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MEN OF ENGLAND

MEN of England! who inherit Rights that cost your sires their blood! Men whose undegenerate spirit Has been proved on field and flood! By the foes ye've fought uncounted, By the glorious deeds ye've done, 'Trophies captured—breaches mounded, Navies conquered—kingdoms won! Yet, remember, England gathers Hence but fruitless wreaths of fame, If the freedom of your fathers Glow not in your hearts the same.

What are monuments of bravery, Where no public virtues bloom? What avails in lands of slavery Trophies, temples, arch and tomb? Pages!—Let the world reverberate For our people's rights and laws, And the breasts of civic heroes Bared in Freedom's holy cause.

Yours are Hampden's, Russell's glory, Sidney's matchless shade is yours,— Martyrs in heroic story Worth a hundred Agincourts!

We're the sons of aires that baffled Crowned and mired tyranny; They defied the field and scaffold, For their birthrights—so will we!

THOMAS CAMPBELL
(Born July 27, 1777; died June 15, 1844)

THE DUKE OF SUSSEX

ONCE there was a man dining by himself at the Café Anglais, in the days when people went there. It was a full night, and he sat alone at a small table, when there entered a very big man in a large fur coat. The big man looked round, enjoyed, because there was no room, and the first man very courteously offered him a seat at his table. They sat down and ate and talked of several things, among others, of Bureaucracy. The first maintained that Bureaucracy was the curse of France.

"Men are governed by it like sheep. The administrator, however humble, is a despot; most people will even run forward to meet him halfway, like the servile dogs they are," said he.

"No," answered the big man in the fur coat, "I should say men are governed just by the ordinary human sense of authority. I have no theories. I say they recognize authority and obey it. Whether it is bureaucratic or not is merely a question of fact."

At this moment there came in a tall, rather stiff Englishman. He also was put out at finding no room. The two men saw the manager approach him; a few words passed, and a card; then the manager suddenly went up to the table and begged that the Duke of Sussex might be allowed to share it. The Duke hoped he did not inconvenience these gentlemen. They assured him that, on the contrary, they esteemed his presence a favor.

"It is our prerogative," said the big man in the fur coat, "to be the host; Paris entertaining her Guest."

They would take no denial; they insisted on the Duke's dining with them, and they told him what they had just been discussing. The Duke listened to their theories with some margin, much spleen, and no little phlegm, but with perfect courtesy, and then, towards the coffee, told them in fluent French with a strong accent, his own opinion. (He had had "eight excellent" courses. Yquem with his fish, the best Chamberlain during the dinner, and a glass of wonderful champagne with his dessert.) He spoke as follows, with a slight and rather hard smile:

"My opinion may seem to you impudent, but I believe nothing more subtly and powerfully affects men than the aristocratic feeling. Do not misunderstand me," he added, seeing that they would protest; "it is not my own experience alone that guides me. All history bears witness to the same truth."

The simple-minded Frenchman put down this intonation to the Duke's early training, little knowing that our English men of rank are the simplest fellows in the world, and are quite indifferent to their titles save in business matters.

The Frenchman paid the bill, and they all three went out on to the Boulevard.

"Now," said the first man to his two companions, "I will give you a practical example of what I meant when I said that Bureaucracy governed mankind."

He went up to the wall of the Crédit Lyonnais, put the forefinger of either hand, at about twenty-five centimes, and at a level of about a centime, holding his finger at the level of the other, he gazed at them slightly from time to time, his glance from one to the other. A crowd gathered. In a pleasant elderly, short, gentleman in the crowd and, taking off his hat, he did anything for him.

"Why," said our friend, "the fact is I am an engineer (section D of the Public Works Department), and I have to make an important measurement in connexion with the Apotheosis of the Bilateral which was tonight precisely through this spot. My fingers now mark exactly the concentric of the secondary focus whence the Radius Vector should be drawn, but I find that (like a fool) I have left my Double Refractor in the café hard by. I dare not go for fear of losing the place I have marked; yet I can get no further without my Double Refractor."

"Do not let that trouble you," said the short, stout stranger; "I will be delighted to keep the place exactly marked while you run for your instrument."

