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WHERE IT WILL FIND

Lord Kitchener, as is pretty generally known, is a man of few words, and as is also pretty well known, very few of his few utterances find their way into the channels of authentic news. Nevertheless some aspiring correspondents have published alleged interviews with K of K and given alleged opinions of his concerning the war, its methods and its duration. Of those it may be generally assumed that K, of K, probably never either expressed the opinions credited to him or heard of them unless he happened to read them in such newspapers as came in his way.

One of the latest "opinions" attributed to Lord Kitchener is that the war will be fought to a finish, not in the Balkans as some believe, but in Germany. Whether Lord Kitchener ever said so or not is a matter of little consequence as well as of little doubt. The probability, indeed the certainty, is that it is in Germany, and Germany only, that it can be fought to a finish.

The devastation of Serbia and of Montenegro, lamentable as they are, are after all only side shows in the great drama. If the Huns should overrun all the Balkan States and secure possession of them all it would have but little effect upon the situation at home. When Germany is attacked in force then will be the beginning of the end. This attack is in the future, we believe in the near future, as soon as weather conditions permit, probably in the early summer. An official of the Entente Allies said recently that on the western front the position was most satisfactory; they knew the strength of the enemy and their own, both in men and munitions; they could break through the German lines any time they wanted to; they had the Germans, "not beaten, but ready for beating."

That then is the position. The more Germany batters her head against the different stone walls in the Balkans, whether she gets through them with or without difficulty, the cost will be such as to materially lessen her powers of resistance in the west when the trouble begins.

The millions of Russians and the millions operating on the western front will in all probability begin their drive simultaneously and the object of the drive will be the heart of the German empire. The Balkan melee will then fade into comparative quiet. The Serbians, who only left their country temporarily, will return; the Montenegrins will do likewise, and by the time the Austro-Germans get back to again dispossess them there will be a new Austria and a new Germany, both newly born from the fires that are only now being really kindled. And the infants, Austria and Germany, will then have other things to think of than worrying over the Balkans.

The reporter who claimed that Kitchener said the war would be finished in Germany was right.

SHORT CUTS

On every street corner in the city, where there is sufficient margin, there is a well beaten path cutting across the angle, disfiguring the grassy street side and indicating the very common human weakness for short cuts. The cut across the corner saves probably a few steps along the legal highway and the saving is regarded as sufficient recompense for the unsightly scar that has been left on what without it would have been a beautiful grassy sward and a source of pride to the city.

The hundreds who follow in the footsteps of the person who first violated the, perhaps unwritten, civic by-law to keep off the grass take no thought of the injury done, no thought of the disfigurement of what the city is paying money for maintaining as an ornamental street border, the only thought is for the few steps gained in a walk taken probably for the sake of the exercise. Similar short cuts disfigure our parks, lawns and other places originally designed as beauty spots. Of course the evil occurs only in summer and it is mentioned thus early merely in the hope that by thinking it over once in a while we may, by the time the grass begins to grow again, think better of it and follow the footpaths on which it is perfectly legal and equally pleasant and much more creditable to travel.

Short cuts, in more undertakings than our daily walks along the streets and on our parks, may well be regarded with suspicion. "The longest way round" is not only the "surest way home," but is very generally the only legitimate road. There are short cuts to knowledge which, if followed, carry us along paths at the end of which we find, instead of the knowledge we sought, a useless smattering. There are short cuts

to wealth which have led many of those who have followed them to penitentiary or to a premature grave. It is generally safe to avoid all short cuts. In our cities they mar our street sides, in our everyday life they lead to uncertainties and dangers. The King's highway, on which the peasant has as much right as the King and from which neither King nor peasant can oust us, is the only sure way.

A WAR PAPER

We are in receipt of a copy of "The Iodine Chronicle," a breezy little paper published by the Canadian boys at the front. Its office is "Somewhere in France" and it is printed by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. P. Wright, Officer Commanding No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance, and, of course, censored by the Chief Censor.

