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HOOVER THE SAVING FACTOR.

The inclusion of Herbert Hoover in the cabinet of President Harding is, to a certain extent, the saving factor in the United States administration so far as the Allies, and, indeed, the whole of Europe, is concerned. President Harding no doubt had excellent reasons for including Hoover in his list of executives. He no doubt recognized the outstanding ability which made Hoover a man of international repute. He probably realized the fact that Hoover knows conditions in Europe better, perhaps, than any other citizen of the United States to-day; and although the president in his inaugural address announced that he would take no part in European affairs, it is safe to assume that he will watch them very closely, and so the inclusion of Hoover in his cabinet is a move in this connection.

The selection of Hoover is gratifying to the Allies because of the fact that his sympathies are entirely pro-Ally. He is a man who can look upon affairs, not with the narrow, insular viewpoint of the majority of his colleagues, but with the broad understanding of a man who has lived through the chaos and has sensed its meaning to the United States. He has seen the sufferings of Europe in all its countries, and he realizes that the United States has humanitarian responsibilities that cannot be shirked. When he was a candidate for the presidential nomination of the Republican party, the strongest charge his opponents could make against him was that he had an international rather than a national viewpoint, or in the words of Mrs. Robinson, the talented sister of the late Theodore Roosevelt, he "looked at affairs from Europe in, instead of from the United States out."

With Hoover in the cabinet it is certain that the United States will not adopt a policy of entire indifference to the condition of Europe. He is a man of too great strength of character to allow his views to be disregarded. His heart is too much in sympathy with conditions in the old world to permit him to remain quiet. In his position as secretary of commerce his duties will largely be to provide markets for United States' goods, and to do so he must take into his consideration the economic conditions of the European countries. In doing so, the Allies can be sure of sympathetic and considerate treatment which could scarcely be expected from any other member of the United States cabinet.

Another point in connection with the selection of Hoover is that he was given his position entirely on his ability to fill it, and without any idea of reward for political services rendered in the election campaign. Will H. Hays, national chairman of the Republican party, and commander-in-chief of the forces supporting Harding, receives his reward in the position of postmaster-general. Harry M. Daughterty, of Ohio, Harding's first lieutenant in his home state, has his services recognized by being given the post of attorney-general. But Hoover took no part in Harding's campaign, and he is the only one of the president's opponents for the Republican nomination to be taken into the cabinet. This is a tribute, not only to his remarkable ability as an administrator, but to his strong personality and force of character.

LADY HARVEY'S ACTION.

The secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association has written a letter to the Canadian newspapers objecting to the action of Lady Harvey, the wife of Sir Martin Harvey, the distinguished English actor, in collecting money from the Canadian public for broken-down British nurses. In view of Lady Harvey's prominence and the fact that she established a home in the Isle of Wight for British nurses who served throughout the war, Canadians responded to the appeal, as they do to all appeals for those in distress. They did likewise when Sir Harry Lauder appealed to them during his concert tours, for broken-down British sailors. It is not likely that Lady Harvey asked the British association of nurses for permission to collect towards a project which she herself inaugurated, and for which she is responsible. The world is an open field, and if Lady Harvey so desires there is nothing to stop her from making appeals for funds with which to carry on her laudable work of helping many nurses in the old land who served the Empire during the awful struggle and now find themselves in want.

A little tax now and then is dodged by the best of men.

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Worry will make you thin unless you are worrying about your fat.

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There are two kinds of men: regular guys, and those who don't look foolish when praised.

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The pay of teachers proves that it is much more profitable to get an education than to give one.

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The approach of summer reminds us that it would be well to extend this disarmament idea to the mosquito.

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It seems the Red army has already retreated forty versts. It fought a game battle, but evidently got the verst of it.

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Bandits locked a New York butcher in his refrigerator while they robbed the shop. The victim did not get excited and was quite cool when released.

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Considering that their travelling expenses are paid by the enemy, Allied troops on the Rhine border would have no objection to seeing a little of Germany.

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Should the friction between Panama and Costa Rica develop into a two-horse-power war, battles are liable to be interrupted while vessels are passing through the big canal.

