

## Mrs. Asquith vs. The London Globe

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The case of Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the Premier, against the Globe, was resumed in Chancery Court to-day, having been continued from last Friday. The court granted Mrs. Asquith the injunction for which she asked to restrain the Globe from the publication of articles which she alleged are libelous. At the hearing last week Mrs. Asquith said she had been accused by the Globe of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners and had been described as a traitor and a disgrace to her sex.

The only answer made by the Globe since the hearing last week was an affidavit filed by the manager to the effect that he knew nothing about the matter.

"There is not a shadow of truth in this libel," said Mrs. Asquith's counsel.

"Mrs. Asquith has never been in Donnington Hall (in which German prisoners are confined) or had any communication whatever with any of its inmates."

Attorney Duke, counsel for Mrs. Asquith, complained that there had been persistent circulation of reports attributing to her disloyalty to the national cause and hostile association with prisoners of hostile belligerents. He read a series of letters that had appeared in the Globe, which, without naming the plaintiff, contained such expressions as: "She is a disgrace to England"; "We now know why so many 'Boches' are allowed to be at large"; "Truly, the country is in the hands of 'Boches'"; "We don't want traitors in our innermost councils."

The attorney declared the attack was most outrageous and of most serious public gravity. It was designed to strike at the confidence of the country in the Government and inspire outsiders with the opinion that Great Britain's foes might hope to prevail, he added. The whole business constituted a long series of malicious fabrications, he asserted.

The attorney read an affidavit by Mrs. Asquith, stating that never in her life had she been in Donnington Hall and that there was not the slightest ground for the suggestion that she had ever supplied anything to its inmates. She had no doubt that the publications referred to her. A friend had spoken to her on the subject and she had received grossly abusive and insulting letters.

Counsel for the Globe expressed regret and apologized in behalf of the publishers, attributing the publication of the letters to disorganization resulting from the recent suspension of the paper, and the court granted the injunction.

## America Has a Joyous Christmas

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Christmas festival of 1915 finds the Americans the happiest of the Christian peoples. There is a sort of joy manifested among the most afflicted of the war sufferers; there is a smile, a cheer and a crude observance in the miles of trenches, the ramparts and the gun-bristling ships of Europe; there are the regular observances of the strange rites of the Christmas season in the neutral nations of the old world.

But the privations and horrors of warfare, and the disturbances of regular trade and communication, have been farthest removed from the United States. All of Europe has suffered materially and mentally, and the smoke of battle spreads in every direction. In the Western world, our great neighbor to the North has given nobly of its men, its money and its energy to aid its parent, and our fellow republic to the south have felt the cold hand of deprived trade and financial collapse. South America has ample reasons to be happy on Christmas Eve, for it has found a staunch friend in the big republic and is already revived and reunited with the rest of the world.

The American Christmas of 1915 sees a return of prosperity, the welding of a closer bond of unity, and the outlook for continued peace with the world. Its bounty is steaming to all lands of the world; to some it goes as the gift of a generous, Christian people. There is plenty of work for the individuals, and less poverty and suffering than for many years past. The reawakening of Americanism has brought a stronger realization to many new citizens of what the American democracy stands for. Our government has stood the test of neutrality through another trying year, and peace with the world seems more assured than ever.

Millions of Christmas presents are to-day delighting hearts that were sad last year in America. The children of the poor are better provided for, through regular employment for those who are competent. Firms and stores are distributing millions of dollars in Christmas gifts to their employees. The Christmas spirit has taken a firm hold of Americans this year.

In the East, the wheels of industry are running at highest speed; the middle and far West, the crops garnered by the farmers have broken all records; the South is prosperous again, with goodly crops and fair prices for their cotton.

The reports of general happiness and prosperity form a new chapter in American history; and the prospect of continued abundance and better

## Spain Preparing; Re-Arms Her Troops

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Gibraltar to-day announced that the Spanish Government is beginning military preparations on a large scale. Among other details of its activities to which great significance is attached by the British military officials is an order issued to-day authorizing 60,000 Spanish carbiniers to turn in their Mauser rifles and receive in exchange an equal number of what are declared to be Remingtons of the latest model.

Francisco Javier Salar, Spanish Consul-General in this city, admitted to-day that Spain has begun a campaign of preparedness, but he denied emphatically that it has any relation to the present war or to conditions between Spain and Portugal.

"Spain is merely trying to bring her military efficiency up to a higher grade," he declared. "It has no more significance that has the demand for better armament in this country. Spain has no intention of becoming embroiled in this war, and while, of course, we have always desired a union with Portugal, the great sentiment is for treaties with that country to bring us closer together."

"The despatch from Gibraltar is misleading. As I understand it, the carbiniers, who are only based for police duties, are ordered to turn in their Mausers, needed in the army, and receive in return the old Remingtons which were discarded by the army years ago, but which have been since stored in the arsenals."

Spain is buying munitions in this country, added Salar, and a commission of five has been in New York for the past ten months, which has closed several contracts with the Winchester, Western and other cartridge and shell companies. But the vast bulk of the expenditures, which are estimated to total \$20,000,000 before the commission leaves, is for machinery with which Spain will be able to manufacture its own munitions as well as all other war supplies.

