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EXIT THE HAPSBURGS

The house of Hapsburg, of which the Imperial family of Austria have been the representatives, derived its name from the castle of Hapsburg, Habichtsburg (Hawks Castle) on the right bank of the Aar, in the Swiss Canton of Aargau. The castle was built in the eleventh century by Werner, Bishop of Strasburg. In fact the history of Austria has been that of the Hapsburgs. When Rudolph of Hapsburg became Emperor of Germany and Ottokar King of Bohemia refused to take the oath of allegiance, the Emperor succeeded in dispossessing him of his fiefs (1278) and subsequently conferred them on his son in 1283. Thus the dynasty of Hapsburg was founded. In the first half of the sixteenth century, Duke Ferdinand of Austria was elected King of Hungary by one party, while John Zapolya of Transylvania was chosen by another. After several years Ferdinand finally came out victorious, and united Hungary to Austria. Thus possessed of a large territory, fertile and densely peopled, and regularly elected Emperor of Germany, the house of Hapsburg was for several centuries the richest and most powerful family in Europe. But humiliations came thick and heavy with Napoleon. Driven out of Germany, the Emperor Francis assumed, Aug. 11, 1804, for himself and his successors, the title of Emperor of Austria. Besides Germany, he also lost his possessions in Italy, and was completely shut out from the sea. After the fall of Napoleon, Austria was restored to its former size, and so regained its former prestige in European politics. Now the last of the Hapsburgs has abdicated because of his fear of the populace, and thus ends the career of another family with regard to whom the general verdict will be "Good riddance."

WAR AFTERMATH

The statement that the ex-Kaiser will be allowed to remain in Holland and is likely to settle upon an estate there is a matter which should call for the attention of the Allies in the round table conference which will follow the signing of peace terms when the hundred days of armistice have expired. Had the defeated Teutons clung to William that would have been their own business. But they haven't. He is an exile because of the reputation of his compatriots and he cannot be regarded as anything but a menace as long as he remains just across the border from the Fatherland. He has never possessed one fraction of the genius, or the personal magnetism of Napoleon—a magnetism which enabled the latter upon his escape from St. Helena to again rally a tremendous and menacing army—but if Germany should become wrecked with Bolshevism, after the manner of Russia, the ex-All Highest may be harboring the thought that chaos might reach such a point as to lend opportunity to his rehabilitation. In any event, he is within too easy calling distance. The man has demonstrated himself to be a world menace of the most virulent and murderous type, and he should certainly be taken to some far distant place and kept under strict surveillance.

The opinion has more than once been ventured in these columns that the service of the United States with regard to the war would rest more with financial aid and munitions than anything else, and so the outcome has proved. Uncle Sam entered the fray at too late a date to do much in the field, although the inpouring of his forces doubtless had a marked effect. Word from Washington is to the effect that the total of actual casualties will be about 100,000. Under the circumstances, it is the general belief that U. S. forces will do most of the "polishing" until all matters are finally squared away. Meanwhile President Wilson has been asked to take part in the peace conference, and it is said desires to do so. Hitherto occupants of the White House have never left the country during occupancy of the White House, but these are days when old-time precedent go by the board.

Bonar Law, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, during the speech which he made in the British House yesterday, in asking for a further money grant, paid a special tribute to the Dominions beyond the seas. They were not fighting for the Mother Country, but for the Empire, "which is as much theirs as ours." And in unfeigned admiration he exclaimed, "What troops they have proved."

The master of helping to feed Europe is now one of the first problems to be tackled by the Allies. One London paper cynically remarks that as far as the Germans are concerned, they had better dig up the food laden vessels they have sunk, and it is certainly a "come back" at their expense that they should have ruthlessly helped to bring themselves in to their present condition of sustenance shortage.

save the new government from the embarrassment of his presence. Maybe and then again the nearest lamp post must have looked quite forbidding.

ASQUITH'S SPEECH

Now that the war is at an end it is fitting to recall the famous "We shall not sheathe the sword" speech of Mr. Asquith. He was then—1914—the British Premier and during the course of a notable address soon after the commencement of hostilities he said:

"We shall not sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium recovers in full measure all, and more than all, that she has sacrificed, until France is adequately secured against the menace of aggression, until the rights of the small nationalities of Europe are placed upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."

"This is not merely a material; it is also a spiritual conflict. Upon its issues everything that contains promise and hope, that leads to emancipation and a fuller liberty for the millions who make up the mass of mankind, will be found sooner or later to depend."