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A Toronto clergyman is authority for the statement that some of these days the whole North American continent will be covered by water. That's what comes of starting this prohibition movement!

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Scientists appear to be unable to get together regarding the age of the earth. At a recent gathering of savants in Paris there was a difference of twenty million years between the longest and shortest estimates.

IF PRISCILLA HADN'T POPPED.

When young I was a shy lad,
And yet I liked the girls;
I couldn't keep from dangling round
Their dimples and their curls,
But the putting of the question—
My pulses flipped and hopped,
And I never would have married
If Pricilla hadn't popped.

That the girls are timid creatures,
Is well enough for rhyme,
And that men do all the courting—
But they don't, sir, every time,
Many a man quite unsuspecting
By a female has been copped
Sure I never would have married
If Priscilla hadn't popped.

Belief, I know, is common,
When a fellow's heart is gone
The girl she goes no further
Than to lead the fellow on.
With on her cheeks some blushes
And her modest eyelids dropped,
But, gosh I'd never married,
If Priscilla hadn't popped.

I don't mean I wasn't willing
Nor wishing for her hand;
I dreamed of her at night time
I loved her—oh my land!
But when I tried to tell her
I stammered and I stopped;
And I never would have married
If Priscilla hadn't popped.

Priss saw the situation
And she said to me one day,
"If the right girl loved and told you
Would you give that girl away?"
Said I: "You bet I wouldn't!"
And on my breast she flopped
So you see I'd never married
If Pricilla hadn't popped.

—Samuel Minturn Peck.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

WHERE IS HE?

It has not yet been learned what lunatic asylum houses the American who suggests that Canada be "sold" to the United States to liquidate Great Britain's debt to that country. —Kingston Standard.

TOO COMMON.

In Portugal an old law for the arrest of any persons who spread false reports has been put into force. Such a course is impossible here. There are not enough jails.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

P.R.

Victoria people soon tired of P.R. If the voters of Vancouver were asked the same question it is probable that they would give the same answer. The advantage of this system of municipal elections has certainly not been proved in the one trial.—Vancouver Province.

IS IT A COINCIDENCE?

The nearest approach to Russian sovietism on this continent is in North Dakota, where there have been in recent years some bold socialistic experiments—co-operative stores and marketing, a state banking system for the benefit of farmers, state insurance of various kinds, state flour mills, etc. And now, financial and business conditions in North Dakota more closely resemble those in soviet Russia than do those anywhere else on this continent. Is it only a coincidence?—Hamilton Herald.

THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS

To talk of handing back these publicly-acquired lines to private enterprise at this time is outrageous. The Government assumed responsibility at a time of grave economic crisis; now that the crisis is passing naturally private capital is again becoming interested in a promising proposition. Canada is a mere infant in the matter of industrial development. Every year that passes will see an increasing demand on the transportation services of the country. Before long these lines, even those which are regarded as present as being superfluous, will be inadequate to meet the needs. There is the brightest future for our national railway systems.—Hamilton Spectator.

A NEW GOULD STORY

George Gould was making one of his last trips as president of the Missouri Pacific. His private car was laid out on a siding for some reason or other, and he got out to stretch his legs. An old Irishman was tapping the wheels. Gould went up to him.

"Morning. How do you like the wheels?"

"Not worth a darn," said the Irishman.

"Well, how do you like the car."

"It's good 'nough for the wheels."

"What do you think of the road?"

"It matches the car."

Gould looked at the old chap for a minute.

"Maybe you don't know who I am."

"Yes, I do," retorted the Irishman.

"You're George Gould, and I knew your father when he was president of the road. And, by god, he's going to be president of it again."

"Why, my father is dead," said Mr. Gould.

"I know that," replied the Irishman, "and the road is going to hell." —Toronto Voice.

