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A CHANCE FOR P.T.

THERE is a quasi-official announcement that there will be a gathering of Colonial Premiers in London, early in March. This would be an excellent opportunity for our much-jaded Premier to take a little "cruise" across the herring pond at the expense of the Colony. There little peripatetics of the Premier are rather expensive jaunts for the public chest; and, for an unpaid member of an administration, Edward P. Morris has fared pretty well.

Now, however, we would suggest that he remain at home, and face the music which is likely to be of a somewhat major kind, during the session of the House of Assembly, and that some self-sacrificing patriot, like the editor of The Herald, should be asked to "run over and see the fellows on the other side." Surely, the patriotic editor will not fail to respond to an invitation of his boss to do this little favour (of course we believe he should pay his own expenses).

The editor of The Herald is fully qualified to represent anything or anybody; his versatility is phenomenal; and his character has gutta percha consistency. More over, this mission might perhaps culminate in some such thing as a brass medal, or even a knighthood or some other old thing; these are becoming quite common in local circles just now. P.T. really deserves some recognition for his valuable services to that moribund aggregation which bears the name of the "People's Party." Of course it represents the electorate just about as much as the "Three Tailors of Tooley Street" did the "people of England."

If the public wish to know why we are so anxious to do something for our journalistic brother, we will state (it is not a violation of confidence!!!) that P.T.'s aspirations for the leadership of the Morris faction in the Upper House are doomed to disappointment!

A WAIL FROM THE WATERLAND

THE MAGDERBURGER ZEITUNG—one of the most influential journals in Germany—evidently sees disaster looming in the near distance for the Waterland. It calls upon the Lord "to avert the calamities that threaten from within." It has grown tired of proclaiming the virtues of the Hun, and it exhorts German citizens and German soldiers "not to permit themselves to fall into the luxurious ways of the degenerate French and the soulless English!" It says:

"We must return to the days when the highest Prussian (it does not say German, be it noticed) officer was content to sit on a cane-bottom chair and to recline on the old American cloth-covered sofa in

his father's house."

The cosy quarters of plundered French and Belgium homes must have had a demoralizing effect on the Hun! The brutalities of the "cultured" officers are now being ventilated by actual observers who have managed to "escape their lustful grasp and crossed the ocean to tell the world just what manner of cattle they are. The destruction of the sanctuaries of the Most High have long been matters of public notoriety; but we are just beginning to get first hand information from victims of German rapacity.

The appeal of The Zeitung is quite frank in its suggestiveness, for it says: "It is our sacred duty to fight against the luxury, licentiousness and immorality in our midst, to strive for the regeneration of the masses." This is truly a singular admission on the part of a German newspaper; we wonder how it ever escaped the censor!

What consummate knaves these German journalists are! They are quite willing to justify every conceivable atrocity committed against hapless women and innocent babes; but when "the chickens come home to roost," they raise their hands in holy horror at the "iniquities" of the German at home; but they unite in the chorus of "God punish England."

"THE CRIMES OF ENGLAND"

THIS is the title of an interesting booklet recently published by Chesterton, the versatile London editor, and he explains its title by giving an amusing list of the past political and military sins of England, especially its sins of omission regarding its dealings with Germany.

"On many occasions," says Chesterton, "we have been very wrong indeed, notably when we took part in preventing Europe from putting an end to the impious practices of Frederick the Great; when we allowed the triumph over Napoleon to be soiled with the mire and blood of Blucher's sullen savages; when we allowed the peaceful King of Denmark to be robbed of Schleswig-Holstein by a brigand named Bismarck; and when we allowed the Russian swashbucklers to enslave Alsace and Lorraine which they could neither govern nor persuade."

As regards the fate of the German Emperor, he says: "Our more feminine advisers incline to the view that he should be shot; but this would be to mistake the nature of hereditary monarchy; for Wilhelm at his worst could be able to say to the amiable Crown Prince what Charles I. said when his brother warned him of plots of assassination: 'They will never kill me to make me a king.'"

"Others have suggested that the Emperor should be sent to St. Helena; but this would be a gross exaggeration of the Kaiser's historical importance," says G.K.C. and he recalls the old public houses, sometimes seen in the south of England, with the sign 'The King of Prussia.' These inns, generally a dark and faded portrait in a cocked hat, are believed to commemorate the visit of the Allies after Waterloo.

"Whether the placing of the Kaiser in charge of one of these seaside inns would be a just after his own heart remains to be seen; but it would be a much more melodious and fitting an end than any of the sublime euthanasias which his enemies provide for him. The old sign, creaking above him as he sat on the bench outside his room of exile, would be a much more genuine memory of the readiness of his race than the modern and almost gimcrack standard garters that were pulled down Windsor Chapel."

