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tion forces, but there is reason to believe that movies have taken their place along with it required some eloquent pleading by the min- church, school, newspaper and library as an isters before they were certain of sufficient essential medium of popular instruction and voting strength to win. The Government's life inspiration. Whether the cinema in time may is by no means assured by the result of the supersede some of these is still a theme for division. The public realizes that it is merely purely visionary reflection, but undoubtedly the hanging on and that nothing is to be expected world which had scarcely heard of it, two or in the way of a sincere attempt to dispose of three decades ago, will never again be able to the grave social and industrial problems we get along without the increasingly popular face. And presently it will make its wishes movie. known in such a manner as dare not be op-

#### A SAD DESCENT.

The historian of the future who is called upon to write the record of Unionist Government in 1919 will have reason to feel dejected as he attempts to extract from the annals of the year any serious achievement by the men in power save the achievement of keeping themselves in power. No doubt that is the supreme aim of mere politicians and so the record of 1919 can be measured in that way. It is a sad descent from the fine protestations with which Unionism went to the country in 1917, and from the loudly proclaimed policies for the reconstruction era to the petty, sordid manoeuvering that has been going on in the pabinet for six months past, and to the policy of inaction that characterizes Ottawa today.

The ministry can blame no one but itself for the state to which it has come. It has acillated on its policies, quarreled over the question of leadership, antagonized labor in horrors of war. The world's last experience large areas of the country, and shown itself has been too awful. John A. Macdonald, editor more pliable in the hands of the money in- of the Globe, asserted that on his first visit to terests than any Government that Canada has Scotland at a gathering of the Clan Macdonald ever known. Social legislation is distinctly at there were many men who measured six feet. a minimum as far as the Government's present Some years later at a similar gathering of the plans are concerned. The unrest in the counclan he was himself the only Macdonald meastry is both political and social. We have seen uring six feet. This was due to war. The it in Ortario in the election of a farmer-labor best men had fallen. He pointed out at the government. We see it at Ottawa in a group same time the injury the American war had of men, steadily growing in number, who are been to the moral standing of the businessmen adopting an independent attitude in politics, but of the republic. He claimed that so many of who are without question not far from the the best young men had lost their lives in the ideals of the Drury Government in this prov. war that it left the nation with lowered busiince. The session that is now under way in ness standards. Ottawa might do much to steady opinion in Strikes have brought complete change to an election should be brought on.

No one should expect to find in govern be unnecessary. the men who are occupying the treasury reached. benches today.

# MOVING PICTURE POSSIBILITIES.

Mary Pickford, granted her divorce in an American court, tearfully declared that she will never marry again, but will henceforth devote her life unreservedly and completely to spreading sunshine and happiness through the medium of the cinema. With avid interest a devoured the news dispatches which told of Mary's tears and reconsecration of her life to the service and entertainment of her millions

The little Canadian girl who once played in "Virtue is its own reward." the slums of Toronto, has in the space of a very few years become the most-noted and best-known woman in America. Her spectacular rise in public favor and in the international limelight, has been concurrent very largely with remarkable developments in the motion picture industry and field itself. The development of the movie has been spectacularly suc- refreshment. cessful because it rests on the inviolable right cessful because it rests on the inviolable right of the masses to the same enjoyment and instruction as the classes. And where thousands

ture theatre suggests the question why the movies are not utilized in a more general way to make learning easy and education more thorough for the boys and girls in the schools and Sunday schools. Geography brightened by a few reels of movies, illustrating resources, industries and characteristics of various countries would soon be one of the most popular subjects in the school curriculum. History A dozen or more on each landing. illuminated by short films of famous battles and the signing of important charters and An old man raised his signal finger, treaties would be incelibly impressed upon the The car slacked up, but ne'er a linger;

Sunday schools faced with the difficulty of Cheese, tobacco, smoke, germs and beer, holding their pupils beyond a very youthful age, A stench that we all fear, might fittingly present films of Bible stories Ram them in, jam them in, hear their bones crack and parables to elucidate the moral teaching Fat women, lean women, Irish, Dutch and Black. contained in the international Sunday school lessons. The attendance on missionary Sundays could be greatly stimulated by showing educational films of missionary lands and heathen peoples.

