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PERMANENT PEACE.

One of the objects of the League of Nations was to ensure the future peace of the world, to guard against the possibility of any nation ever again disturbing international peace as Germany had done in 1914. For carrying out this object a clause, Article Ten, was inserted in the League Covenant with the consent of all the signatory powers, providing that "the members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League."

It will be remembered that the United States strenuously opposed the adoption of the treaty, chiefly because of Article Ten, and proposed among other reservations that "The United States assumes no obligations to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country or to interfere in controversies between nations, whether members of the League or not, under the provisions of Article Ten, or to employ the military or naval forces of the United States under any article of the treaty, for any purpose unless in any particular case the Congress which under the constitution has the sole power to declare war or authorize the employment of the military or naval forces of the United States shall by act or joint resolution so provide."

Our despatches of the past few days intimated that Honorable Mr. Doherty, representing Canada at the session of the League Assembly in Geneva, has moved for the elimination of Article Ten, taking practically the same view of it as was taken by the United States. In this stand Mr. Doherty and his fellow Canadian delegates, Sir George Foster and Hon. W. N. Rowell, have the Canadian Government behind them. Ex Premier Borden in a statement issued the other day and which appeared in our telegrams, explains the objections to Article Ten, objections which were made by him after consultation with his colleagues in a memorandum dated March 14, 1919 suggesting certain changes which would obviate the necessity of nations becoming involved in the quarrels of other nations.

How, under the circumstances, is the peace of the world to be maintained? Clearly other nations, like Canada, have no desire to tie themselves up in unconditional obligations to take part in international wars, yet the world must be policed; nations as well as individuals, need not only watching but compulsion to keep them within bounds, and if the nations object to doing police duty then an international police force must be provided.

In a recent Geneva despatch it was stated that one of the Belgian delegates suggested the appointment of an international military and naval force to act under the direction of an international council. This would appear to be the only way out of the difficulty if the dream of perpetual peace is to be fulfilled.

In the meantime the matter of eliminating Article Ten has been postponed till the next session of the Assembly.

A FAIR DEAL.

In yesterday's Guardian appeared a letter over the signature "A Fair Deal," in which some phases of the fox industry were freely aired. In this letter the writer touched a sore spot. Like many others he was unfortunate in his deals and he had invested heavily. Like many others also he, probably, did his shareholder's duty by proxy, leaving the business in the hands of directors and it is well known that the fabulous expectations in the fox business drew many "directors" into it who knew nothing or next to nothing about business. The result was failure. It is quite possible also that some directors in order to save themselves sacrificed their shareholders. There were honest and unavoidable failures just as there have been in all other lines of business but the fault was with either the "luck" or with the management, not with the business.

The fox business when conducted by honest and capable business men was and is a phenomenal success; when otherwise managed it was a phenomenal failure, swallowing up the hard earned savings of many innocent and confiding men and women.

One of the faults in the fox business was in placing it in the hands of incapable men. The shareholders were to blame in this. Another was and still is the want of authoritative and reliable supervision of the whole industry, such supervision as should be given by the Fox Breeders' Association or by a competent government inspector whose duty it would be to see that in the first place the company was founded on a sound financial basis and thereafter, year by year, conducted on business principles. Every failure in the fox business through any cause has been a black eye to the industry and unless steps are taken to ensure that all companies accepting money from the public are being conducted honestly and on sound business principles, losses will continue and public confidence in the industry will be wanting.

Prince Edward Island owes much to the fox business, and the business is entitled to the best care that can be lavished upon it. The principal care needed at present is such safeguard as will assure the public that it is free from sharks and gamblers. This care it is entitled to and this given the business will flourish.