The author frames three rules for German controversialists: "Stick to one excuse. When telling lies necessary for German international standing, don't tell the lies to the people who know the truth. Don't perpetually boast that you are cultured, in languages which proves that you are not."

CONSCRIPTION TABLOIDS

PREMIER ASQUITH in introducing the Bill for Conscription of all single men who were not employed in necessary military work at home, declared that the Bill was not inconsistent with the principle underlying voluntary service.

The introduction of the Bill was the most momentous scene ever witnessed in the House of Commons.

It passed the House with an immense majority; but there were several secessionists from the Government ranks.

Labour Unions have voted against the introduction of Conscription, and have called upon their representatives in the House of Commons to resign.

The Bill does not include Ireland; nor has it any effect in the British colonies, where it would doubtless meet with stern resistance.

John Redmond opposes the Bill regretfully; with him it is a matter of principle, at least so he declares.

Carson seems to be between the "devil and the deep sea"; and so far, the Northcliffe interests have not taken much notice of the present political contretemps.

In the House of Lords, Lord Kitchener said that Conscription is a necessity.

Conscription and non-Conscription newspapers seem displeased with the Bill, which is said to be the child of Lloyd George and Bonar Law.

London newspapers, generally, are denunciatory in tone.

The Daily News says: "The Government acted in undue haste, before it had the evidence of Earl Derby's figures regarding voluntary enlistment."

The Daily Chronicle "doubts whether the Government can effect such a great change in national principles."

The Daily Express declares it "is a Bill to cure a carthquake," and complains "that it provides loopholes for everybody," and describes the conscience clause as "farfical."

The Morning Post considers it "an ineffectual compromise . . . that the conscience clause puts a premium on hypocrisy and gives every prig and shirker an easy way to escape his duty," and adds, that "the nation will find it difficult to make omelets without breaking eggs."

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

- JANUARY 18
- C. TESSIER, born in London, 1842.
 - Brigantine Native Lass blown out the Narrows and never after heard of, 1847.
 - Punton & Munn's brigantine Vaomi lost with all hands at Outer Cove; one lady picked up, 1853.
 - Brig, Maggie, belonging to W. S. Donnelly, launched at Harbor Grace, 1867.
 - John Delaney appointed postmaster, 1860.
 - W. J. Steed died by accidental poisoning, 1861.
 - James Gordon (Baird's) married, 1875.
 - Mrs. P. Hearn (Hearn & Co.) died, 1876.
 - News of loss of barque D. V. Chipman, with Capt. Geo. Archibald and three of crew, received in own, 1879.
 - Big snow storm in England, 1881.
 - John Waddleton, planter, Treassey, died suddenly, 1891.

Union Matters At St. Jacques

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
 Dear Sir—Please allow me space to say a few words about union matters at St. Jacques.

A new F.P.U. Hall was opened in January 3rd with a good old "breaker down" and the good ladies applied a beautiful tea which was well enjoyed by Union and non-union members. We cannot speak too highly of the young and old ladies who took such interest to make things as pleasant and enjoyable for those in attendance. We were favoured with the pleasure of Mr. George Chant, Bellefleur, presence which we appreciate.

The old time "breaker down" as we call it, lasted till the wee small hours of the morning; everybody felt very pleased and asked when the next time would be. The amount made was \$40 and went to pay the lumber.

The Hall was built by free labour, all did their part. Mr. R. Chambers of Conn River Mill was good enough to furnish the lumber at easy terms, also Mr. Levi Roseworthy furnished the frame in the same terms for which we thank those gentlemen very much. In all every man did his part, like true Union men ought.

Now we want our President, Mr. W. F. Coaker, to call on us next fall and he will get all due welcome, now that we have a fine F.P.U. Hall to invite him to speak in. Well done, Mr. Coaker, the Graball Party's day is done up this way.

We had our annual meeting last night, Jan. 6th, and, Mr. Editor, I think every man felt as proud over his new Hall and the Chairman kept the meeting busy with Union fire; in all it was very interesting. The election of officers took place and the accounts for 1915 were

read and found in order, with a vote of thanks to the officers and Chairman for the work of the past year. The officers elected were as follows:

- Chairman—J. F. Staple.
- Dep. Chairman—J. C. Noseworthy.
- Secretary—B. Skinner.
- Treasurer—R. Lee.
- All re-elected.

The meeting closed at 11 p.m. with cheers for the President and the F.P.U.

In conclusion we must thank the good ladies once more. We

cannot speak too highly of them for their good work in helping us to make our "breaker down" as pleasant as it was.

Wishing our esteemed President a prosperous and a happy New Year and a long life, and in 1917 the F.P.U. will show the Morris Graballs their loyalty to the F.P.U. and President.

Yours truly,
 F.P.U. COUNCIL,
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