Already much good work to stimulate interest in the national resources of Canada is

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the films are through the films are this but sity dwellers who pay for farm produce this but sity dwellers who pay for farm produce the films are through the films are Liberals was that the Union Government was facts of science, history, invention, geography put in with the sole object of prosecuting the war, and that this task accomplished, the people war, and that this task accomplished, the people were entitled to an opportunity to select a host unimaginative minds. While the same information could be learned in less time by remainder of his life. The pity is that 24,000 suffernew administration. This was also the attitude formation could be learned in less time by remainder of his life. The pity is that 24,000 suffering city families cannot be distributed among these of the cross-benchers. The Government's ex- quicker and more deductive minds from the vacant farm dwellings and started on the high road some things I cuse for hanging on was the necessity for a redistribution in the West following the taking of the fact remains that a very first of the people patronize the libraries and book from another batch of municipal dwellers. It is a gaze fell. "I'd sorter like company on the company of the compan stores in comparison with the number who attend motion picture theatres. Undeniably the movies have taken their place along with The first clash is a win for the administra- tend motion picture theatres. Undeniably the when everything the soil produces is bringing sky-

# "INDUSTRY AND HUMANITY."

(ARTICLE 15.) SIMILARITY OF WAR AND STRIKES.

Mr. King says: "Legacies of hatred and ill-will, whether inherited from industrial or international strife; distress and debt, whether incurred by the one or the other, differ in degree of and not in kind! What of it all finally! Sooner or later, peace must be restored, for war cannot go on forever, whether it be industrial or international. Capital and labor, nation and nation, must come to terms of settlement; or all alike be ruined. Ultimately, force must give way to reason. Common, as contrasted with opposed, interests must be recognized. But where has there been settlement of any great conflict which has not meant much of loss to each of the parties? And where are the gains which have come through conflict, that would not have been greater if otherwise obtained? At what cost always is, 'Reason denied her rightful sway!' "For industry and nationality alike, the last word lies in the supremacy of Humanity. Over all nations is Humanity, Of more worth than all else man can achieve is the well-

being of mankind" It is not necessary to say anything of the

the country, but there is already evidence that the life of many a man. When ordered out on it is only serving to increase the discontent. strike, they sought other employment, and in While the country looks for legislation dealing an instance in mind, a telegraph operator bewith the great domestic concerns of the Do- came a newspaperman and a distinct success. minion, the cabinet ministers are spending their As a rule strikes have, like war, as Mr. King time jockeying for position and casting their says, reached lesser gains than could have eyes ahead figuring their chances of success if been otherwise obtained. If reason and common sense controlled both sides, strikes would

ments the panacea for all social ills. But what Leaving strikes out of the question recent government can do is to secure unity of pur- events have created a state of affairs unprewill be cured when leaders rise up who can help out. Our province has fewer farmers than say "Follow, we will lead." There have been it had. If the conditions of life on the farm men in Canada in the past who have voiced can be made as desirable as in cities and such an appeal, and have seen the prompt re- towns it will go a long way towards solving sponse. But when party expediency is the the question. Automobiles, good roads, centres compelling motive of every action, as is the of intellectual life will all help to fill up the case at Ottawa today, it is too much to expect farms and reduce the cost of living. These that the country will receive either inspiration facts occurred after Mr. King wrote his book. or leadership. If the country wants those The mind of the world is unsettled and as long things it will have to look elsewhere than to at is remains so the desired end will not be

#### EDITORIAL NOTES. Winter is demobilizing.

The geese are reported going north, which is taken as a sign of winter's departure. But then, suppose they are acting like geese?

A Detroit woman says a man can dress nicely on \$100 per year. If he tried it, within world of old and young, of men and women, six months he would look like something the

A New York lad who found a million dollar of admirers and friends who know her through document and returned it to its owner was rewarded \$2. That will buy a neat frame for

### A CHARACTERISTIC GIFT. [New York Herald.]

The Hon. Hinky Dink of Chicago has, with admirable civic pride and thoughtful purpose to tries to make it best? Have I worked too hard and admirable civic pride and thoughtful purpose to interest, entertain and instruct future generations, presented to the Field Museum two beer mugs presented to the Field Museum two beer mugs the fine things? Have I helped enough? Have I had patience enough? interest, entertain and instruct future generations, formerly in service in his once popular place of Have I smiled enough? Have I been cheery enough refreshment. There his patrons refrained from in my greetings? In other words, have I lived full them schooners, choosing the prettier name life?" be? Our vote is for his wood green evening dress. life is ours, and only 2 per cent the world's. When This, thousands of years from now, will not be so a man says "The world is wrong," what he means were thrilled by Sarah Bernhardt, literally many millions are daily cheered and delighted by the girlish antics of Mary and the sunshine philosophy that always is predominant in her plays.

