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Week ending Saturday, April 5th, 1919.

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

A New Policy.

We have long advocated Politics without Party. And now a suggestion comes to us of Party without Politics. How does it strike you?

An Interesting Trophy.

There is nothing amongst our war trophies which we value more than a walking stick made from a piece of the flag-pole of the *Hampshire*—the secret of whose wreck we are determined to wrest from the Admiralty.

A Forgotten Airman.

It is just about a year ago that one of our airmen captured Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia—and was in due course recommended for distinction. What has happened—*anything*?

The Soldiers' Vote.

We are pressing the Government for particulars of the number of soldiers on the Absent Voters' Lists at the date of the General Election and of the number who voted. The answer should be illuminating.

Why We are Popular.

The secret is out, having been discovered by the Rev. F. M. Sykes, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Halifax. It appears that we are "sufficiently clever to write what the majority of people think, but do not know it till they see it in print." That wants thinking out!

Ingersoll the Prophet.

As we shall show when the time comes to discuss seriously the League of Nations idea, the scheme is as old as the hills. But in more modern days we find Ingersoll, in his Essays, propounding practically the same plan as that which Mr. Wilson is now fathering. Look it up.

M.P.s and Their Correspondence.

Isn't it about time that Members of Parliament were relieved of the burden of postage upon the hundreds of letters which most of them have to write every week, and some of them every day? Why should Ministers alone enjoy immunity from what, to some of the Labour men especially, is a serious tax?

Very Obliging.

According to the *Nation*, which apparently is opposed to it, the Channel Tunnel scheme is to be rushed through just to oblige us! And then comes the cynical hope that the discharged soldiers who may be engaged on the work of tunnelling will find it "as agreeable as digging trenches." It is really time our contemporary changed its name.

Off-Licences.

Now that ordinary public-houses are having a slight extension of hours, what about Off-Licences? As one of the holders writes us: "The public does not want beer for tea—it is with their supper they require it."

An Inverness Mystery.

Why are three of the largest hotels at Inverness still occupied by the Admiralty, with a staff of two hundred employees—looking after three tugs, which are doing nothing, and a few trawlers, which are doing little more?

British Wives of Huns.

Whatever may be the difference of opinion respecting other aspects of Divorce Law Reform, surely nobody would deny the justice of releasing English women who, before the war, married Germans since sent back to their own country, from their ill-fated alliance.

No Summer Education.

Should we shock our readers very much if we suggested that during the summer months—say from May to September—children of eleven and upwards could be better employed on allotment and farm work than in memorising the names of the wives of Henry the Eighth?

A Word with St. Pancras.

As a rule, we fight shy of all local elections; but we cannot resist saying a word to our St. Pancras readers in support of the candidature, for the Guardians' Election on Saturday, April 5th, of Miss Edith Vance, of the National League of the Blind, who has been blind herself for ten years, and is standing solely in the interests of her fellow sufferers. Vote for Vance!

"Starving Germany."

Are we quite sure that we are not being spoofed in this matter? Listen to this, from an officer at a German prisoners' camp: "It would do your eyesight good to see the parcels arriving from Germany for the prisoners. One German had five tins of butter, and you will see plenty of bacon, sugar, flour, peas, bread, cake and tobacco—also apples and cheese!" We must ask a question in the House.

"BOTTOMLEY ELECTED FOR EDINBURGH!"

AND

"'ORGIES' OF ARMY CHAPLAINS"

(See page 5.)

Southampton Prisoners.

We are told that a special Interpreter is kept at Southampton for the service of German prisoners—but the puzzle is to find the prisoners.

Red Cross and St. John's.

We presume that a full detailed report will soon be issued, showing how the huge funds and supplies entrusted to these splendid bodies were dealt with.

Hurrah for Hulton!

Congrats. to Messrs. Hulton and Co. on their moral victory in the Lamond pianist case—in which, however, they ought not to have had to pay more than a farthing damages.

"Those Enemy Princes."

How many times during the past three years have those words stood at the head of a paragraph on this page! It had almost become a standing line—but even now we may have to repeat it. *There are others!*

"Another Traitor."

When, for instance, will the Privy Council deal with the case of Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein who, during the whole of the war fought against us, although the son of an English Princess—daughter of Queen Victoria? Is he to be immune from penalties?

