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Britain True to Herself.

Recently we commented on the political situation in Great Britain and referred to the natural aversion of the people as a whole to movements of a revolutionary character, and to the regard which is deeply imbedded in the heart of every Britisher for her monarchical system and the various institutions upon which it is firmly founded.

A distinguished American who has spent considerable time in Great Britain, and has carefully reviewed the situation makes the following comment:

"There will never be a revolution in England. You people are wonderfully level-headed and fair-minded. I think it is perfectly astonishing how, in spite of her own troubles, England stands for fair play in Europe and gives a spiritual leadership to the rest of the world. There is a good nature in the English character which nothing can spoil or sour. I don't believe that your folk have lost the splendor of unselfishness which reached such heights of sacrifice in the war."

Sir Philip Gibbs, who speaks from wide experience and with an intimate knowledge of British character, in referring to the American's remarks adds:

"It is certain to my mind that these foreign observers are right. The spirit of the people, as far as I know it, is not in the least inclined either to fear or passion or violent experiment. I believe that there is a steady common sense in the middle-class crowd, especially among those who live in the mean streets of life, which is nobler, sweeter, in a way prouder and more patriotic, than the spirit one finds in richer crowds or among professional politicians manoeuvring for place and power."

In his intercourse with the people of the poorer classes, Sir Philip Gibbs says he finds not a word said about Communism, no threats against society, and no views held that a Labour Government means a wiping out of the old order of things. What makes the greatest impression on his mind is a loss of moral force, which he attributes to lack of unemployment and to the vicious practice of relieving poverty by means of the dole. "These people," he adds, "are for the most part free from criminal instinct, not the least brutalized by hardship and squalor, but possessing still the wonderful good-nature and patience which they showed when trudging through the swamps of Flanders. There is some deep, subconscious, traditional instinct of courage, some innate faith in the power of the race to pull through whatever happens."

While there appears to be a suggestion in parts of the programme outlined by the new Prime Minister of a policy which differs in many respects from that of his predecessors, and while it has been said that his party are using moderation at the first only as a cloak for legislation of a more revolutionary character when once they are firmly established, our safe and sure anchor is what Canon Barnes of Westminster a short time ago described as "the fundamental unity of the British people."

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP.—At a meeting of the Council of Board of Trade, held yesterday, four applicants were admitted to membership, as follows:—Mr. G. Winter, Jr., Capt. Old Olsen, L. Marshall and Wm. Woodford.

Prize Day

WITH ST. DONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE.

The Annual Prize Distribution of St. Donaventure's College took place yesterday afternoon at the Casino Theatre. The spacious hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with parents and friends of the scholars. His Excellency the Governor was unavoidably absent, owing to his suffering from a severe cold, but Lady Allardye very kindly attended, accompanied by Capt. Goodfellow, and occupied seats in the box. Amongst others in attendance were:—Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, Rev. Dr. Carter, Fr. J. Hawlin, Rev. Fr. Pippy, Flynn, Kennedy, (2) McGeigan and Savin.

The pupils of the college then treated the audience to a play, entitled, "The Bella, or the Polish Jew." The scene is laid in Alsatia at an inn, located at the foot of the Schneberg, the time being that of the great snow storm of Christmas Eve, 1868. The play was staged in three acts and the various parts were played their parts in a very pleasing manner, which earned for them the unstinted applause of the large gathering. The cast of characters is as follows:—

Hans Matthis (Proprietor of the "Merry Andrew" and local Burgomaster) . . . Master Kevin McGrath
Henri Schmitt (Forest-ranger) . . . Master William Walsh
Nickel (Mill-hand and general helper) . . . Master Myles Murray

Dr. Franz (clever doctor and venerable inmate) . . . Master Leo Hynes
Christian Beam (a French Quarter-master) . . . Master F. W. Donnelly
Notary (afterwards Chief Justice) . . . Master Bernard Summers
Daniel Walters (a cheery old peasant) . . . Master Cyrus Hawco
The Polish Jew (afterwards executioner) . . . Master Philip Hanley
Clerk of the Court . . . Master C. Fraser
Crier of the Court . . . Master James Bradshaw

Catherine (wife of Hans Matthis) . . . Master Alois Dunne
Annette (her daughter, engaged to Christian Beam) . . . Master Frederick McNamara
Lucie (servant at the inn) . . . Master Nicholas McGuire
Lawyers, Peasants, Gendarmes and Spectators in Court.