"No one who has not been confronted as we were with the responsibility of determining the issues of peace and war can realize the strength and energy and persistence with which we labored for peace. We persevered by every expedient that diplomacy could suggest, straining almost to the breaking point our most cherished friendships and obligations, even to the last unmaking effort upon effort and hoping against hope. Then, and only then, when we were at last compelled to realize that the choice lay between honor and dishonor, between treachery and good faith, when at last we reached the dividing line which makes or mars a nation worthy of the name, it was then and then only that we declared for war. Is there any one in this hall or in this United Kingdom or in the vast Empire of which we here stand in the capital and centre who blames or repents our decision? (Cries of "No.") For these reasons, as I believe, we must steel ourselves to the task, and in the spirit which animated our forefathers in their struggle against the domination of Napoleon, we must and we shall persevere to the end."

"We must learn to take long views, and to cultivate above all other faculties—those of patience, endurance, and steadfastness. Meanwhile, let us go each of us to his or her appropriate place in the great common task. Never had a people more or richer sources of encouragement and inspiration."

"Finally, let us recall the memories of the great men and the great deeds of the past, commemorated some of them in the monuments which we see around us on these walls, not forgetting the dying message of the younger Pitt, his last public utterance made at the table of one of your predecessors, my Lord Mayor, in this very hall: "England has saved herself by her exertions, and will, as I trust, save Europe by her example." The England of those days gave a noble answer to his appeal, and did not sheathe the sword until, after nearly twenty years of fighting the freedom of Europe was secured. Let us go and do likewise."

Well the task has been most nobly accomplished and once again Great Britain stands forth as the proved champion of civil and religious liberty.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Poles are to be a nation. As to that there are enough of them on Brantford streets to start one here.

It would seem that the Crown Prince is still alive so he can get what is coming to him.

Only a few more hours in which those who haven't yet done so can take their stand on behalf of country and empire by a Victory Loan subscription.

William of Hohenzollern indignantly denies that he made a flight into Holland. His departure he says was dictated by the desire to

No recurrence of the flu after all that commingling on Monday would seem to show that the trouble is well stamped out.

All classes of citizens will heartily approve of the increase in salary to Fire Chief Lewis. He has most abundantly earned such recognition.

Your Problems Solved

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.
 (All rights reserved.)
 Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

One with the Infinite—"A Sunday School Teacher" asks: "What is the meaning of Jesus' words 'The Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us?' It may mean to be one in purpose, one in love and one in nature. The unity of Christ and His Father is not corporeal, but spiritual. Every true man and every woman may practically have the unity of God as our Father and brother has. There is a spiritual experience which those realize who live the Christ life of actually dwelling in the Infinite."

Life in Heaven—"A Young Man" inquires: "Do spirits in the unseen world grow?" I think they do, although I have no actual proof. I think many children go to heaven in infancy. If they had remained on earth they would have grown to maturity, and I cannot see why they may not grow in heaven to maturity. It is unreasonable to suppose that living a conscious life, with doubtless a spiritual body, they will always remain babies. I doubt not that all those when mothers and fathers meet their babies in heaven they will meet adults.

Winnipeg is Still Ravaged

By the Prevalence of Spanish Influenza

By Courier Leased Wire
 Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 14.—With steady and deadly persistence Spanish influenza is continuing its ravages in Winnipeg, and the daily average of approximately 300 cases was maintained again yesterday when 255 new cases among civilians and 17 deaths were reported to the local health board. The death toll was the lightest for four days.

Although the health officials refused to permit the churches to open next Sunday for a thanksgiving service, it is understood that the ban may be lifted during next week.

CLASSES OPENED

The Physical Classes at the local branch of the Young Women's Christian Association were scheduled to open to-day. At noon the Director, Miss Cottle, had not arrived although she is expected momentarily to arrive and take over the work.

THE MARKET

The week-day market held this morning was one of very small proportion. The number of stands was limited to one and that had not a very large display of produce. Hay however, formed the residue of the market, being present in goodly quantities.

INDUSTRIAL NIGHT

The committee in charge of the Industrial Night Y.W.C.A. Industrial night decided yesterday to hold next Tuesday at the postponed Business Section Industrial Night commencing at 7:30 p.m. A fire program has been prepared, and the event promises to be an overwhelming success. Everyone in the business section is invited, a special invitation being extended to the ladies.

PRAYER SERVICE

Those who found their way into the Y.W.C.A. yesterday afternoon in response to the call to prayer were greatly inspired by the address delivered by Rev. Capt. Jenkins on War Work after the war. The speaker after paying a tribute to the self-sacrificing effort of women during the four years' struggle, urged that there be no slackening now that the necessity for reconstruction work was laid upon them. The white cross on a red background the speaker suggested might well be the emblem of a great women's organization which would study and promote civic conditions.