"If You See It—"

On another page we deal with the sudden denaturalisation of Caroline Hanemann—"the German woman of Downing Street"—and now comes the news that Baron von Plessen, "the mere boy" whom Mrs. Leverton Harris used to visit at Lofthouse Park Internment Camp, has been sent home. We are certainly getting on.

"Exquisite Irony."

Such is the description by the *Sheffield Independent* of our suggestion that Mr. (late Sir Joseph) Jonas should be denaturalised. It appears that "if England had been fortunate enough to draw a hundred men of the Jonas stamp from Germany, where is the statistician who could calculate the number of Bottomleys we could have given to Germany in exchange?" Where, indeed?

A Good Appointment.

We understand that Mr. Justice Darling will be chairman of the Committee on Courts-Martial, which has just been set up. No better selection could have been made. He has presided with great distinction over the Court of Criminal Appeal upon many occasions, and, apart from his many other brilliant qualifications, will bring unique experience to the service of the Committee.

Sweetstuffery.

When does the Food Controller intend to deal in drastic fashion with the gross imposition on people, especially children, through the sale of the commonest sweets at 2s. 8d. lb? For some time manufacturers have been obtaining what is practically an unlimited supply of sugar at a few pence a pound, yet the Food Controller merely looks on.

The Expeditionary Canteens.

Soldiers who have served are interested in the profits of the Expeditionary Forces Canteens, which they tell us amount to about three million pounds. According to the Managing Committee, all canteen profits were earmarked for the benefit of the troops and their dependents. The very pertinent question arises, Is there a Tommy on that Committee to see to the interests of his kind? We should say there is not. But there certainly should be.

At the Seaside.

The Swanage Urban District Council have refused a party of disabled soldiers permission to give concerts on the beach during the coming season. There is no room, they say. It appears, however, that the Children's Seaside Mission have been given free leave and licence to hold services on the sands. The Swanage Council are thus inconsistent. If there is room for the Holy Willies to tell the tale to the seaside paddlers, there is room for the boys who have done their bit to turn an honest penny by means of dance and song.

Salonica Men.

Mr. Churchill ought to know that there is a lot of dissatisfaction in the Salonica Army in regard to the men's treatment with respect to leave. Many of them have not had a leave in three years and more of service, "and from what we understand," says one of them, "we shall get on demobilisation just the bare 28 days that the man from France will get who has had at least three leaves of 14 days. Are we to have no recompense after all this time?" To be candid, we believe the intentions of the War Office are not benevolent.

By Dutch Auction.

Somebody asked the Ministry of Munitions, up at Greta, the price it wanted for huts, as it was desired to obtain one for a recreation centre. The Ministry obliged with a little price list, which led the inquirer to point out that the figures quoted were prohibitive. The Ministry at once confessed "it had been decided to somewhat reduce the price," and, as the price of one hut was actually reduced by £232—who said "somewhat"?—that inquirer proposes to wait a little longer. He hopes to be paid something for accepting a hut.

Army and Us.

In the course of a complimentary letter, an ex-officer of the Field Artillery says he remembers when JOHN BULL was "not allowed to be read in any mess or barrack-room in the Army, but to-day there is always a rush for it." We are well aware that the red-tabs and high-brows of the Army loved us little in pre-war days, and we are not altogether sure that they love us very much more now. It was the civilian, turned soldier, who broke down all barriers against JOHN BULL in the Army, and though we say it ourselves, none during the war has been more enthusiastically anticipated or more eagerly received wherever two or three Tommies have been gathered together.

Selling the Horses.

Somebody is selling Government horses in thousands by auction at Ormskirk. The result is a goldmine for the ring of dealers, who can take the animals elsewhere and resell them at a profit of £20 each. The responsible Department ought to realise that Ormskirk is not the only possible place of sale, and that auctions in other centres would realise more money and, at the same time, give private people a chance to buy.

Dockyard Pay.

Men returning from war to the Royal Dockyard at Devonport are gravely discontent. In the Electrical Engineering Department their pay is 27s. a week, or even less, so dissatisfaction is not to be wondered at. What adds to the annoyance is that young fellows who entered the yard to escape service—they are locally known as War Babies—are getting higher wages because they stayed at home. The Dockyard must do better than this.

