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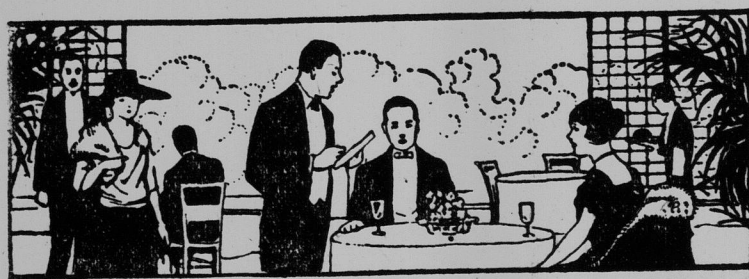
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THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1922

### WELCOME HOME FOR MR. BALFOUR

Ambassador Harvey Joins in Praises for Head of British Mission.

An Associated Press cable from London says:—  
America joined in the praises of A. J. Balfour, head of the British mission at the Washington conference, in his welcome to the home land, when American Ambassador George Harvey, Monday, addressed the Pilgrims' Society at which three hundred persons gathered. The Duke of York represented the royal family, and the others included ministers of the cabinet, civil and military leaders and official and unofficial representatives of the American community.  
It was a "personal welcome" for a great pilgrim, according to Marquis Curzon, in contrast to the official welcome accorded Mr. Balfour by the government luncheon Thursday.  
The king by letter, which was read to the diners, the Duke of York, Lord Curzon and Mr. Harvey indulged in eulogies of Mr. Balfour. Cheers greeted Ambassador Harvey's prediction that the United States senate was as certain to ratify the various treaties as the British parliament was to sanction them.  
"As a recruit of the Pacific pact," said Lord Curzon, "not a man in this room tonight can expect to see warfare in that part of the world."  
With the modesty which characterized and popularized his efforts at Washington, Mr. Balfour, in responding, said that in all the years of his career he had never attended an occasion so moving and so difficult to do justice to as this welcome. Though for the moment he appeared in the forefront of the picture, he pointed out that the part of any individual was but a small matter in dealing



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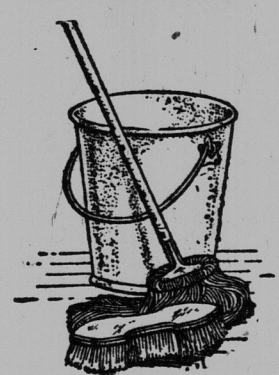
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which Mr. Hughes, the secretary of state, presided over the deliberations.

"What has been accomplished and ratified by the delegates is of pre-eminent importance, but apart from the great measure of its work, has not the conference kindled among the nations of the world a new spirit which is quickening the old diplomacy and giving it an international, rather than a mere national, character? I am with you in heart tonight."

The Prince of Wales cabled from Delhi his regrets at being unable to be present. Prince Arthur of Connaught, governor-general of the Union of South Africa, sent a message paying tribute to Mr. Balfour. The chairman of the Pilgrims Society of the United States cabled rejoicing that "thanks largely to Anglo-American co-operation, in which Mr. Balfour took so loyal a part, the Washington conference has knit still closer the bonds of kinship and affection between the two great English-speaking nations."

The Duke of York said that Mr. Balfour was no less an ambassador of the human race than an envoy to the British Empire, for he was as concerned with the happiness of the world at large as the immediate welfare of his country.

No task could be more congenial to him and none worthier of his talent.

**DEADLY-MINE AFLOAT IN NORTH ATLANTIC**

Thought to Be Drifting in Busy Lanes.

New York, Feb. 25.—After scouring the sea off Long Island for 48 hours for an unexploded mine, reported off Montauk Point Light, the United States coast guard tug Manhattan gave up the search and returned to port.

The mine, believed to be one of the cylindrical contact type, planted by the Germans in the North Sea during the war, was last reported by the steamer Transportation, nine miles north of Montauk Point. Two feet of it bobbed above the surface, ship's officers said. Lieut. M. J. Ryan, commander of the Manhattan, believes the mine has been caught in the Gulf current, and it floating northeastward across the course of westbound traffic. A general warning has been sent out to coast guard craft to watch for it, and to sink it with their guns.

**THE ROTARY CONFERENCE.**

(Halifax Chronicle.)

The annual district conference in Rotary is always looked forward to with interest. It brings together the men of neighboring cities and towns who are planning and carrying on like service for their respective communities. The maritime district is comprised of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and a small section of Quebec, in which section of that latter province there are no Rotary Clubs.

This year the conference is being held in Montreal and the committees there are well organized and are planning big things for inspiration and entertainment. It is expected that at least one half hundred of delegates will go from the Hal-

fax Club and many of them will bring their ladies. It is also expected that Rotarian H. J. Litcher Stark, of Orange, Texas, the third vice-president of the national Rotary, will be the representative of the international organization at this district conference. The full arrangements for the speaking programme are not yet completed, but addresses on juvenile delinquency by His Honor Judge Wallace and subjects such as national unity, and inter-dependence of farm, finance and factory are among those spoken of. Then, of course, the presidents of the various local clubs will be present and all will contribute, in a material way, to an enjoyable programme.



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## Will the Soldiers Get A Bonus?

To the jobless ex-fighter who needs the cash, to the Congressman who needs votes in November, to the taxpayer who must eventually foot the bill, the question whether a bonus shall be paid to American soldiers of the great war and how the money is to be raised to pay it, is of increasing interest.

To raise the money to pay a bonus various new taxes are suggested. The idea of legalizing and taxing the sale of light wines and beers won the enthusiastic advocacy of the New York World. The National Grange comes out for an excess profits tax. Some Congressmen suggest that taxation may be avoided by paying a tax out of the savings realized by reductions in the Navy and in Army and Navy personnel.

Why tax anybody, asks Arthur Brisbane in the New York American, "why not simply print the currency and pay the soldiers with perfectly good money manufactured by the Government at the cost of paper and printing, without taxing anyone or disturbing any business?"

The Daily News, New York, defends the bonus as "simple justice to the nation's defenders" and "an investment in good-will." The financial objections do not greatly impress the Seattle Times, which "ventures the modest prediction that bonus legislation will be enacted at this session and that money will be found with which to finance the payment to former service men."

But the opposition to the bonus is being vigorously voiced by such widely scattered dailies as the New Haven Journal Courier, Newark News, Syracuse Herald, Buffalo Commercial, Philadelphia Inquirer, Dallas News, and Louisville Courier Journal, not to mention the truck loads of letters and telegrams being sent to the Capitol and the White House.

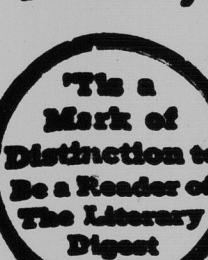
The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week presents all the arguments current for and against the bonus, and the various methods that have been suggested to finance it.

Other news-articles in THE DIGEST this week, February 25th, include:

- Stormy Dawn of the Irish Free State
- The New Crop of Swindlers
- A Big Strike Against Wage Cuts
- To Trust the Farmers with Trust Methods
- Red Rivalry in Russian Relief
- Britain's Peril in India
- America's "Mortgage" on Europe
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- Chesterton Worried by American Jokes
- Armenia's Tragic Finish
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