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MAKERS OF WAR AND PEACE.

An important light was shed in the course of the Budget debate in the Reichstag upon the true inwardness of some of the continental war scares. Dr. Liebknecht, leader of the Socialists, caused a sensation by producing evidence that the recent Franco-German situation, when war was almost precipitated, had been secretly created by the Krupp armament firm and some of the associate companies. He alleged that Krupp had a press bureau, the duty of which was periodically to manufacture war scares to be circulated among the leading newspapers on the continent, in such a way that the newspapers would never doubt their bona fides. The doctor proceeded to show that during the recent crisis, when Germany passed hasty legislation enormously increasing both her war strength and peace establishment—France following suit—she was induced to do so largely through the press campaign, the German newspapers getting alarmed at the bogus reports in the French press that France was ordering extensively for the purpose of improving the efficiency and strength of her army; and France being moved to action by similar reports about Germany's alleged secret investments in armaments. The fact of the matter is the whole agitation was a clever business advertisement by Krupp and Co. to stimulate orders from both countries. A ring of armament manufacturers is in existence by which all of them in their respective countries benefit by the orders given to each individually. A commission has been appointed to investigate the serious allegations, but as might have been expected the military party in the Reichstag stoutly opposed the commission obtaining full powers similar to the Titanic Commission, and it is generally supposed that an endeavor will be made to whitewash Krupp. But the eyes of the civilized world have been opened to the menace these war trusts are, and we should not be a bit surprised were endeavors now made to suppress them, or at all events to minimize the evil effects of their international combination.

On the other hand, much interest is being evinced in the marriage today of Princess Victoria Luise, the only daughter of the German Emperor, and Prince Ernest August of Cumberland, at which both King George of England and Czar Nicholas of Russia with their royal consorts will be present. Although officially of a non-political character it is generally anticipated that the presence of these two monarchs at the marriage feast of the War Lord's daughter will have a pacifist tendency, leading perhaps to less strained relations between the principal powers of Europe. It has always to be borne in mind that Russia and France are bound together in an offensive and defensive alliance, and if friendly relations can be maintained between the former and France's bete noire, the risk of war becomes far less imminent. According to the telegrams received, the Emperor has arranged for a far more elaborate ceremonial reception for King George and Queen Mary than he has for the Czar and Zarina. Two squadrons of cuirassiers and dragoons, we are told, are to accompany the King and Queen on their way from the station to the palace, while only one will be sent to accompany the Imperial visitors of Russia. Just what the true significance of this may be it is difficult to guess, but we may presume it is intended as an indication of the unbounded pleasure the Emperor feels at being honored by a visit from the sovereigns of his most potent rival and deadly commercial enemy. Whatever may be the reason one welcomes the incident as a truce in the strained relations between the Empire of Germany and the British Empire, and cherishes the hope it may lead to a more sane and less extravagant naval policy on the former's part.

THE COLD MAY DAYS. It is interesting to note that the unseasonable weather which invariably intrudes itself into the otherwise pleasant month of May has long been the subject of much speculation on the part of astronomers and other weather-wise people the world over and that the unseasonable days are not peculiar to any one latitude. From time immemorial it has been observed in both Europe and America that, beginning about the 10th of 11th of May a series of cold days, usually about three and sometimes

lasting for a week, always interrupts the gradual increase of the temperature. Heavy frosts and cold rains occasionally accompany the falling temperature.

Nearly a century ago the German astronomer, Maedler, examined the records for eighty-six years and found that from the 10th to the 20th of May the average temperature in Central Europe declined suddenly more than two degrees. In many cases the decline was very much greater, sometimes sufficient to produce disastrous effects upon vegetation.

Another German astronomer, Ermann, offered the somewhat startling suggestion that the cause of the sudden drop in temperature before the middle of May was the annual passage of a cloud of meteors between the sun and the earth. This view was accepted as possibly correct by the English astronomer R. E. Proctor, who spoke of the earth as being at this time in "meteoric shadow."

Meteorologists, however, are inclined to regard the phenomenon as due merely to readjustments in the atmosphere, resulting from differences of air pressure.

As the sun begins to swing north after the spring Equinox its increasing heat produces local disturbances of pressure and temperature. There is a kind of conflict between the northern and southern air currents, and an interchange of temperatures. This explanation, on account of its generality does not clearly explain the marked tendency of the cold days to come at almost exactly the same time every year, on both sides of the ocean.

In America the cold days are usually followed about a week later by a remarkable rise in temperature and observers have pointed out that, on this side of the ocean, the warm weather of the third week in May is often more conspicuous than the cold spell of the second week. It has also been pointed out that at this season low pressure storms commonly pass across the northern United States, drawing in warm currents from the south and these are followed by high pressure cyclones which suck down cold air from the northern latitudes. The next passage of low pressure centres from west to east draws still more warm air from the south, causing a marked rise of temperature again, and so on until, at length, summer is established.

