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PHILOSOPHY OF FREEDOM.

The world has learned something from George Bernard Shaw, but it has not expected that he would teach it political wisdom. Yet here is what Burke or Hamilton might have written—the essence of political philosophy:

"Parliamentary self-government is not liberty, but a means by which capable men with character enough to use it, courage enough to face the inevitable risks of majority rule, and sense enough to see that the alternative of minority or foreign rule is still more risky, can secure what liberty is possible to individuals in civilized society under that tyranny of nature and of daily need against which no political constitutions can avail. Whether the Irish have that capacity, that character, that courage, that common sense, will be proved at the Convention. In all communities the lack of it is betrayed by one infallible sign, and that is the demand for security."

Liberty is not a thing to be had, but to be made, to be protected, to be preserved. Security can better be had from an able despotism, until at least the despotism demands the ultimate sacrifice from its subjects. Only men of character, calculation, resolution, and self-governance can have liberty, and only such men can continue it. Liberty is not bestowed by certain institutions, but can be come at through them by the proper sort of men.

Well-secured subjects of a despotism do not ask for liberty, would not appreciate it, and are not fitted to attain or to exercise it. Liberty cannot be enjoyed by peoples that have not the character which alone guarantees it. The free man in a free state is much more responsible than the well-cared-for subjects of a benevolent despotism. Liberty exacts a price and the price is high.

Some peoples are subjects by nature and are better off as subjects than they would be as free men. To become free men they must first develop a character as responsible beings, able to make their own decisions, conscious of the obligations they undertake, and self-reliant enough to shoulder the responsibility and to work out the problem on their own account. Politically some people are grown up, but others are still children.

It is political sentimentalism which supposes that the whole necessity is to endow any people with liberty, and that the blessing of itself suffices to give the possessors character enough to work the liberty and to continue it. Rome with her justice and security was better for some ancient peoples than was their own license and insecurity. And the same may be said for British rule in Egypt and India, and for American rule in the Philippines.

The Germans in their history never have developed any self-responsibility politically, and they have never shown appreciation of liberty. What they have revolted from occasionally has been oppression, which is not the same thing at all as endeavoring to govern themselves. What they value is not liberty, but order and security under a master. What they give their own vassals, whether Poles, Danes, or Alsations in Europe, or African tribes, is not even the security they themselves enjoy as subjects, but repression and oppression. Therefore, as they are not free themselves, they are not fitted to be trusted with the welfare of others than themselves, as the Romans and English have been.

"Keep chickens" is a slogan that should appeal to nearly every householder in Canada. The scraps from the table of an average household will provide most of the food necessary to keep half a dozen hens in flourishing condition and these, if properly housed and cared for, will reciprocate with a surprisingly large number of nice fresh eggs for the family table. Fifteen dozen eggs per hen per year is by no means an impossible production. Nearly every back yard is big enough to accommodate half a dozen hens, and they are most cheerful and agreeable backyard tenants. The far-seeing householder will put up his little henhouse as soon as the snow is gone and will make arrangements for his stock of hens at once.

John L. Sullivan, former champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, is

dead at his home at Arlington, Mass. He was undoubtedly the greatest pugilist who ever lived, and news of his death will be learned with sincere regret in all parts of the English-speaking world. His skill as a boxer won him a large fortune, but he had no difficulty in getting rid of it, and died comparatively poor.

Sir Edward Carson, who has resigned from the British War Cabinet, is one of the stormy petrels of English politics. He first came into prominence through his violent opposition to Home Rule, his opposition going so far as to organize and train a volunteer army of Ulsterites. At the outbreak of war he dropped his anti-home rule activities and became an advocate of active participation in the war. For a time he was First Lord of the Admiralty, later becoming a member of the War Cabinet. When made First Sea Lord one of the leading English journalists spoke of him as "a case of the poacher turning game keeper." Apparently Carson's pre-war anti-home rule sentiments prevented him working harmoniously with the government.

The St. John Times calls upon the Conservatives of New Brunswick to repudiate Mr. J. K. Flemming, ex-premier. It rather looks at this stage as if the call was likely to go unheeded. Mr. Flemming is strong on scripture, and if he decides to stand pat and call upon the Conservative politician without sin to cast the first stone, he will not need to lose any sleep over the result.

Application has been made to the board of control, Winnipeg, for a four years' franchise to utilize the old tin cans accumulated in the city dumps. The project contemplates the separation of the solder, tin and iron in the cans, and the melting of the last-mentioned into bars.

It looks as if the strike in Berlin and other German cities was on the wane. Stringent military measures to restore order have been adopted by the German authorities and are likely to have the direct result.

Through Our Sieve

Camouflage—a good name for a breakfast food.

So far it is not suggested as a name for the government standard flour.

Our idea is camouflage is the one and proper designation for the movies.

Too many square meals make round men.

Russia is learning that liberty has its complications.

It takes German democracy a long time to smell a rat.

