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THE SITUATION AT OTTAWA.

The Naval Aid Bill will pass the House of Commons at tomorrow's sitting and will then be ready for the Senate. The country will be relieved that this important stage has been reached and at the same time regret that the fair name of Canada, as a daughter of the Empire, has been stained by the unworthy tactics of the Opposition. The Liberal party missed the great opportunity of its political life in not agreeing to Mr. Borden's naval proposals at the very beginning. When the Prime Minister made his speech, which will become historic in the annals of Canada, on December 5th last, the Leader of the Opposition could have wiped out the mistakes of the past and, throwing to one side the game of party politics, could have accepted as his creed the proposals of the Conservative party. He declined to take this course. He preferred to plunge the Commons into one of the most acrimonious debates that has ever been witnessed in the Canadian House, or, indeed, in any House of Commons. The result has not redounded to the credit of either the Liberal party or its Leader, who will take rank as having failed at an important stage in the history of Canada.

ance of the majority of the Canadian people, Mr. Borden has succeeded in having his naval proposals pass the House of Commons. He has the admiration and the respect of all good Canadians.

INCOME TAXES.

Discussion on the income tax has been revived by the proposals of President Woodrow Wilson. Looking broadly over legislation in other parts of the world, the New York World finds that the separate German states levy income taxes. Some German cities do also; and the Imperial German government is about to take an special contribution from large incomes, presumably paid in five instalments; so that for five years, and perhaps longer, some Germans may have triple income taxes to pay.

In Great Britain the estate taxes levied as death duties bring in a revenue of \$125,000,000 a year. They are graduated, rising to 8 and 10 per cent on large estates; on those of over \$15,000,000 the first \$5,000,000 pays 10 per cent, and the remainder 15 per cent. The exemption under the British income tax has varied from \$500 to \$800 and is now the latter figure. The rate has varied from less than 1 per cent, upward. During the Boer war it rose to 14d. in the pound, or nearly 6 per cent. It was not then graduated. A super-tax is now levied, and the principles of graduation and discrimination have been further introduced, though to a less extent than on the continent. An earned income of \$15,000 pays 3d in the pound on \$9,200, and 14d. on \$5,000, \$800 being exempt. An unearned income pays 14d. in cent, the lowest rate is 9d. or about 3.75 per cent. The highest is 14d. with a super-tax of 6d on incomes of over \$25,000; or in all a little above 8 per cent.

Austria divides the income tax into minute gradations. The exemption is \$250, but above that limit the entire income is taxed. The lowest rate is 0.6 per cent; strictly speaking, there is no "highest." The rate continues to rise as the income increases. At \$42,500 the tax paid is \$1,937.50, or 4.5 per cent. An income of \$500,000 would pay close to 5 per cent. There are various exemptions.

The German income-tax laws vary with the state. In Prussia the exemption is \$225. An income of \$250 pays \$150. The rate averages 3 per cent, but large incomes pay 5 per cent, upon the greater part. Earned incomes are taxed less than unearned ones, and there are numerous exemptions. Saxony has 118 gradations and taxes an income of \$100 24 cents. There is an abatement for children. Large incomes pay a much higher rate than moderate ones. Bavaria taxes earned income up to 3 per cent, unearned income up to 4 per cent. In thirty-seven countries of the world the income tax is estimated to yield one-half of all the returns from direct taxation.

CURRENT COMMENT

A Peace Memorial Bridge.
 (Buffalo Express).

The plan for a memorial bridge across the Niagara River to commemorate the one hundred years of peace has received favorable consideration from the American and Canadian delegates. It is a proposition that is of the greatest interest to Buffalo and to the entire Niagara frontier. When nations abandon forts and build highways to facilitate communication across their frontiers, that is practical evidence of the spirit of peace and friendship and a guarantee of its permanence. Such a bridge would stand for centuries as an example to the world.

A Definition Needed.
 (Boston Transcript).

Really some method should be found for indicating the Supreme Court of the United States to give the final authoritative definition of "white person." All Hawaiians are white, of whatever blood they come. One district judge naturalized a Parsee as "white," and another has just admitted a "high caste Hindu" to citizenship. Incidentally the latter judge conceded the force of the Hindu's argument that he was of the Aryan race, from which, by the way, the Japanese claim to have sprung.

Value of Good Roads.
 (Vancouver Province).

A wise man has said "increased traffic on any road means increased value of farm lands." One of the main objects of good public highways is to permit the countryman and the city man to clasp hands together, and this is done by making roads first-class and cities and towns more accessible to the farmer. It is an established fact that farm lands nearest to first-class highways are the most valuable lands.

A Hearty Welcome.
 (Edmonton Journal).

Word has been received in Vancouver that it is Mr. Borden's intention to pay a visit to the western provinces during the coming summer. This is good news. He kept in close touch with the west during the years preceding his accession to power, visiting it previous to each of the last two general elections, and it is not surprising that he should desire to come this way now. He may rest assured of a most hearty welcome.

DIARY OF EVENTS

FIRST THINGS

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The first convention of the Epworth League was held in Cleveland twenty-four years ago today, when the league was formed by the union of five societies affiliated with the Methodist church. These several societies held under their jurisdiction 13000 local societies, with a membership of 80,000. The league now has over 30,000 chapters and a membership of nearly a million and a half. Besides societies all over the United States and Canada, the league has branches in Mexico, India, South America, Norway, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, China and Japan.