The copy before us is the Christmas number and in its editorial there is, mingled with the spirit of Christmas good cheer, the breath of the war and of the trenches. Here is a sample paragraph:

"Over a great area at least we remark the spirit of goodwill. With one common end in view the Russian of the Great White Empire, the Frenchman of Sunny France, the Italian from ancient Rome, the Belgian from devastated Flanders, and the Britisher from Albion's shores, join hands in mutual trust and confidence. And looking into the composite character of the British forces what splendid goodwill do we find blending together various elements. The little brown Indian, the worthy South African, the stalwart Australian, the sturdy Canadian, all meet together on the common ground of loyalty, justice and regard. Surely from most, if not from all, stand points can we claim to have the spirit of the season. So long as this continues we may rest assured of final success, distant perhaps, but none the less certain in the final reckoning."

And among the contributors, of course there is at least one Prince Edward Islander. Mr. J. K. Lacey, who contributes a poem, "An Empire's Heroine." Of this son of Prince Edward Island and the poem the editor says: "J. K. Lacey, the author of An Empire's Heroine, in this number, is a native of Prince Edward Island, having been born near Charlottetown some 24 years ago. He is a frequent contributor in verse and prose to the "I.C." but we think his poem upon Miss Cavell, the heroine of Brussels, is his finest effort. He is a driver in the horse transport and is one of some eight "Island Boys" in our unit, all good fellows." (Mr. Lacey is well known in Charlottetown, having been for some time in the employ of Hyndman & Co. as insurance agent.) Following are the verses referred to:—

AN EMPIRE'S HEROINE.

Standing before a cruel bar of judgment,
Hidden from the world by secrecy and might,
A heroine, though helpless, yet unflinching,
Is doomed to die ere comes the morning light.

Before my eyes I see a gentle creature,
Who'd spent her life in soothing human woes,
Gaze with a look of sweet compassion
Upon her captors and her country's foes.

With voice so tender that a thousand heroes
Who'd tossed on beds of pain, oft loved to hear,
She bravely stood o'erclouded by death's shadow,
And proudly spoke the words that England holds so dear.

There's a lesson in the grand but simple story,
The wondrous truth of which no bard can tell,
'Tis the noble spirit of the Empire's daughters,
Enshrined within the simple word "Cavell."

REAL GERMAN PERIL

The German peril did not lie, I thought, says Prof. Robert Herrick of the Chicago University, in her big guns, her ships, her Kaiser and his "Prussianized machine." It lay in herself, her ideals. If she could win a victory with that monstrous creed of materialism illuminated by countless crimes, with its defiance of contracts; its law of "indispensable severities," its "military reasons"—why, that must then become the law of the world, the savages' law. Germany would make the public morality of the world. And all of us Christian peoples would fall in behind the band wagon. Even proud Americans cannot resist the fascination of success. German methods of government, German methods of suppressing the individual, German methods of morality—one for you and me as lone individuals and another lawless one when we get together as a state—would be imitated more than German methods of civil and military organization. We should all become strong armed super-men under the hypnotism of German success. Perish the thought!

NOTES

The austere Lord Aberdeen, former Governor-General of Canada, as the leader of a dancing innovation! The idea is startling, says London Opinion. Yet it has come to pass. It appears that a reception has just been given by the California Club to Lord Aberdeen and his Countess; and when the tango was in full tang, his Lordship confided to Mrs. Rolph that he would love to join in, but didn't know the new-fangled steps. Would she polka? So the orchestra was instructed; and soon all eyes were centred upon Mrs. Rolph and Lord Aberdeen jiggety-jigging in the dear old early Victorian measure. It was such a success that all California is learning the polka again, and the fashion promises to spread.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Patriotic Work is being taken up with renewed activity, a great number of meetings having been held since the beginning of the year. Most of the meetings have been called in connection with the Red Cross Work for the hospitals and boys at the front. It is a satisfaction to know that all the undertakings started and carried on by the women since war was declared are most successful. The younger people of the several churches are now interesting themselves with the Patriotic Fund and an individual canvas is being made throughout the city.