Between the acts, the St. Donaventure's Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. J. Phelan, rendered a delightful selection of music. At the close of the play, Rev. Bro. Fennerty, President of the college, read the report for the past year, but before doing so expressed regret that the President was unable to attend, owing to the result of a recent injury. The report showed that the Aulla Maxima had a most successful year in all its branches.

Following the distribution of prizes by Lady Allardye, Monsignor McDermott, who was seated on the platform, took occasion to address the boys and their friends. The Rev. Monsignor complimented the troupe for the excellence of the play, the prize winners and all those who figured in the field of sport. He expressed regret at the absence of the Governor and was pleased to say that his Grace the Archbishop who is at present in New York had greatly improved in health.

Lady Allardye in an eloquent address spoke on matters educational, and made an earnest appeal to the boys to do their best all the time, even though no reward or prize resulted. They were asked to strive hard in their studies and pick up the glorious tradition of their alma mater both in the room of study and on the field of sport. At the conclusion of her remarks, Lady Allardye was greeted with great applause. The evening's entertainment came to a fitting conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem.

McMurdo's Store News.
LOOK!
We can supply the baby's wants in Toilet, Rubber goods and Foods. Johnson's Baby Ointment and Kinney's Baby Ointment, for Backaches, they are large, cover the spot and give instant relief. Price 35c.
Wampoles Throat Ease for sore or tickling throat, they relieve the irritation, and soothe a hacking cough. Price 35c. and 15c. See our window displays.
Friday and Saturday at our candy counter, we have our usual display of delightful candies, fresh, whole, some and delicious. All at week-end prices:
Chocolate Roman Nougats and Nougatines; (Chocolate Brazilia and Dipped Caramels); Chocolate Peach Cubes and Caramels; Chocolate Raisins and Vanilla Opera; Red Seal Toffees and Tanager Orange.
Extra Special:
Butter Scotch Lumps . . . 35c.
Chocolate Creams . . . 35c.

KYLE SAILS.—S.S. Kyle, Capt. Stevenson, sailed from the Dry Dock wharf at 1 p.m. to-day, for North Sydney. She took only a small quantity of freight, a large foreign mail matter, and a few passengers.

MINARD'S LINIMENT.—MINARD'S LINIMENT.

Magistrate's Court.

An old offender named Jackson was charged with the larceny of \$2.50 the property of Miss Power on Feb. 5th. The accused who has a very bad record, having been convicted on eight different charges of larceny since June, 1920, admitted his guilt. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

A sailor for being drunk and disorderly was given another opportunity to make good.

A laborer taken in for safekeeping was discharged.

Const. Harris Rideout summoned two racing enthusiasts into court for driving their powers in a furious manner on the public street. There was no evidence to show that they had driven the beasts in a furious and improper manner. The Constable stated in his evidence that the speed was from 8 to 8 miles per hour. The case was dismissed.

A city cabman summoned by Const. Seaward was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and second, with a breach of the Street Traffic Regulations. The accused pleaded guilty to both charges, and was fined \$1 for each offence with the option of 6 days imprisonment.

The defendant in an assault case was convicted and fined \$2 and costs. A young man for failing to support his mother was ordered to pay her \$2 per week with the option of thirty days imprisonment.

THE DANCE OF THE SEASON.—Don't miss this Dance on Tuesday night next, (eve of whole holiday) February 12th, at "The Gaiety" (formerly C.C. Hall). Hear the Mt. Cashel Band in all the best Dance hits. They are wonderful. Tickets: Ladies, 70c.; Gent's, \$1.00; Double \$1.50.—Feb. 11

Meigle Returns to Port

GLENCOE TAKES UP WEST COAST SERVICE.

S.S. Meigle which has been doing service for the past six weeks, along the South West Coast, arrived in port at 5.30 this morning and will now lie up for the balance of the winter. The Glencoe which has been recently released for the continuation of this service leaves Argentia on Monday next, for the various ports of call as far as Port aux Basques.

