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KIPLING RESPONDS.

Probably the only monument to Canada's soldier dead bearing an inscription written by Rudyard Kipling will be that of the little city of Sault Ste. Marie. Probably, too, in all North America, this Canadian town will be the only one having this distinction.

There is nothing like asking for what you want. The city of Sault Ste. Marie is about ready to dedicate a monument to the three hundred and fifty men who went from that place and who fell in the great war.

When it was settled that a striking memorial was to be erected, Mr. J. W. Curran, publisher of the Sault Daily Star, wrote a letter to Rudyard Kipling, in the course of which he asked that the poet should "write for us a verse or thought to go on the face of the monument," or indicate something which he would think suitable. He suggested that if Mr. Kipling felt he could comply with this request the service rendered would touch very deeply the hearts of the parents and other relatives of the soldiers whose sacrifice was to be commemorated.

How many similar requests Mr. Kipling must have had from Great Britain and elsewhere within the Empire may be guessed, and that he was unable to comply with many must be taken for granted. But something in the appeal from this little town in the Dominion touched the right chord and the poet made an exception. A few days ago Mr. Curran received a letter enclosing the following for use on the memorial—

"To the Glory of God; the honor of the Armies of the Dominion, and in proud memory of our dead who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918; and whose names are here recorded, this Monument was erected by the people of Sault Ste. Marie."

"From little towns in a far land we came,
To save our honor and a world aflame;
By little towns, in a far land, we sleep,
And trust those things we won to you to keep."

It is a striking and appropriate inscription, rightly honoring the heroes of the little town and reminding all of the duty the sacrifices of our soldiers imposed upon us to guard the heritage and the principles in defence of which they fell. His response has been received with joy and gratitude in Sault Ste. Marie, where the inspiration of his lines will be felt by this and many other generations.

"BLUE LAWS"

The average man's attitude toward what are described as "blue laws" depends very much upon how blue they are, and perhaps very much also upon how they affect what he feels to be his own individual liberty. A common view is that we do not want what is called the Continental Sabbath, or any giving over of the Sabbath to unrestricted amusement, but also that undue restriction, compulsion, or interference by law with the habits of the people would be likely to do more harm than good.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate proposing that in the District of Columbia Sunday newspapers shall be prohibited, and providing that on Sunday no public hall may be used for lecture purposes on science, history, biography, or for any except religious or charitable meetings. This in itself is nothing unusual; but one of the men who assisted in preparing the bill has said that political punishment will fall upon any Congressman who dares to vote against this measure, and a still more interesting development is his statement to this effect: "Of course, we shall back no law that would compel men or women to attend church. But we believe that, if we take away a man's motor car, his golf kit, his Sunday paper, his horses, his pleasure steamships, amusement houses and parks, and prohibit him from playing outdoor games or witnessing field sports, he naturally will drift back to church."

The question as to what forms of amusement are permissible, on the Sabbath is one that is not likely to be settled soon or through heated argument, but the idea that people can be forced to go to church by compelling them to obey Sunday restrictions in which they do not believe appears to be one of very doubtful wisdom. The earnest forces of the church which strive against Sabbath desecration are generally speaking, opposed to intolerance, or to impracticable schemes for controlling the individual, at least to such schemes as are sometimes advanced by the extremists.

Of course Congress would not in any way give heed to legislation providing for compulsory church attendance, and it is equally unlikely to legislate legislation based on the idea that if human beings are deprived of the privilege of going anywhere else on Sunday they will necessarily go to church. If compulsory attendance were sought about, directly or indirectly, which may be regarded as impossible, any of those in attendance might not

be in a frame of mind receptive to religious instruction. It is necessary to have legislation to prevent the abuse of the Sabbath, but it is still necessary to remember that the more the churches succeed in leading people to adopt real Christian principles, the less necessary will any form of compulsion become. The meaning of the statement that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath must not be exaggerated by those who plead against Sunday restrictions, but, on the other hand, it should never be overlooked.