With all the speculations of the astronomers and weather prophets, however, the curious punctuality of the cold days in May, in which they differ from all other weather phenomena, appeals strongly to the imagination and has given rise to many curious theories. Long ago, and particularly in England and Scotland the cold May days were associated, as many other phenomena were, with the influence of the saints. The particular saints, on whose shoulders the responsibility for the cold May days was placed, were the "Ice Saints" or "Frost Saints," whose feast days occur at this time. These are: St. Mark, May 11; St. Servatius, May 13; St. Pancratius, May 12; St. Boniface, May 14. An ancient historian said of these that "they are taken to be the makers of hail, freezers and pinchers of early buds."

And so, whether through the action of particular saints or the natural adjustments consequent upon the changing seasons, the cold May days come with persistent regularity year after year. When May comes in warm and balmy we are to learn from past experience that we are not to dispose of our winter garments until after the visit of the "saints."

MOTORBUS FOR CITY.

Sir:—Anent the discussion now being carried on in the province regarding the automobile, I am glad you are appealing to the intelligence of your readers and requesting a calm consideration, and for this purpose your columns are open. I take, therefore, the privilege of suggesting a temporary compromise. Electric street cars have been spoken of for the city of Charlottetown, but as these are being rapidly displaced by the more modern, convenient, safe and noiseless motorbus, why could it not be possible to have a company start such a service in Charlottetown and fill a great public need? Even a single car running on schedule time from the Market or Post Office to the Railway Station and vice versa would be greatly appreciated by weary shoppers who, from this section, seldom have time to complete their list of purchases in the short time at their disposal. Horses from outside the city would not be greatly alarmed, if at all, and when once acquainted the greatest danger would be none—and the automobile question would be greatly assisted the traffic of Charlottetown and to visitors make it even more attractive. I am, sir, etc., HENRY A. BROWN, Methodist Church, Vernon, May 21, 1913.

GOOD ROADS

Sir:—My business during the summer months demand that I spend most of my time travelling over the

country roads of P. E. I. This has been going on for the past seven years, and in that length of time I find that the condition of the roads under the present system of road making is the best and most effective. One district particularly stands out as above the ordinary, with broad smooth surfaces, cleared and levelled sides, for winter road purposes, and well ditched and built up hills. This stretch of roads extends from Black-Road to Kingsboro and is under the supervision of Road master Bruce. It is a credit to the district and roadmaster, and the system that enables the above improvements to be made. I am, sir, etc., William Burhoe, Mt. Hope, P. E. I.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1775—John Hancock of Massachusetts chosen president of the Continental Congress. 1809—Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church, or Covenanters, organized in Philadelphia. 1819—Queen Victoria born. Died Jan 22, 1901. 1830—First fourteen miles of Baltimore and Ohio railroad opened. 1833—John Randolph, statesman, died in Philadelphia, Born in Virginia, June 2, 1773. 1881—Queen Victoria revived the title of Duke of Albany for her youngest son. 1912—A strike of 100,000 transport workers began in London.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG.

Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, who recently became First Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, was born in Graz, Austria, May 24, 1854, and is the eldest son of the late Prince Alexander of Hesse. In 1884 he married his cousin, Princess Victoria of Hesse, a favorite granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria. In early life Prince Louis became a naturalized British subject and in 1868 he entered the Royal Navy as a cadet. His ability won for him rapid promotion in the service. In 1902 he became Director of Naval Intelligence and later he served as personal aide-de-camp to King Edward. Congratulations to:— Earl of Orkney, 46 years old today. Arthur Ewing Pinero, noted dramatist, 58 years old today. George Grey Barnard, celebrated sculptor, 50 years old today. Maurice Francis Egan, United States minister to Denmark, 61 years old today.

SCRAP BOOK

VICTORIA DAY GREATEST OF SECULAR HOLIDAYS.

Throughout that far-flung empire on which the sun never sets the name and fame of Victoria will be commemorated today. No other modern secular holiday in the world's calendar is so generally celebrated, nor elicits the enthusiasm and sympathy of so many people of diverse races, as that which marks the birthday of England's great and good Queen. In all of the continents of the globe and in countless islands of the seven seas there will be observances today in honor of a wise and just ruler who was also an affectionate wife and a devoted mother. It was under Victoria's beneficent rule that the tight little island off the coast of Europe became the centre of a vast empire which holds within its boundaries the great Dominion of Canada, India with its teeming millions, a large part of Africa, the continent of Australia and many other colonies, and so her natal day has come to be called Empire Day.