WILHELM PLATZ. Will its name be changed with the passing of the Hohenzollerns?

CONTRADICTED THE TESTIMONY OF MRS. GERRARD

Harry Venton, Witness for Defense in Isaacs' Case, Was Cross Examined This Morning

Harry Venton, the first witness for the defense in the Isaacs murder trial, took the stand for cross-examination at the opening of the court this morning. He first went to Duncan's home about March 1, when taking an inventory of coal supplies. On that occasion he met Mrs. Duncan only, and was invited by her to return and meet Mr. Duncan. Some three weeks later, Venton paid a visit to the house at 3 o'clock one afternoon.

"For what purpose?"
 "To see Mr. Duncan."
 "At 3 o'clock in the afternoon?"
 "Yes."
 "Did you not know that he would be working?"
 "Yes."
 "Did you go into the house?"
 "Yes."
 "Whom did you see?"
 "Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Gerrard."
 "In what room?"
 "In the living room."
 "The dining room?"
 "I don't know if you call it that."
 "Was it the room in which you had dinner on Easter Sunday?"
 "Yes."
 "How many of you were at the table on Easter Sunday?"
 "Six of us."
 "All sitting at the table?"
 "I found it, I've broken my glasses for the second time during the case, ejaculated Mr. Davidson, apologizing to His Lordship for his vehemence.

"You had only been once to Duncan's home as a visitor before Easter Sunday?"
 "Yes."
 "You are quite sure of that?"
 "Yes."
 "Venton stated that he sat beside Mrs. Gerrard on his visit to the house previous to Easter Sunday."
 "Did you touch her?"
 "With my hand?"
 "Where?"
 "On her arm."
 "Why?"
 "Because she asked me to."
 "Asked you to hug her?"
 "Witness stated that he had been twice to Duncan's home since the murder. On neither occasion had anything been said concerning the case."

"You have contradicted the evidence of Mrs. Gerrard."
 "Yes."
 "You knew that you would be called as a witness to contradict her evidence?"
 "No, I didn't know that."
 "She says you were in the house when she woke up."
 "She is wrong."
 "If her story is true, it reflects on your bravery in leaving Isaacs to his death."
 "It would if her story were true."
 "Venton had had two drinks on Sunday afternoon. Isaacs did not drink at that time, but did, later. Witness did not see Mrs. Duncan drink at any time."
 "Did you know if Duncan had brought whiskey home from Buffalo?"
 "No."
 "When did you first know?"
 "Not until it was brought out at the dinner."
 "Venton saw a bottle of whiskey but no sign. He had been passing Duncan's house when the latter called him in. He did not see the whiskey until after dinner. The bottle was then standing on a table in the parlor."
 "Didn't you go up either to see the women or to get a drink?"
 "No, I didn't," replied the witness heatedly.
 "Then you went up simply out of friendship for Duncan?"
 "Yes."
 "According to your evidence that was the first time you had met Duncan?"
 "I knew him by sight," yawned Contradicted that Mrs. Gerrard Venton asserted his attentions had not resented the first time. He had never tried to repeat these attentions.

When the conversation turned to "Whereas Duncan went into the parlor with a revolver. The other guests had been in the parlor, but before Duncan returned with the revolver, three of them had come into the dining room."
 "What time did you leave the house?"
 "About half-past four."
 "How do you know?"
 "I looked at my wrist watch."
 "At the inquest you said between half-past four and a quarter to five. Why was that?"
 "I thought my watch might be a bit out."
 "Isaacs, witness stated, had left the house about four."
 "Were you not asleep?"
 "No."
 "How long did you sleep?"
 "About a quarter of an hour."

PERSONAL

Mrs. W. A. Wilkes sailed this week for England.
 Miss Forde, superintendent of the hospital, has left on a trip to Clifton Springs.
 The condition of Flight Cadet Good in hospital at Toronto, is again such as to cause anxiety.

Hudson W. Lamb attended recital given by the famous soprano Galli-Curci in Massey Hall, on Wednesday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. Rich and little son, Albert, of 254 Murray street, are all recovering from an attack of the "flu."

Mr. George C. White attended the recital given by the eminent Australian pianist, Mr. Ernest Hutchinson, in the Massey Hall, Toronto, Wednesday afternoon, and in the evening had the pleasure of hearing Amelita Galli-Curci in Massey Hall.
COMMITTEE MEETS.
 The Religious Activities Committee held a well attended meeting, when plans for the coming season were made. The service next Sunday will be addressed by Rev. J. H. Simon and Mrs. A. O. Beard will sing. The general reports of the committee showed the work well in hand.
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