THE PASSING DAY

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

England has erected and planned several memorials in honor of Florence Nightingale, "the angel of mercy," who was born in Florence, Italy, nine-three years ago today. The city of London's memorial, which occupies a place in the lobby of the Guildhall, is in the form of a marble statue three feet in height. Miss Nightingale is pictured as setting out on one of her heroic errands of mercy. The "Lady of the Lamp" is shown bareheaded, in the simple gown of the Victorian period, standing with a candle in her left hand, while with her right hand she is shielding her eyes from its light.

Post-impresion.

George Luks, whose paintings of children and old people made a recent sensation in a Fifth Avenue gallery, was talking about the post-impresionists. "But, Luks," said a magazine editor, "what is a post-impresionist?" "A post-impresionist, my dear fellow, is an artist who aims to give you the post-impresion that he has ordered for more pictures than he can paint."

Up and Down.

She saved no bite nor sup for him. She knew the howling cup for him was making bright. The hours of night. While she sat up for him! He came. She cast a frown on him. Crushed was his top-hat's crown on him; And oh, he would recovery remained at Scutari until Turkey was evacuated by the British. After the war was over a quarter million dollars was raised to enable Miss Nightingale to establish an institution for the training of nurses. Full of years and honors, the "angel of mercy" died in 1910.

FAMOUS EUROPEAN FAIRS.

One of the most famous of the annual fairs of Europe is that of San Isidro, in Spain, which will be revived today. For centuries the hermitage of San Isidro, near Madrid, has been the scene of a great fair on each fifteenth of May, when the grand pilgrimage and festival of San Isidro draws the attention of the people. The commercial side of this, as of other European fairs, has gradually dwindled, as modern methods of exchange of commodities have made such gatherings for purposes of trade wholly unnecessary.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

BIRTHDAY OF SCIENTISTS.

May the fifteenth is a favorite birthday of persons of scientific attainments and many eminent savants, doctors and educators will be the recipients of congratulations today. Heading the list are Sir Edwin Ray Lankester, the distinguished English biologist and evolutionist, and Dr. Max Muller, of the University of Pennsylvania, world-famous as an Egyptologist. Sir Ray Lankester, who has carried on the investigations in the domain of natural history inaugurated by Darwin and Huxley, passes his sixty-sixth milestone, while Dr. Miller was born in Germany fifty-one years ago, May 15, 1862.

Among other famous scientists born on the fifteenth of May may be mentioned William Brewster, the distinguished woman astronomer of Harvard University, who, during her connection with that institution, discovered nine new stars. Mrs. Fleming was born in Dundee, Scotland, May 15, 1857. Dr. Charles W. Stiles, discoverer of the malarial parasite, and secretary of the Rockefeller commission for the eradication of that scourge, first saw the light at Spring Valley, N. Y., forty-six years ago today. Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, and an authority on the science of pedagogy, was born May 15, 1861, at Wilmington, N. C.

Sir Ray Lankester, at sixty-six, is still actively engaged in scientific investigations, and in his latest work, "From Ape to Man," sheds much new light on evolutionary processes. The so-called "missing link" does not bother Sir Ray. He claims to have discovered that there is no absolute gap in regard to the size of brains between the higher races of man and the apes, and argues that the difference is bridged over by the savage lower races of man and exceptional individual apes. Another interesting speculation is indulged in by Sir Ray as to the origin and use of the human chin. He has discovered that the most primitive types of humanity were chinless.

Dr. Muller, the great Orientalist of the University of Pennsylvania, has been a resident of the United States for a quarter of a century, save during his absence in Egypt, where he has engaged in archaeological work for the Carnegie Institution and other scientific bodies. In a recent address on the history of Egypt Dr. Muller said that Queen Taisa of Egypt, who reigned fourteen centuries before the beginning of the present era, had been a working girl before she became the bride of the Egyptian king, and was the first queen ever chosen from the ranks of commoners.

OPHELIA'S SLATE



IN LIGHTER VEIN

Same Thing.
 Wife (bitterly)—How can you talk that way? You know that I never poster you for money.
 Hub—No, but the people you buy things from do.
 Self-Made.
 Son of the House (to caller)—I wanted to see you 'cos father says you made yourself.
 Caller—Yes, my lad, and I'm proud of it.
 Son of House—But why did you do it like that?—Punch.



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How to

This contest is restricted to people in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. A payment on subscription to The Standard from \$1.00 to \$5.00 entitles the contestant to the puzzle. The amount of the subscription price for the paper according to the rate for city delivery. AS MANY DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS AS THE CONTESTANT DESIRES ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WITH EACH THAN \$5.00 CAN BE PAID WITH ANY. It is not necessary to pay the subscription if more than one be submitted. As the main prizes have an added what is paid in on subscription with contestants should familiarize themselves with E.M.D. schedule before sending in their solutions.

Remit by check, money order, registered stamps. What ever is paid, whether on one solution, will apply on a continuous subscription. Solutions unaccompanied by cash or registered. This contest is open to subscribers within the territory designated.

SPECIAL ATTENTION
 While the winning of the prizes depends upon the time the solution is sent in counting at once an send in your solution you have finished. There is no limit to solutions you may send in. All those entering the contest will be the ruling of the Contest Manager. questions arising the Contest Manager can appoint a committee to assist him those who enter the contest do so with that such decision will be final.

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