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GERMAN INTRIGUE.

In debating societies for many long years, the question "Which is the mightier, the pen or the sword?" has been one of the most fruitful subjects for discussion. This war may well revive the inquiry. Whilst mighty German armies have assailed Russia and Italy, there has been carried on at the same time the most insidious and persistent campaign, by the dissemination of cunning literature, to corrupt the minds of the people and to demoralize the armies of both of these countries. General F. B. Maurice, of the British War Office, referring to the Italian defeat, says:

"It is clear that a great part of the disaster, for it can be called nothing else, was due to the insidious propaganda which has gone further than Cadorna suspects."

Thousands of Italian soldiers had their pockets stuffed with newspapers which preached that kind of socialism which has proved useful to German autocracy.

A similar propaganda largely explains the Russian collapse, and there are not lacking signs that German emissaries have used identical methods in attempts to weaken the morale of France.

First there came the sword and the battle, then came the pen and its corrupting leaven, and then the further fighting and the enemy. It is for the debaters to decide how much the sword and how much the pen contributed to the disaster. If it had not been for the demoralizing influence of the productions of the pen, is it probable or not that the Russians and the Italians would have successfully repelled the enemy? We leave the question to the disputants.

THE NEW AMBASSADOR.

The appointment of Lord Reading, the Lord Chief Justice of England, to be the special British Ambassador to the United States during the war, attracts renewed attention to this remarkable man. His name is Rufus Isaacs. He is the son of a Jewish fruit merchant. As a boy he was possessed of abounding vitality, hard to keep in check. He ran away from home and roughed it for a year as a common sailor before the mast. Returning home, he made an unsuccessful attempt to make a living as a stock broker. At the age of 24 he started to read law. After a few years he began to get some briefs, especially in cases where a knowledge of financial affairs was of value. By the end of the first decade after his call to the bar, he had reached the front rank.

His native ability was backed up by an amazing capacity for persistent industry. He was known as a scrupulously fair and just man. He entered politics in 1904 as Liberal member for Reading. Six years later he became Solicitor General and soon after Attorney General, being the first holder of this office to be included in the cabinet.

A few years ago, when ennobled, he took his title name from the riding which sent him to Parliament. He is the first Hebrew to become Lord Chief Justice of England. He is now 57 years of age, of striking and refined appearance, attractive manner and of youthful activity. Britain could not have an abler representative at the capital of our great Ally.

A letter from Mr. Adam Moore, of Scotch Lake, on the subject of game protection, will be found in another part of this issue, and will repay a careful perusal. Mr. Moore has long been recognized as one of New Brunswick's greatest followers of woodcraft and speaks not from hearsay, but from practical knowledge. He takes issue with the members of the York County Council on the subject of game protection, and ably defends the guides from the charge that in asking that the game be protected they are actuated by selfish motives. Mr. Moore takes the ground that the game being the property of the people, should be dealt with as a business proposition, and that laws should be framed and

administered with a view of doing the greatest good to the greatest number. It rather looks as if he has decidedly the right end of the argument.

The revenue of the Dominion for the nine months ending Dec. 31st was \$190,658,370, as against \$186,687,489 for the similar period of 1916. For December alone the revenue was \$20,617,363. In December 1916 it was \$21,943,775. Expenditure chargeable to revenue totalled \$96,982,537, as compared with \$81,696,505 in the previous year. The total net debt of the Dominion on December 31st stood at \$974,428,504. On the same date in 1916 it was \$722,111,449. During December the debt increased \$18,427,803, which was approximately a million less than the war expenditure for that month.

The government of New Brunswick, says Conservation, is now considering the entire reorganization of the various lines of forestry and fire protection work with a view to combining them under a single head. This would mean the establishment of a genuine provincial forest service with a co-ordinated staff handling fire protection, scaling, enforcement of cutting regulations on crown lands and continuation of the forest survey and land classification. It would also mean a permanent fire-fighting staff with adequate financial support, partly derived from assessments on timber owners, as is done in other provinces. Such re-organization would make a new era in forest conservation in New Brunswick.

Canada's war expenditure for the nine months of the fiscal year ending December 31, amounted to \$171,748,839. During the same period in the previous fiscal year the expenditure was \$170,229,489. For the month of December alone the war cost \$19,779,563. In December, 1916, it cost \$23,792,217.

Through Our Sieve

Where do they get that January thaw stuff?

Speaking of camouflage, there is the powder puff.

It is a poor day when one does not go without something to help some worthy cause.

A woman has a hard time convincing herself that her children could be smarter than they are.

Some men achieve matrimony, some have it thrust upon them, and others are lucky enough to escape it.

These are indeed dark hours for the world, but let us not forget our most familiar proverb.

There ought to be some camouflage that would make the bed as attractive at a reasonable bedtime hour as it is when one ought to get up in the morning.