Will Compete for Trophy

The Curriers will compete for the Victoria Trophy on Monday night next. The captains of the respective divisions are requested to select the players immediately so that there will be no delay in starting on time. Four teams from each of the Red, Green, White and Blue divisions will occupy the four rinks on Monday night from 7 to 11.30 and an interesting tournament is expected to follow. The winning division will carry off the pennant for the year.

Coastal Boats.

Argyle left Eppworth at 4 p.m. yesterday.
Glencoe left Fortune at 7 p.m. yesterday, coming East.
Kyle sailed for North Sydney at 1 p.m.
Meigle arrived in port at 7.30 this morning.
Prospero is still detained at Seldom owing to ice conditions.

MECHANICS' NOMINATION MEETING.

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the St. John's Mechanics' Society will be held in their Hall on Monday evening 11th inst. at 8 o'clock, after which the candidates for office for the ensuing year will be nominated. JAS. A. LEAHEY, Secretary.—Feb. 11

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A Display of Home Manufactured Goods

The tasteful display of boots and shoes in the window of S. Milley's is excellent testimony of the style and quality which is turned out by our local factories. There is no better way to awaken in purchasers the desirability of encouraging home industries than by showing them in such a manner that we can and do turn out goods that can compare favourably with the best imported.

Enquiry Proceedings

At the Enquiry Monday Mr. Lewis, attorney for Sir Richard Squires, will address the Commissioner on the evidence given re the second paragraph. Mr. Jenks for Besco will also be heard, and it is probable that the Attorney General will also make a statement up. Proceedings under the third paragraph will probably not begin before Thursday. The 1923-24 Pitt Prop account and expenditure on the Model Farm will be probed under this section. Its scope has not yet been decided upon.

Oporto Market

In a report to the Secretary of the Board of Trade, dated Jan. 15th, Messrs. Milnd & Couto state that since the beginning of the year demand for British cure fish has been dull, partly owing to the competition of Portuguese cure and partly to very wet and stormy weather, which makes transit to and from the provinces difficult. "We fear that the competition from Portuguese cure will be felt for some time yet, but we hope, however, that the consumption of British cure will not be seriously diminished. Exchange is very weak and prices in Portuguese currency are very high to the consumer here."

M.C. Defeat St. Bon's

The Methodist College hockey team recorded another win in the inter-collegiate league series at the Prince's Rink this morning, when they defeated the St. Bon's aggregation by a score of 5 to 2. The game was largely attended, good play was witnessed, and the victory achieved by the M.C. team gives them a good hold on the championship.

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A LOAN OF BETWEEN TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY AND THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, WERE COMPLETED TO-DAY BY THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING SYNDICATE, HEADED BY J. P. MORGAN & CO., WHICH WILL MAKE A PUBLIC OFFERING OF BONDS NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY WEDNESDAY, IN NEW YORK, LONDON AND THE CONTINENT. PROCEEDS OF THE LOAN WILL BE USED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION, NECESSITATED BY LAST YEAR'S EARTHQUAKE.

KING TUT TO BE REVEALED.

LUXOR, Egypt, Feb. 9. The official opening of the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamen has been set for Tuesday next week.

NURSING A SCOR.

LONDON, Feb. 9. With the Soviet Government's acceptance of British proposals regarding recognition, now in Premier MacDonald's hands, a solid foundation for settlement of all Anglo-Russian difficulties is ready, and upon it the Labour Premier hopes to erect a superstructure of general European settlement. Mr. MacDonald intends Russia to be the first section of that structure, but he is not so optimistic as to assume that the building is already completed. He knows there are difficulties ahead and that there is the matter of propaganda. As an old Socialist, Mr. MacDonald knows the propaganda game from start to finish, and therefore believes he knows something about dealing with it. He is very familiar with the activities of the Communists in England, and will not interrupt their activities so long as it is a British organization financed with British funds, but he will not tolerate a Communist political party in Britain which is financed by Russia or any other country.

AUSTRIA FOLLOWS SUIT.

VIENNA, Feb. 9. Austrian recognition of Soviet Russia is under consideration, Chancellor Seipel stated at Budapest, according to local newspapers.

MEXICO SEEKS RECOGNITION.

