ex-

travagance, however, is not confined to lawmakers. It goes back of Congress to the public. Governments are no more wasteful in the handling of the people's affairs than most people are in their own individual affairs.

The Puzzle.

New York Herald—Italy has ratified the peace treaty without making a reservation covering the activities of Captain d'Annunzio and without apologizing for them. That leaves "this" League of Nations more puzzling than ever as a going concern, though its officers are going through the motions in London, while the secretariat is drawing salary from somewhere.

A BIT OF VERSE

OLD FRIENDS.

(By Leavenworth MacNab.)
 I often wish, from all the world's far ends—
 Whether you've fallen or conquered
 In the strife—
 And from the mystery that outlies life
 That I could call you back to me, old friend.

Just for a single hour to have you near—
 You who have lit my life since early dawn.
 We've met and comrades and then parted
 With smile and handshake and, perhaps, a tear.

For each there is a chamber in my heart,
 Where all the treasures that each
 And oftentimes when longings o'er me creep
 I seek my Treasure House and doubts depart.

For there, secure from every careless eye,
 Close to my life my splendid gifts I hold—
 So rare are they that all earth's blood-flecked gold
 One single jewel from me could not buy.

And while I view the harvest of dead days
 And feast my soul upon the goodly store
 I realize the worth of living more—
 I know the purpose of uncertain years—
 And yet I often wish I had you near
 That you might view my Treasure House and see
 How much of life your lives are still to me,
 How forgotten are you—and how dear.

A BIT OF FUN

Wanted Located.

Doctor. (to old dandy patient)—I shall call again tomorrow, but will leave this prescription in case you suffer pain in the interim.
 Patient—Warbouts is dis yar in term, don't. All know when Ah feels de pain comin' on.

A Change of Scenery Needed.
 Phoebe—What did the critics think of Scribner's latest novel?
 Mansford—Not much! One said it might be a good book to read in a train if there were plenty of charming scenery to look at along the route.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Then and Now.

1918.
 A blatant bugle boldly blown
 Disturbed my dreams delightful;
 Dodged bombs that were wildly thrown
 By Germans who were spiteful.

1919.
 A nickel-faced alarm clock jars
 My dreams of quiet sleep;
 I now dodge divers, cabs and cars
 And brazen bill collectors!
 —Norman Stuckey, late C. F. A.

No Caching Done.
 "So you called on her to patch up your old quarrel. Did you succeed?"
 "No, we found it easier to make a new one."

Wife: "Henry, do you think me an angel?"
 Hubby: "Why, certainly, my dear, I'm very enthusiastic. I think all women are angels."
 "You needn't be so enthusiastic as all that!"

Little Arthur: "I say, father, is it true that Nature never wastes anything?"
 Father: "Yes, Arthur, quite true!"
 Then what's the use of a cow having horns when she can't even blow one?

Instruction for the Young.
 Yells from the nursery brought the mother, who found baby gleefully pulling Billy's curls.
 "Never mind, darling," she comforted. "Baby doesn't know how it hurts."

Half an hour later wild shrieks from the baby made her run again to the nursery.
 "Why, Billy," she cried, "what is the matter with baby?"
 "Nothing, mother," said Billy, calmly, "only now he knows." —Tit-Bits.

Too Neighboring.
 "Those Nextdors are altogether too neighboring!"
 "Oh! Why? I thought I heard you praising them up to the skies."
 "So you did. But the other night they gave a dinner and borrowed our cook."

Fellow Feeling.
 District visitor (proudly to old cotager).—"I've just got a letter from my son Arthur saying he has just won a scholarship. I can't tell you how pleased I am."

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Exter! Bank Fails With All Low Davises Money In It! Low Davises has forgot the combination of his new combination bank, and all his money is in it, consisting of 30 cents, and he is afraid to break it open on account of it being a birthday present, and he fears he is ruined.

Hunting Notes—Leroy Shooter found a key last week, but so far he hasn't found a door to fit it.
 Poem by Skinny Martin.
 Especially Cabbidge.
 Our cook won't leave me in the kitchen
 But I can generally tell
 What's going to be for supper
 By the powerfulness of the smell.

Intresting Facts About Intresting People—Puds Simkins has 2 old grandfathers, one being 91 and one 94, being at axminster, however, not a contest. Sletely—Mr. Artie Alexander deliberately wawked out in the rain last Wednesday looking proud with his new rain coat on, and came running back looking surprised with all his clothes soaking wet, including the rain coat. (Advertisement). Errands run cheerfully. 3 cents for the first 4 blocks, one sent for every block or fraction of a block afterwards.

DERRICK READY AT SARNIA FOR REV. WM. IVENS

Safety Committee of Ontario Town Determined Winnipeg's Famed Clergyman Shall Not Address Its People.

Sarnia, Ont., Oct. 8.—Lawful means to keep Rev. William Ivens, of Winnipeg strike fame, out of Sarnia will be taken as the direct result of a meeting of some hundreds of citizens in Victoria Park here last night. Nothing in recent years has stirred up such agitation in Lambton County as the announcement of Rev. Wm. Ivens that he would leave the storm of protest and speak in Sarnia, come what may.

Colonel Towers, addressing a meeting of citizens in Victoria Park, last night, stated that no one protested the right of free speech in Canada, but no one can use free speech to infringe on other people's rights. People, also, have the right to protest against the abuse of the use of free speech, and this was the attitude of the Sarnia Safety Committee. Following the close of the meeting, at which four hundred names were added to the Safety Committee list, it was moved and seconded "That, in the opinion of citizens of Sarnia, William Ivens be not allowed publicly to address the people of Sarnia at any time."

DRINKING A GLASS OF HOT WATER IS A SPLENDID HABIT

Cleanse and sweeten the system each morning and wash away poisonous, stagnant matter.

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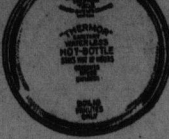
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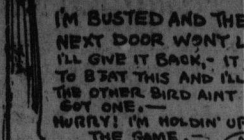
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Funeral service was held at his residence, 44 Winter street, by the Rev. J. Appleman, at 1 o'clock, after the body was taken to the King Pythian Castle Hall, Germain street, where the burial service of the Pythian order was conducted by James won, Past Supreme Prelate, assisted by the Rev. Dr. David Hutchings, member of the Order, and R. E. Place, Grand Chancellor, Presiding Members of the Pythian lodges city attended in a body to pay last respects to one who had been a lifelong active member. The or the Pythians was also read grave. Interment in Fernhill cemetery. A large number of

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