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"KNOCKERS"

An agent of a Charlottetown Fox Company while soliciting business in an American City had about closed a deal for a considerable block of stock, but was put off from day to day for final decision.

Now we do not for a moment believe that there are many reputable companies in this province that try to do business at the expense of any other company, but we regret to be obliged to believe that there are some.

We repeat, the fox business must stand as a whole, and any knocking will injure the whole, while it never brings any good to the knockers.

There never was a time in the history of the industry when co-operation and mutual helpfulness was as much needed as now.

DRINK AND THE WAR

Only those who have been in intimate touch with a brutal or with a devoted drunkard, and have curiously studied him—or her—on the spot and for a long time, can truly estimate the damage which is being done to our cause to-day by alcohol.

MILITARY NECESSITY

The expression "military necessity" is likely to survive the present war and to be used as a sarcastically ironical excuse for acts which cannot be otherwise justified.

lying as an excuse. The act always stands by itself; the excuse only blackens it.

There is no such a thing in law, in morality, in human or humane behaviour between man and man, between nation and nation or between tribes of savages, as a military necessity that counterbalances the deliberate murder of non-combatants on land or on sea.

ENVY

Perhaps the lowest and most contemptible of the yellow streaks that infest human nature is envy. It is the lowest form of jealousy, a form in which actual pain is experienced at the sight of another's superiority or success.

If the worst characteristic of the foul fiend himself were defined, it could scarcely be more expressive than this. And strange to say, humiliating to say, this streak manifests itself, even vaunts itself openly, even in our civilized and Christianised communities, even in this twentieth century.

A young man makes his mark in his profession and he at once becomes a target for the envious shafts of his fellows. A politician succeeds where others have failed, and forthwith his successes are blackened and sneered at by his envious opponents; the blessings he has brought to his country are discounted, the country itself is maligned, its advantages and its opportunities belittled in the hope of, by injuring even the country, some blame may attach to the political leaders.

Many such instances occur frequently. They are the clogs on the wheels of progress, the noises that speak to the world of friction and dissatisfaction.

We must get rid of this yellow streak, at least of this most contemptible one of envy. We can tolerate hatefulness, can tolerate that mild form of jealousy which deplors its own failure in the light of another's success, but there is no room for that lower form of it which deplors another's success because of its own failure.

Let us cut it all out. Let us cultivate that charity which "envieth not," and which rejoices at the blessings which come to others.

RIGHT AND WRONG OF THE WAR

Not far from Hill 60, in the first battle of Ypres, says the New York Times, thousands died when the Germans were marching toward Paris. Thousands more are daily dying now with the Germans resisting pressure away from Paris.

The victory of neither side will establish the very right, nor will it command the respect of the world unless it accords with the world conscience.

"In the very first days of the war," continues the Times, "the official spokesman of Germany admitted that the war was based on wrong. If there is such a thing as a world conscience, and if there is any sanction to world opinion, Germany should not be left in doubt that no settlement of the war would be acceptable without the righting of that wrong."

It is true that Germany has nothing to fear from the world in arms outside of Europe. The United States in particular is pledged to a firm neutrality, according to that international law which Germany's spokesman says has been torn up and demands it shall be rewritten for Germany's profit and in Germany's sense.

NOTES

We see that the Toronto Globe has been discussing the nature of the secret plan proposed many years ago by a former Lord Dunsford to the British Government which is said to have been hitherto undisclosed.

THE PATRIOT'S DESPAIR

In a wild outburst of despair at the unenviable position in which the Liberal party finds itself at the present time, the Patriot declares that the Opposition in the House of Commons was justified in forcing the hands of the Government, because the "military expenditure had become one vast orgie of waste, speculation and extravagance."

Let us see. Is that not an echo of what the distinguished Leader of the Opposition said in the House of Commons? Then let our contemporary read what the

Attack Has Failed.

The attack upon this Budget has signally failed; and it failed because it was fundamentally unsound. The speech of my hon. friend from Halifax, which he had ten days to prepare—and I should like to know the perplexities of mind that he experienced in preparing that speech—was a case of special pleading.

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Britain's Expenditure.

What is the expenditure of Great Britain to-day, and how is she facing it? The expenditure of Great Britain in this great contest is no less than ten million dollars a day; ten million dollars a day with a population of forty-five million.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READERS OF THE GUARDIAN

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THE LAST PORTAGE

I'm sleepin' last night w'en I dream a dream
An' a wonderful wan it seem—
For I'm off on de road I was never see,

An' oh! mon Dieu, w'en he turn hees head
I'm seein' de face of ma boy is dead—
Dead wit' de young blood in hees vein—

dition, and we should have been in a much better position to take our part in this war. But there was no vision in the criticism of hon. gentlemen opposite, and where there is no vision the people perish.

The real question is: are we to do our share in this war or are we not? We have taken the people of this country at their word. They say send one contingent, send two contingents, send three contingents, send every man that wants to go.

Vexatious Charges.

Now, what do these charges of extravagance amount to? Are they not frivolous and vexatious at a time when the Government is struggling, and struggling successfully, with the greatest crisis with which the public men of this country have ever been confronted?

My right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) made a couple of serious charges against me this afternoon. He virtually charged me with false pretences. He said that under the colour of a war tax I had deliberately raised this tariff, not for the purpose of revenue, but for the purpose of assisting the privileged classes of Canada.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

No Need For Denial.

Mr WHITE: Hon. gentlemen say "hear, hear." That is to say that all I have stated here to-night is untrue. That is to say that, as Minister of Finance, I have not been sincerely desirous of raising by additional measures of taxation sufficient revenue for the purpose of meeting the increased expenditure due to this war, and maintaining the credit of this Dominion.

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