CURRENT COMMENT

"The careful boy of today will be the careful farmer of tomorrow." So says Prof. Fraser of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and recommends, "When the school boy takes over the job of being farm cerealist he should be given a piece of land for his own use on which he may experiment and grow what he pleases." This is grand advice and nothing can be thought of which will tend more to the keeping of the boy on the farm, and of making him an expert and progressive farmer than the following out of this plan. Youth is buoyant, ambitious, quick to learn and keen for experiment and to grasp new ideas. The piece of land given to the boy, and I would also include the girl, under proper parental advice and direction, will be the most profitable half acre on the homestead, from the producing and financial standpoint, and valuable beyond rubies in the education it imparts to the coming man or woman. Prof. Fraser's idea is in the cerealist line more specifically, but in this province a wider range would be necessary to meet our different conditions.

Commence when the boy is young, even so small that you may at the outset have to help him in the heavy work. Mark out his quarter or half an acre and tell him. This is to be yours, to dig and plant and water, and the harvest will be yours to reap and sell, and the money your own to use as you please. It is the small things that teach best the lessons of agriculture, and make the biggest cash profit per acre. If within reasonable distance of city markets, and most parts of this province have this advantage, we would advise a large variety, if products had to be transferred a long distance it would be better to specialize in a few lines. First a strawberry patch. Children always like fruits and take an especial pleasure in growing them. Besides they are always in strong demand, the easiest to sell and the most profitable to grow. Black currants too always command a very high price and are easily grown. A small hedge of these could be planted, and as they root readily from cuttings the cost would be slight. A few larger trees, planted so as to produce shade where needed, would be profitable retaining moisture on the land as well as the production of good saleable fruits.

The land then should be apportioned off in plots for parsnips, beets, carrots, cucumbers, cauliflower, cabbages, pumpkin, squash, corn, some early potatoes and such other sundries as the parent in his wisdom would advise. The interesting lessons on agriculture would then follow as the father from his ripe experience unfolded his knowledge of the principles of plant growth, the character of the soil called for by the different articles to be grown, the call for nitrogen in large volumes by one class of product, of potash by another, and the necessity for poorer land to produce fruitfulness in certain lines of growth, such for instance as the legumes, and in those water is more abundant the call for nitrates from both air and soil. How to drill and hoe and weed, to

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WOMAN'S HEART

There is in every true woman's heart a spark of heavenly fire which lies dormant in the broad daylight of prosperity, but which kindles up and beams and blazes in the dark hour of adversity.

No man knows what the wife of his bosom is until he has gone with her through the fiery trials of this world.

HER VALUE

I heard rather a pretty little story the other day. A couple of young fellows were discussing home life, and one said his wife was such a smart, clever girl, and could play the piano well, and was fine at entertaining. The other man thought for a moment when asked to give a description of his wife. "I hardly know how to describe her," he answered. "She's just a wee body with a big smile." Now, could any man say anything sweeter? His little lady was small, but had a big smile, and therein lay all that man's happiness.

prune and bud end graft, and how to harvest and put the crop in the best shape for market to command the fancy price. These things it properly imparted instruction will make an enthusiast of the boy or girl, and the crowning encouragement of a substantial cash remuneration will confirm the determination to speed on to larger work and to greater conquests in his profession.

The Bell Government are finding themselves up against a dangerous competition in their liquor business. The bootlegger is becoming a powerful opponent. Trade is falling off, so report says, in the vendor's supply houses. If this were the result of the people becoming more temperate it would be indeed a happy omen, but from the appearances on our streets there is no indication of a more sober people. The trouble is that the Government have been too grasping, and too insistent in taking the front rank amongst profiteers. They have, it appears, increased the price away up beyond justification or reason, and have brought the quality down so that it appears to have lost the character of a medicinal spirit, and literally and metaphorically takes its place amongst the positions of the pharmacopoeia. Love as the grade of the bootlegger's whiskey generally is the connoisseur in beverages prefers to take his chances with it in preference to the Government stuff. Dame rumor says that the aggregation are in a brown study as to the increasing illicit sales, not because of their interest in temperance but because of its effect upon their revenues.