The past week has been a gay one socially and as the weather was delightfully mild nothing occurred to mar the pleasure. Many afternoon calls were made as several hostesses were at home on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Howard Hillson received for the first time since her marriage on Wednesday afternoon at her pretty home on Longworth Avenue and was assisted in receiving by Mrs. H. H. Shaw. Mrs. Hillson, although recently of Vancouver, was a former resident of this city and is being very cordially welcomed back. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. D. Shaw who poured tea, Mrs. W. L. Cotton, Mrs. R. B. Shaw, Miss McLeod and Miss Cotton.

The Patriotic Bridge and Dance on Monday evening was largely attended, quite a number of the officers and men of the 105th Regiment being present, the band making a pretty background to the many handsome dresses worn by the ladies. Bridge and Whist were enjoyed until ten o'clock when supper was daintily served by a committee of ladies after which dancing was arranged for. The floor was in splendid condition and to the tuneful strains of the 82nd Regiment Band several very pleasant hours were passed, the program opening with the dances. The receipts which were quite satisfactory are to aid the 105th Regimental Fund and the Patriotic Fund.

Senator and Mrs. Murphy of Tignish left Monday for Ottawa and were present at the opening of Parliament, Mrs. Murphy assisting at the Speakers Reception held directly after.

Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P., accompanied by Mrs. Nicholson left Monday for Ottawa to be present at the formal opening of Parliament which took place Thursday.

Owing to Mr. A. A. McLean M. P., being indisposed he did not leave until Friday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. McLean.

Premier Matheson and the Hon. A. E. Arsenault leave this morning for Ottawa to attend a meeting of the Invalid Soldiers Aid Commission, the Commission of Conservative and the Civic Planning Conference.

Lady Tupper, who has been visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Morse, in Ottawa, has left for England to be near her husband, who has left on active service. Mrs. Arthur Sullivan of Winnipeg, has gone with Lady Tupper.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. W. K. Rogers was hostess at a very nicely arranged Patriotic Bridge for which quite a large number of invitations were issued. Those who played Bridge had a most interesting game while others whiled away a few pleasant hours socially. Afternoon tea being served to all the guests. These Patriotic affairs are thoroughly enjoyed while the funds which go through the Ladies Club for Patriotic purposes help very materially in many good works.

Mrs. Pethick has as her guest this week her sister Mrs. Champion of Tyne Valley.

Miss Catherine Hughes, writer and author of "The Black Robe Voyageur," the memoirs of Father Lacombe, O. M. I., the great missionary of the Northwest, who recently returned from England left this week for her home in Edmonton, after visiting friends in Ottawa for a few days.

Sir Louis and Lady Davies of Ottawa had as their guest this week their nephew Cadet Wiggins of Kingston.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louison.

ROSES.

Sent For This Corner, by the Author.

He was little more than a Baby, this wee man of ours, with eyes like the stars and face like a morning in June. But he filled such a place in our lives that all the world seemed like a garden aglow in summer. We had planted a climbing rose by the East porch and when it began to bloom, he would pluck the blossoms one by one and with a quiet little smile present them to one and another of the family saying "Woes, Woes. Afterwards we called them "Luther's" roses." Twice we moved, and as often carried with us a slip, and now three porches are entwined by the same vine blooming on through the glad summer hours, while the little hands that gathered the first blossoms are folded beneath a tiny mound on the hill.

The stars do not seem to shine so brightly now, and at twilight when the children come trooping through the house with merry voices, and the robin calls to her mate from the old crab tree where he used to play, a mother heart cries out for two little elbows on her knees and a baby face upturned to lip an evening prayer. Surely he waits for us in a land with fairer than Italian skies, and we never doubt that we will hold him in our arms again, and hear his voice sweet and tender as in the dear old days, saying "Woes, Woes."

A. M. BURNER, Chicago.

Senator Yeo of Bideford was a visitor with Senator Thompson of Fredericton, N. B., this week on his way to Ottawa.

Lady Borden of Ottawa has kindly extended her patronage to the bridge party to be given on Monday next, at the Sir Sanford Fleming Convalescent Home in aid of the home, by the Voluntary Aid Detachment. The wives of three of the officers of the St. John Ambulance Association under which the Voluntary Aid Detachment is organized, have also consented to patronize the event. They are Lady Davies, wife of the president of the Canadian branch, Mrs. J. M. Courtney, wife of the chairman of the executive committee, and Mrs. de la Cherois Irwin wife of the chairman of the Ottawa centre.