An irresponsible philosopher has discovered that zero weather is due to the fact that the heat of the sun is colder in winter than in summer.

Don't get melancholy because life is so short. If you work more maybe it will seem longer.

Half the thrill a bachelor feels in looking at a beautifully dressed woman is admiration, and the other half is the consoling thought that he doesn't have to pay her bills.

A PROPHECY.

To the Editor of the Mail: The beginning of the end was in the year of our Lord 1914. In seven years from that date there will be a resurrection, the two faithful witnesses. Then immediately the Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in his wings and this old earth will shine forth more brilliant and brighter than ever before. Then will be the time that men will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and my people will learn war no more.

THEODORE STAIRS.

CALIFORNIA EFFICIENCY.

There is an efficiency man in San Diego who carries his profession to excess. He has a girl who lives in Los Angeles. He visits her every Sunday and writes every day. For want of a new topic the girl asked him in a recent communication if he really did like her eyes. In reply the e. m. replied: "Replying to your inquiry of even date, beg to refer you to my letter, Feb. 24, 1917, wherein the subject was treated exhaustively."

HUN PLOT DISCOVERED.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Buenos Aires, Jan. 21. — The police discovered today a plot to blow up five tank cars loaded with alcohol bound for the Entente Allies. A burning flare was removed from the cars just in time to prevent an explosion.

PROMINENT HYPHEN UNDER SUSPICION

(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, Jan. 22.—Baron Gustav Von Hasperg, son-in-law of the late Commodore McVicker, a founder of the New York Yacht Club, is interned on Ellis Island, pending an investigation of activities in New York on behalf of Germany, it became known today. It was reported that the Baron is suspected of having visited several military reservations. He was arrested several days ago at his apartment on Riverside Drive. Hasperg has been prominent in New York for several years.

PRO-GERMAN HAD CLOSE CALL

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Frostburg, Md., Jan. 21.—Asserting he had expressed pro-German sentiments and had stated publicly his wish for the success of the German offensive in Italy, infuriated Italians today threw Philip Hoffman, sexton, into the grave of Leonard Calve, being buried in St. Michael's cemetery here, and were proceeding to bury him alive when his cries for help brought back Rev. Father Andrew Donlon, who was leaving the cemetery. The priest brushed aside the men and Hoffman, badly cut and bruised, was pulled from the grave.

MONTREAL MAN LOST HIS LIFE

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, Jan. 22. — Edouard Lavigne, an employee of the Maison-neuve Hardware Company, was crushed to death yesterday at the Montreal College, Sherbrooke street, by an automobile truck loaded with coal. Lavigne was 65 years of age.

SPIRITS STILL IN DEMAND

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Inland revenue for the month of December brought in \$2,642,920, as compared with \$2,431,402 in the same month last year. Excise last month returned \$2,472,531, of which spirits accounted for \$1,283,698; tobacco, \$995,000; malt, \$109,113, and cigars, \$65,053. War tax, \$121,542.

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. H. Nelson of Moncton, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. B. L. Gerow of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Hon. E. A. Smith of Shediac, Minister of Lands and Mines, is at the Queen.

Mr. E. S. Brodie of Gagetown, is a guest at the Barker House.

MAIL MATTER ACCUMULATES

(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, Jan. 22.—The closing of hundreds of business and industrial houses for the past four days has resulted in an accumulation of mail in the main and branch post offices in the metropolitan district that will duplicate the work of the mail carriers when they start on their rounds tomorrow.

A CHAP WHO USED TO SKATE.

(Boston Record.)

We've gone skating Every winter since We were 10 years Old, and we've Heard this line Of chatter coming On this column A little farther Down for the Last (—) years. (No, we don't—you'd Figure up our age.) It hasn't changed A word. Here It is: "Watch Me cut some Stars; I haven't Been on skates For eleven years!" "When I was A kid, I got A pair of skates From my dad. Who got them From his dad. They curled up In the front— Y'know the kind!" "My ankles Are so weak," etc. "These skates Are so dull I Can't stand up On 'em!" "If I only had another Strap I could Go better!" etc. Ho Hum! It's The same old Stuff. But you Wouldn't think you Were skating if You didn't hear it.

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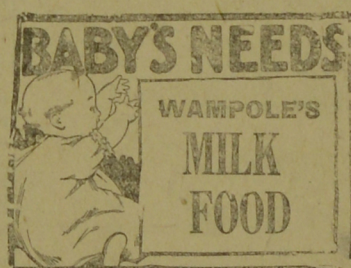
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SMALLPOX ON NORTH SHORE

(Canadian Press direct wire.) St. John, Jan. 22. — Reports to the provincial board of health show forty cases of smallpox in Kent county, sixty in Restigouche, forty-one in Northumberland, eight in York and 19 in Victoria, a total of 159. Compulsory vaccination and revaccination in Restigouche, Northumberland and Kent, and in Moncton city by its own request has been ordered.

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