The crowd was now swelled to a considerable size; it blocked up the pavement, and was swelled every moment by the arrival of the curious. The little fat elderly man put his fingers exactly where the other's had been, effecting the exchange with a sharp gesture; and each watched intently to see that it was right to within a millimetre. The attitude was constrained. The elderly man smiled, and begged the engineer not to be alarmed. So they left him with his two forefingers well above his head, precisely twenty-five centimetres apart, and pressing their tips against the wall of the Crédit Lyonnais. Then the three friends slipped out of the crowd, and pursued their way.

"Let us go to the theatre," said the experimenter, "and when we come back I warrant you will agree with my remarks on Bureaucracy."

They went to hear the admirable marble lines of Cornelle. For three hours they were absorbed by the classics, and, when they returned, a crowd, now enormous, was surging all over the Boulevard, stopping the traffic and filled with a noise like the sea. Policemen were attacking it with the utmost energy, but still it grew and eddied; and in the centre a little respectful space kept empty around him—still stretched the poor little fat elderly man, a pitiable sight. His knees were bent, his head wagged and drooped with extreme fatigue; he was the colour of old blotting-paper; but still he kept the tips of his two forefingers exactly twenty-five centimetres apart, well above his head, and pressed against the wall of the Crédit Lyonnais.

"You will not match that with your aristocratic sentiment!" said the author of the scene in pardonable triumph.

"I am not so sure," answered the Duke of Sussex. He pulled out his watch. "It is midnight," he said, "and I must be off; but let me tell you before we part that you have paid for a most expensive dinner, and have behaved all night with an extravagant deference under the impression that I was the Duke of Sussex. As a fact my name is Jerks, and I am a commercial traveller in the lined oil line; and I wish you the best of good evenings."

"Wait a moment," said the man in the Big Fur Coat; "my theory of the Simple Human Sense of Authority still holds. I am a detective officer, and you will both be good enough to follow me to the police station."

And so they did, and the Engineer was fined fifty francs in correctional, and the Duke of Sussex was imprisoned for ten days, with interdiction of domicile for six months, the first indeed under the Prefectorial Decree of the 18th of November 1843, but the second under the law of the 12th germinal of the year VIII.—From "The Path to Rome," by HILARUS BELLOC. (Born July 27, 1870)

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KING'S PROCLAMATION

London, July 17.—The King's proclamation changing the name of his House to that of Windsor says: "We, out of our royal will and authority, do hereby declare and announce that, as from the date of our royal proclamation, our house and family shall be styled and known as the house and family of Windsor, and that all descendants in the male line of our grandmother, Queen Victoria, who are subjects of these realms, other than the female descendants who may marry or may have married, shall bear the said name of Windsor."

"As we do hereby declare and announce that we for ourselves and for and on behalf of our descendants, and all other descendants of our grandmother, Queen Victoria, who are subjects of these realms, relinquish and enjoin the discontinuance of the use of degrees, styles, dignities, titles and honors of the Dukes and Duchesses of Saxony and the Princes and Princesses of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and all other German degrees, styles, dignities, titles and honors and the appellation to us or to them heretofore belonging or appertaining."

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KORNILOFF, RUSSIA'S HERO

Petrograd, July 11.—Russia is ringing with the name of the latest hero of the war, Lieut-Gen. L. G. Korniloff, whose astonishing victories in Galicia first proved that the new advance is no mere flash in the pan. Gen. Korniloff is the most daring, chivalrous, and scholarly officer in the army. For a romantic rise from humble origin, Russian history has only one parallel—that of Michel Vassilievitch Lomonosoff, fisherman's son, poet, philosopher, creator of the modern Russian language, in the first half of the eighteenth century.

From log cabin to general is the literal text of the chronicle of Gen. Korniloff's career. Born forty-six years ago, son of a need-stricken Karalinsk Cossack in western Siberia, who later reared a large family on a pittance gained as the village clerk, young Korniloff early began rough forest work. At the age of nine he received his first instruction. When barely thirteen, by his own exertions and all-night studies, he qualified to enter the Siberian Cadet's Corps, largely composed of sons of persons of local prominence. Thanks again to his own efforts, he gained free training at the Michailovsk artillery school, where his remarkable mathematical facilities brought approval from the authorities, even though he was suspected, with reason, of being a secret revolutionary.