An Ex-Soldier's Customers.

Poaching on the business of a man who has been to the war is low-down. A Bermondsey trader left a manager in charge while he was fighting. Getting back to work now, he finds that manager immediately opening an opposition business in the same line. Surely this is just one of those scandals which the National Service licensing scheme was established to prevent.

One Baby Short.

An Aberdeen woman claims that the War Office persistently, and of malice aforethought, miscounts her babies. She is a widow with four, but the War Office will "pay for three" only, she explains, because the last was born nine-months-and-two-days after his father was discharged unfit from the Army. "I have tried hard to get them to pay up for the baby," she avers, "but it is no use; I always get the reply that according to Regulations the baby is not entitled to a pension." 'Tis true 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true.

Huns on the Lark.

If our information received is as good as a policeman's, there is a sort of a row Bury St. Edmunds way because the Town Council, instead of helping to get rid of Huns as soon and as fast as they can, have decided to employ them in cleaning and deepening the River Lark—the only bit of water Bury St. Edmunds has on the premises. "The Council are now awaiting the first batch from the Government, and," growls a resident, "we don't at all like the idea of this German scum coming to live in our midst. The most appropriate place for Huns is Hunland." Such has been our slogan for many, many moons.

Mayoral Medals.

We were amused to read that the Mayor of Gateshead, Mr. J. Maccoy, had had some "medals made by an artist to commemorate the British victory over the unspeakable Hun," each member and official of the Council to receive one. It is, of course, nothing to do with us if mayors and councillors of provincial towns hand out medals to one another, while many a tried soldier after years of fighting has only his scars to show "in commemoration of the British victory over the unspeakable," etc., but we should like to know what the Mayor of Gateshead's medals are made of. If it is putty, we trust it is the very best quality.

Hustle at Hessele.

Last August, when the harvest was in full swing, some farmers at Hessele, Yorks, obtained an "urgency permit" for coal for thrashing purposes. Six months later—on March 8th, to be exact—they were informed that part of the coal had just arrived. The official responsible for this speedy transaction had better slow down, or he will be bursting blood vessels.

Stopping Supplies.

Writes an Edinburgh woman: "A confinement just now costs at least 2 guineas. I thought Lloyd George's 30s. was to pay the doctor; but I know my bill comes to £2 17s. It is awful hard. The Government should give a bounty for every boy that is born." The least Mr. Lloyd George can do is to get a rise on his baby grant, or by-and-by there will be so few of us born that we shall all be dead.

Cupid in a Quandary.

One nice London girl has for two years had a pain in her heart, for she has been all that time trying to get to South Africa, to be married to her chosen. She has her passport all serene, but sailing accommodation has been impossible to find. She has a Priority Certificate, but it is, alas! a number 3, and she is tearful because she hears no Number Threes will have a chance of sailing for at least another year. It is cruel to hang up cupid like that, and some official with a spark of romance in his soul ought to change this wistful maiden into a Number Two.

Peace and Mercy.

A moving appeal reaches us from the father of a family at King's Lynn, who with several grown up sons volunteered for Army service in the first days of the war. Released from male control, the youngest boy, a lad of 14, got out of hand, and 18 months ago, on conviction of theft, he was committed for five years to a Reformatory School. Back from the Army, the father now pleads for his son's release, declaring that the boy is "truly repentant." We reiterate our conviction that, apart from cases of exceptional gravity, there should be an amnesty for juvenile offenders as an act of Royal clemency at the Proclamation of Peace.

To the Men from Overseas.

It ought to be widely known that the Peel House Club for Overseas troops has been transferred to Handel Street, Russell Square, W.C., where an excellently equipped establishment, with sleeping accommodation for 340 men, and every facility for comfort and amusement, awaits the patronage of Dominion and Commonwealth soldiers. Under the sympathetic management of the Founder, Mrs. Harry Moncrieffe, a sister-in-law of Sir Ian Hamilton, the club should be highly popular.

"The Jam Juggle."

