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## RIDER HAGGARD.

Sir H. Rider Haggard, who died yesterday in London, will be remembered in Saint John as having given this city a sharply increased sense of the gravity of the war a few days after it began. The famous writer made a speech here at that time, somewhat reluctantly expressing his estimate of the conflict which had scarcely started. Many here and elsewhere throughout the world, after the first shock of the news, were inclined to favor the easy and hopeful view that a long struggle was impossible, owing to various causes. They had heard much said to the effect that a real world war could not be financed, and that the deadly character of modern weapons would in itself limit the duration of the struggle. The declaration of war had been followed my many—too many—optimistic forecasts to the effect that Germany would soon be crushed between the Russians in the East and the other Allies in the West.

Sir Rider Haggard's words, spoken slowly and with an almost tragic conviction of the extreme gravity of the outlook, were depressing but charged with real vision. He sensed the world tragedy fully, and, weighing his words, he brought out the full menace of the struggle to the British Empire, saying at the end, "If Britain falls, Canada falls." There followed a little later the great victory of the Marne, which gave rise again to a too great optimism. Then began the trench warfare, and the long, slow struggle, while Britain was mobilizing its new armies and the overseas Dominions were pouring men into France in answer to the call of the flag and the cause. Many a time did Saint John recall Sir Rider Haggard's grim estimate of the struggle and realize how fully events had justified his words.

While he was deeply interested and highly informed concerning agriculture and played a considerable part in promoting that industry at home and in the overseas Dominions, and in furthering agricultural immigration, Sir Rider will be remembered chiefly for his iction. He gave the English-speaking vorld a series of novels, in the early ighties and up to 1894, which were read vith intense interest. These included Dawn," "She," "King Solomon's lines," and many another which inroduced a new note and which were arked by imagination, picturesqueess and vivid force.

## TARIFF VOTES.

The Progressive amendment calling an immediate downward revision of tariff was defeated in the Comns yesterday by a majority of enty-seven, which included fourteen the Progressives and eleven of the iservatives. The membership of the use is 235, and only 141 votes were a great many of the Conservas being absent. A few days ago n the main budget motion was re the House eighteen of the gressives voted in support of the inistration. This led to a Progres- caucus, at which Mr. Forke and rs attempted to set up a more party discipline, but yesterday's indicates that the Progressive upon which Mr. Forke can depend ll occasions is smaller than was osed.

sterday's vote was really the first ght division at this session on the ion of a reduction in the tariff. Conservative amendment some ago was designed to secure essive support. It did not de- a reduction in the tariff, but pro- that taxation be reduced. Most Progressives voted against that ient, giving the Government a y of 116, but when the main was put all of the Progressives hteen voted against the Govern- and its majority was thirty- Yesterday the Progressives t up the straight issue of reduc- iserting that the policy of pro- maintained in the present has increased the cost of living production, and has failed to adequate revenues or to prerious depression in trade and . The Progressives demanded on of the tariff based on the revenue instead of on the of protection, to reduce the iving "and to place our indus- a permanently sound basis." y this did not command any tive support, and, as has been urteen of the Progressives e Government in voting it o far as the present House of is concerned, the various a show that a very large of the members are opposed a movement toward free toward higher protection.

## VISITING CRITICS.

In discussing recent comment upon American manners, methods and affairs by English writers, Dean Inge among them, the New York Times takes the view that Americans are much more broad-minded in the face of foreign criticism than they were a generation ago, and presents some evidence in support of this view. Much that Dean Inge had to say on American matters has been received with no little appreciation by at least a part of the American press. Some of the rather waspish observations in the writings and lectures of Lady Oxford have naturally elicited sharp comment in kind. The lady invited a return fire, and while she did not like all of it she contrived to find material for further writing in the retorts of American speakers and writers.

In her new book she describes the American people as "nationally vain," and suffering from the uneasiness of the newly rich "who would rather be abused than not discussed," and The Times finds it surprising that "this very abuse is thought worthy of transmission by cable, together with press comment expressing the fear that such phrases will cause an outburst of pained wonderment in the United tSates." The Times finds no evidence of such an outburst, which it regards as a cause for consolation. Instead of regarding Americans as nationally vain in these days The Times says: "To-day we have rather to lament a certain abasement in Americans, which is equally notable whether in the case of a distinguished man of letters or a social gadfly." And it adds:

"Almost thirty years ago William Dean Howells wrote a magazine essay, to be published in season for the Fourth of July, in which he characterized 'the modern American mood' as no longer swollen with spread-eagleism and frontier braggadocio. The mood which he already sensed in a degree and confidently predicted was of a more dignified pride. Thirty years ago the Western stump orator still lauded the declaration that all men are created equal in the same breath with which he proclaimed that, one and all, we are the greatest people on earth; but even then he was a lingering survival. To-day he is extinct as a cigar-store Ind'an. At that time the blunt and somewhat unimaginative criticism with which Matthew Arnold favored us on his lecture tour did actually cause some such 'outburst of pained wonderment' as the London press now anticipates; we accused the good man of a hideous breach of hospitality because, in answer to our anxious questioning, he told us what he thought."

