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THE BRITISH WAY

British control in Mesopotamia has led to vast improvements in irrigation, transportation, agriculture and education. Lord Curzon declares more has been done in two years than had been done in five preceding centuries. Similar work has been done in Palestine and Syria. This is a noble record of achievement which will add lustre to the fame of Britain throughout the world. Germany's plan was to use subject races for her own purposes. Britain fits them for self-government and the enjoyment of freedom, progress, prosperity and happiness. The state of the Armenians is still very deplorable, but relief will also come to them in course of time. They will be freed from Turkish tyranny and the menace of German territorial and trade ambitions. If the war did nothing else it has changed the whole outlook of the countries so long oppressed by the Turk, and is bringing them to their place in the sun.

SCHOOLS AND PEOPLE

Sixteen parents have signed a statement that they are prepared to submit evidence to prove unnecessary harshness on the part of a principal in one of the schools. In another case there was talk of an inquest to bring out the evidence regarding alleged harshness to a child. There appears to be a very marked difference, amounting to flat contradiction, in the stories told. Either there has been harshness or a number of parents must face the fact that their children are very untruthful. And either explanation of the two cases is decidedly unpleasant. It is said that some of those in authority in regard to school matters hold the view that there should be no publicity when complaints are made, as they are quite competent to arrive at a just decision. Certainly discipline in the schools must be maintained. Perhaps it would be easier to do so if the people were encouraged to make more use of the school buildings and get into closer touch with the school work. One would expect principals and teachers to encourage such a development. The Times has received several communications relative to the schools and would suggest to the writers that a public meeting of parents in a school building to discuss the school would be a very good means of dealing with the whole matter. No doubt the use of a school assembly hall could be got for this purpose—if no other.

ILLITERACY.

In some states in the United States a vigorous effort is being made not only to have all children attend school but to lessen the proportion of illiteracy among adults. For example the Christian Science Monitor has this information from Louisiana. "The Louisiana department of education is making special efforts this year to eliminate as much as possible of the heavy percentage of adult illiteracy in the state by opening the schools, wherever possible, and by providing special sessions of schools in other places for the men and women who, for one reason or another, failed to obtain an education at least as far as the high school in their youth. With this end in view, T. H. Harris, state superintendent of education, is now on a tour of every parish in the state, conducting a campaign for the organization of special classes, under selected teachers, for adults only, during the months of July, August and September. These special teachers not only will organize classes among the adult illiterates, but will give individual instruction in the homes of these unfortunate people wherever they find them too few in number to form convenient classes." This is certainly a progressive movement, and one making for better, and more intelligent citizenship. It emphasizes the importance of such provision as will render it impossible for children in the state to grow up without proper schooling. Illiteracy in this age is a proof of shameful neglect by society of those of its members who are permitted to grow up in ignorance.

CONCERNING PROHIBITION

The Times in an article on prohibition the other day remarked that occasionally an Englishman rose up to describe the law as un-British. An Englishman asks why special reference should be made to his fellow countrymen. His objection would be well taken, so far as singling out men of any one nationality as opposed to prohibition is concerned. There are some of every nationality who are opposed, but they do not use the term "un-British." It is only the English objector who says that, and in that sense the reference was made. If an Englishman thinks the law is un-British he has a perfect right to say so. And he would not be an Englishman if he did not promptly assert his prerogative. This paper would not agree with his views, for it believes England herself will eventually adopt prohibition; but in the meantime it can have no possible objection to an Englishman or any other man saying what he thinks about the merits of such a law. It is interesting to note in this connection that the Canadian orders-in-council respecting prohibition are to be made effective by parliamentary enactment, and that the

western farmers have revised their platform and demand that the manufacture, importation and sale of liquor in Canada be entirely prohibited.

UP TO THE TRUSTEES.

Four years ago the New Brunswick Board of Education adopted this regulation:—"With the unanimous consent of the school trustees in any district, public school houses may be used for any proper purposes, outside of school hours and when not required for public school uses."

The Board would not have adopted this regulation if it did not believe school buildings should be used for community purposes, or if it feared there would be any spread of disease or destruction of property. Such use is made of school buildings all over the province when the people desire it. Only in St. John is the lid clamped down and the people told they must not use their own property. This intolerable situation must be brought to an end. The members of the school board can end it by the adoption of a simple resolution. The power is theirs. The opposition centres in the superintendent and some (by no means all) members of the teaching staff. They may have persuaded a few people to accept their views, but public sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of the contention of the South End Improvement League.

UP TO THE GOVERNMENT

Toronto Star—"The Dominion government shows its concern about the housing problem when it offers to lend \$25,000,000 to the provinces at a reduced rate. The Ontario government shows its concern by offering to lend cheap money to the municipalities. Both governments now find that the inducement they offer entirely fails to reach the needs of the case, and so the obvious course seems to be for the two governments to come together in this matter, and make such adjustments between them as will enable the difficulties of the case to be faced and disposed of as is being done by the British government. There ought to be worked out a policy by means of which each of the two governments would perform its necessary part in pushing this thing through to success—providing land at fair prices, building materials at reasonable rates, and between them guaranteeing compensation, as far as necessary, to those who, in response to government urging, build houses now at a cost temporarily excessive. The Dominion and provincial governments, and they alone, possess the authority to handle and dispose of these difficulties, and unless everything is to end in talk they should get together and jointly dispose of them."