Next, Gen. Korniloff was an officer in the Guards, and, being penniless, was obliged to serve in Turkestan. In the Japanese war he received the rank of colonel and was entrusted with a desperate mission—that of covering the retreat from Mukden of one of Gen. Kuropatkin's army divisions. This was executed with such resolution and skill that he was awarded the St. George Cross. Later he travelled all through Turkestan, the Caucasus, and Europe, studying, observing, and writing valuable books on Turkestan and the countries of Central Asia.

Amazing to strangers is his gift for languages, for he speaks not only all European tongues, but also Persian, Chinese, and the dialects of Central Asia. At the outbreak of the great war he was in command of the Forty-eighth Division, once called Suworoff's, now Korniloff's, in Galicia in 1915 he repeated the Mukden feat, covering under an unexampled month-long hail of Austro-German shells wherein his own force broke through the encircling fog, but he himself was wounded and taken prisoner by the Austrians.

The enemy pressed that the Austrian commander was so impressed with Gen. Korniloff's accomplishments and bearing that his sword was returned to him. He was long a prisoner. After a daring flight from an Austrian prison camp, and remarkable adventures, he reached Russia.

At the outbreak of the revolution he was invited to command the troops of Petrograd, implying his full confidence in revolutionary Russia. When the disorders arose, Gen. Korniloff, fearing the necessity of repression, resigned, saying he would sooner shoot the foe than his own countrymen. He took command of the Eighth Army, whose brilliant exploit was due primarily to him.

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THE SENATOR FROM CHARLOTTE HEARD FROM

THE FOOD SUPPLY

Before the Orders of the Day: Hon. DANIEL GILLMOR: Honorable gentlemen, it is not often that I occupy the attention of the House; in fact, I think this is the first time that I have ever attempted to do so. I would not do so now were it not that I think that the question which I wish to ask the Government may be of assistance in helping to win the war in which we are all so vitally interested. I notice by the papers to-day that the Food Controller has issued a statement that the consumption of wheat, beef, and bacon in the Dominion must be reduced by at least one-third in order to meet the needs of the Allies and their armies at the front. On a previous occasion the Food Controller issued a request that the people of this country should use all perishable foods in order to stimulate the supply of non-perishable foods for our Allies. Therefore, I would respectfully ask the leader of the Government if he will bring this matter to the attention of his colleagues in the Government and request them to remove the tax, or duty, whichever it may be called, now imposed upon the importation of these foodstuffs from the United States. I am sure that I shall have his sympathetic interest in this request, as I have that of all the members on this side of the House. The Government cannot object to removing this duty on account of the loss of revenue involved, because they can easily charge that to the feeding of the soldiers and our Allies who are doing so much for the protection of this country for humanity in general. They are far across the sea, but I am sure that honorable gentlemen opposite will stand behind my honorable friend when he makes this request.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Questions of this kind are very important, affecting the whole policy of the Government, and I think we should be consulted on them. I am very glad that the honorable gentleman has drawn the attention of the House to this question; but I would not wish the Government immediately to adopt a policy which would not meet with the approval of this House. I think the privilege of asking questions when the Orders of the Day are called is for the purpose of asking something which does not involve quite so much as the inquiry of the honorable gentleman.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: At the request of my honorable friend, I shall be very glad to direct the attention of the Government to his remarks and suggestions, which may be of use, provided that in the meantime the United States does not put an embargo on the articles mentioned.—*The Debates of the Senate*, Ottawa, July 12.

COLOSSAL EMBEZZLEMENT

Commenting the other day on the sale of peerages and baronetcies, carried on with about the same discrimination as a counter display in vending spring onions or kippered herrings, we pointed out that, whatever might be thought of the traffic, the money arising from it was public property. Even if the "fountain of honor" be so polluted by this abominable traffic as to become little more than a squiring cesspool, nevertheless the man who buys a draught should pay his money to the proprietors of the fountain and not to a Party Corruption Fund. In fact, as we said, the sale of public property and the diversion of the money to private pockets—apart from its prostitution of the King's name for the purposes of a vile system of debased bargaining—amounts simply and purely to malversation or downright embezzlement. In the *Times* of Monday, Sir Frederick Milner told the story of a friend who bought a peerage, and subsequently admitted, in reply to questions, that he had paid £100,000 for it. Now that £100,000 is public money. If it has not passed into the public exchequer to be used for national purposes, there has been committed an act of embezzlement which, whether criminal or not in the technical sense, is at least that from the public pocket. In fact, we cannot see what possible defence could be pleaded if the managers of the party funds who have received this £100,000 were put in the dock at Bow street under a carefully framed charge instituted by the public prosecutor. Nothing whatever can be expected, however, from the House of Commons, which is itself an openly consenting party to these acts of corruption. But everything should be done to disseminate among the democracy the fuller knowledge of this dirty trade so as to emphasize public indignation and strengthen the torrential rain of national anger and abhorrence which will sweep these things into the oblivion they deserve.—*Financial News*, London.