One reason why an Englishman is insensible to foreign praise or blame, says The Times, is that, as Bernard Shaw remarked of a critic of his plays, he could do it so much better himself. Fortunately American comment on Britain and Britons, and that of British writers and speakers on the United States and things American have shown a less harsh flavor in recent years, and no less fortunately the reception of criticism, kindly or otherwise, in both countries is tempered increasingly by an invaluable sense of humor.

## THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

Dean Inge's recent reference to the great growth of alien population in the United States, even in the New England villages, leads the Christian Science Monitor to say:

"Our recent guest scented a certain menace to the continuing charm of these little home spots in the influx of immigrants, alien in thought and action to the New England ideals. Beyond doubt he laid an unerring finger upon the chief present-day danger to the existing social organization of the United States. But, belatedly indeed, the present immigration law blocks that threat at its present status. Too many of the unfit have indeed been admitted, but the curb is now applied. Americans, who, in the past, felt a certain pride in finding their country the only one to which the surplus millions of Europe sought entrance, have awakened to the peril of the flood and narrowed the gates. There is no danger they will ever be reopened."

The change in the American immigration laws is likely to remain effective for a long time at least, and it marks an extraordinary change in public policy. For a great many years American sentiment, dominated by purely commercial instincts, dwelt rather upon the size of the population than the quality. It was carelessly assumed that "the melting pot" could take care of and assimilate aliens without number, and one result was to pour into the country hordes of people who formed foreign colonies in the cities, living in squalor, retaining their own language and customs, and perpetuating beliefs hostile to American institutions.

Canada wants immigrants, but by no means indiscriminate immigration. It needs workers, from British and Scandinavian countries chiefly, and a great number of them, but it does not need and does not invite aliens of the sort whose presence constitutes a fresh national problem. The immense reduction in the stream of immigration to the United States is bound to make it much easier for Canada to secure settlers and still exercise prudence in excluding those of undesirable types and races.

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The Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been telling the International Police Conference, at its New York meeting, that the heroic, sleek, long-haired Mounties seen in the moving pictures are not true to life. What he means is that the generally admirable men of the famous force are well disciplined and effective policemen and not moving picture heroes. That was suspected by some people before the Commissioner made his announcement.

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The new trade treaty between Canada and the Netherlands and Dutch possessions was given its first reading in the House of Commons yesterday. Hon. Mr. Robb was asked by Hon. Mr. Meighen and Dr. MacLaren whether goods coming to Canada under the new treaty would have to come through Canadian ports in order to receive the concessions provided for in the pact. The Minister said he believed that such would be the case, but promised to make sure of it if the present wording of the treaty leaves any doubt.

# Odds and Ends

**"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."**

## One More Fearful Soul

(From the Vancouver Sun)

Dr. Harry Fosdick of New York tells a Toronto audience that if a new war comes "it is bound to be a world war and will shake civilization to its foundations."

It is time the white world recognized that fact.

In every corner of the globe, the colored races are massing against white domination.

Color predominates today in South America. Mexico is the centre of anti-white propaganda. And the yellow races, encouraged by colored malcontents in South America and Mexico, are looking with longing eyes towards that southern continent as an outlet for their teeming millions.

Brown Mohammedans of Northern Africa are spreading their militant creed through the blacks of that continent. The whole colored world is being armed and inflamed against the whites.

In their common hatred of white domination, the colored races have found a magnet that has drawn them together as nothing else could have done.

There is no use concealing these facts. It is time the white races looked them squarely in the face.

Dr. Fosdick's prediction in regard to the next war is eminently true, because the next time the white world weakens itself with internal conflict, the colored world will find its best opportunity to strike.

Prevention of war among the white races has become not only a moral question and a sentimental question, it has become the vital question of preserving white civilization.

Numerically, the white race is greater than any other, comprising one-third of all the human souls on earth. But the white race no longer faces four other scattered races, quarreling among themselves or unknown to each other; it faces two-thirds of the earth's population grimly determined to put a halt to the white man's "framing" of the world.

A new war among the whites will end the white man's dominion of this world forever. It will tinge with black, brown, yellow or red the white cheeks of your children yet to come.

### Shop Signs in Japan.

(London Express.)

"Oddity is the best policy" seems to be the most recent slogan of the Japanese shopkeeper. This is especially true of the small shops which have sprung up all over Tokio since the earthquake of 1923.

One shop claims to give the highest discount for cash purchases. The sign reads: "Tabe (Japanese socks) at a hundren yen a pair, with ninety-nine yen off for cash."

A fruit store goes by the name of "Fighting House." When the proprietor was asked what the connection was between fruit and fighting, he answered that the word "fight" always attracts a crowd, and the crowd might as well gather in front of his shop as anywhere else.

Discounts are announced nearly everywhere, but one man decided to be different, so he says: "Absolutely no discount here. You pay through your nose." The results, he claims, are exceptionally good.

A certain restaurant has a large clock in front, with the hands pointing to 11.58, with the accompanying sign: "Two minutes to twelve. Bang! Restaurant." This recalls the great earthquake, which took place at 11.58, never-to-be-forgotten hour in Japan.

