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## THE WEST INDIES PROTEST.

The people of the British West Indies are showing dissatisfaction with the steamship service between the islands and Canada. The Associated Chambers of Commerce have voiced a protest, and according to the Toronto Globe "do not see a sufficient service even in the return of the Chaleur and Chignecto to their original itinerary." The Grenada Guardian says the service "still falls very much short of the trade agreement," and expresses the hope that friends in Canada of greater co-operation with the West Indies will not relinquish their efforts to get a better service. This is a matter of the deepest concern to the Maritime Provinces, and our Boards of Trade should be very much on the alert, doing their utmost to influence the Government at Ottawa to give every facility for the advancement of trade with the islands.

This is not the only matter of concern. The merchants of the islands complain that while they have curtailed their buying in the United States in Canada's favor the former country has increased its purchase of their goods very substantially while Canada has not done so.

It is hoped that the new trade agreement with the West Indies will prove of great mutual benefit, but that will depend upon the extent to which each country is willing to buy from the other, and upon the character of the steamship service. Interest in this matter on the part of our people must be more than spasmodic. There should be much business correspondence, a careful study of the situation, and more attention given by Canadian businessmen to the importance of paying visits to the islands and opening up trade connections. We in the Maritimes are looking for markets abroad. The nearest good market open to us under favorable conditions is that of the West Indies. Our attention should be directed there and to possible trade enlargement with Central and South America. The trade will not come unless we go after it in a business-like way.

One of yesterday's despatches shows how seriously this matter of steamship communication is regarded by the people of the Leeward and Windward Islands. A deputation headed by Sir Eustace Pinnes, Governor of the former, has just waited upon Col. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, in London, with a protest against Canada's failure to carry out the agreement made last year in regard to passenger and mail service. Presumably the matter will be the subject of correspondence between London and Ottawa, as well as between Ottawa and the islands. The Government at Ottawa sanctioned the trade agreement and must therefore be assumed to be most anxious to have it carried out with the least possible delay.

## THE GLOOMY DEAN.

That venerable cleric, Dean Inge, the dean of St. Paul's, universally known as the Gloomy Dean has written in explanation and defence of his gloom. Firstly he feels called upon to uphold pessimism in general. He declares that optimists are "generally foolish people who buy from Jews and sell to Scotsmen hoping to make a profit." The clerical joke, not altogether original, will offend neither Jews nor Scotsmen, both of which races are proud of their reputations for business acumen. But can pessimism as such be defended? It is not necessary to be blind to difficulties in order to retain the hope for the best. Even when beset with fears it is unnecessary to screech blue ruin from the pulpit like a Cassandra in a surplice, nor to splash from a fountain pen Jeremiahs across the columns of the press.

Coming down to the particular, the Gloomy Dean says that the Reds are seeking to undermine orderly government. Since the beginning of time good has always been opposed by evil, order by disorder. If the Reds seek to undermine orderly government, orderly government must crush the Reds. The British Empire, so says the dean, is threatened with disintegration. There will be a number, in fact probably a vast majority, who will absolutely deny this, and these certainly will not all be people in the habit of buying from Jews and selling to Scotsmen as a definite business policy. The world is faced with a food shortage. This is another reason for Dean Inge's gloom. In that case the world must produce more food, and doubtless will do so. The French have, so we are told, shown themselves false friends and defaulting debtors. This seems to be putting the very worst interpretation on French policy. But presumably one must do this to be consistently gloomy. The Dean says we like Americans and wish we could like America as a nation. Perhaps this is the Dean's truest observation. The citizens of the United States appear to have separate and divergent mentalities. Nonetheless it appears unnecessarily gloomy to state that we must realize that to trust

## Dinner Stories

SOME of those American soldiers who stopped off in England for a time were exuberant in spirits that they refused to have them dampened even by the well-known and much advertised foggy weather.

The colonel of a regiment, making a night tour of a certain camp, was challenged by a sentry who had been standing for hours in a driving rain. "Who goes there?" demanded the guard.

"Friend," replied the colonel.

"Welcome to our mist," said the sentry.

SHRIEKS and yells of the most appalling type were issuing from the little cottage, and quite a crowd had collected. Presently, clothed in the full majesty and dignity of the law, a policeman came striding onto the scene.

"Now, then," he chided gruffly, "what is all this about?"

"Please, sir," spoke up a small boy, "that's only my brother. He's crying because mama's eyesight ain't very good and she's deaf, too."

"He must be a very feeling little fellow," remarked the officer, wiping away a furtive tear.

"Yes, sir, he is. You see, Ma's mending his trousers, and he's got them on."

Timely Views On World Topics

IRELAND HAPPY AND PROSPERING UNDER NEW REGIME

By TIMOTHY SMIDDY

Irish Free State Minister to the U. S. in interview.

IRELAND is making good. She has laid the foundation for a sound industrial and agricultural development and is going about it with high spirit and with splendid hope.

It is wrong to think or speak of Ireland as poor. She does not need capital; what she needs is leadership. Ireland as a country is rich. Her people have deposits in foreign lands which are only approximately \$75,000,000, is lower relatively, I believe, than that of any other country. Her budget balances and she is coping with her farm problem by means of "sane legislation."

It is wrong to think of the Ireland of today as the sad land of two decades ago. She is no longer a sad country, but a happy country—happy and contented as any country in Europe.

WHO'S WHO

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, widely known lecturer, traveler and women's club worker, has returned from a tour of the League of Nations.

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So, day by day. . . And some unreckoned year.

Will find me standing as a lover stands.

Waiting a twilight that will touch me, here.

Familiarly, like tender, straying hands. . .

