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LORD FISHER.

Lord Fisher's Memories have created a first-class sensation. Apparently the Admiral dictated his amazing story to relays of patient stenographers in three or four days. He heads some of his chapters with quotations from Scriptures, but emphasizes his judgments of men and affairs with sulphurous adjectives sometimes used on the lower deck. While his Memories are often rambling and incoherent and without definite form they are not void of startling revelations, and striking views, and they have provoked strong feeling among both friends and foes. On the one hand they are hailed with extraordinary enthusiasm, and on the other described as the crowning folly of his career.

Lord Fisher declares that both he and Churchill were strongly opposed to the Dardanelles adventure, though at the time of that unfortunate affair there was a general opinion in England that if Fisher had put his foot down firmly it would never have been launched. Undoubtedly the reasons that determined the adventure had more to do with political policy than naval or military strategy. Russia, being hard pressed at the time, demanded that the Turks be given some pre-occupation elsewhere, and it was probably good political policy at the time to comply with the demand. Lord Fisher says: "Without any doubt the beseechings of the Grand Duke Nicholas in the Caucasus on Jan. 2, 1915, addressed to Kitchener in such soldierly terms, moved that great man's heart; for say what you will Kitchener was a great man." And the Admiral goes on to express the following arresting opinion of Kitchener: "But he was a great deception, all the same, inasmuch as he couldn't do what a lot of people thought he could do. Like Moses he was a great commissariat officer, but he was not a Napoleon or a Molke; he was a Carnot in excelsis, and he was the facile dupe of his own fallings."

Lord Fisher says the War Cabinet was under the influence of a misadventure when they decided on the Dardanelles adventure, but he can hardly disclaim responsibility for the initial blunder of sending the war ships to advertise the affair before preparations were made to land troops there.

Lord Fisher's Memories will hardly add to his reputation. He is a great man, and has done good service to the State, but in his Memories he protests too much, and makes claims on his own behalf that had better been left to the judgment of the naval historian. He was no doubt greatly responsible for the creation of the dreadnought, the adoption of oil fuel, and other important departures in naval architecture and naval policy. He realized the possibilities of the motor-driven ship, but his vision or judgment was not always infallible. He did not appreciate the possibilities of the submarine. He scrapped a great number of small ships, which would have been very useful for convoy work, or for conversion into dummy fleets. As a result a lot of merchant ships had to be used as armed cruisers and dummy battleships when they might have been much better employed carrying supplies. He opened a way for promotion of war officers to commissioned rank, but under conditions that did not break down the snobbery of the navy. And while he was still at the Admiralty the policy was adopted of bringing in officers from the Merchant Service, and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve men without any particular sea experience, and placing them in commissioned positions which the naval warrant officers could have filled with more efficiency, a policy which at one time caused a serious shortage of officers in the Merchant Service.

MR. DRURY'S PROBLEMS.

Apparently Mr. Drury will have difficulties in establishing the Farmer-Labor Coalition on a stable basis in Ontario. Some of the Labor representatives have already declined to co-operate, declaring they were elected as independents, and propose to retain their independence. And those who are willing to serve under Mr. Drury are asking him to commit his government to a radical programme which is hardly likely to make any strong appeal to the great majority of farmers. Mr. Drury is asked to incorporate the following interesting planks in his platform: A special tax on unearned increment; a higher tax on unimproved land; a higher graduated income tax; a higher inheritance tax; a lower tax on improvements, and a special income tax on the profits of corporations. The Labor group wish to commit Mr. Drury's government to the policy of compulsory bargaining, and the eight-hour day; one a matter about which farmers know little and care less, while the other is hardly practical on the farm. On the Temperance question Labor and the farmers are not quite in accord, the farmers being for a bone dry condition, while the labor men favor the sale under

government control of light beers and wines.

Both parties to the coalition are said to favor changes in the laws dealing with co-operative enterprises, with a view to encouraging some form of co-operative organization making it possible for the workers in cities to secure foodstuffs at lower prices with out a reduction of prices to the producers on the farm. This may prove a difficult proposition to work out satisfactorily, for co-operative enterprises have had no great success in Canada, especially those established by workers in the cities. Among the reasons for this are the fact that the workers in Canada have never had to be so careful with pennies as in older countries, and the relative mobility of the more enterprising workers who might have the capacity to make a co-operative enterprise a success. Before this war young men entering business kept competition on a normal business basis, and there was no great spread between the prices received by the producer and the prices paid by the consumer. During the war young men have not been establishing new businesses to the same extent as they would have done if they had not been called to the service of their country, and the spread of prices may be greater than would be possible if competition was normally operative. In this condition the Farmer-Labor Coalition may be able to accomplish something in the co-operative line, but generally speaking conditions in Canada are not favorable to this form of enterprise. But they are not likely to continue in harmony very long if Labor insists on realizing its policy of imposing an increasing burden of taxation upon the land.