Mrs. (Dr.) Goodwill left this week to visit her parents in Kingston, Ont., before sailing for England to be near her husband who is attached to the Medical Staff of the Convalescent hospital at Uxbridge.

Mr. J. A. Matheson, Inspector of Fisheries left this week on an extended visit to his brother Mr. George Matheson in Revelstoke, B. C.

Mr. Hugh Warburton, who has been assistant District Officer in Marit Province in Northern Nigeria, is receiving a very hearty welcome home this week, he having come to spend a month with his father Dr. George Warburton and Mrs. Warburton. Mr. Warburton has many interesting tales to tell and he is the centre of attraction wherever he goes. It is hoped his short furlough will be a delightful one among old friends.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week His Honor The Lieutenant Governor, Mrs. McDonald and Miss McDonald received, the drawingrooms of Government House being thronged on both afternoons with visitors who took this first opportunity to welcome the new Governor and his lady. Mrs. McDonald was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. A. Matheson and Mrs. F. L. Hazard, while tea coffee and ice were served by Mrs. Murdoch McKinnon, Mrs. S. R. Jenkins, Mrs. W. S. Stewart, Mrs. A. A. Bartlett, Mrs. McCreedy and Mrs. D. O'M Raddin, assisted by a number of young ladies. The decorations of Government House on this occasion were exceedingly beautiful and the whole function throughout one of the most enjoyable in the history of Government House.

PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE

Owing to a delay in connection with the trains the two-reel comedy "Shanghai," Chaplin masterpiece, was regrettably, but entirely unavoidably so far as the management was concerned, not shown at the Prince Edward Theatre last evening, when that popular house was overwhelmingly crowded. Notwithstanding this, however, a thoroughly enjoyable programme was presented, a fine comedy with Eddie Lyons and Victoria Forde taking the place of "Charlie" in a very creditable manner. "The Plum Tree" was a splendid drama in three parts, in which the hero and heroine, after years of suffering, are united in the bonds of abiding love. The scenery in this picture was unusually interesting, the fierce battle scenes in Mexico being particularly spectacular. The fight between the girl's lover and the burly mate, on board the transport, is also striking, one falling and the other jumping into the sea from the dizzy height of the huge liner's side. "Her Victory Eternal" was a two-reel drama of intense interest, pathetic throughout. This story is one of fine womanly fortitude and resignation in the face of extreme pain. A strong Western drama was shown in addition to the advertised, and "The Mix-up at Maxims" with Eddie Lyons, provoked rour upon rour of laughter, being a rare comic treat.

Relatives of soldiers returning from the front are asked to communicate with the Secretary of the Provincial Committee of Wounded Soldiers Commission, Miss Nellie Gillespie, Charlottetown, intimating the date of expected arrival, cause of return and any other particulars, in order that preparation may be made for a "titting reception."

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PATONS

PRINCE IS COMING. Prince Viggo Christin, of Denmark, the youngest of the four sons of Prince Waldemar, is going to Canada this month to learn farming, and he will stay for three years, according to present arrangements, says London Truth. His third brother, Prince Erik, spent some time in England for the same purpose two years ago, when he lived on a farm in East Gloucestershire. He is now farming on a large scale in Denmark. Prince Viggo is to leave Copenhagen for New York on January 13. The five children of the late Princess Waldemar will share her considerable fortune, and they will also inherit largely from their grandmother, the Duchesse de Chartres.



FATHER TIME

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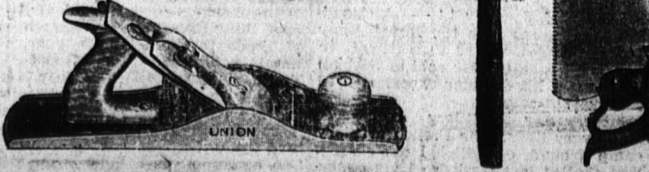
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