Newspapers may tell their admiration for the great John L., but they will not advise emulation.

Contentment may be measured by the things you are willing to do without.

Another advantage of keeping a sheep is that it might be used as extra cover on heatless nights.

If the Kaiser doesn't haste and lead with his divine right, the Allies may swing on him with their left.

There's a vast difference between the big things we say we're going to do and those we actually commit.

Were it not the fools, the wise guys would have to turn their hands to honest labor.

A devoted husband is one who finds it easier to explain to the boys why he had to "break away" than to explain to his wife why he didn't.

When the gardening season opens up, a voice will be heard crying in the wilderness of the empty lot: "Hoe, every one that knitteth!"

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. Neales arrived home yesterday from St. John.

Mrs. J. D. Palmer is today entertaining a children's party for her daughter, Miss Jean Palmer.

The Fredericton Nursing Unit arrived from Halifax Sunday. In the unit were Miss Stewart, matron of the Y.M.C.A. at Halifax, Miss Kathleen Taylor, Mrs. C. McLeod, Miss Ethel Mullin arrived home some days ago.

Mrs. H. R. Babbitt entertained a few friends at bridge Friday evening.

Mr. H. G. Rich of Michigan, is at the Queen. He arrived Saturday night.

Mr. P. C. Pope of Halifax, is at the Queen.

HOSSOCK CASE DISMISSED, LACK OF EVIDENCE

Evidence of Chief Finley Not Receivable Under the Act, and on Motion was Stricken Out.

The charge against Mr. Dell Hossock of violating the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916, by having liquor in his possession in a place other than his place of residence, was dismissed by Police Magistrate Limerick this afternoon for lack of evidence.

When the case came up for hearing this afternoon His Honor granted the motion of Mr. J. J. F. Winslow, counsel for the accused, to strike out the evidence of Chief of Police Finley, who is inspector for the city under the act. The ground for the motion was that under section 171 of the act the evidence of an inspector obtained by him questioning others shall not be receivable.

Chief Finley's evidence being stricken out there was nothing left.

JOHN L. DIES OF HEART TROUBLE

Abington, Mass., Feb. 3. — John L. Sullivan, formerly the heavyweight champion of the United States, died at his home here yesterday.

Sullivan who was fifty-nine years of age, and lived on a farm here for the last ten years. He was taken ill with heart trouble three weeks ago, but his health quickly improved and he went to Boston Friday. Yesterday morning he arose as usual and planned another visit to the city, but during the forenoon had an attack of the old trouble from which he failed to rally. He died at noon. Sullivan's wife died some months ago.

Sullivan's old fighting spirit remained with him to the end. The first fainting spell left him unconscious for ten minutes and when he rallied, George M. Bush, a friend who lived with him, was applying icebags to his head. Bush told the former champion to keep quiet, that he had sent for a doctor.

"I don't want any doctor," John L. said. "I've listened to a lot of them in my life and I know I am all right and can doctor myself."

He protested when Dr. Rann, who had been summoned by Bush, told him he had better go to bed for a couple of hours. When Dr. Rann left, Sullivan beckoned Bush.

"Is the bathroom warm, George?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Well, that's fine. I want to take a bath."

Ten minutes later he was dead. William Kelley, a fifteen year old boy who had been adopted by Sullivan and Bush, his faithful friend, were with him when he passed away.

LOCAL NEWS

To Wed Next Week. Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sayre of St. John, for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Doris Sayre, to Mr. F. R. Taylor, in St. John's (Stone) church at 3.30 o'clock on February 12th.

Coal is Scarce. The following paragraph was taken from the Truro News: Owing to shortage of coal, the choir of the First Presbyterian Church will meet this evening at eight o'clock for practice at the home of Mr. John Sprott, Queen Street instead of in the Church as usual. All members are asked to attend.

U. S. TROOPS ON WESTERN FRONT

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary of War Baker's weekly war review, issued today, makes the official announcement that American troops are at last occupying a portion of the western front.

TORNADO AT MELBOURNE.

London, Feb. 4.—A despatch from Melbourne, Australia, states that Melbourne's suburbs have been devastated by a destructive tornado. Several persons were killed and a number injured. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

OBITUARY.

Late Mrs. Margaret Brewer. The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Brewer of this city, took place Sunday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Mary Brodie, daughter of the deceased, Saunders street. The service was conducted by Adjutant Miller of the Salvation Army and interment was made at Forest Hill cemetery.

Late James Duncan. The funeral of the late James Duncan took place this afternoon from his late residence, Old Springhill Road,

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and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. J. S. Sutherland and interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

Late Mrs. Sarah E. Hubble. The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah E. Hubble took place Sunday afternoon from her late residence, Oromocto. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Gregg at the Baptist church and interment was made at Burton.

Late Hugh Donnelly. The funeral of the late Hugh Donnelly took place Sunday morning from his late residence, Oromocto, and was largely attended. Solemn service was conducted at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul and interment was made at Oromocto.

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