THE ANNIVERSARY.

A year ago this morning the world woke with a throbbing expectancy—waiting in a half incredulous hope here and there along the night-march line of man-made desolation in France and Flanders the guns boomed and barked; grim bands of resolute warriors still moved steadily on Mons, fighting and falling; over the mine-strewn waters the grey destroyers sped upon their tortuous courses, the impudent trawler patrols bounced upon their perilous business, worried merchantmen skirted to and fro, but the nations waited expectantly for the news—the news that broken Germany had given up the fight—the news that would lift the long nightmare of fear from millions and millions of homes.

The great news came at last, and cities, towns and hamlets gave themselves up to a delirium of joy and thanksgiving.

A year has passed. The great empires that challenged the free civilizations are broken and humbled; their war lords in exile await the judgment of outraged humanity. But peace has not taken possession of the world. Over great areas the war gods still hold sway; armies still contend for mastery—death and disease claim toll of suffering humanity. And in the victor nations the spirit of unity which enabled them to smash the monstrous power of the foe has given place to disunion and strife. An old system is breaking down; old conceptions no longer answer the aspirations of humanity. New problems are arising, pregnant with portentous possibilities. Capital and labor are allying their forces for a struggle the outcome of which no man can foresee, but which may well cause every body the gravest concern. Will the issue between capital and labor be fought out in a spirit of blind selfishness? Or will that spirit of democracy for which so many died to make the world safe for, triumph, and again band the clashing factions in a unity of effort for the uplift of humanity? Will the nations fall their dead, of whom Alfred Noyes says:

"They never knew the secret game of power,
 All that this earth can give them
 They crowded all their youth into an hour,
 And for one fleeting dream of right they died.
 Oh, if we fall them in that awful trust,
 How should we bear those voices from the dust?"

MANNING DOHERTY.

The announcement that Manning W. Doherty has been appointed to the important position of Minister of Agriculture in the new Farmers' Government of Ontario has been received with interest by his many friends in St. John and New Brunswick. Mr. Doherty was an unsuccessful candidate at the recent elections, but his standing with the farming community of his native province will doubtless assure him a seat. He has long been the proprietor of a big farm noted for its model management.

During his business career Mr. Doherty came to St. John as local manager of the A. R. Williams Machine Company, and later became manager of the Maritime Construction and

Dredging Company, building the new wharves on the West side. While here he took a keen interest in politics, supporting the Conservative Party. His health obliged him to retire to his farm. His inclusion in the Farmers' government will assure at least one Minister whose experience will enable him to sympathize with the business community.

Mr. Doherty is a natural orator, of Celtic clarity and fervor, and he is endowed with very considerable executive ability, as was proved by his success in different lines of endeavor. His ready smile, genial manner, and lively interest should serve him in good stead in a position which in a Farmers' Government will no doubt be beset with a goodly amount of difficulties. Warm friends here will be glad that his health has recovered sufficiently to permit him to undertake the duties of so important a position, and will watch his new career with great interest.

The Globe is usually fair-minded enough to refrain from expressing opinions before it is sure of its facts. But it has been led to make some observations with reference to the recent Opposition Convention based on an incorrect version of what transpired there. Mr. Baxter did not refer to the resolution adopted in caucus or introduced into the Legislature by the Opposition members, and the Globe's criticism of Mr. Murray are beside the mark, because he was not present during the discussion on the question of leadership. If the Globe had read the official report of the convention proceedings it might have realized that, for if Mr. Murray was present he would, following a time-honored practice, have been called on for a speech after his election.

France, whose national inspirations have the strange delicacy, the stark simplicity, of the very soul of her people, has with stately ceremony laid to rest the dust of one unknown private soldier in the Pantheon. By this peculiar honor to the unknown representative of all the men who died to win the war is symbolized a nation's pride, sorrow and glory in all the ghostly battalions of the fallen. The Mother Land, impressed with the dignity of this democratic idea of honoring the heroic dead, is talking of burying the dust of an unnamed soldier beneath the Cenotaph in Whitehall, now an empty tomb, but a shrine where in the rush of traffic men and women stand with bowed heads in homage to the nation's dead.

The Times is rightly worried about the reliability of the auditor-general's report. Under the present government of independent auditors found that it was only one matter of \$160,000, and an amended statement had to be issued.

The Sinn Fein republic has struck a cruel blow at the glory of women. Its rulers have decreed that girls walking out with British soldiers must have their hair cut.

WHAT THEY SAY

Our Father's Example.

(Nashville Banner.)
 Our daddies don't make theirs by wearing silk socks, silk shirts and \$20 hats. Practice the economy that they were forced to employ to outgrow the ravages and desolation of the Civil War.