HIS OTHER NAME

—An amusing story is told about the present Prince of Wales when he was a cadet at Osborne, the British naval academy on the Isle of Wight. Soon after his arrival a senior cadet, recognizing him as a new boy, demanded his name. "Edward," was the reply. "Edward? Edward what. Haven't you got another name, jackass." The Prince blushed and murmured apologetically, "Edward of Wales." The other boy looked surprised, shrugged his shoulders, and gave vent to an astonished whistle. "By Jove! So you're the chap, are you?" and walked away to tell the other boys who "the funny fish with the blue eyes" was.

Motor Casualty List.

ALBANY, N.Y., March 15.—There were a total of 39,075 automobile accidents in New York State cities in 1920, and in these 545 persons were killed and 22,731 injured, according to reports of city police departments.

ANONYMITY.

The writer who has supplanted Marie Corelli in the affections of a large section of the novel-reading English public, appears on the title-pages of her books under the pen-name Ethel M. Dell. Neither her publisher nor the literary agent who handles her manuscripts has any idea of her identity. She therefore affords a similar instance to that of the Brontes when their books were first published, and to that of many other writers who felt a sort of retiring modesty on the occasion of their first efforts in fiction. A notable case in this regard was that of Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, who in 1871 published his story, "The Coming Race," a remarkable tour de force which was on a par in some respects with Jules Verne's prophetic romances. The author, then getting on in years, seems to have been anxious to discover whether his literary powers had deteriorated, when the anonymously-published volume made a stir in the reading world and attained a considerable measure of popularity. Nobody has any right to complain when the author of a work of fiction chooses to remain in the background. He thus affords a refreshing contrast to other writers whose chief aim in authorship seems to be to get into the spotlight by hook or by crook as soon as possible.

But the author of a recently-published volume entitled, "The Mirrors of Downing Street," who calls himself "A Gentleman With a Duster," is in a different category from those mentioned. His book has the questionable characteristics of the anonymous letter which though sometimes signed "A Friend," finds its proper destination in the wastepaper basket. Though his publisher announces it as an 'earnest and courageous book," many readers will be disposed to grudge it these appelations, seeing that it is chiefly an anonymous attack on men who are, or who have been, prominent in English public life. Its object seems to be to belittle and asperse, to assert and bring into prominence the possession of unworthy characteristics by well-known persons to destroy the public estimation in which British statesmen have been held. For while certain of the men pilloried, such as Lord Carnock, Lord Robert Cecil, Lord Haldane and Lord Inverforth receive an amount of commendation from this anonymous writer, Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour and Lord Kitchener are subjected to his venom. The idea may occur to some readers that the book was intended to influence United States opinion. Many others will be indisposed to take at their face value the preachy protestations of altruistic motives with which the author concludes his work, whether the "Gentleman with a Duster" can rightly be called a gentleman at all.

Gales On Atlantic.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Indication of exceptionally rough weather on Atlantic sea lines was given in a wireless message received here to-day from the passenger liner Olympic, stating that she would be delayed 24 hours and would not reach New York until Thursday. The radio reported the ship had encountered westerly gales.

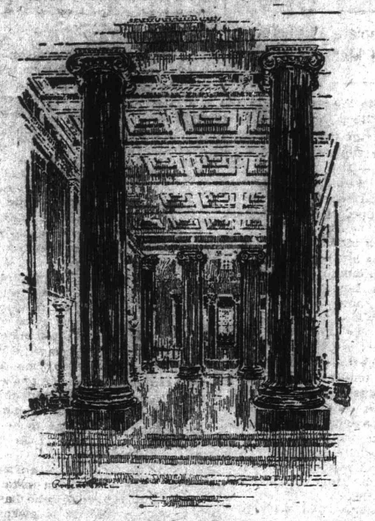
ANZAC MIDDIES JOIN SHIPS IN ATLANTIC FLEET

LONDON, March 15.—(By Canadian Press)—Twelve midshipmen of the Royal Australian Navy have just been appointed for service in destroyers of the Second and Third Flotillas of the Atlantic Fleet. These young officers passed out of the Royal Australian Naval College at Captain's Point, Jervis Bay, last year and were graded midshipmen as from January 1, 1920. There are already a number of Australian midshipmen serving in the Atlantic Fleet, including several in the battleships Remillies and Revenge. Similarly, midshipmen of the Royal Canadian Navy are at present serving in the battleships Malaya and Royal Sovereign.

