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THE TARIFF QUESTION.

In the Commons at Ottawa the other day, Sir H. B. Ames deplored the course of a Liberal speaker in making references to the tariff question and suggesting tariff downward in some cases. "This is not the time," he said, "when non-essential questions that are likely to divide us should be thrown into the arena of this House."

That is about what was to be expected from this tinsel-titled person. So long as parliament can be deluded into looking upon the tariff question as "non-essential" so long will the tariff provisions relating to boots and shoes, for example, be safe from unholy hands—and those provisions are like unto the ark of the covenant in the eyes of Ames.

The tariff question is far from being a non-essential question in this time of war. The efforts of Sir Herbert Ames and other beneficiaries of high protection to make it appear non-essential is so much selfish camouflage, made the more unworthy by the fact that they describe themselves as actuated only by motives of the loftiest patriotism.

It is of paramount importance today that Canada's commerce should be stimulated in every way possible and the living conditions of its people made the best possible in order that the nation may exert its utmost power in the war. The fiscal arrangements which will most stimulate that commerce and do most to ensure satisfactory living conditions for the Canadian people should be adopted as a war measure, to say nothing of any other reasons. The tariff question, then, is in reality an essential question today, and should be so considered. It is no tribute to the good sense of a number of members of parliament that they are sitting silent and allowing such people as Ames and other selfish upholders of Special Privilege to prevent the discussion of the question.

THE QUEBEC SITUATION.

The Quebec situation seems to be clearing up. In the Commons the other day Major General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, was able to report "many evidences of a marked change of feeling in the province." There is no more talk of rioting. The young men are coming forward readily to the colors as they are called. Other young men who have not been called up as yet under the Military Service Act are volunteering for service with different units. When the students of Laval University, the leading French-Canadian educational institution of the province, were given opportunity by the military authorities to supply a quota for the Canadian tank battalion, many more of them volunteered than could be accepted.

The improved situation must cause thankfulness to every patriotic Canadian. Quebec conditions, as they seemed to be a short time ago, continued a very grave menace to the future of the Dominion. Hotheads and bigots talked often and noisily of this action and that to accomplish what they described as "bringing Quebec to time," forgetting or being unable to realize how bitter a price the Dominion would pay for any settlement of difficulty except the settlement brought about by reason and effort to offset the vicious effect of the unpatriotic propaganda which Bourassa and his aides had too long been permitted to carry on. Precisely what influences have operated to hasten a settlement so greatly is only a subject for speculation at the present moment, but the happy fact is that apparently the situation is clearing up. It means much for the future peace and progress of Canada. The breach created by different agencies will not be healed so quickly as it was made, but the present outlook is that the healing has begun.

At the British House of Commons appeals tribunal the other day, the chairman, Sir Donald Maclean, M. P., said he was sure appellants and their representatives would realize that

since the tribunal last met there had been a great change in the military position, and that the considerations which they had formerly given to the civilian aspects of the national interests could not now be extended in the same measure. At the same time that tribunal—and he hoped other tribunals also—did not intend to relax efforts to prevent unfit men being sent into the army. "We can no more assist the army," he added, "by sending it unfit men, than you can get up steam on a battleship by using sand instead of coal."

London Observer: Enough that the supreme ordeal has been met by the British army with magnificent spirit and competence. Let the nation only be worthy of it. What we have all to do now, let us say it again and again, is to realize the urgent personal duty which lies upon every man and woman in the land. We need the moral touch of our Cromwell and our Milton—the "plain heroic magnitude of mind." Now, as in the worst days of trial at the beginning of the war, the very sternness of the crisis may redeem in our own despite much that has been amiss. Of late democracy has shown too many of its weaknesses.

N. Y. Sun: The Canadian forecast is of more importance than the prospect of getting an increased movement of wheat from Australia and South America. The acreage of the great northwestern plains may be increased as much as ten per cent., even in the face of a labor shortage. The Dominion Government and the provincial governments have done much to encourage added production; the possibilities are limitless, except for labor. With man power enough Alberta and Saskatchewan could easily raise grain enough to feed the world. The outlook there is hopeful for the future.

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The artistic temperament is never commercial. Even a musical composer can't always borrow money on his notes.

We worry about posterity; and when posterity grows up it will look at our photographs and giggle.

Hereafter when the Austrian Emperor writes to Brother Sixtus, he will add the postscript: "Burn as soon as read."

Perhaps it was when looking at a big German casualty list that the Crown Prince was inspired to remark: "This war is heaven for young Germany."

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MAY KEEP PIGS IF CONDITIONS COMPLIED WITH

Board of Health Gives Information in Letter to Fredericton Labor Council on Matter.