Not Even As Excuse.

(New York Telegram.)
 Dry law breeds Bolshevism, is Gompers' view. No doubt of it, but the dry law isn't the only thing to blame for sedition, Mr. Gompers. Nor will it be permitted to be used as an excuse.

Take Your Pick.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)
 Some politicians who supported prohibition were sure to understand the recent Provincial election. Some politicians who opposed prohibition were buried out of sight. Some politicians who refused to take any stand on prohibition were returned triumphantly. The lesson is—well, the lesson to be drawn depends upon the lesson you want to draw.

When a Child is Lost.

(Cleveland Press.)
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I was going past Mary Watkins' front steps last Sunday afternoon, and she was setting out on them all dressed up on a cushion, and I stopped going past to see if she would ask me to sit there too, which she did, saying, "Went you sit down a while, Benny?"

With I did, and we started to talk about school and which teacher we liked the best, and things to eat and which ones we would rather do without in case we had to, and weather its more fun to be a boy or a girl and Mary Watkins said, "Maud Johnson was sick this morning, she wasn't at Sunday school."

Wat was the matter with her? I said?

It wouldn't be polite of me to tell you, said Mary Watkins.

Did she have a pane in the stomach? I said.

You'll half to judge for yourself, said Mary Watkins.

And we kept on setting there, me judging for myself, and after a while I said, I know another word for pane in the stomach.

Benny Potts, I think you're perfectly terrible, I'm going into the house, said Mary Watkins.

Aw, my, what's the matter, wait for? How do you know what word I meant? I said.

Never mind I'm joking, I don't allow gentlemen to mention such things to me, and I'm going into the house, said Mary Watkins.

At all, I was thinking of indignation, and she said, "You were nothing of the kind."

With I wasn't. And she kept on going in and closed the door, and I sat there about a minute longer by myself to keep up my dignity, and then I went home.

best wishes of every honest soul go to the father and mother in their search. The child-staler morie—and receives—the contempt of every decent man and woman, and should receive—what he too often escapes—the severest punishment allotted the criminal. Feeling that way about the kidnapping of babies, it is only human that we—each of us—should be happier when a parent finds his child again. Especially so when this comes after years of search and years of heart-breaking sorrow.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE WESTERN MEN.

The men of the North are stern and shrewd;
 The Eastern men are strong;
 The Midland men toil hard and late
 To roll the world along;
 The Southland men are kind and slow
 As their placid vales and streams;
 But, oh! it's the men of the West
 Who are the Dreamers of Dreams.

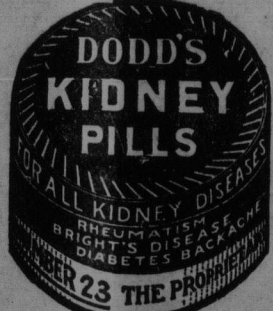
They read the runes of the changing year
 On the heath and fern-clad hills;
 They learn the lore of the Other Things
 In the pools of the peat-brown rills.
 Their eyes are turned to the sunset glow
 And through its golden haze
 They see the land of the 'What-may-be,'
 And the glint of its guiding stars.

The west wind sings in their tranced ears
 The song of the Far Beyond;
 The sea's breath turns their souls to sea
 On the tracks no man hath combed;
 So they seek an adventure, not knowing why
 They follow those shifting gleams,
 For that is the weird of the Western men
 Who are the Dreamers of Dreams.

—G. E. Merrick, in Chambers' Journal.

Conservative Farmers.

(New York Times.)
 The radical misleaders of organized labor have long had hopes of, and of late have been making vain bids for the support of the farmers.



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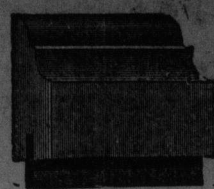
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There are thousands whose bodies are ageing and breaking down at a time when they should be enjoying that perfect bodily health which craves defiance to disease simply because they are not awake to the condition of their blood. By allowing it to remain thin, pale and watery they are not giving the natural life forces of the body a chance to do their work. Yet others go through life apparently possessing, year after year, the elasticity, the strength and the energy of earlier days—through their bodies courses the energy and power that comes from plenty of red blood—filled with strength-giving iron. Iron is red-blood and physicians explain below why they prescribe Nuxated Iron—Nuxated Iron—to build up the red blood corpuscles and give increased power and endurance.

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WEDDINGS.

LeBlanc-Estabrooke.
 The wedding of Albert LeBlanc and Miss Laura Estabrooke, both of this city, took place early yesterday morning in the Cathedral—Rev. William Duke officiated with nuptial high mass. Miss Frances Babine was bridesmaid and Joseph Devos best man.

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OBITUARY

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