

TREE MORE B. MEN KEPT AT BAY

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IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO THE SILENCE OF ENGLAND AND THE DOMINIONS WHICH MORE THAN WORDS COULD DO SHOWS STRENGTH OF THE IMPERIAL TIES.

(By Arnold White in London Express.)
Among the greater forces that must win the Great War are the silences. Germany is garrulous. Her athletes loquacity is one cause of her inevitable defeat. Liar next long memories. Which fact in the happenings of the Great War most impresses other people is doubtful. To me the silence of the Austrians and New Zealanders are on the failure of the Dardanelles expedition, and the silence of the Canadian Government and the people on the subject of the conduct of the war, are the finest demonstration of imperial strength conceivable to Englishmen. Their strength was silence, and they appeal to the Motherland as never before.

The great forces are always silent. You may hear the breaking of a ripe grain pod in autumn and listen to little grains falling on the earth. If your hearing is keen—and it must be very keen—you may hear the tramping of birds' feet on the boughs above you as you lie at the edge of the forest. Nobody hears the moon and the sun haul the Atlantic Ocean through the Straits of Dover to Calcutta and the Catspaw. Nobody hears the etheric forces of sunshine that melt the snows and waken into life man, animal, and plants when the winter is past and over.

Reserve Strength.

Silence, when under temptation to talk or reply, is evidence of reserve strength. But the silent are not always wise, and the talkers are not always fools. Coleridge describes a dinner party (they dined at 3 p. m. in those days) where every single member of the company had contributed to brilliant conversation, with one exception. This man boasted a higher brow and a broader forehead, a more benignant expression, and brighter blue eyes than any of his companions. Coleridge waited half through the meal for the pearls of wisdom which he expected to drop from the high-browed sage's lips. At last, apple dumplings were served to the company. The high-browed sage availed himself of a voice of ecstasy. "Them's the jockey for me"—his sole contribution to the symposium. Coleridge, like the best critical lawyers today, distrusted physiognomy as a guide to character.

Maurice Hewlett has said of Genoa: "The men were brave and silent, and the maidens frank like the sea." Shakespeare said: "The secrets of nature have not more gift than taciturnity." The power of holding one's tongue with delicate and honorable reserve is not only a protection against the disclosure of one's own follies, but also evidence of strength. Two European rulers have been remarkable respectively for taciturnity and talkativeness. Both were named William. William the Silent lived in days before the Press was a power, but silence was part of the secret by which he freed the Netherlands from the Spanish yoke. His biography is interwoven with the history of Holland.

Brag and Bluster.

The loquacity of William the Talkative revealed by indiscreet utterances in Norwegian fjords in his yacht Honnolleria his real sentiment towards England and his English relations. When William the Talkative, with his bounce, his brag, and his bluster, faced the last judgment, the vice of loquacity, the symptom of an unstable mind, will stand up as witness against him. He has led to me.

Silent ghosts from Gallipoli inhabit Australia. In the seaboard cities, in the Darling Downs, in the rich pastures of South Australia, Queensland, and New Zealand, in the Broken Hill districts and in the "Never Nerves" Land, the sons, the brothers and the lovers who will never return live forever in the hearts of their silent kinsmen. God bless them!

From the Commonwealth and from New Zealand, Ministers, newspapers, families and correspondents, one hears no word of complaint, no criticism on the policy of the Gallipoli "gamble"; the silent Government receive many letters from intimate friends and from relations in the Commonwealth, but I have not received one letter or read one line of complaint. The British and Canadian are silent. That is their strength. Now that the time has come for speech and action, Mr. Hughes is welding Empire.

Before the war Australia was talkative. Young Australia gave irreverent

which was formerly spent in dissipation in foreign countries.

Unity of Empire.

In the occupant of the Throne of England the British Empire is united. Without the Throne the princes and the people of India, who neither understand nor are understood by a democratic Parliament were not have come through the storm unshaken in loyalty and sacrifice.

I know of an Indian rajah who, in giving his twentieth contribution to the national fund, deprecating the compliment paid him by a grizzled Indian general, a friend of earlier days, by saying: "It is nothing; it is nothing; but it is all I have."

The King and Queen have a strong grip on the hearts of the people. We know that the most rigid economies reign in the Palace. But if national economy is public and private expenditure is needed to the Empire's safety, will not His Majesty break silence and tell his people what he himself is doing, and then invite them to go on and do likewise?

The Navy Knows.

When Sir Hedworth Mear made a short speech in the House of Commons the other day, he expressed (I have reason to know) the inner mind of the most silent and the most powerful force in the world. If the Navy is confident and cheerful, it is not lightly confident or idly gay. It knows the forces confronting it. No murmur has reached the public from the admiral at sea when human nature, being what human nature is, was sorely tempted to speak out.

In a recent Zepplin raid two bombs were dropped on a golf links where the officers of a destroyer division since the war began. The short report was that the bombs were thereupon accepted as part of the course by the naval foursome, who were "all square" at the eighth hole. The high-browed sage availed himself of a voice of ecstasy. "Them's the jockey for me"—his sole contribution to the symposium. Coleridge, like the best critical lawyers today, distrusted physiognomy as a guide to character.