The G. W. V. A. of Halifax has won public respect by declaring itself on the side of law and order. Those who fought for high ideals in Europe naturally stand for the same ideals on their return home. The few exceptions must not be encouraged to play the Hun in any community. There would be much less trouble if it were possible to eliminate the boot-legger, who is responsible for most of the disorder that occurs.

A British expeditionary force has accomplished a remarkable journey of three hundred miles in twelve days to relieve the British troops on the Archangel front. They travelled in sleighs in single file over frozen country and through the forest. Their arrival must have brought joy to the men facing greatly superior numbers of the Bolsheviks. Nothing daunts the British soldier when there is work to be done.

Premier Clemenceau appears to have fallen a victim to a Bolshevik organization in Paris. This is a warning to the people of all countries to keep a sharp eye on persons believed to be plotting against the peace and security of the state, and to visit with prompt punishment those guilty of overt acts.

Premier Clemenceau, with a bullet in his lungs, was in his garden yesterday. What a wonderful old man he is. Surely he deserves to recover and carry on his great work for France.

Camp For Girls

A meeting of the provincial co-operative commission for girls' work was held in St. Andrew's church yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for a summer camp during the summer. Miss Bessie Holder is the convenor of the committee. Rev. F. S. Dowling presided at the meeting and Dr. Robertson of Toronto gave helpful suggestions as to the arrangements for the camp.

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REV. DR. COHOE IN HALIFAX CHURCH

(Halifax Echo.)

Admirers of the Rev. Dr. A. B. Cohoe, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church, taxed the seating arrangements of that building to capacity yesterday afternoon, when they heard his address on "Where are the front line trenches now?" Dr. Cohoe says that the front line trenches are the places where there is a difficult piece of good work to be done for the benefit of humanity. Dr. Cohoe is a forceful and fluent speaker, and his audience listened with marked attention for over an hour.

In opening his address Rev. Dr. Cohoe spoke of the front line trenches in France, and the men who fought, and died, and died in them. These men had done hard things—had made great sacrifices for the cause of humanity, and so should we. If we did, he said, we were in the front line trenches of today. The world is convinced that Jesus Christ is right—that the principles laid down by Him are the ones that should be followed. He had yet, he said, to find a man that would boldly say that Jesus Christ was wrong. The church was, therefore, on the wrong track—she was not in the front line trenches, because she was attempting to do something that had already been done. What we most want at the present time is not words but deeds. An application of the principles laid down by Jesus to everyday social and business life. Practical Christianity is the war cry of the hour. Christianity in terms of political duty—duty to the city—duty to the nation—duty to a fellowman.

Dr. Cohoe referred in scathing terms to Christians who loved God, and loved their fellow-men, but in order to make a little money cut down the yearly estimates for housing and sanitary arrangements, and thus increased the infant death-rate—literally murdered babies. He thought that possibly the Almighty might ask about the death rate among children on that last great day, and there would probably be some who would say they knew nothing about it.

Rheumatism

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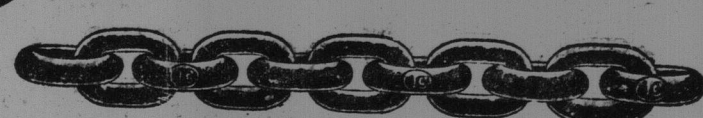
Send No Money—Just Your Address. Years of awful suffering and misery have taught this man, Mark H. Jackson, of Syracuse, New York, how terrible an enemy to human happiness rheumatism is, and how it gives misery to all who are unfortunate who are within its grasp. He wants every rheumatic victim to know how he was cured. Read what he says:

"I Had Sharp Pains Like Lightning Flashes Shooting Through My Joints." In the spring of 1898 I was attacked by Muscular and Inflammatory Rheumatism. I suffered as only those who have it know, for over three years. I tried remedy after remedy, and doctor after doctor, but such relief as I received was only temporary. Finally, I found a remedy that cured me completely, and it has never returned. I have given it to a number who were terribly afflicted and even bedridden with Rheumatism, and it effected a cure in every case. I want every sufferer from any form of rheumatic trouble to try this marvelous healing power. Don't hesitate to get it simply fill out the coupon below and I will send it free to try. After you have used it and it has proven itself to be that long-looked-for means of curing your Rheumatism, you may send the price of it, one dollar, but, understand, I do not want your money unless you are perfectly satisfied to send it. Isn't that fair? Why suffer any longer when positive relief is thus offered you free? Don't delay. Write today. Mr. Jackson is responsible. Above statement is true.

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This unusual Map made by the army cartographers at headquarters in France during the progress of the great push will be invaluable for preservation. The position of every Division engaged on every day of the advance, and in some cases the morning and afternoon positions on the same day are clearly shown; the heavy German defense systems that were broken are clearly indicated, showing the irresistible impact of the American push. Every River, Railroad, Wagon-road, City, and Town in the Meuse-Argonne region is plainly given.

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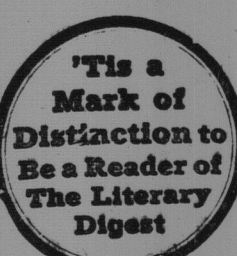
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