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CANADIAN GRAVES.

The Hythe (England) Reporter of June 21 contains an extended account of decoration day proceedings carried out by the school children of Folkestone and adjoining centres at the graves of Canadian soldiers in Shortcliffe Cemetery a day or two previous to this was the third occasion of this nature, and apparently the sentiment which first impelled the people of that district to this tribute is as deep as ever. The report reads: "With the passing of years and the rising of a generation which knows nothing of the horrors of war, it may be that the loving enthusiasm of the children to take the part of laying floral tributes on the graves of the Canadians in Shortcliffe Cemetery will gradually diminish; but so far as the picturesque and moving ceremony on Wednesday afternoon was concerned there was no noticeable difference."

All civic officials were present, together with many staff and regimental officers and a great crowd of soldiers. Some twenty-five hundred children participated in the programme, which also included several appropriate addresses, and music by military bands. The report continues:

"Imagine a peaceful spot on a hill, with the sunlit bay in the distance and meadows of varying shades of green and brown all around. A part of this soldiers' resting-place lies in a slight hollow, with a grassy slope to the north and east. Here are about four hundred neat mounds, looking aesthetically bare in the June sunshine."

"They have business-like little wooden crosses to identify the heroes within. We think of them and remember that once they were little babies, guarded from every harm; and then they were little boys playing at war. At last they became men and real soldiers. They all said 'good-bye' to someone, and went off with a laugh."

"They will never cross the ocean again, and someone is heart-broken."

"Soon came the children with their flowers."

"Many a cottage garden has been stripped of its choicest blooms. Those who have no gardens have given their treasured pennies eagerly to teachers to purchase flowers. Roses, sweet williams, pinks and all the dear old-fashioned blossoms one can think of, have been carefully arranged and a loving little message tied on with many a little girl's favorite piece of ribbon."

"At first our attention is turned from the sentiment of it all by the sight of Mayors and their robes, aldermen, boy-scouts, bands and a seemingly endless procession of boys and girls. In they flock from every quarter, until the place is absolutely crowded with them and with the hundreds of spectators."

"There is a guard of honor, and a Cavalry band; there are speeches, and enormous wreaths from clubs, societies, and private individuals. The camera man is very busy."

"Then do the children leave their posies on the desolate graves."

"It is wonderful! As if by magic, the bare neglected mounds are transformed into a blaze of color and sweetress. It has been done so quickly; it is now entirely changed—so alive! It is like the living souls of the dead heroes showing themselves suddenly; turning desolation into life and beauty, and filling the eyes with tears."

MR. FORD AS A WITNESS.

The Ford libel suit against The Chicago Tribune has for the past ten days or more been a source of ever increasing joy to the people of the United States. This man Henry Ford, a mechanic of some ability, a money-maker of renown, and organizer of a great industry, who went out of his way to pose as one of the leaders of the nation, who had ambitions to the State, who, through paid employees, preached peace, and even at one time undertook a mission to Europe to stop the war, has been revealed on his own confession in open court as the dupe of his own desires, an uneducated pretender, self-seeker and wholly ignorant in many of the subjects upon which he sought to instruct the American people. He has declared under oath that anarchy in his opinion is bomb-throwing and overturning the government, and has stated that his action against The Tribune, based on an editorial headed "Ford is an anarchist," was not taken to protect his reputation, but to force newspapers like a correct use of headlines. The article to which Mr. Ford objected had not been carefully read—on his own admission—but he had noted the heading and proposed, as part of an educational campaign, to insist that all publishers should be compelled to bear out in the body matter of articles printed, the statements in headings. Mr. Ford does not read the newspapers. He sometimes glances over the headlines. He did not arrange his peace mission. The peace propaganda was widely distributed in his name was never read by him, but was prepared

at his request by Mr. DeLavigne, signed by Mr. Ford, and distributed through the United States with the prestige of the Ford name. In his evidence the automobile king admits that he knows nothing in the objectionable editorial excepting the headline which touches on anarchy, that he is ignorant of most things, that he knows nothing about history and cares less for that sort of book, that the Ance was a very small people, that war is murder, that the United States soldiers who served overseas were paid murderers, but that he would be willing to organize another war for the purpose of putting an end to all wars, that an idealist is one who helps to make profits, that Benedict Arnold was a traitor, that treason is anything against the government, and that the newspapers and the bankers were responsible for the war. Mr. Elliott G. Stevenson, representing The Tribune, has had the plaintiff in the case on the stand day after day and, in spite of the feeble objections of Ford's lawyers, has extracted from him without very much difficulty such confessions of personal ignorance of national affairs as have made this mechanical genius the butt of almost as many jokes as are related of the ear which he builds.

ANOTHER REIGN OF TERROR.