The King's Opinion.

All silences are not good. A silence to motor-cars was essential to commercial success. An efficient silence to aircraft is certain to come, but the silent gun is not yet produced on the great scale. Our present War Secretary is the most silent man in the Ministry. If the most talkative War Minister that England ever produced was also the least efficient, the theory of close connection between garrulity and incapacity, which impresses the silent voter, received powerful support when the Minister in question was retired on a pension and granted a decoration which was formerly prized.

The silence of the King of England is impressive—a steady tale of duties cheerfully done: many of them hard and disagreeable. We should all like to hear the King's opinion on the great problem of the hour—the Civil List, for instance.

We must look ahead. Drastic economies in public and private expenditure are unavoidable. Many troubles from which Russia has suffered for the last two hundred years have been the result of the growth of an hereditary caste of grand dukes and grand duchesses who contribute little to the strength of the throne and who absorb vast sums of money, much of

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PARLIAMENT MAY PRODUCE IN TWO WEEKS

House Will Sit Saturdays and Hour Earlier Each Day—Railway Aid Only Large Item to Deal With.

Ottawa, May 4.—With Saturday sitting of the House of Commons and regular sittings now beginning an hour earlier each day, or at two o'clock in the afternoon, Parliament is settling down for the final legislative period of the session. The only large item still on the order paper is the railway aid legislation. That will come up next week, and is bound to take a considerable time and involve an important and comprehensive debate on the biggest problem now before the Dominion.

Before the government's motion for Saturday sittings was put through this afternoon Hon. Geo. P. Graham endeavored to draw from Hon. Robert Rogers, who was leading the Premier's motion, a declaration as to whether there was to be any more last hour legislation brought in. The minister of public works announced that he was not trying to deceive the House and did not see the need of any instructions.

Small Prospect of Finding Murderer

Montreal, May 4.—A coroner's jury this morning returned a verdict of "murder against a person unknown," in the case of Ezra Barragan, shot to death in a blind alley back of the Brighton apartments, 51 Bay Street, Montreal.

Registration Not Contemplated at Present Time

Ottawa, May 4.—The senate today discussed recruiting and the Hamilton-Gault divorce bill.

Cardinal's County's Oldest Man Dies at Age of 100 Years

St. George, May 3.—Mr. James McKelvie, Charlotte county's oldest man, died at his home in Red Rock on Sunday at the age of 108 years. He was born in Ireland, coming to this country at an early age. The last sixty years of his life he lived with his son-in-law, Patrick Keough, who is upwards of 80 years. Until a year ago Mr. McKelvie was able to do the chores around the farm. Burial took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery on Tuesday.

Home-seekers' Excursions

Excursion tickets will be sold every Wednesday until October 25th, to Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton and numerous other points in the Canadian North West. These tickets will be good for return within two months from date of issue.

German Finances

In all the English comments on the speech recently made by Dr. Hefferich there has been only one undertone—grim satisfaction with the unenviable condition of German finances. This is natural, but it is also thoughtful, because there lurks a great danger to the Allies not alone in the Imperial Finance Minister's said, but in what he has carefully omitted to mention.

ANTHRACITE COAL MINERS ACCEPT NEW AGREEMENT

Pottsville, Pa., May 4.—The anthracite coal controversy which threatened to cause a strike of the 176,000 miners working in the hard coal region of eastern Pennsylvania has been settled by an agreement reached between the miners' convention of the agreement recently reached between the scale committee of operators and miners at New York.

BRITISH CRUISER SECURES WAR OFF CANARY

Paris, May 4.—Turkish troops are being concentrated at Smyrna according to despatches from Athens received here by the Havas Agency. The dispatches state that Gen. Linaur von Sarniers has arrived at Smyrna to superintend the defence of the Asiatic coast.

Cardinal Sevin Dies in Lyons

Paris, May 4.—Hector Irénée Sevin, cardinal archbishop of Lyons, died today. Cardinal Sevin was 64 years of age, and was created cardinal in May, 1914.

Marysville

Marysville, May 3.—Three members of "C" Company, 104th Battalion, were arrested Sunday afternoon at Marysville, for being under the influence of liquor, and for abusing a horse. They were taken before the magistrate and remanded.

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Ottawa, May 4.—An interesting feature of the Meredith-Duff Commission session today was the fact that the author of the bill in bringing out any evidence of wrong doing. Mr. Carvell intimated that Mr. Kyrle had to go to Cape Breton on Saturday, and Mr. Carvell promptly requested that the author of the charges should send him any information he had. This incident affords additional proof that the desire of the government is to lay bare all the facts.

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Cheer Your Boys at the Front

Our National Leaders state that the best way to help YOUR fighting friends at the front bear the strain of YOUR burden is by the practical helpfulness of the Major Birks National Military Service Fund of the Y. M. C. A. \$250,000 and more is needed at once.

ROSE TEA "is good tea"