Apropos of a recent par. of ours on allegations by the Food Controller, this from Mr. J. W. Chapman, Halstead, Sevenoaks: "This is one of the best known districts in Kent for soft fruit, and what the growers received was not profiteering. The fruit was taken from them at much less than it cost to grow. The Soft Fruit Department would only take baskets at half price charged by manufacturers. The price for strawberry jam was enormous, and we, as growers, would like to know what became of the difference between the 4d. lb. we received and the price charged to the public." Perhaps Mr. Roberts will say.

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THE EDITOR'S BIRTHDAY.—The Editor desires to return thanks to the large number of readers who sent him congratulations on the occasion of his birthday—March 23rd.

J. W. M. (Rotherham).—If the *Sheffield Telegraph* really thinks nobody "believes that Mr. Jones has been other than loyal to his adopted country," perhaps that journal will say why he was convicted and his knighthood forfeited.

H. P. (Chalford) regrets our attack on President Wilson after the service he has rendered "in helping us to beat our enemies." Well, we will admit that every little helps.

"BRITISH WORKMAN."—May you and your pen be inspired by the purest and best English language in publishing articles for the next month at least. Can't you make it "a stretch"?

"SOME OF THE VAL. BOYS" (H.M.S. Valiant).—Photo of your ship's book-stall shows us, as usual, well to the fore. And aft, too, we wager.

J. D. (Lunnon, Alta).—Everything cheap in the Canadian West. See you get it shipped over. Only chance against British profiteers is to get the Canadian West shipped over.

F. R. (Portsmouth).—We agree that the Ways and Communications Bill is too much Geddes. He will get his inert yapped before he is through.

W. D. (Newcastle-on-Tyne), sending us an illustration of a "bonny buxom bairn" from an illustrated paper, adds that "several people" consider that he bears a "remarkable resemblance" to us. We admit it; but plead not guilty.

T. O. (Glasgow).—The treatment of Kitchener's Army wants looking into. The mistreatment you mean.

Miss K. H. (Bishop's Stortford).—We are not aware of any "star cast upon munition girls." Send us a telegram next time anyone speaks rudely to you.

"CLERICS" (Maida Vale).—We have constantly championed the cause of the underpaid clerk. Keep your eyes skinned for our next reference to the subject.

V. P. E. (Horsham).—If you go on in the House as you have started, you will do well. Thanks; you have lifted a load from our mind.

W. F. (Bradford).—Glad you think so highly of "the very stout gentleman in a shining top hat," but your mother should have taught you that it is rude to pass personal remarks.

E. G. (Hove).—Not surprised you have decided to return to the Army. We agree that the present artificial prices of necessaries are scandalous.

H. R. (Pontilas).—You're quite correct. If the Kaiser claimed the right to prosecute Lord Northcliffe and the Editor of JOHN BULL for *lese Majeste*, he can't complain if we prosecute him. And since Prussia helped to cage Napoleon, she can't growl when we cage (or serag) Kaiser Bill.

J. H. M. (St. George's Tce., N.W.).—It is a scandalous shame that you and so many other British shareholders in American brewery companies should have been robbed of your money by a narrow vote of the U.S.A. legislature. But when we find it so difficult to stop Wilson mucking up Europe you can imagine that the brewery shares will have to wait.

A LOST MEDAL.—Has any reader found a N.A.R.A. Medal, dated 1911, and bearing the name of the Editor upon it? If so, the owner begs it to be returned to him through this journal.

"NO WATER RAT" (Norwich).—We have had enough rain lately. Keen-witted readers supply us with really remarkable information.

Miss N. M. (Stratford-on-Avon).—After your name appeared as a prize-winner in this journal you received a "filthy and disgusting" letter from Newcastle. Anybody else receiving such letters should communicate with the Postmaster-General, who would see about prosecuting the dirty offender for abuse of the postal service.

PTE. H. G. (Brussels).—Are oysters alive when eaten, or do they die when opened? If you are in doubt, switch on to wheikis, which are dead enough for anybody.

B. (War Office).—Yes, we think the temporary Government clerks have an undoubted grievance; but the public can't afford to keep a huge Civil Service going when the need for it has passed.

Mrs. G. (Swaley).—Farm labourer denied Old Age Pension because he earned 23s. a week last year! One more iniquity which we desire to see abolished.

M. C. (Swansea).—The man returning after two or three years of war, naturally feels sore when presented with an addition to the family which does not belong to him. We admire the delicate way you put it.