What remains of Hungary appears to be in the throes of another revolution, this one more bloody than the last and equally futile in so far as the establishment of any permanent form of government is concerned. Following the collapse of the Dual Monarchy, Count Karolyi organized an administration which appeared at first to meet with some success and to exercise a form of authority over the bewildered people. His tenure of office was comparatively brief, for with the breaking up of the army the disorderly elements, uniting among themselves, secured control of the situation and recently have acted more or less under the guidance of Bela Kun, to whom Karolyi handed the reins. This officious personage, upon assuming leadership, at once got in touch with the Soviet Councils of Russia, for while his so-called government was not ostensibly of Bolshevik make-up, its tendency was in that direction. However, in catering to that particular element, Bela Kun has over-reached himself and has brought about such dissatisfaction that his rule has deprived him of the support of his military friends. So long as something remained to be done by the remnants of the Austrian army which afforded play for their energies, discontent was held in check and there was some excuse for spending money with a free hand. The cessation of hostilities against the Czechs and Rumanians closed that avenue of activity and threw on the country additional thousands of unemployed soldiers, irresponsible and always on the lookout for excitement. These, under scattered leadership, have banded together and in close association with the Russian Bolsheviks have recently brought about in Budapest a sort of revolution which has driven Bela Kun from power, although it has not as yet succeeded in overcoming his Communist supporters through the provinces. By reason of the prevailing antagonism between these two groups, all the more bitter because of the similarity of their principles, Hungary faces a period of rioting, bloodshed and waste, similar to that which swept Russia and which even now continues unchecked in some districts. The allies are not greatly concerned over the fate of Hungary, nor is it probable that any united action will be taken, unless something unforeseen develops, to check the prevailing disorder and to assist in the establishment of a permanent and responsible form of government. That misguided nation must learn the lesson for itself and in the months to come, when the country is given over to anarchy, it will pay the penalty of misguided ambition and misplaced trust in the word of Germany.

OUR BIG DAY.

Preparation for the reception to be tendered His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales are proceeding. A committee of citizens in co-operation with the City Council is arranging the local programme in which it is anticipated both Federal and Provincial Governments will co-operate to some extent. Indeed the arrival of the Prince in St. John will be made the occasion of his welcome to Canada. Apart from this national greeting St. John, representing the Province of New Brunswick, will be expected to do its utmost toward making the royal visit a success. A very gratifying feature in connection with this incident will be the public expression of appreciation to be tendered New Brunswick's returned soldiers, and although this undertaking involves a great deal of work and careful preparation, it is not too big an enterprise for this city to handle. Possibly, if the nature of the welcome is well advertised, if transportation arrangements are satisfactorily made, and if accommodations can be secured—all of which problems

may be overcome through the efforts of an active committee—we will have eight or ten thousand of our boys from out of town as guests of the Province in St. John for a day or two in August. In this matter it will be well to remember that we are not endeavoring to bring our soldiers here for the purpose of having them entertain us. Whatever programme may be suggested should be with the object of providing amusement and entertainment for our visitors. Naturally the presence of these men will tend to intensify the enthusiasm of our greeting to the Prince, and possibly His Highness may desire to review or to meet in some other manner those who have returned from overseas. This is a point on which the wishes of the Prince of Wales and, in so far as possible, the feelings of the men themselves, should be considered. However, with the committee of citizens now in charge and with the co-operation of the interested Governments plans for what will undoubtedly be the big event of the year in this city should go forward smoothly and satisfactorily. Suggestions of value will be acceptable, but to make the gathering what it should be the heartiest support of people of all classes is desired.

WHAT THEY SAY

Predict Transformation.

Detroit Free Press: Regular trans-oceanic communication and travel by dirigible will mean great changes in the United States. Cities like Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis will be to all intents and purposes "ocean ports." And as the dirigible develops they will become more and more world commercial shipping centres. That will mean the construction not merely of hangars but also of "harbors" of refuge which will provide shelter so that dirigibles may land in high winds and be safe after casting anchor. And this will be only the beginning of a growth that will transform the whole business face of the land.

The One Big Union.

Toronto Saturday Night: It is something that Canadians, especially Canadian trade unionists, should keep well in mind, that the One Big Union is the cornerstone of the I. W. W. movement, and when we consider the countless murders, attempted assassinations and deeds of robbery, arson and violence which have been proven against various branches of the I. W. W. (not forgetting the active assistance rendered by that body to Germany during the late war), it must be admitted that "One Big Union" idea comes from a polluted source.

Legal Status of the Billboard.

Minneapolis Journal: The law courts have made a variety of decisions as to the status of the billboard. These decisions have been pondered by the Supreme Court of the United States, and an opinion has been handed down which is now final in law. The Supreme Court holds that a billboard in the residential district of a city may be a nuisance, and the city may in the exercise of its police power prohibit it, even though it stands upon private land.

The Feeling Exists.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: The committee on the high cost of living admits in its report that there are individual cases of profiteering. Well, why not get after these individual cases? It might not lower the cost of living materially to do so; but it would be an evidence of good will toward the consumer. The reason why there is so much dissatisfaction at present is not merely that the cost of living is so high, but there is a general

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

This morning I woke up and it was still early I could see the moon out the window, me thinking, G. if it was a little darker it wouldn't be late yet. And I kept on saying there not feeling like going back to sleep again, thinking, if I got up and got dressed now pop would be surprised, all right, he thinks I can't get up unless he calls me about 6 times and shakes me 3.