The Fredericton Labor Council has received from the Fredericton Board of Health the following letter which permits the keeping of pigs within the city and states the conditions under which they must be kept:

Fredericton, N. B., May 2, 1918. Mr. Jos. D. Legere, Correspondence Secretary, Fredericton Labor Council:

Dear Sir—Your letter of 8th April, 1918, re the keeping of swine within the city limits was before the Board of Health at their regular meeting on Tuesday, 30th of April.

The Board regret the delay in answering your communication. It was because there has been no meeting of the Board since it was received.

In reply to said letter I am instructed by the Board to advise you that, under provisions of the Provincial Board of Health Act 1911, no swine are permitted to be kept in any city or incorporated town without the permission of the local board of health of that district. Rule 24 of the Provincial Boards reads as follows:

"Swine and cows shall be kept in such places and in such manner as not to be offensive to persons residing in the neighborhood."

Under the above rules I am instructed by the Board of Health to advise your council that the Board will allow one pig to be kept by any citizen within the limits of the city under the following conditions:

Application for license to be made to the Board of Health Inspector, who will view the premises before granting said license.

Pen in which animal is to be confined must be one hundred feet away from any adjoining premises, and written permission must be had from the owner or occupant of any adjoining premises, that he has no objection to such pig being kept in his neighborhood.

Under Rule 25 of the Provincial Board no person is permitted to allow the accumulation of refuse matter such as swill, etc., and under this rule the pig pen must be kept thoroughly clean and dry by the use of plenty of bedding and when the manure, etc., is removed from the pen it must be placed under cover, similar to the way that barn manure is required to be kept under cover.

The above regulations to be carried out subject to the approval of the Health Inspector of the Board of Health.

GEORGE Y. DIBBLEE, Yours truly, Sec. F'ton Board of Health, Dist. No. 1.

HAD SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE.

Nurse, Formerly Militant, Finds Patient Former Policeman.

The day approaches when in recognition of the women's generosity in giving their men for the war the men are asked to give women hereabouts the vote, says a British correspondent. Nothing could be more timely, therefore, than to recall the story of what happened in a British hospital on the coast of Normandy. A kind nurse was bending over the pillow of a wounded man—a big corporal of the Grenadier Guards. She was a dear old lady, the nurse, one who had in her time enjoyed a full share as a militant suffragette. In fact, she had led more than one furious assault on the Houses of Parliament. Yet here she was lavishing the treasures of her sympathy upon the country's mere fighting men.

"It's odd," she said. "Your face, my good man, isn't a bit strange to me. I can't get rid of the idea that I've seen you many times before."

"I can't deny it, ma'am," sighed the wounded corporal, struggling with a visible embarrassment. "You have seen my face before. But can't we let bygones be bygones? It's true, I used to be a policeman. But that was before the war, ma'am."

Nearly 20,000 British South American natives have been recruited for service behind the lines in France and Flanders.

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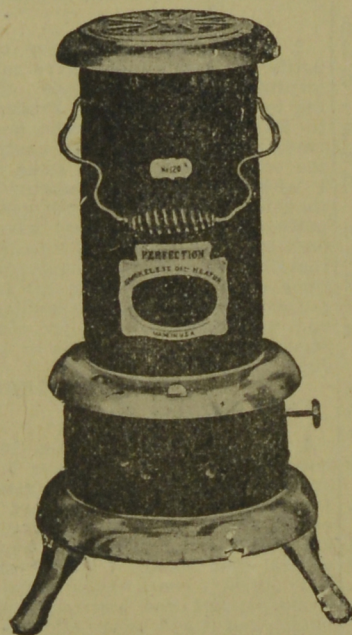
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WHY GERMAN POETS ARE DUMB

(Minneapolis Journal.)

The German poets are finding that they cannot sing. The muse is unwilling and the strings of the lyre are muted. One of these silent German poets, Herman Hesse, writing from Berne, in Switzerland, is quoted by the Literary Digest in these words:

"Ah, yes, the best of us are silent. Today every poet lives in a far distant isle. It cannot be demanded of him that he should place his talent at the service of destructive forces; that he shall labor for the purveyors of war, however enticing their offers."

Yet these poets on the other side, sustained by the unconquerable sense of right, have never sung more nobly. They have gone to their deaths gladly with their swan songs on their lips, offering their lives on the altar of liberty. Edith Thomas, one of the most powerful of living American singers (has taken this fact as the theme of her poem, "The Silence of the German Singers.")

If Right were with you of the Fatherland, Your mourning song could none to silence hire. Hark, how they sing—to heaven they singing go— How many of that strong-opposing band Whose lips a Cause Divine has touched with fire, Who were not poets till war made them so.

Little wonder the German poets cannot sing. In their hearts they know that since time began Hell itself has not spawned a cause so dark and evil as that for which the German people are giving their lives literally in millions on the bloody fields of Europe.

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