J. A. (Liverpool). It is unreasonable that the import hides from Ireland should be still controlled. But possibly the Government thinks that Irish "hides" need "paning."

M. S. (Halifax).—Is a French saying that there are three sexes—men, women, and clergymen.

T. R. P. (Colwyn).—As Dizzy said of Gladstone, everybody ought to have one redeeming vice.

V. R. C. (Dovercourt).—Whilst travelling by train to my work I had the company of two women. Promise us it sha'n't occur again, and we will drop the subject.

C. S. (Margate).—Col. W. Cody, of "Buffalo Bill" fame, was not the same person as Cody the airman. So you have won your bet, and we go halves.

G. H. W. (Natal).—We note that although you like a drop of beer yourself, you prefer teetotalers to work for you. Makes sure someone will be sober, anyway.

F. R. B. W. (Cheshire).—It is not everyone who can afford 9s. a bottle. Are you referring to gripe water or Eau-de-Cologne?

C. D. (Faversham).—If light refreshments are so dear at Faversham, we should be inclined to try heavy ones.

G. W. (S. Hackney).—You are quite right to give advertising and racing tipsters a wide berth.

"A READER."—Put in a column about why not allow widows to marry their husband's brother. It did not need a column to put that in.

C. L. (Newton Abbot).—This is one of your ideas for our posters—"Along the line the signal ran, JOHN BULL, the friend to every man." We should hate to leave out *Everywoman*.

E. W. F.—Has H.M.S. *Trefoil*, while re-fitting, been turned into a restaurant for girls from the Admiralty Offices? If so, why? On the other hand, why not? Bless their little gums!

"THE WAY AT WORCESTER."—Yes, it was another Guardian who seconded the motion to "chuck" the porter at the Worcester Workhouse, a discharged soldier. As this slip may do an injustice to Mr. Brown, whose name was erroneously given in a local paper, and who voted against the callous proposal, we have pleasure in inserting this correction.

F. E. W. (Lowestoft).—Sorry you think "it is not a criminal offence for a fisherman to throw his fish overboard if they will not fetch his price." It seems to us a robbery of the poor.

J. A. (Sydenham).—See reply to F. E. W. and save the 25 you offer to wager regarding fish thrown overboard to keep up prices. As for the failure of markets, that was through lack of public support. In the interests of the consumer and of the small fishermen, the thing has got to be done.

J. T. J. (Mill Hill).—You are "not a journalist," you say. And we believe you, for no journalist would write in green ink on foolscap paper to tell us to add another page to our journal.

C. H. (Westminster).—Know nothing of the profits of the restaurant connected with the Ministry of Pensions, if any; but you can take it they don't go to the relief of the taxes.

D. R. P. (Battersea).—We agree that life is full of trouble. A lot of people in Battersea wish it were full of whisky.

A. K. (Chiswick).—The war has hit me the same as most. Unhappily, it hit us a bit different.

Mrs. A. M. F. (Gonadston).—The way our women dress is asking for trouble. Now, if you had asked us, we should have said it's the way they undress.

BOMBARDIER H. W. (R.F.A.).—So you think you may be demobbed in five years' time. What makes you so sanguine?

A. P. (Elgin).—At the risk of making you conceited, we will say that your criticisms of the National Health Insurance Act are not without a streak of sense.

R. T. (Birkenhead).—The sample of twine you sent us was certainly poor stuff. Trust you did not intend it to secure your underclothing.

"O.A.P. AGAIN."—We have had pleasure in forwarding to the poor old man whose case was referred to under this heading the following sums sent us by readers for his benefit.—Mrs. F. S., £5; E. A. S., 10s.; L. M., 5s.; W. M., 5s.; E. B., 2s.; "Love One Another," 2s. 6d.

"INVICTA" (Carshalton).—Does it help to send "Bullets" early? Early or late, all entries receive the same thorough judging.

K. R. (Fullam).—In the "Wraps" they gave you boots size 8; you returned them, and wore your own. Now they won't give you discharge or money till you hand over boots. As you can prove nothing, hand them an old pair and finish the trouble.

"DEMOLISHED" (Durham).—As an officer's cook I saw something. Twenty-four cases of whisky for seven officers; never said, "Have a drink?" Did you wait to be asked? Cooks get first taste of every dish.

