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THE OLEOMARGARINE MATTER.

The House of Commons during the past year has been discussing Oleomargarine whenever there was nothing else on the agenda, and some very absurd things are being said about this edible product. The fact is that many years ago when it was discovered that almost any sort of animal or vegetable fats could be transformed into something resembling butter, the new process was looked upon as an opportunity for disposing of all sorts of waste fats and the rankest sort of fly-infected and semi putrescent materials were used. Naturally this gave oleomargarine a bad name, and when it became clear that the new substance was likely to become a rival of the lower grades of butter a howl of indignation went from dairymen everywhere. No doubt at the time there was some cause for indignation because of the fact that oleo was sold as butter. Time has passed by however and the artificial product has vastly improved in every way. Only pure and wholesome fats, vegetable and animal, are used in the making and government experts in both Britain and the United States pronounce the article first class in every way with a food value equal to that of butter. Moreover it is no longer sold as butter but must be marketed on its own merits. In the earlier time of its manufacture there was no doubt some good reason for the law prohibiting its importation into Canada, but when butter rose to 75 and 80 cents a pound the poorer classes simply could not buy it, and yet their health depended upon the proper consumption of fats as part of their diet. On this ground the government removed the ban on its entrance, to the mighty advantage of the poorer people. But the dairymen kept up their opposition to the present day and their representatives are constantly bringing the matter up in Parliament. Here are the arguments for its admission Act: Butter of edible quality calls for a price impossible to many of our people. Fats are a necessary part of their diet. Oleomargarine is cheaper, equal to butter in food value and is being sold strictly under its own name. In the name of fairness and common-sense, why should the dairy people object to its import when they are selling at the highest possible prices every pound of butter they can produce?

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

The Boston Globe has the following on the appointment of Canadian plenipotentiary at Washington:—

Canadian legislators are unanimous in approving the status given to Canada in the plan for a Minister Plenipotentiary to represent the Dominion in Washington. Whether the United States will return the courtesy is a question to be decided by Congress, but certainly the idea of direct relations with the great province to the north will meet with wide favor.

The plan announced by the Governor General of Canada invests the Canadian Minister to the United States with unusual powers. In absence of the British Ambassador he will assume charge of all British diplomatic relations with the United States. In matters of purely Canadian concern he will be a direct link between Washington and Ottawa.

The three-thousand-mile boundary between the United States and Canada absolutely open and unprotected is a monument of which both countries can be proud. There have been wrangles, but they have been ironed out. Lands and waters so rich in natural resources, so full of commercial and mercantile potentialities, must be looked upon as prizes. With the development of communication, the United States will be brought closer to Canada, and dealing direct will check many irritations before they become chronic.

The plan is in line with the liberal program Great Britain has adopted toward Canada, and is a gigantic stride forward. If the British Empire is to be preserved, it will live because of such concessions as this to the independence of its component parts.

Cost of the war in lives has reached 35,380,000, according to final estimates by the Copenhagen society for the Study of Consequences of the war. Figures were reached after exhaustive study of decrease in birth rates of countries involved, as well as increase in deaths from causes directly attributed to the war. Actual military

deaths in killed totalled 9,829,000. European nations involved lost the equivalent of 8.8 per cent. of population from all causes, and 2.5 per cent. in actual killed. Serbia was the heaviest sufferer, losing 35 per cent. of the total population, while actual killed equalled 14.8 per cent.

The Legislature of New York has passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to furnish false news to a newspaper. The new law reads:

"Any person who knowingly and wilfully states, delivers or transmits by any means whatever to any manager, editor, publisher, reporter or other employee of a publisher or any newspaper, magazine, publication, periodical or serial, any false and untrue statement of a fact concerning any person or corporation, with intent that the same shall be published, is guilty of misdemeanor."

The law becomes effective September 1st.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Maybe the overalls suggest "Who's pantaloon now?"

A hair tonic jag probably just grows on one.

There is nothing like first love—excepting second love.

We all make mistakes, but few repeat the one of pouring gasoline on the kitchen fire.

Styles for men will be sober this summer, it is announced. How could they be otherwise?

Whatever food conditions are in other parts of Europe, England will always have her Irish stew.

Extraordinary reversal of form: Little boys who grow up and think that teachers ought to be given enough to live on.

A man begins to worry when he knows that he is loved; a woman when she thinks she isn't.

When J. G. Hunker says a plumber isn't necessarily superior to a poet, he doesn't know the same plumbers we do.

"Misfortunes," says the French proverb, "come on horseback and depart on foot." But sometimes Hope overtakes them in a flivver.

FAKE LETTER INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE

Montreal, May 14—"I am a prisoner in 975 St. Catherine street west. Please come and help me and I will reward you well. (Signed) Dorothy Gurd."

This was a letter picked up on the sidewalk opposite 975 St. Catherine street west by Guy T. Wales, who is employed at an automobile garage at No. 973 St. Catherine street west. He immediately took the letter to Capt. Fisher notified the detective office and Detective Daoust was sent to investigate. When he reached the house accompanied by Capt. Fisher and Special Constables Vinette and Hargrave, inquiries were made. No such person, it was stated, was residing at this house.