THOSE COLONIES.

Some Germans are already suggesting that their country will soon recover the colonies it lost as a result of the war, and what some are thinking today more will be thinking tomorrow. These are impudent manifestations from Germany, but they are characteristic also, and more like them may be expected. Germany, in fact, shows an inclination to promise good conduct to the Allies, but never fails to suggest that some reward for being decent is naturally to be expected.

The question of the lost colonies was brought up the other day by the president of the Reichsbank in addressing a meeting of leading business men. He evidently represents a German group who have at the back of their minds the intention that Germany shall default from time to time, no matter what terms it may agree to in the near future, and that the Allies may be persuaded or forced to make additional concessions as a bribe to induce good behavior. One of the ideas advanced at the meeting referred to was that the Allies might be willing to consider the restoration of some of the colonies (only some are mentioned at first, of course) so soon as Germany begins to pay reparations under the Dawes plan. The Allies, it appears, are to be persuaded that Germany cannot support her sixty millions of people unless she has room overseas, territories to which her surplus population may go and from which she might draw raw material.

In Berlin it is often asserted that Great Britain would assent to giving back some of the former German overseas territory providing the reparations settlement is put through without delay. In Berlin, of course, the wish is father to the thought. Neither Britain nor France has any intention of bribing the Germans at short intervals to accept terms which the Allies are in a position to impose, even if such a course be troublesome. In fact it is recognized that any form of dealing with Germany is bound to be troublesome because of the trickery and dishonesty encountered.

Another Berlin idea is that anxiety to get Germany into the League of Nations may lead to some arrangement whereby she may recover some of the territory she lost. There is surely an unhappy awakening in store for those Germans who believe that the Allies are not only willing to finance German economic recovery, but restore the colonies as well, but it is very like Germany that such ideas should be put forward and should find numerous converts. In these days a great many of the views advanced by German politicians are such as to lend support to the familiar conviction that no German pledge will ever be kept fully unless under compulsion, applied, or over ready to be applied.

"Neither Canada nor the United States can afford to build up trade barriers against the other," says the Chicago Tribune. The Tribune has a task of some magnitude on its hands if it proposes to convert its country to that view. It is a good work for an ambitious newspaper and the Chicago publication should lose no time in settling about it. The United States at present is ruled by public men a majority of whom seem to be convinced that the life of the Republic depends very largely upon erecting and maintaining trade barriers against Canada.

SEES SUCCESS FOR HUDSON'S BAY PLAN

Winnipeg, May 29.—"Astounding at the fact that when papers were placed on the table of Parliament last Tuesday, only one report was selected for publication—that one being an adverse report made in 1917 by Engineer D. W. McLachlan, when it is a known fact that Mr. McLachlan cancelled that report by a new one in the opposite direction in 1918," was expressed by Charles F. Gray, president of the On-To-The-Bay Association in a statement issued here today.

Mr. Gray further said that progress was being made toward achievement of the aims of his organization at Ottawa and forecast success in its efforts when the full programme of the association was carried to its conclusion.

Press Comment

OF COURSE.

(Detroit Free Press.)
When mother encourages Johnnie to pick dandelions and bring them into the house, of course she may be doing so merely because she thinks the blossoms are pretty.

THE BONUS FOR U. S. SOLDIERS

(Toronto Star.)
The United States Congress evidently does not share President Coolidge's idea of the importance of conserving the financial strength of the country which makes the republic pre-eminent for the time being, in the business of the world. Congress has passed, over the president's veto, the soldier's insurance bonus bill, which will give a paid-up endowment policy for \$962 to three million men who enlisted during the war, a measure that will cost the government more than 100 million dollars yearly during the next twenty years.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that politics played a large part in the decision of the two houses of Congress. The United States was only a year and a half in the war as against Germany, and yet the government has been engaged. The republic has enjoyed much greater prosperity than Canada since hostilities ceased, and her scale of pensions for disabled men is just as high as those for wounded Canadians. For Congress, on the eve of an election, to force through the costly insurance bonus scheme against the judgment of the chief executive, is to recall the almost scandalously excessive pensions burden placed on the country after the American civil war. Money cannot sufficiently reward the men who saved civilization from German militarism, yet the country should do all it can, without incurring overwhining debt, to put its defenders in as good a position as they would have been in if they had not gone to war. Canada has not done too much for her returned men, but she has shown good judgment, in the main, and done well considering her general position.