Of other modern holidays commemorating national heroes, none can be compared with Victoria Day. Washington's Birthday, now a holiday in all the States, is the nearest approach to it, while Lincoln's Birthday in the North and the natal days of Lee and Jefferson Davis in the South are the only other important holidays of the kind in the United States. In Japan and in most European nations the birthdays of the ruling monarchs are observed as holidays, but it is safe to predict that the observance will die with them. Columbus Day is quite generally observed in both North and South America, and in the latter continent the birthday of Simon Bolivar, the liberator, is celebrated in several countries. Besides Victoria or Emme Day, Primrose Day is the only holiday that is observed throughout the Empire. The latter commemorates the anniversary of the death of Lord Beaconsfield.

Victoria Day was first generally observed in 1889, the year following the young Queen's accession to the throne. From that time on the celebration of the day became more and more general, until it circled the globe.

MISS O'GORMAN, A MAY BRIDE.

NEW YORK, May 24—Miss Dolores O'Gorman, daughter of United States Senator and Mrs. O'Gorman, will be married today to John Anthony Mahony, a son of a former Mayor of Albany.

Women's Shoes

We make this announcement with unusual pride, that we have prepared for our patrons a summer shoe feast: from the countries best shoe makers we have chosen their best production requires for any occasion whatever. It affords us much pleasure to show the new styles and we earnestly invite our lady friends to come and see all the new and handsome styles in footwear for women.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, general secretary of temperance and moral reform, who is well known in Charlottetown, will leave for Norway in June to study government ownership of the liquor traffic as operated there.

Mrs. James McCarthy, of the Ross Hotel, Mount Stewart, entered the P. E. I. Hospital yesterday suffering from appendicitis. Her many friends will wish her a safe and speedy recovery as she has been successfully operated upon.

Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite, at one time located in P. E. Island, and who has been spending the winter months with his son, Dr. Walter Cowperthwaite, at Sydney, expects to return home, to St. John's Nfld., about the first week in June. During this month he is supplying on two Sundays for his old friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. A. D. Morton.

Rev. Benjamin Chappell, D. D., of Aoyama, Tokyo, Japan, formerly of Charlottetown, who sent an article on Chancellor Burwash, to the Wesleyan, writes a cheery note and wishes to be remembered to his old friends and former comrades. His daughter Mary is a Missionary of the M. E. Church and Constance of the Canadian Methodist Church, and both are busy and happy in their work.—The girls have many friends in this city have visited here on several occasions.

THE COMING WEEK

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24—Rumors are again prevalent that the long-expected decisions in the Minnesota and intermountain rate cases will be handed down when the Supreme Court reconvenes Monday after a two weeks' recess. Imposing ceremonies will be witnessed in New York Friday at the dedication of the memorial there, erected in honor of the United States sailors who met death in the explosion of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor.

On the same day there will be dedicated in the Arlington National Cemetery a monument to Major Archibald W. Butt, who was lost in the Titanic disaster. For the first time since the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg was dedicated fifty years ago, the Memorial day address next Friday will be delivered by a Southerner, Congressman Heflin of Alabama having accepted an invitation to deliver the oration. The civil suit instituted by Theodore Roosevelt against George A. Newett, a newspaper editor of Lansing, Mich., on a charge of libel will be called for trial Monday at Marquette. The publication of an editorial attack upon the former President is responsible for the litigation. President Mellen and Vice-President McHenry of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad are to be placed on trial at Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the wreck at Westport last October, in which several lives were lost. The national reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will open Monday in Chattanooga and continue through the greater part of the week. The Sons of Veterans and other auxiliary bodies will hold their annual meetings at the same time. Events of the week abroad will include the general parliamentary elections in Australia, the British amateur golf championship tournament at St. Andrew's, and the delivery of the first annual Wilbur Wright memorial address before the Royal Aeronautical Society of Great Britain.

NEW PASSENGER BOAT LAUNCHED. FORT WILLIAM, Ont., May 24—The steamer Naronic, the first large passenger vessel built at the Canadian yard of the Great Lakes, will be launched today at the yards of the Western Dry Dock and Ship Building Company. The vessel will be the flagship of the Northern Navigation Company's fleet. The launching will be witnessed by a large number of residents of the Twin Cities.

SEEK UNION.

TORONTO, May 23—With enthusiasm at a tremendous pitch a Church Unity League was organized under Anglican auspices last night and Rev. Dr. Symond of Montreal, elected President. The membership is open to members of the Church of England and the object is to seek denominational unity. It was the announcement of this meeting which called forth a protest from the Bishops of Eastern Canada.

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