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WEDNESDAAY, DECEMBER 9, 1925.

THE CYNIC AND THE PEACE.

It could get on very well without him. and immediate preparations for anoth-People like to enjoy their views on life er war. As a matter of fact the old closely or having their present ideas compared with what they were in the near or remote past. It would be a prime to do anything but rejoice at the happy outcome of the Locarno Confer-ence, the signing of the pact, the ban-quets, the healing of the wounds of war, the hope of a long reign of peace and the feeling of amity that now ex-ists between the Allies and their late tnemies. It is obviously most desir-able from any point of view, christian, moral or commercial. When Sir Ausmoral or commercial. When Sir Auslen Chamberlain and the German ambassador pledged each other in the The death of Mr. John R. Booth reloving cup at the Lord Mayor's ban- moves one of the great outstanding quet in London it was a happy omen personalities from Canadian life. Start fr But the cynic will remember that a bottom rung of the ladder of fame, for the future.

decade ago it was firmly resolved that he worked his way to the highest never again would there be any truck point of vantage solely by his ability, with an enemy, who, by his dastardly methods of warfare, had placed him-ielf forever beyond the pale of civilitation. He might, if he chose, produce knocks at the hands of Fate; but he as evidence articles from the press always emerged triumphantly from his and sermons from the pulpit denounc- troubles, conquering failure by refusing in seathing terms a foe, who could ing to recognize it. His hard battle to never again be admitted to the com- wealth and fame is a living proof that ity of nations. What has happened to Canada offers unlimited opportunities bring about this complete change of to every man, who has the gift of tront? Germany has never for a mo- vision and the pluck to stick through ment shown herself repentent, indeed, "thick and thin" she persists in denying her responsievery means to avoid the indemnity JOHN R. BOOTH, demanded of her for the damage done. In the face of the pledges made the only valid reason for burying the hatchet, apart from economic neces sity, is the conviction that the wartime propaganda employed by the Al- as a monument to what J. R. lies was so exaggerated as to be al- Booth did. Once interested in the most unirue. There can be no doubt railway, he developed traffic for that on both sides no effort was spared it by building elevators, purchasing to depict the enemy as a monster in steamships and buying wheat. At buman form.

The bate that is engendered through Grand Trunk Railway in 1904, the a natural desire to distort the truth Booth system handled annually It may spur the contending armeis to bushels of grain. light more desperatedly for victory; Mr. Booth's favorite grandchild It may serve a useful purpose when Lois Booth, daughter of J. Fred City Hall, December 3, 1925. nations are struggling for their exist- Booth, became the centre of world

Robert Dollar, who afterwards plicity on the service of the press. Long and careful study of conditions became a millionaire ship owner in past and present is essential to a re- San Francisco, was at one time in liable understanding of the complex Mr. Booth's employ.

problems in any country. A journalist, "Old J. R.," as the late Mr. who is packed off at a moment's not- Booth was generally known in Published every afternoon (except ice to report some crisis, would be a Ottawa and to his associates Bunday) at 327-329 Queen Street superman if he could grasp more than throughout the country was a the bare outlines in the time at his prominent figure in Ottawa from its disposal. His story is usually based birth. He was particularly generous on information gathered in a series to the city, and in the earlier days of hasty interviews with persons who when public money was not so tell him what they think it is good plentiful, contributed largely tofor him to know. Unless he resides wards the construction of utilities. permanently on the spot he need not He was not a politician, but it hope for too much. That explains why is said, that on one occasion he the information based on press de- did extend himself in this direction. spatches is so often misleading. This was in 1911, when opposed The election of Hindenburg last to the proposed Taft-Fielding pact, spring to be President of Germany is he addressed a large gathering of one of many examples. The choice his employes from the top of a Whether he deserves all the censure of the German people was denounced woodpile in the Booth lumber yards. woodpile in the booth lumber yards. he gets is uncertain but none will deny article. Many journals, even predicted that the cynic is a most unpopular the speech stream of the Kaiser that the cynic is a most unpopulat person. The world feels somehow that the speedy restoration of the Kaiser measure, its defeat in Ottawa.

Gave King Dinner. reopie fixe to enjoy their views on life without having their inconsistencies constantly bandied before their eyes. They dislike being questioned too closely or having their present ideas

NOTICE is hereby given, that pur-suant to the provisions of the Frederic-ton Assessment Act of 1907, there will for the purpose of satisfying the arrears of City taxes for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 inclusive, made and assessed against Arthur Gray (and owned by Henry Montgomery-Campbell) and Herbert Montgomery Campbell) and amounting in all to \$189.45, unless the said sum together with the costs of this notice are sooner paid, be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall, Freder-icton, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, the thirteenth day of Febru-ary, A. D. 1926, all the right, fitle and interest of Arthur Gray and of. Henry Montgomery-Campbell and Herbert Mont-gomery-Campbell in and to the lands and premises followng: "All that certain lot of land situate ing his long successful career at the

see followng: All that certain lot of land situate being in the City of Fredericton, ided as follows: Commercing at a t on the Northwesterly side of York et, distant 141 feet measured South terly from the intersection of the hwesterly side of York Street and South Westerly side of the reserv-treet between block "T" and "G" in plan of Messrs. Campbell's lands e by Baird and Howie, thence North egrees 30 minutes West 141 feet; ce South 53 degrees 30 "North 47" tork Street, aforesaid and thence nee South 38 degrees 30 " East 141 ' York Street, aforesaid and thence gy York Street 38 degrees 30 " East ' to the place of beginning being wn as Lot No. 4 in Block "I" in plan urvey of Campbell lands prepared by rd & Howie." Dated at Fredericton this second day becember, A. D., 1925. (Sgd.) C. FRED CHESTNUT, City Treasurer.

Notice To Taxpayers

the time of its purchase by the Only those whose taxes for the current year have been paid on or before and exaggerate the false is one of the more than 200,000 tons of flour and becember 12th next shall be qualified agliest features in the picture of war. package freight and 20,000,000 held in January next. C. FRED CHESTNUT,

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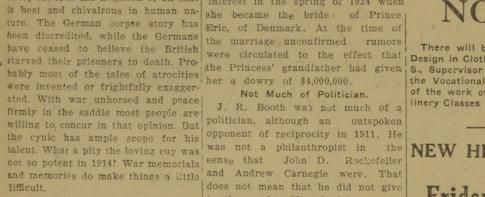
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PRESS INACCURACIES.

amount of ignorance of Canadian af- the written word. fairs among our American neighbors. Some of the comments on the recent general election in responsible newspapers are only fit to be classed with the proverbial schoolboy howlers, which never fail as a source of amusement. While the difficulty of viewing foreign affairs in their true perspective must be admitted, it should be comparatively simple for American journals to be reasonably accurate in the facts and figures relating to a country with which they are so closely associated. It only goes to show that people who demand a true insight into world politics should not rely too im

all that interest in the spring of 1924 when

LUMBER KING,

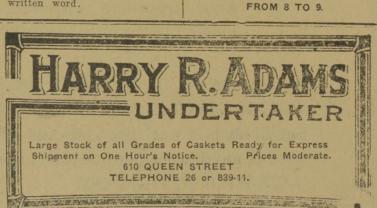
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DIED YESTERDAY

Not Much of Politician.

firmly in the saddle most people are willing to concur in that opinion. But the cynic has ample scope for his talent. What a pity the loving cup was not so potent in 1914! War memorials and Andrew Comercie more That and memories do make things a little and Andrew Carnegie were. That does not mean that he did not give Friday Evening to the needy. His charities went deeper than the mere signing of

checks and found their records in There seems to be an amazing the unspoken thought rather than



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