This country has paid out something like 170 millions in war service gratuities, placed 29,000 soldiers on the farms with loans aggregating 50 millions, spent 5 millions on vocational training, and secured loan rates for insurance on 75,000 policies. Having regard to her financial position, Canada has been as generous as the United States to the men who fought for her in the war and much more discreet.

LEAPS FROM HOTEL TO RESCUE BABY

East Syracuse, N. Y., May 29.—Leaping from the second story window of a hotel near here into the old Erie Canal, Walter Burns, head waiter at the hotel, Tuesday night saved the life of Wasił Heriowski, 19-months-old baby, that had been playing on a bridge over the unwatered stream, and had fallen into the water.

What's Your Weight?

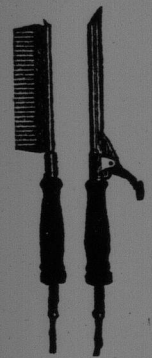
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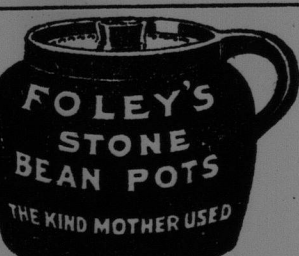
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GONE BLIND

(Barbara Young in N. Y. Times.)
Starting into the dark!
And the dark stares back at me,
Not a black darkness, no,
Gray like a mist or fog—
The color I used to see
When the children, in their play,
Would circle me with their arms,
Pressing the small hands close,
And bidding me "Guess who's here!"

Now God is playing a game,
Shutting away the sun,
And the blessed light of the stars,
And the lace of the apple blooms,
Shutting the shadows out—
And I loved the shadows so!
Last year when the lilacs bloomed
I looked and looked my fill,
For I knew the darkness was close,
Before they should come again.
I knew the darkness would fall,
As it has fallen, now.

I stood in a sunny place—
Larkspur, color of gold!
Tulip flowers, color of flame;
Crocuses, blue as her eyes!
I said, Well, this is the end,
When it shall be May again,
These eyes that have loved the light
Will be learning to see in the dark.

And you, you were all so gay,
Thinking I did not know!
I could feel God pressing His hands,
And whispering, "Guess whose's here!"

It is strange to walk in the dark,
In the mist and the fog all day,
But I am not afraid—
Never afraid nor alone,
For I have gathered them all,
All the rich blooms of the years,
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No Character

Butler, at fancy dress ball, who has been told to announce people by the characters they represent—"What character?"
Guests—"Oh, no particular character."
Butler (at the top of his voice)—"Two ladies of no character in particular."

So We'll Waiver.

"The most interesting book I ever had was a cookery book!"
"Ah, yes. Plenty of stirring passages, I suppose?"

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INSPECT DOCKS AT PORT OF LONDON

Montreal, May 29.—J. E. Darymple, traffic vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, who is at present in Europe on a tour of inspection of the agencies of the system, was a guest today of the London Port authorities and made a tour of the chief docks and warehouses of the capital. Mr. Darymple was accompanied by D. O. Wood, traffic manager foreign freight department; R. B. Teakle, general manager Canadian Government Merchants Marine, and William Phillips, European manager of the Canadian National Railways, London, England. The tour was made under the guidance of Chairman Torrey, of the port of London.

BOY ILL IN STREET.

The city ambulance was called to Charlotte street yesterday afternoon when Rhys Jones, aged 12 years, fell

In a fit. The youngster was conveyed to the General Public Hospital for treatment and later went to his home to the General Public Hospital for at 82 Germain street.

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