### Why It Lasts.

(Ottawa Journal.)

The cold weather is lasting until the mosquito and the black fly can get out to make life merry where the trout are.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN

He was not a good card-player, and it was only after much pressure that he took a hand.

After a particularly glaring error his partner turned on him in real anger. "Why didn't you follow my lead?" he asked.

"If I followed anybody's lead, sir," exclaimed the novice, hotly, "it certainly wouldn't be yours."

His partner subsided. In the next hand, however, he threw down his cards in desperation. "Look here," he cried, "Didn't you see me call for a spade or club? Have you no black suit?"

"Yes, I have," returned the novice, "but I'm keeping it for your funeral."

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A Scottish farmer was selling wool one day to a carrier. After weighing it he went into the house to make out an invoice. When he came back he missed a cheese that had been standing on a shelf behind the outer door, and glancing at the bag of wool, he observed that it had suddenly increased in size.

"Man," said he to the carrier, "I hae clean forgot the weight o' that bag. Let's put it on the scales again."

The carrier could not well refuse. The bag was, of course, found to be heavier by the weight of the cheese inside. A new invoice was made out and the crestfallen carrier went his way.

At once the farmer's wife missed the cheese, and rushing to the yard, told her husband that some thief had taken it.

"Na, na, Sarah," replied the farmer quietly, "I hae just sold the cheese for twa shillings the pund."

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He was holding forth from the summit of the proverbial soap-box in the market-place. Around him were deposited his bags containing cures for every conceivable disease under the sun; also the usual crowd, who, although they would never dream of buying anything, stood and listened to his elegant orations.

"These pills, ladies and gentlemen," he shouted, "are one of the wonders of the world! They are absolutely marvellous. Why, in my own case, let me tell you that four years ago I was a miserable wreck; my face was yellow and haggard, my figure bent, and I had the look of a hounded man. What I ask, and I ask it again and again—what has brought this change in me?"

The silence was broken by one of the audience, who mildly inquired:

"What change?"

## A RIVER THAT LOSES ITSELF.

Poets and others have taught us to accept rivers as more or less prosaic features in Nature's general scheme of things. Tennyson, for instance, has held up the brook as a model of virtue and longevity. It is both refreshing and interesting to discover, therefore, that there are streams which do not conform to this ostimable standard, but which, very much like human beings, do things they are not supposed to do according to the accepted theories of convention.

There is a river in Canada which loses itself completely and thereby has earned a rather outstanding reputation. This is the Maligne River, which rises in Maligne Lake, after playing its pranks, tumbles—as if it were applauding itself for its cleverness—with a great rush and roar into the staid waters of the Athabaska.

After it leaves Maligne Lake it flows for a goodly number of miles with nothing in its appearance to indicate that soon, so to speak, it is going to sow some wild oats. It is when it reaches the Maligne Canyon, situated about five miles from Jasper Park Lodge, that it begins its pranks. Here it dips suddenly and, without warning, nose dives into a narrow gorge it has cut for itself out of solid rock. Within a distance of fifty yards, this chasm reaches a depth of several hundred feet and it is hard to see the water which has lessened in volume. This diminution continues until only a trickle is left. Yet, beforethe Athabaska is reached, the river is again a roaring torrent. Only one explanation seems possible, that somewhere the river loses itself in an underground passage. The canyon is one of the many interesting spots for those who visit this magnificent playground in the Canadian Rockies every year.

This is but one of the many scenic spectacles that the tourist meets in this land of never-to-be-forgotten beauty and many are now planning to take advantage of the very low tourist fares to this territory, which go into effect on the Canadian National Railways on May 15.

Illustrated literature and information as to fares, etc, may be had on application to the General Passenger Department of the Canadian National Railways at Moncton, N. B. 6-15.

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## Appeal Fails Before The Privy Council

LONDON, May 14.—The judicial committee of the privy council today dismissed the appeal in the case of Wing Lee vs. Lew with costs.

The parties to the action were Chinese residents of Vancouver, B. C., and the action was for damages for alleged malicious prosecution and false arrest. The interesting point in connection with the appeal was that the appellant was murdered after the appeal to the Canadian Supreme Court had begun. There was a question as to whether upon the death of the appellant, the action died with him, but in this case special leave to appeal was given by the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

## Urge Australian Treaty Be Placed In Effect

OTTAWA, May 14—A deputation of paper manufacturers from Montreal and Quebec conferred in camera today with Premier MacKenzie King and Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance. E. W. Tobin, M. P., introduced the delegation.

While no official announcement was made afterwards, it was stated that the government was urged to put the proposed Australian treaty into effect at an early date.

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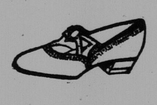

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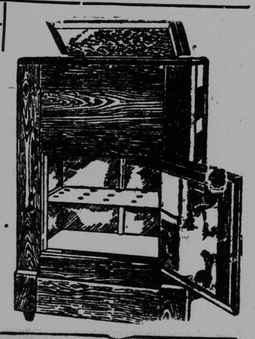

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