This, thousands of years from now, will not be so easily dated as Hinky's gift, yet what romance the speculative of that far future day will weave around those lovely garments! Naturally it will be assumed that in a dim past all the world was so romantically artistic as to dress in wood green; scoffing at grubby antiquarians who insist that the world never the stars instead of the mud. Then shall we walk held but one man so sweetly gifted with the spirit the golden pathway to the sanctuary of the living of art, of romance!

# From Here and There

OH, YOU STREET CARS! [By Ding-Ding.]

Ever filled, packed cars. Fat men squeezing in. Some are sitting, some are standing, Trunks, valises, boxes, bundles. The conductor yells as on they stumble. He's jerked aboard by head and shoulder And shoved inside to smother and smolder

Coax them in, pull them in, by the teeth and hair.

#### Ah, there! Stay there! Pass up your fare! THE ANOMALY ABOUT FARMING.

[Brooklyn Standard Union.]

One possible reason why there is such a pronounced housing shortage in this and other cities and cities and other cities and ci nounced housing shortage in this and other cities ago that they made that threat will never fire on the Colonel now."

Smythe was walking to and fro, his hands in his pockets, his slippered feet London, Ont., Friday, March 12.

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THE FIRST ROUND.

By a majority of 34 the Government has been sustained in a division over the Opposition leader's amendment to the speech from the throne, calling for an early general election. The stand taken by Mr. King and the Linear Government was labeled as the Linear Government of New York, is the surprisingly large number of vacant farm dwellings in the Empire State, estimated in a recently completed survey at 24,000. This looks as if country folks are rushing to the municipalities in headlong fashion. Probably there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms as there are not quite so many deserted farms a

#### A PROFESSOR'S JOKES. [Ottawa Journal.]

As something of a joke comes to Cttawa news paper men the dispatch relating that Profess W. F. Osborne of the University of Manitoba addressing the Montreal Canadian Club denounced eral run of people suspected its news was either suppressed or else tinctured for propaganda purposses, with the result that the people had lost their old time confidence in the newspapers.' Just before making his address, Professor Osborne was in Ottawa taking an active part in the meetings of the National Council of Moral Education. At the close of the series, Professor Osborne paid a tribute to the excellent reports of the discussions that had appeared in the newspapers. The reporters he said, had been fair and accurate, and had used admirable judgment in the preparation of their summaries. But with still more interest is recalled the fact that Professor Osborne was partly sucessful, after much personal importuning of news editors, in getting "suppressed" the report of a paper read to the council by Mr. Cudmore, the Dominion statistician. Professor Osborne strenuusly contended that Mr. Cudmore's facts about the exchange rate should not be made public. Was the blunder of the Ottawa newspapers in acceding to Professor Osborne's request that led him pressing or tincturing the news for propaganda Professor Osborne told the Montreal Canadian Club that the Dominion Government was fiddling and faddling about without doing anything." If Professor Osborne does not know any ore about the government than he does about the way in which Canadian newspapers are conducted. we are afraid his impressions are 'not of any real value. But perhaps Professor Osborne was only joshing the Montreal Canadian Club.

#### SAFETY IN OIL-BURNING SHIPS. [Manchester Guardian.]

The announcement that a board of trade comtion of fire dangers attending the use of oil fuel in ships must not be taken to indicate that there is any doubt about conditions in liners burning oil fuel. It simply means that the use of oil is now coal that other ships besides the carefully-constructed, well-equipped passenger liners will soon be using oil, and that a complete system of regulations has to be formulated. As regards the ships with Diesel engines, there is no danger of fire through small number. Oil is used on the liners for firing oilers, and the only danger is in leakage into crank oits or the like, but that has been carefully guarded against. When oil tank ships were first on the seas the builders could not make the tanks oil-tight, now that is ancient history, and tanks do not leak at all. The question of danger of fire as the result of collision, however, is one that affects all ships using oil, and the benefits of expert advice will be felt by the best companies, while the necessity of new regulations for oil-carrying in the new class of ship affected is an urgent one.