Three of the commissioners, L. Claros, Major Perez Vidal and Captain Mouton, are now in New York. The two others, Major Garrido, who is in charge, and Captain B. Sarda, are now in the West inspecting several large factories, whose system they intend to copy in part.

Still nearly every fellow who expresses a willingness to die for his country has a sneaking hope that his hand won't be called.

feeling among all classes adds to the joy of the holiday season.

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## Miquelon Folk Enjoy Prosperity

CURLING, Nfld., Dec. 28.—Mail advices from St. Pierre, Miquelon tell of a change in the office of administrator and the opening of a new era of prosperity among the fisherfolk of the little French colony.

The islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon with a total population of four thousand gave three hundred men to the armies of the Allies and contributed \$5,000 to the Red Cross Society of France. Many of their soldiers later were allowed to return to their nets and the catch this season was unusually good with high prices to be had.

The writer says:

"The censorship on telegraphic messages remains very strict and little of what has transpired here since the beginning of the war can have reached the outside world. The administrator, M. Chabaud came in conflict with the mayor and board of trade when he made a report to Paris saying that the Colony could furnish 850 soldiers. The board of trade declared that the promise was impossible of fulfillment and that any serious exodus of fishermen would cripple the industry and leave their families destitute. When the call came only 350 men were found fit and of these 75 were later returned from France because of their age."

"The popular agitation against M. Chabaud became so bitter that the French colonial ministry finally deposed the administrator, sending M. Lachat to succeed him. For a time M. Chabaud remained to assist the new administrator and then there was a break in their relations and last month Chabaud left the island.—Moncton Transcript.

## Shrewd Canadians Made Money from Comrades in Arms

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—Some shrewd Canadians carried on business in the front line trenches and raked in the francs that resulted from their enterprise, to the accompaniment of shells swishing overhead and an occasional rifle bullet. Private Thomas Clark, of Lachine, and his friend and comrade-in-arms, Private Dave Roberts, of Montreal, used to pick up the candle ends which their more wasteful comrades threw away. Later, in the trenches, they would drive their bayonets cross-wise into the ground and hang their canteen from it. Fires in the trenches were not allowed to be so close that the smoke would give the enemy's batteries the range, and so three of these candle-ends would be stuck in a piece of board or anything handy to replace the canteen and soon the water would be boiling merrily. The tea they thus brewed for themselves awakened the longings of soldiers with money, and the remaining candle ends left the possession of the two soldier merchants at one franc apiece. This addition to their field allowance they found very acceptable when on duty.

Perhaps you have noticed that the big man, who ought to look dignified doesn't; and that the little man, who can't appear dignified, tries to.

## THE BROTHERHOOD OF BETTER THINGS.

(Edgar A. Guest in Detroit Free Press.)

(Read at the Board of Commerce Meeting, Nov. 30, 1915.)

He dreamed of a better city, he longed for a fairer fame

For the home of his daily labours, and he talked of a brighter name

For the scenes of his children's playtime and the place of his children's birth,

And he talked as a man who loved his town and was proud of her splendid worth.

He told her needs as he saw them, to him were her failings known, And he wanted to build for her greatness—but he couldn't do it alone.

He was one of the many thousands who dreamed of the better day With visions of greater splendours when they should have passed away.

And each in his dream, unselfish, could picture a distant goal

When his city should rise in beauty and throb as a living soul.

But the dreams would have come and vanished, and the vision from earth have flown

Had each of the dreamers tried to work for his city's fame—alone.

You may think great thoughts for the future, you may fashion and build and plan,

But you never shall see your dreams made real, save you work with your fellowman.

And never a greater city shall spring into being here

Save that the many have labored together its fame to rear.

Out of the hearts of our fellows has all of our greatness grown,

Together they stood for this purpose—for no one could do it alone.

Stand off by yourself with your dreaming and all of your dreams are vain.

No splendor of soul or structure can man by himself attain;

'Tis willed we shall dwell as brothers, as brothers, then, must we toil.

We must share in a common purpose, as we share in a common soil.

And each who would see accomplished the dreams he is proud to own, Must strive for the goal with his fellow—for he cannot reach it alone.

—MOOSE JAW.

An interesting story is told as to the origin of the name "Moose Jaw" as applied to a town in Canada. Some fifty years ago, so the story runs, a pioneer with his team of oxen and "prairie schooner," while passing along the banks of the river, was obliged to camp at this point in Saskatchewan on account of an accident to his cart.

A spoke had fallen out during the day, and the wheel was falling apart. He looked about for something to insert for a temporary brace for the wheel, while his wife busied herself with the evening meal.

The pioneer's child while romping around, found the jawbone of a moose, which she held up to her father, who by this time almost despairing of finding anything with which to repair his cart. He was delighted to find that the jawbone exactly fitted the place of the missing spoke. The Indians thereafter named this district: "The Place Where the White Man Found the Moose Jaw." This, it is said, accounts for the town's queer name.—Washington Star.

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