LONDON, Feb. 9. Mexico is following Russia in seeking a full recognition from Great Britain before settling her outstanding claims, but Mexico, unlike Russia, has never been a campaign issue in British domestic politics, and is therefore not likely to meet with success, "was learned at the Foreign Office.

CANADIAN HELD TO RANSOM BY MEXICAN BANDITS.

OTAWA, Feb. 9. The Canadian Government, in communication with the British Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City in regard to the case of C. D. McKensie, a Canadian, who is being held captive for ransom by Mexican bandits at Hippolyta Villa. The Department of External Affairs has received official confirmation of the news of McKensie's capture and ransom of two hundred thousand dollars in gold is demanded. McKensie is a son of Archibald McKensie, of River John, Pictou County, and is manager of the Mexican Northern Power Co., at Boquilla, in the State of Chihuahua.

TRAIN BURIED BY AVALANCHE

LINCOLN, Upper Austria, Feb. 9. An avalanche swept down upon the railway station at Pfaff, last night, burying a passenger train and carriages containing several persons. Railwaymen and neighbouring villagers are hard at work digging out.

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SEPARATISTS LEAVE AS THE OLD ORDER ENTERS.

MAYENCE, Feb. 9. Separatists this morning vacated the public buildings in Mayence which they have been holding for some time. Evacuation apparently was made in agreement with functionaries of the old regime who entered from one side as the Separatists left from the other.

DECREASE IN LIQUOR CONSUMPTION.

LONDON, Feb. 9. Consumers of alcoholic liquors in Britain either has not been so thirsty during the last decade, or have lost the desire for drink. For the consumption of beer, spirits and wine in the United Kingdom has undergone an immense reduction since the end of the last century, according to the Alliance Year Book, a temperance reform book just issued. Beer consumed in 1889 per head was 32.53 gallons; in 1923 15.50 gallons; spirit in 1889 1.09 gallons; in 1923 0.36 gallons; wine in 1889 0.41 gallons, and in 1923 0.28 gallons.

REVOLUTIONARIES RE-OCCUPY MEXICAN TOWNS.

VERA CRUZ, Feb. 9. Oruba Cordoba and Vera Cruz have been re-occupied by revolutionary forces, and martial law was declared in Vera Cruz by order of the revolutionary General Esteban Lazo. A few cases of looting were reported in Vera Cruz and the vicinity. General discontent exists among the populace, due to lack of work and hunger.

THEATRE DESTROYED BY FURNACE EXPLOSION.

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. Feb. 9. A furnace in the theatre here blew up at 8.30 this morning and the building was practically destroyed by nine o'clock. The loss is about \$50,000.

A CONSERVATIVE APPOINTED LORD ADVOCATE FOR SCOTLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 9. Premier MacDonald has overcome difficulty of filling the office of Lord Advocate for Scotland but has had to adopt the services of another Conservative. A noted Scottish advocate, H. P. MacMillan, agreed to fill the post, stipulating that he did so on the basis that it was entirely non-political, and without participation in the policy of the government. The appointment under such conditions is altogether unusual, but the traditions of the Scottish bar seem to have made any other solution impossible. It has already evoked strong adverse criticism from Glasgow extremists who declare that the giving of the post to a Tory will make "Kier Hardie turn in his grave." Hardie, the founder of the Independent Labor Party, is the National hero of Scottish Laborites. Two more appointments to the Royal household which are traditionally political have also been made. Baron Muir-MacKenzie and Lord Laverne, being named. Lord Laverne, De Laverne, who is only 23 years old, enlisted as a seaman in the Navy during the war, serving on a mine sweeper, and appeared in the House of Lords on one occasion in his father's uniform.

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Opening Announcement

MONDAY OF THE NEW FEB. 11th

CASH GROCERY

408 WATER STREET WEST.

I have much pleasure in announcing that I have opened a NEW CASH GROCERY at the above address in the Stores formerly occupied by H. J. Brownrigg, where the public will at all times find a well selected stock of Fresh Groceries and Provisions; also Fruit and Confectionery, Vegetables and Feeds, Game in season, Fresh and Smoked Fish, Patent Medicines, etc., etc. at the lowest possible prices, consistent with quality. This will be in every respect. (The Store of Good Service), and I would respectfully