## WAR AS THE SPORT OF KINGS. [Philadelphia Public Ledger.]

Such extracts as have been published of Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm's book on the war reveal the crown prince as the typical moral imbecile of the Hohenzollern type afflicted with a mania for pose, spread inspiration to action and in gen-cedented in the world's history. War and viewing war as a sort of amiable sport for kings. eral lead the way to better things. Social ills strikes have both contributed. Ontario may That he has written his book for home consumption disbanded army, goes without saying. That he has also set out to flatter the Allies by what passes for a frank and fervid appreciation of their national characteristics is also seif-evident, and the motive back of this kind of droolery is plain to all. But what a plty it is that it cannot be brought home to this royal weakling, who believes he has squared accounts with the Allies by declaring jauntily that they were all good sports and all good soldiers, with reservations, that a world, weltering in misery because he and his father thought it was about time to have a war and try this sport of kings on a big scale, is not in the mood to take him or his frivolous philosophy as to the sporting side of war with equanimity. That Frederick Wilhelm writes of so horrible a tragedy as if it were a joust or a tournament is in itself a damning offence, and proves, if proof were needed, that he is just, as Bourbon as his father. It is to be hoped, therefore, his exile at Wieringen will continue, and that a kindly shence will soon fall upon his doings and his thinkings.

#### WHEN MEN SLOW DOWN. [Berkshire County Eagle.]

Aside from its spiritual signficance, Lent has its own peculiar value. It is pre-eminently a time for introspection, for reflection.

"How have I played the game? Have I been straightforward and frank? Have I been perfectly honest with those who love me? Have I taken advantage of confidence or trust? Have I told the truth? Have I used profanity? Have I tried to live this life according to the highest standards as I know them? Have I done my level best? Have I had respect for the other fellow's opinions and bellefs? Have I been tolerant? Have I sought to be judged by deeds done in the flesh? Have I spoken with a sneer of any worthy cause? Have I been guided by the motto 'He loves his country best who

# Love of the Wild

By Archie P. McKishnie

"You couldn't make it in four days, not in this weather," he asserted. "Besides you'd leave a track that anybody could follow. Those dogs are swift and they would have you in two days if you tried that way."

tried that way."

"When d'ye think Hallibut'll be goin' over?" asked Amos, standing up. The liquor had steadied his nerves and he spoke in his old voice.

Smythe shrugged his shoulders.

"A man from St. Thomas was in tonight," he said slowly. "He says the trail was pretty well blocked yesterday. We know Hallibut will go as soon as it is possible for him to do so, and we know this rain means a clear trail tomorrow. Also," he added sinisterly, we know that Hallibut will surely call here on his way over, and that he is taking his life in his hands by going at all."

"Do you think he'll got sheat!"

at all."
"Do you think he'll get shot?" asked

other.
"I orter to go back home jest for "I orter to go back home jest for have,"

be copmany fer me without knowin' it."

He settled lower in his chair, and Watson spoke.

"You will make tracks as fast as God'll let you out of this country, and you get away safe it's more than you deserve. A pretty pickle you've put us in! Now, then, swear you'll get away safe it's more than you deserve. A pretty pickle you've put us in! Now, then, swear you'll get away safe it's more than you deserve. A pretty pickle you've put us in! Now, then, swear you'll get away safe it's more than you deserve. A pretty pickle you've put us in! Now, then, swear you'll get away safe it's more than you deserve. A pretty pickle you've put us in! Now, then, swear you'll get away safe it's more than you deserve. A pretty pickle you've put us in! Now, then, swear you'll get own the eilar again. When the fear Colonel comes, which I am sure hear in that hole you stry until you can't tell anything you know. See?" Watson took a roll of greenbacks from his pocket and held it up."

When you're ready to swear that you never heard Smythe here suggest anything and that you will go where we want you to go—it's yours?

Amos glared and opened his mouth as though to give a protest, but at the sight of the money settled back trembal ing.

"Be you goln' t' give me the money."

Think," said Smythe taking the greenbacks from Watson' to deserve. Amos—all wis try dollars coming to me for three money. Amos—all wis try dollars coming to me for three want better give you the money. Amos—all wis try dollars coming to me for three would sain. When the dear Colonel comes, which I am sure hear of the sain. "What are we going to do?" he asked. Smythe shivered and glanced about him.

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"You haven't a enough t' answer fer?"

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## DAD BRINGS HOME THE BACON: By FONTAINE FOX

THE EVENING HE BROUGHT HOME THE PAPER THAT HAD PRINTED THE LETTER HE WROTE THEM WITH HIS NAME SIGNED TO IT AND EVERYTHING. WHY DIDNJA SEND WHY IT EVEN YOUR PITCHER PRINTS THE STREET NUMBER NOOSPAPER!