With the more I thought of it the better of a idea I thought it was, and I got up and got all dressed, but not washed and went in pop's room and pop was laying there sleeping as if that was all he intended to keep on doing, me standing alongside of him thinking, G. want he be surprised when he wakes up and see me hear all dressed.

And I sed, Twest, twest, the suns up, listen to the birdies, twest, twest. Huh? sed pop without opening his eyes. And he turned over and started to sleep on the other side, me thinking, G. wate till he finds out who it is, he'll be surprised.

And I sed, Twest, twest, look whose heer, pop. Huh, wats a matter? sed pop turning over and sleeping on his first side again, and I sed, Im up, pop, Im up, look and see if you dont believe it.

Wat? Wat? sed pop. And he opened his eyes both together and quick sat up, saying, Wat? Wat the devil, wats a matter?

Aint I up erly, pop? I sed. For the love of Peet, sed pop. And he took his watch out from under his pillow, saying, Half past 4, have you gone completely dippy? and I sed, No sin I just wanted to show you I was up.

You got back to bed dubble quick time, or I'll show you whose up, sed pop. Meaning he would be, and I quick went back to bed and laid down again with my clothes all on, and the first thing I knew I was asleep again and the next thing I knew pop was shaking me, saying, Wat kind of a boy are you?—up at half past 4 in the morning going around the house like a cemetery.

And I got up and got washed on account of being dressed already and then went back and sat on the bed and the next thing I knew I was laying on it again asleep and ma was shaking me on account of pop having went.

at belief that it is unnecessarily high and that the sympathies of those in authority are with the profiteers rather than with their victims. There may be no foundation for that belief, but the fact that the feeling exists shows the necessity of doing something to allay it.

Proportional Representation.

Toronto World: An election by the Trades and Labor Council is about to take place, at which it is said the strength of the moderates, as compared with the radicals, is to be tested. The election is to be conducted under the H. R. Spence system of proportional representation and there is an excellent description of the method in the current number of The Industrial Banner. No one can say that it is difficult to understand after reading this account.

New South Wales, the most populous of the Australian states, has adopted proportional representation, and this is regarded as heralding its adoption by the whole commonwealth. Here in Canada the provincial government of Manitoba is preparing to adopt the plan, which it is expected to apply in the first instance to the Winnipeg constituencies in the provincial elections.

A BIT OF VERSE

Safe, safe, and far from thunder of the guns,
We have forgot that over leagues of sea
Our sons went forth to share with England's
The battle that should leave us bond or free;
We have forgot that there were foes within
That spared us not, so they could England harm;
They never ceased, with furtive cynic grin,
To sap our strength and seek to still our arm.
The fight is done, and England victor stands,
Patient, unshaken under countless blows;
She looks to us still to uphold her hands—
And so, she finds us comforting her foes!"

—H. S. STUCKEY.

A BIT OF FUN

Even a miser is generous to his faults.

No wise woman trusts a man who trusts to luck.

"Dear John," wrote Mrs. Newlywed from London town, "I enclose the hotel bill."

"Dear Gladys," I enclose cheque," wrote John, in return; "but please don't buy any more hotels at the price they are robbing you."

"Johnson," said the vicar's wife, more in sorrow than in anger, "I'm sorry to see you're paying into our coal club this year."

"Well, mum," replied Johnson, "it's like this 'ere. I used to live in Rhododendron terrace, but now I've moved into Station road, and my 'ouse is just be'ind the coal yard!"

A soldier was telling his friends of his experiences out in France, and among other things they discussed the difference between the beers of the respective countries.

"Well," said the soldier at last, "my idea is that drinking one of those Frenchy beers is about like kissing your sister."

Troubles A-Plenty.
"You should try to cultivate a spirit of optimism," said the tireless moralizer.

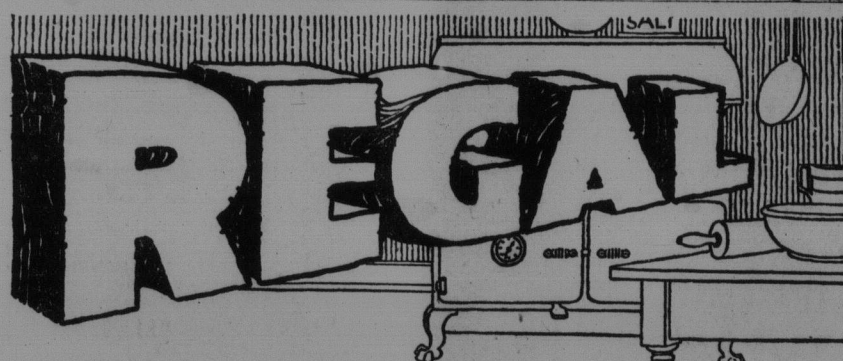
"It can't be done in my business," said the harassed looking man.

"What is your business?"

"I have charge of the liquor shipments for an express company."

Birmingham Age Herald.

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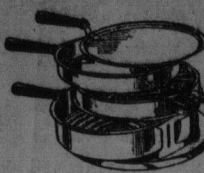
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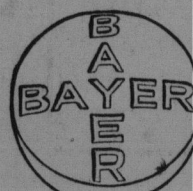
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