"Fa were you rich when me married you?" "No, my dear." "Well, papa, what was it then, do you think, that mamma married you for?"—*Deloit Press*.

MARITIME WHOLESALERS HARDWARE ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Maritime Wholesalers Hardware Association, held at the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews, on Wednesday, July 11, H. W. Emerson, of St. John, the former vice-president of the Association, was elected in the place of the retiring president, Lieutenant Colonel R. B. Simmonds, of Halifax. George Mettler, representing the firm of William Stairs, Son & Morrow, of Halifax, was elected vice-president. The president's annual report was read, being a summary of the work of the Association for the past year.

Besides Colonel Simmonds, H. W. Emerson and George Mettler, the following members were present: A. W. Morton, Joseph Wier, M. O. Cromwell, J. R. Harris, all of Halifax; R. P. Dickson, of Moncton; H. N. Stevens, of Amherst; J. F. Tilgner, W. J. Stratton, J. W. Davidson, E. A. Foster, H. F. O'Neill, all of St. John. The following guests were present, being representatives of manufacturing concerns in the maritime provinces and elsewhere: G. Wilfred Campbell, of St. John; C. E. Huettis, of St. Stephen; J. W. Simms, H. G. Rogers, S. M. Farquhar and W. P. Downing, of St. John; W. E. Bell, of Moncton; James Ramsay, H. E. Dripps and James Kinsman, of Philadelphia; and Charles Huettis, of Boston.

RECRUITING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The official report of the result of recruiting in the Province of New Brunswick, for home and overseas service, for the week ending July 14, is as follows:

York County—	26
28th Battalion	3
Canadian Engineers	3
8th Field Ambulance depot	3
R. N. C. V. R.	1
Kings County—	—33
No. 2 Forestry Company	20
St. John County—	2
62nd Regiment, O. S. draft	2
No. 2 Forestry Company	2
Canadian Engineers	2
8th Field Ambulance depot	4
Gloucester County—	—13
No. 2 Forestry Company	12
Charlotte County—	5
No. 2 Forestry Company	5
8th Field Ambulance depot	—6
Restigouche County—	6
No. 2 Forestry Company	6
Carleton County—	2
Canadian Engineers	2
No. 2 Forestry Company	2
Albert County—	4
Canadian Engineers	1
Westmorland County—	2
Canadian Engineers	2
Home Service	—2
Northumberland County—	3
Victoria County	3
Kent County	0
Queens & Sunbury	0
Madawaska County	0
Total for week	98
Of the 33 recruits shown for York County for the week 29 were enlisted in the United States.	

San Juan, Porto Rico, July 17.—With 62 out of 70 municipalities completely reported the returns of yesterday's election early to-day showed Porto Rico to have voted for prohibition by more than two to one. Forty-three of the municipalities gave prohibition majorities as compared with 19 voting against the measure.

THE HUNS' RETREAT

"Hindenburg's genius-retreat to the Siegfried line—his recoil in order to spring forward better—seems to have got mixed up somehow with the offensive of Haig and Petain."

The speaker was Col. Bradley Evans, of the committee to entertain the English Mission, of which Mr. Arthur J. Balfour was the head.

"He continued, 'Hindenburg rather reminds me of the little girl who was sent to the store for fly-paper.'

"Her mother waited for her an hour, and then started out to look her up. She found her on a corner, moving backwards erratically."

"Milly, have you got that fly-paper?"

"No, mother, said the little girl. 'It's got me, but we're coming together.'"

Philadelphia Bulletin.

A PESSIMISTIC EDITOR

M. Harris, publisher of a paper at Mounds, Ill., is not very optimistic. If we may judge by a want ad he had inserted in a trade paper, his ad follows: "Wanted—A printer to take entire charge of my weekly paper, while I go to war. Job may be permanent."—*Beaumont Enterprise*.