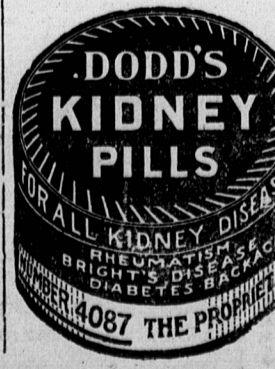
The parliament buildings at Winnipeg, which the Norris Government used for all they were worth in political slander of the late Conservative ministry, and especially as against Hon. Robert Rogers who voluntarily took the witness stand to refute their scandals, has come back like a boomerang upon them with stunning force. For five years a suit has been pending in the courts against the contractors, Thos. Kelly and Sons for the defective work claimed by the Government. The Court of Appeals in Manitoba have rendered a verdict in the contractors favor for \$615,213, and all costs assessed against the province. A rather high price for the people to pay for Liberal political scandal.

Apple Prices In England

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 8.—Current apple prices per barrel quoted here are: Nova Scotia Gravensteins and Ribstone, No. 1, 60 to 68 shillings. No. 2, 55 to 60 shillings. Blenheim, No. 1, 80 to 65 shillings. No. 2, 50 to 58 shillings. Kings 57 to 65 shillings. Spys 58 to 64 shillings. LONDON, December 8.—Rudyard Kipling got an injunction a few days ago forbidding the owners of a proprietary medicine from using a verse of his poem "If," in an advertisement. He was also awarded 40 shillings damages and costs. The words used were: "If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew To serve your turn long after they are gone, And so hold on when there is nothing in you, Except your will, which says to them hold on"

Counsel explained the company had not sought Kipling's permission and had inserted the verse in an advertisement under the heading, "Will to be Well," followed by the words, "By force of my will I shall subdue this disease."

Counsel contended it was an insult to the author to associate his thoughts with the claptrap of the patent medicine vendor. Counsel for the defendant urged that no evidence had been produced that there was such a poem by Kipling, but this was got over by Alexander Strahan Watt, Kipling's literary agent, proving publication of "Reverend and Fairies," in which the poem was first published.



Passports Refused To Irish Delegates

(Special to The Guardian) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The British Embassy today refused to issue passports to members of the special committee selected by the Commission of Inquiry on conditions in Ireland now in session here to visit Ireland to study conditions there at first hand. This means that members of the committee will not be permitted to visit Great Britain.

The decision of Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, not to issue passports was made known in a letter sent to William MacDonald, Secretary of the Commission by R. L. Craigie, first secretary of the embassy. The letter follows. With reference to your application for issued passports for certain gentlemen whom your commission designated as their representatives to proceed to the United Kingdom to investigate affairs in Ireland, I am directed by His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to inform you that the proposed visit to the British Territory was not agreeable to His Majesty's Government. Vised will therefore not be affixed to the passports in question. The passport office in New York has been instructed accordingly.

This decision has been reached after a full consideration of the circumstances of the case I am to refer you to the Ambassador's letter of Oct. 23rd in which he informed you he was unable to believe that truth could be established until there had been a period of quiet in Ireland, then only by persons of greatest experience in the laws of evidence with power to compel the production of books, papers, records and that any other form of enquiry would in his opinion lead only to a mass of statements unsupported by facts being made for propaganda purposes.

"Sir Auckland Geddes ventured the hope that the full meaning and significance of these observations would then be made clear. In view of the fact that the Ambassador's letter to you, on the 23rd October last, appeared in the press, I am to inform you this letter will be published.

Advertisement for 'The Haberdashery' Christmas Ties. Includes an image of a tie and text: 'We invite you to see our display of Christmas Ties. Hundreds of rich lustrous ties in all the latest ideas are here for your approval. Why not make your selections before the rush of Christmas buying. Prices \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up. Daily boxed without extra cost. Henderson & Cudmore 101 Grafton Street'

Germans Want World Markets (Special to The Guardian) BERLIN, Dec. 9.—All big concerns in Germany are going to fortify themselves with large amounts of new capital so as to face the fight for the world's markets.

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