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A FRIEND OF ENGLAND.

Mr. Chauncey Mitchell Depew, who passed away recently in New York at the ripe old age of ninety-four years, was not only the greatest after dinner speaker in the United States, but like thousands of other Americans of his sturdy type was a staunch friend and admirer of Great Britain. Proof of this was furnished by his numerous public addresses. During his long career he had made numerous trips to Great Britain and had met and had no doubt swapped stories with many of her leading statesmen. He had enjoyed the hospitality of "the stately homes of England," and is on record as saying that any American who has had that experience ever after craves the opportunity of reciprocating in his own country.

One of the most notable public addresses by the late Mr. Depew was delivered before the Lotus Club of New York in 1898, shortly after the end of the Spanish American war. On that occasion we find him saying:

"It is a singular fact that the United States has known England for nearly three hundred years, and England has known little about the United States until within the past ten years. Eight years ago Mr. Gladstone asked me about the newspapers of this country. I told him that the press in nearly all of our large cities had from a half to a whole column of European cables daily, and two columns on Sunday and two thirds of it was about English affairs. He expressed surprise and pleasure, and great regret that the English press was not equally full of American news. From ten to fifteen lines on our markets was all the information British readers had about our interests, unless a lynching, a railroad smashup or a big corporation suddenly gone bankrupt commanded all of the space required and gave a lively picture of our settled habits. With the advent of Smalley, Norman and others, sending full despatches from the United States to the English newspapers our press relations have become reciprocal. The American in England is as much in touch each morning with the happenings at home as the Englishman is in America with the affairs of Europe. The daily interchange of information as to the conditions, the situation, the opinions and the mutual interests of the two countries has been of incalculable benefit in bringing about a better acquaintance and more cordial sentiments between these two great English speaking nations. The better we know each other the riper grows our friendship."

The late Mr. Depew was a lawyer by profession and in the midst of the Venezuelan excitement was called upon to deliver the annual address before the New York State Bar Association. His subject was "International Arbitration" and largely as a result of his address the Association unanimously adopted a memorial in favor of settling all disputes between Great Britain and the United States by arbitration and in favor of the establishment of an international court of dignity and arbitration. This action subsequently received the unanimous approval of the bench and bar of the United States, and was met with equal warmth by the people of Great Britain.

Mr. Depew related a conversation which he had with an eminent Scottish divine, who told of an incident which had occurred after the German Kaiser had sent his message of encouragement to President Kruger at the outbreak of the Boer War. The preacher was quoted as saying, to his congregation that "under no conditions would the people of Great Britain fight their kin in the United States and if there was to be fighting

it must all be from the Americans." This observation brought wild applause, but when the preacher added that if the German Emperor moved one step further in the hostile action indicated by the telegram, the British fleet would sweep his vessels from the oceans and British armies would capture all his colonies within sixty days, the congregation rose and gave cheers.

Mr. Depew next referred to the Spanish-American war and told of the strong sympathy with Spain manifested by European countries. It was proposed that all Europe should intervene as was done in the Turko-Grecian war. Great Britain's reply was "No, we will take no part in any international action which is hostile to the United States." When later it was proposed that continental powers should intervene and Great Britain remain neutral, the reply of Great Britain was "In that case Great Britain will be on the side of the United States." That continued Mr. Depew, "ended the subject of intervention in the Spanish-American war; that action promoted the peace of the world. That sentiment, flashed across the ocean electrified the American people. That position, unanimously approved in Great Britain, by the masses and the classes, received such recognition in the United States as only a great and generous people can give to a great and generous friendship. That action sent the current of the blood of English speaking people flowing in like channels and was the beginning of an era of good fellowship which is to have the most marked influence upon the glory of nations and of peoples in the future history of the world."

Mr. Depew in his attitude towards Great Britain undoubtedly voiced the sentiments of real Americans. Mr. Depew's will be remembered on both sides of the Atlantic long after that of "Big Bill" Thompson and others of the tail twisting type have been forgotten.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Jean VanBuskirk, who has been spending the past few days in St. John, will return this evening.

Thomas Henderson, of Hopdale, Mass, is a guest of the Barker House.