The family became almost respectful in their manner toward Dad.

said he did, I war lyin'."

"Heaven forgive you, as I do," murmured Smythe.

"Gimme the money," cried Amos. "I
promise to get across the border right
smart."

"Haven't I enough t' answer fer?"

"I think" said Smythe taking the smoand the wretch.

watery eyes.

"If you are caught it's all up with fair, either," said Watson.

ing.

"Be you goin' it' give me the money as you promised?" he asked, looking at south his thin neck and winked his as you promised?" he asked, looking at south his thin neck and winked his as you promised?" he asked, looking at south his thin neck and winked his as you going it' give me the money as you promised?" he asked, looking at south his thin neck and winked his and begin life anew."

"And it won't be a partnership afficir, either," said Watson.

"CHAPTER XXVIII.

A Clear Trail.

Get the genuine Dr. Wood's Norway money in a yellow wrap-down in my hole again," he said hoarsely. "You call me arter Hallibut has been here and gone. I wanter get away inter had proven drear enough for him, accustomed as he was to out-officed with a construction of the price of the genuine Dr. Wood's Norway with a leer. "You never told me t' do nuthing." "You hear me, Watson," he cried, inter the States. You'll let me have a fifle, won't you, men?" he begged. "I'm and begin life anew."

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like the tinkle of music. Every morning for three months the Colonel told simpelf that he would visit those out laws as soon as the trail was clear, and laws as soon as the trail was clear, and demand that the man who burned his schooner give himself up. But for three months the trail remained choked up and the frost promised death to anyone venturing any distance from shelter. However, spring would now come bounding in, so the big man nursed his wrath and said, "Tomorrow."

During the long waiting-time he walked between his house and stable, or stalked among his dogs with scold-

as possible, but sometimes the Colonel had him come into the big room and sit before him while he unburdened his

Those Bushwhackers have dared to burn my vessel and have threatened to kill me, he would say. "Think it—threatened to kill me! I wonder the idiots have an ounce of sense honor among them. They claim they have their own laws, but we'll show them that their laws don't go very fa when it comes to firin' men's Here was I, ready to give in that the were in the right about wanting thold their timber. I was fool enoughto think them a simple nature-lovin people who were attached to their en vironment. Now I find them a low, lawless band of cut-throats, capable of any crime. That Big McTavish, their ringleader is bad enough, but he has a son who will step at nothing, understand. I have no doubt that (To Be Continued.)

Some coughs seem hard to shake off stick right to you in spite of all you do to get rid of them. .

Those are the kind of coughs that are dangerous-that weaken the lnngs so that the germs of consumption find

## TOPICS OF THE DAY

"If The Literary Digest chose the four words most frequently printed in the newspapers of the United States and Canada in the last three months they would be: 'Pay the teachers more,' "-Saskatoon (Canada)

# What Organized Labor Thinks of Prohibition

Labor leaders know the views of the workers as well as politicians know the wishes of their constituents, possibly better, for unionized labor makes its wants known in no uncertain manner. Consequently, when The Literary Digest wished to learn for its readers the attitude of the workingman regarding prohibition, inasmuch as we could not ask the individual union worker because there are about four million of him, we asked their duly elected officials.

In this week's number of THE LITERARY DIGEST, March 13, a summary of the very interesting replies is published. Approximately thirty per cent of the 526 replies of labor leaders inform us that a poll was taken on the question at the regular meeting. Replies came from every state in the Union, and they reflect a considerable sweep of opinion.

"Why don't you 'sick' the prohibitionists on the profiteers?"; "No man has a right to dictate to another what he shall eat or drink, except the doctor;" "There have been more deaths and murders in the period since prohibition went into effect than there were in the same period last year;" are a few of the many replies against prohibition. "Money which formerly bought whiskey is now buying happiness for the workingman's family;" "Men have more of the good things in life since the dry law went into effect;" "Since prohibition is in force, the workers are capable of clearer thinking and do more of it," are typical expressions from the many leaders who favor prohibition.

If you would learn from first hand sources the real opinion of the workingman upon the subject of prohibition, you will do well to read the LITERARY DIGEST this week.

Other interesting news-features in this week's Digest" are:

# Our Stake in the Adriatic

Where the United States is Concerned in the Clashing Interest of Italy and Jugo-Slavia in the Territory of the Adriatic

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