And in some secret way I cannot tell.

It will be well with me. . . It will be well.

Beauty's a Flower

(Moira O'Neill)

Youth's for an hour, Beauty's a flower, But love is the jewel that wins the world.

Youth's for an hour, an' the taste of life is sweet.

Alles was a girl that stepped on two bare feet;

In all my days I never seen one as fair as she.

I'd have my life for Alles, an' she never cared for me.

Beauty's a flower, an' the days o' life are long.

There's little knowin' who may live to sing another song;

For Alles was the fairest, but another is my wife.

An' Mary—God be good to her!—is all I love in life.

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Suggested Gifts For Brides.

(Boston Transcript)

Patent snore silencer and romance preserver.

Dictograph for recording sleep mutterings.

A file for reducing household bills.

Electric searchlight for use in pest larceny.

Box of chalk for drawing the line.

A rock crusher for her first biscuits.

Noble Symbolism Wanted

(New York Herald-Tribune.)

The main thing is that a great conception shall be sought which will fitly express what the memories of the great war record. Mere architecture, however ornate and lovely, is not enough. There must be a noble symbolism, as well.

## The "Weaker" Sex

NEXT?



—Hungerford, in the Pittsburg Sun.

## Queer Quirks of Nature

CIVILIZATION PUTS PRICE UPON HIS HEAD

BY ARTHUR N. PACK

WELL, he is called the Kingfisher, with his crown of blue feathers, holding peaceful dominion over winding stream or shallow lake. Flying from one commanding perch to another, with his cheerful rattling call telling us that all is well in his kingdom; he seems a fitting part of his chosen valley.

For ages before this quiet haunt was known to human beings, his ancestors gained their living from the waters, sharing with heron, fish-hawk, eagle and other their bounty.

Were they not his before they were for him, in exchange for that extra bit of cheerful life which he lends to pond or stream?

In late spring or early summer, Mr. and Mrs. Kingfisher seek some sandy bank near a good fishing place, and dig a burrow extending back several feet. In a small chamber at its end, they lay a few fishbones or debris. Mrs.

Kingfisher lays her generous clutch of white eggs. When these hatch more fishes are needed, and until the young are grown and trained to fish for themselves, the parent pair lead a busy life.

Let us hope that before this clamor for the destruction of our feathered fishermen results in their further destruction, fairness to the birds and their well wishers, shall turn the tide in favor of our fisher friends, and that so long as water runs their cheery rattle shall echo along our waterways.

Some foreign countries are represented in its fifteen hundred or more members.

She was the first woman from Texas on the Democratic national committee and is one of the only two women members of the Woodrow Wilson Jury of Award.

Sandy Was Too Smart

An Aberdonian, hearing that a doctor charged \$6 for a first consultation and \$25 for a second, went to him and said, "Here we are again, doctor."

"I don't remember seeing you before," said the doctor.

"Oh, yes, I was here last week," lied Sandy.

"Oh, indeed, I had forgotten. How are you keeping?"

"Not at all well, doctor, not at all well."

"Let me see," replied the doctor; "just continue your last prescription for another week. That will be two shillings and sixpence, please."

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## POEMS I LOVE

"Love's Philosophy" by P. B. Shelley.

IF THIS poem has not been set to music—and it may be ignorance on my part not to know—it certainly should be. A composer could hardly resist it. Shelley has often been called "the poet's poet," but I think his appeal is more universal than the critics imagine. Surely lines like these reach everyone.

The fountains mingle with the river And the rivers with the ocean, The winds of heaven mix forever With a sweet emotion;

Nothing in the world is single, All things a law divine— In one another's being mingle— Why not I with thine?

See the mountains kiss high heaven And the waves kiss one another; If it disdains its brother,

And the sunlight clasps the earth, And the moonbeam kisses the sea— What are these kissings worth, If thou kiss not me?

## Just Fun

VARIETY is the vice of life.

IT IS EIGHTY-FIVE years since the first time-table was produced. All the trains mentioned in that volume are in by now!

FOOTPRINTS on the sands of time are not made by sitting down.

TWO years ago everybody was talking about MaJong and now they are all talking about Ma Ferguson.

HOW to reduce. Push away from the table three times each day.

ADAM and Eve had to believe in love at first sight or none.

HAVING a choice between starvation and a profession school teachers choose both.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE—IF A lion met a tiger.

As they drank beside a pool, Said the tiger to the lion, "You're a roaring like a fool."

"That's not foolish," said the lion With a twinkle in his eyes, "They call me the king of beasts Because I advertise."

A rabbit heard them talking, And ran like a streak. He thought he'd try the lion's plan, But his roar was a squeak.

A fox came to investigate, Had hunkered in the woods; So when you advertise my friend, Be sure you've got the goods.

IF A MAN is down in his cellar the chances are he is lost.

No Half-Hearted Effort (Peterboro Examiner.)

Quebec is tackling the problem of securing safer driving conditions in no half-hearted manner, as is evidenced by the statement issued by Judge Choquette, of Montreal, that drunk drivers will be given a year's jail sentence. Already the licenses of several hundred motorists convicted of recklessness have been cancelled and the Quebec authorities are evidently determined that the only way to effectively eliminate careless driving is to chase the offenders away from the wheel.

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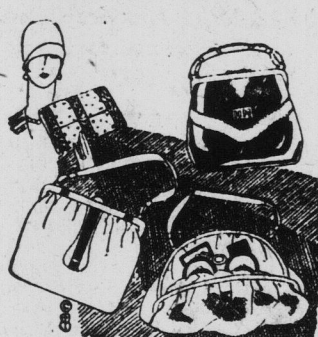
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