J. Kent of Montreal, is among those registered at the Barker House today.

Leo Kennedy of St. John, is at the Barker House today.

G. W. Acton, of Moncton is registered at the Barker House this afternoon.

F. M. Leahuf, of Amherst, is a guest of the Barker today.

Harold Henderson of Henderson Flats, is a guest of the Barker House today.

Guests at the Windsor.

The following are registered at the Windsor today: C. A. Hall, St. John; L. H. Pett, Toronto; W. G. Belyea, St. John; W. M. Stevens, Halifax; F. C. Goode, Truro; A. F. Naylor, Halifax; D. J. Cheyne, St. John; W. H. Ross, Montreal; F. R. McMullin, St. John; T. G. Boyne, W. E. Brittain, St. John; H. V. Clemens, F. Hebert, Montreal; F. L. Dickinson, Hartland; A. D. Horton, St. John; W. H. McGregor, P. E. I.; J. Lecker, S. Jaslów, Montreal; F. E. Powers, W. A. Mayes, St. John; Babe Forbes, St. Stephen; Miss Neales, Woodstock; W. R. Clapp, Montreal; W. Flowers, Moncton; F. Bruneau, Quebec; H. E. Beyea, St. John; A. T. MacEran, Toronto; W. J. Fenton, B. M. Langille, D. L. Nobles, St. John; R. L. Todd, St. Stephen; H. Gorman, Burts Corner; Charlie Short, Hampstead; W. Machum, Hampstead.

Had Exciting Trip.

Messrs. Myrtle and Margaret Scott who have been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slipp at Queensbury returned home this morning. They crossed the river in a boat to Long's Creek and made the rest of the journey by auto. They confirm the report that the home of Mr. A. C. McNally at Lower Queensbury was completely flooded out and the family had to seek refuge with neighbors.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

With hope 'tis always Spring.

English sparrows ask for no building permits.

It's a poor religion that can't survive a flat tire.

South Tyrol is modest. She's rather not be printed in Italics.

We're pleased when the weather bureau is wrong, if the mistake means a bright day.

If you'd know the hazard of trans-Atlantic flights, Lloyd's will not insure them against loss.

Report said Leon Trotzky had been shot in the back. That is where rumor always strikes a victim.

Another achievement is that of making two blades of grass grow on the lawn where none grew before.

Inspirational stories concerning the captains of industry are entertaining, but it would be interesting to know more about the lieutenants.

DIVORCES IN CHICAGO ARE ON THE INCREASE

Chicago, April 11—Last year in Chicago there was one divorce to each fifth wedding, the report of Thomas O. Wallace, circuit court clerk reveals.

Marriages in Cook County totalled 40,688 and divorces 8,482.

Curious as to Chicago's growing record as a divorce centre, Wallace delved into the figures for other countries and found that Canada, England, Wales, New Zealand and Australia, with 51,697,000 population, had less than 65 per cent as many divorces as there were in Cook county in 1927, although the latter's population is 3,586,000.

In the five countries, 417,327 persons were married and 5,293 divorces granted.

A number of stage folk have been freed of martial bonds in Chicago in the last year.

ON HUNGER STRIKE

New York, April 11—Goliath, circus sea elephant at Madison Square Garden, has gone on a hunger strike. Goliath usually eats 400 pounds of herring a day.

Ottawa, April 10—A bill prohibiting importation of liquor by any private individual into any province where government liquor control is in effect was given first reading in the House this afternoon. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, explained that the effect of the enactment would be that only the governments themselves would be enabled legally to import liquor.

It is understood that all provinces of the Dominion, with the exception of Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island will be affected by the proposed legislation.

"Doomsday" at Gaiety

Florence Vidor, younger looking and more slender than ever, does some splendid work in her new picture, "Doomsday," at the Gaiety for Wednesday and Thursday.

She wears some exquisite clothes and with her poise and grace makes a fine impression as Mary Viner.

The photography is fine, the rural English scenes placid and beautiful, the acting is excellent and the picture as a whole pretty good.

Gary Cooper, of western fame, is handsome and romantic and Charles A. Stevenson, who plays the father, will be remembered by old theatergoers as a one-time matinee idol.

There was once a girl who said she would rather be intellectual than good looking, and she was.

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