Prohibit Dogs In Candy Shops

JERSEY CITY, N.J., March 16.—An order by the City Commission prohibits the taking of dogs into any candy, confection, or soda water shop. It was issued following a complaint filed by the New Jersey Retail Candy and Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association, that dogs were served from the same dishes used by human beings.

To have the children sound and healthy is the first care of a mother. They cannot be healthy if troubled with worms. Use Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.



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What Shall I Do? Answered VIRGINIA PAGE

THE SAILOR PREJUDICE.

Q.—Dear Miss Page: Why is it that the people haven't any respect for soldiers or sailors? All the boys were sailors or soldiers during the war, so why should people look down on them now, and not have any respect for a girl who keeps company with them?—Bright Eyes and Just 18.

A.—It is mostly because of traditions, girls. You see, for generations sea-faring men have been pretty wild as a class—hail fellows, well met, here today and gone tomorrow, with a lass in every port. That is not nearly as true now as it once was, praise be; and, after all, we must—if we are to be fair in this world—judge each and every person as an individual. There are good boys and bad boys sailing the seas, just as there are good and bad boys in every other occupation. So judge your sailor friends by what they are and how they act, and not by the fact that they are Jack Tars. Only just by way of insurance against disappointments and shattered faith and broken hearts be sure to take all they say with a grain of salt—because, you see, they use a lot of salt.

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A NAUGHTY AND DANGEROUS PASTIME.

Q.—Dear Miss Page: At a recent dance I vamped a young gentleman who took me home. He insisted on my kissing him goodnight. As I had never seen him before I did not think it proper, was I right?—Vamp

A.—You were right. That is, about the kiss. Quite right. Only I'm surprised that you know it as long as you seem so innocent of the wrongness and danger of the rest of your evening's behaviour. Of course he expected you to kiss him. He thought of course you were that kind of a girl or you wouldn't have picked up with a stranger at a dance and let him take you home—to say nothing of "vamping" him. You are a very lucky little girl, my dear, that he was a "gentleman"—but oh, please, stop picking up escorts that way before your luck changes and you pick up witff one who isn t a gentleman. You are running so great a risk!

Little Benny's Note Book

Lee Pape

We was eating suppir, and my sister Gladdis sed, Mother, father, I reely dont think you awt to allow Benny to go with that Merfy boy, I dont think he's a good influents, this aftirnoon I saw them both throwing stones at a poor cat and Im sure Benny wouldent do that without that Merfy boys influents.

Certeny I would, and enyways, we wasent trying to hit the old cat, we was trying to see how close we could miss it, I sed.

Well I allways did think that Merfy boy was too ruff for you, Benny, and I dont wunt you to go with him eny more, sed ma.

Aw gosh, G ma, wats the matter with Reddy Merfy? I sed.

Benny, did you heer wat your mother sed? sed pop, and I sed, Yes sir, aw G, and pop sed, Frum now on please consider that diplomatic relations with young Merfy are broken off.

Wich pritty soon after that the frunt bell rang and who was it but Reddy Merfys mother to see ma, and ma went to see wat she wunted, and wen she came back she sed Well of all things, I never herd of sutch a thing, she said that her boy allways gets into some kind of trubble wen he's with Benny and she wunted me to keep Benny away from him and she said Benny was a bad influents.

Who, me. I sed.

Well I like her confownded nerve, sed pop, I wont have enybody say my son is a bad influents, and enyway, wats the matter with her kid? Hasent he got eny caracter? Hasent he got eny back bone. Cant he hock erround among other boys and do wats rite without being influenced by every Tom, Dick and Harry? Benny, you jest go with him as mutch as you please and let him take care of his own caracter.

Certeny, thats quite rite, do you heer that, Benny? sed ma.

Yes mam, I sed.

Being wy I still go with Reddy Merfy.

All the townships in Leeds County bordering on the St. Lawrence have protested against the granting of netting licences in the Thousand Island area.

Rev. D. H. Hodges, who for the past 17 years has been pastor of the Adamson Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call to Blakeney and Clayton.