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THE LIBERAL LEADER.

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King announced last evening at Newmarket, Ontario, that the platform adopted by the Liberal convention at Ottawa would be his chart in expounding the policy of the Liberal party. The Liberal leader, in this address preliminary to his maritime province tour, dealt with general principles, and laid very strong emphasis upon the importance of a reunion of the union and non-union Liberals, each crediting the other with liberality in the course each pursued at the time union government and conscription were the issues before the people.

As was to be expected, the Liberal leader was severe in his criticism of the borden government, charging it with indecision and lack of a constructive policy. The agrarian movement is regarded as an expression of Liberal principles, and the Ontario result "a victory for the Liberal forces against a reactionary government." That is to say, while it may be termed a "farmers' movement" it is not antagonistic to the principles for which the Liberal party stands.

All this sounds well. The Liberal leader will get a good reception as he journeys through the country. He will not check the agrarian movement, but Liberals have far less to fear from that source than from a government dominated by the "big interests" and wedded to a policy of high protection.

AN APPEAL TO JEFFERSON. In a plea for an English-speaking fellowship, Mr. Beverly Nichols, editor of the Oxford (England) Outlook, deprecates the harsh criticism of his country by Mr. O. F. Hershey, in a speech delivered before the Maryland State Bar Association after a tour of Europe.

French Revolution; in the crowds who made the night hideous with their revelry in the Italian cities before the advance of Napoleon; in Paris, threatened with the advance of Germany; in Vienna, when the Austrian Emperor was routed and the Austrian Emperor had fled. We are dancing because a long-drawn agony has suddenly stopped, because the guns have suddenly ceased, and in the unaccustomed silence, like soldiers taken from the roar of battle with shell-shock, we have lost our heads and have begun to shout.

But despite Mr. Hershey and that which he saw in England, his critic asserts that a change is in process and that one of the happy signs of it is the growth of British interest and sympathy with America. He cites convincing evidence of a growing desire for co-operation and "the English-speaking fellowship" which is one of the greatest ideals that have ever animated mankind.

How many people are aware that when they are shorter when standing than when lying and taller in the morning than in the evening. An Englishman was the first to discover this, but afterwards Dr. Marand of the Royal Academy of France made several experiments to prove the theory. He found, after a year's trial, that usually in the night he gained almost three-quarters of an inch, and lost almost as much during the day.

Another proof of this is to be found in the increase of height sometimes experienced by invalids who have spent a long time in bed; and also in the fact that the more rest a young child has the taller he will grow.



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IN OUTER DARKNESS.

We might as well be reconciled to Vital Truths, my fellow men; Old Booze is dead, and protests will not bring him from the dump again. Some sports with million dollar thirsts, have baseless hopes that he'll return; but every hope of that sort bursts in no more will grogshop bright lights burn. No more will seek the glaring booth to buy cold bottles from the ice; so let's accept the ghastly truth, and hit the hydrant once or twice. There's naught mores futile than a hope that has no ground on which to stand; the courts have handed us the dope that Barleycorn is doubly canned. Then let's forget the bowl of gin, the forty drops we used to crave, the buck beer sign, the wayside inn—for Barleycorn is in his grave. No walls can ever raise the dead, the loved and lost is not reborn; the hydrant's standing, cool and red, inviting us to take a horn. John Barleycorn will never make return trip from the dim beyond; so let's forget his nob and take four fingers of the nearest pond.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domination Happenings of Other Days

THE BONSECOURS CHURCH.

Coming into the port of Montreal every tourist sees high above the harbor a great golden angel standing on the top of the spire of the old Bonsecours church. It is an outstanding mark of the harbor, visible for a long distance and one of the finest features in a province where they are many.

The old Bonsecours church, although visited by far fewer strangers each summer than is Notre Dame or St. James Cathedral, is none the less interesting. Three centuries have passed since the first place of worship was erected on the site it occupies. In 1875 it was completed; in 1768 it was restored and again in 1840 it passed into the hands of the nuns, who have since occupied it.

It stands at the corner of Victoria and St. Paul streets, just a stones throw from the famous old Bonsecours market, where the noise and bustle of modern life is incessant. The church is in the midst of a network of old streets, narrow and unimproved, with many structures standing that date back to the early days of the city.

THE DEAR OLD FARM. (By M. Whelan.) Air: "Comin Thro' the Rye." When the spire is sweetly flowing From the maple tree, And the golden sunshine glowing On the snow we see, Then the Spring is surely coming, With its nameless charm, Soon the busy bees are humming On the dear old farm.

With the golden sunlight's splendor On the fields and hills, And the moonlight, creamy, tender, On the streams and rills, Lovers then may gaily wander, Walking arm in arm, For the sun has to do its best to press de button at de head of you' bed. Den we comes up de' heads of you'.

When George Bernard Shaw produced his play, "Androcles," the house rose at the fall of the curtain and the author was brought on the stage to bow to the storm of applause. A solitary man in the gallery shouted, "I call it rot."

"My friend," said G. B. S., "I quite agree with you, but what are we two against so many of a contrary opinion?" Two business men met the other week in a lobby.

"Do you ever buy your typewriter ribbons at the stores?" "No," came the absent-minded reply, "but I bought her some cakes there yesterday."

"Are you sure," an anxious patient once asked, "are you sure that I shall recover? I have heard that doctors have sometimes given wrong diagnoses and treated a patient for pneumonia who afterwards died of typhoid fever."

"You have been woefully misinformed," replied the physician, indignantly. "If I treat a man for pneumonia he dies of pneumonia."

He was an optimistic soul and a sportsman and his acquaintances, whom he infected with enthusiasm, followed his tips blindly, with more often than not disastrous results. "See what you've done," wailed one of his friends after a race. "And you told me I could put my shirt on that horse."

THE GLORY OF "THE SALIENT"

(Canada.)

It was appropriate that the first semi-official illustrated lecture to be delivered in the field of the Ypres Salient, should be given by a Canadian. Lieut. Colonel Beckles Willson gave the first of his lectures on this subject at the Centennial Exhibition, held in Ypres, Monday afternoon, under the auspices of the Gaumont Film Co., Ltd. The large audience included the Prince of Wales and Princess Beatrice.

The full title of the lecture was "The Ypres Salient: The Holy Ground of the Gallies—The Transformation of the Ypres Salient." The lecturer emphasized the importance of this sub-title. A large number of unique photographs enabled the audience to visualize the famous Belgian city as it was and as it is, and realized vividly to the soldiers and ex-soldiers present the long days of work and pain and sacrifice in the salient.

Colonel Beckles Willson outlined some of the military details of the battles of the salient—the operations which were on, with little intermission, from the commencement of the first battle in October, 1914, until the very end of the war. He described the transformation of the Ypres Salient, from a peaceful village to a battlefield, and the heroic deeds of the British and Canadian troops who fought there.

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AGAINST PROFANITY.

(St. Croix Courier.)

One day last week we heard the proprietor of a barber shop in St. Stephen say to the men in his shop something like this: "It somebody will supply me with printed notices of 'The Holy Name Society' I will display them in my shop and after January first I will endeavor to enforce their observance. I will hang up a tin dipper or some other receptacle, and demand that every visitor make a deposit therein, the receipts to be divided between the six churches in town at the end of 1920, and I will adopt a rule like this, I do not watch myself. There is no good reason that can be given for the taking in vain of sacred names and the habit is disgusting."

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