The constables made a thorough search of the premises but no trace of the letter was found.

It is thought by the police the letter was left on the sidewalk as a hoax or else by someone who desired to make trouble for the people residing at the number given in the letter.

MAY FIX DATE NEXT WEEK

St. John, May 14—It is possible that the date for holding the prohibition plebiscite in this province in July will be decided upon at a meeting of the provincial government to be held in this city on Wednesday next. The language to be used in the questions to be voted on will be as clear and concise as it is possible to make it. The members of the government will inspect the provincial hospital in Lancaster on Wednesday and will also visit the water power site at Lepreau.

USELESS.

First Stewed—Why do you drink so much?

Second Nitto—To drown my troubles.

First Ditto—Do you get away with it?

Second—Ditto—No, confound 'em they can swim.

Senator N. M. Jones and G. E. Arrowsmith arrived at the Queen Hotel today.

LOCAL NEWS

Ascension Day.

Yesterday was Ascension Day, Holy Thursday, and was observed in Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches. Service at St. Dunstan's Church last night was largely attended.

Against Town Manager

At a meeting of the Chatham Board of Trade held last Wednesday evening a motion was made to refer the Town Manager question to a meeting of the ratepayers, but it was turned down.

Death of W. J. Daniels

The death of William J. Daniels occurred this morning at his home in New Maryland after a short illness. The deceased who is seventy-seven years of age has forty-five years military service to his credit. He served in the Imperial Army and was Color-Sgt. in this city with the R. C. R. and for a number of years he was Sgt. Major and caretaker at Annapolis, N. S. The surviving relatives are one son William at home, and one daughter Mrs. William Hodgson of Doak Settlement. The funeral will be held at the late home at 3 p. m. Sunday and the service will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Bulteel. Interment will be made at New Maryland.

LADY NANCY ASTOR, DIVORCEE, DENOUNCED

London, May 12—Horatio Bottomley created both a political and social sensation today when in a startling and scathing front page article in his publication "John Bull" he accused Lady Nancy Astor of "being a hypocrite of the first water," in having opposed, "with eyes upturned to heaven and in virtuous tones," any tampering the sanctity of the marriage vow during the recent debate in commons on a bill providing for easier divorce.

Bottomley claims that he consulted many members of parliament before making the attack on Lady Astor and that they were unanimous in approving his contemplated step.

The "John Bull" article asserts that Lady Astor was divorced from Robert Gould Shaw in Virginia in 1903, on grounds of desertion the whole case being rushed through with the utmost secrecy. Bottomley then sets forth that Shaw is still alive in America, though Britishers believed Lady Astor to be a widow.

"And this is the honorable and noble lady, a peeress by marriage, who comes into the British house of commons and dares to sermonize against slackening our divorce laws," Bottomley's article declares.

"Lady Astor, as the protagonist of the great experiment of female representation in parliament, has dismally failed."

Bottomley points out that Lady Astor opposed prolonged separation as being grounds for divorce, thus denying others the liberty she found so easy and convenient, and accuses her of deliberately fooling the English people by describing herself in Burke's peerage and "Who's Who" as the widow of Shaw.

"Now we know that her earnest pleading and her emotion in commons was mere camouflage," Bottomley continues. "Many members who were influenced, being ignorant of her co-lusive divorce, are now indignant over her rank hypocrisy and cant."

The article created a distinct sensation in commons. Some of the members expressed themselves as greatly shocked by the revelations of Bottomley, and said they expected Lady Astor to make some explanation. When Lady Nancy appeared on the floor this afternoon, however, and took her seat only a short distance from that of Bottomley, she was roundly cheered. Bottomley demands to know what right Lady Astor has to pose as a widow, or prevent other unfortunate women from gaining the same sort of release she, herself, enjoyed.

A great part of the British public was astonished at the Bottomley article, having regarded Lady Astor as a widow before her marriage to viscount Astor.

New York May 12—Nancy Langhorne married Robert Gould Shaw 2d of Boston, in 1897. In 1903 she obtained a divorce, on grounds of three years' desertion. Robert Gould Shaw now lives in Boston. He was reached on the telephone at his home, but merely expressed indignation at being called on such a matter. The sketch of Viscount Astor in "Who's Who," mentions Lady Astor as "widow" of Shaw.

MIDSPRING MADNESS

No stylish duds do I seek for,
 Nor yet the frugal overall.
 I'd rather be a Donkhebor
 And not wear any clo'satall!

ALL OVER.

Hearing a crash of glassware on morning, Mrs. Blank called to her maid in an adjoining room: "Norah, what on earth are you doing?" "I'm doin' nothin', mum," replied Norah, "It's done."

House Cleaning Time

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"Hungry, doctah, hungry."

"Haven't they given you anything to eat?"

"All I got, doctah, was a little piece of glass to suck."

REAL HOME

"What is your definition of a home?" "Home is the place where you can't find the hammer or the saw when you really need them."

AT The **GAIETY** TODAY and SATURDAY

MADGE KENNEDY

— IN —
"The Blooming Angel"

A GOLDWYN PICTURE

Also ANTONIO MORENO and PAULINE CURLEY in

"THE INVISIBLE HAND" EPISODE VI Today!

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