Sgt. A. B. C. (India).—Advert. from *Pindi Mail*:—"Gentleman would like to meet young lady for companionship in the evenings, etc. Cinema and other amusements." So much depends on those other amusements.

F. E. G. (Boulogne).—Free food for everybody, supplied by the State like education, is some notion. Wouldn't there be a national grouse against the cold mutton on Mondays!

Mrs. A. K. (Vancouver, B.C.).—You were quite justified in "objecting to take your blouse off in front of everyone's husbands." In corresponding circumstances, we would not unloose a waistcoat button.

Mrs. C. (E. Greenwich).—If you have not had enough of such fakes as the Empire Ring Co., Clapham, we have. People who read us would never waste money or time on such flat-catchers.

"A FEW WAACS" (France).—After working 10 to 15 hours a day in cook-houses for two years, for 10 francs a week, is it fair to demobilise us without a penny or even a civilian outfit? If facts as stated, grossly unfair.

R. Y. (Cornwall).—"I have seen little bits of your book." Possibly it has been your habit to wrap your supper in it.

"SILVER BADGER" (Hammersmith, W.).—"Excuse mistakes." Not at all; they tickle us to death.

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Light and Labour.

Rhondda District Council are a good sample of the sort of public body which thinks that the best way to obtain satisfactory and satisfied labour is to sweat it. Why, otherwise, does Mr. E. Hazledine Barber, Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, advertise for lamplighters at a wage of £1 a week. "average working hours, 25 to 35 per week according to situation of residence"? In these times a public authority ought to be ashamed to offer such a hunger-wage to men in its service.

Want and Wages.

A Thornton Heath woman went into Woolwich Arsenal to support herself and two children with whom she was left after her husband died of consumption. Discharged, she signed on at the Labour Exchange and was sent to a Wallington canteen. Learning that the wage offered was only 25s. a week, she returned to the Exchange and explained that, with at least 2s. to pay for railway fare, she could not possibly keep home going on the money. The official answer was to stop her unemployment allowance. For all the Labour Exchange officials care, she may starve.

Lunatics on the Loose.

The state of affairs lately at Ennis Asylum, Ireland, must have been simply ideal—from the Sinn Fein point of view. The attendants were—and for all we know are still—on strike, and the homicidal and suicidal cases were without supervision. The married strikers refused a £1, and the unmarried a 10s. increase weekly, but were considerate enough to raise the blockade and allow food to be introduced into the Asylum—perhaps because lunatics dead of starvation can dispense with the services of attendants altogether. We say nothing about the merits of the strikers' case, but to leave suicides in the unfettered hands of homicides appears to us somewhat extreme—though typically Hibernian—action.

A Trip to London.

"My Lords" of the Admiralty have several annoying ways. They exhibited one by inviting a boy to London to appear before their Committee, with the prospect of selection as candidate for an assistant clerkship in the Navy. He travelled 200 miles, was looked at, and went 200 miles back home. He learned later on that the First Lord was unable to put him on the list, was unable to state why not, and was equally unable to allow anything for his expenses. But why should "my Lords" make a lad spend £3 for the honour of saying "Good morning" to them? At the least they might provide a travelling warrant.

Yellow Seamen.

In connection with our protest against the Glasgow boycott of coloured British seamen, it is astounding to know that many ships carry Chinamen, in preference even to white men. Three first-class liners, at Middlesbro', shipped the yellow men on deck and below deck, while Britishers hungered ashore for want of work. Much is radically wrong in all this.

Wages of the Cine.

Over-greedy cinema proprietors, notwithstanding the handsome profits they have made and are still making, are cutting down the wages of their operators. The hours are long—12 daily, so it is said—and the work must be monotonous; also of course it demands a certain skill. The wages are £2 5s.—and employers, with few exceptions, instead of giving an increase are cutting down wages to a very low level. Isn't there such a thing as a cinema workers' union.

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Carrying on at Calais.

When are the R.A.O.C. Workshops at Calais going to stop making nose-bags, arm bands, and clothing for German prisoners of war? It is simply silly to keep on turning out nose-bags while the Army on the other hand is selling its demobbed horses by the thousand. Some 300 French and Belgian women are employed in these workshops, many of them being engaged in the highly important task of sewing buttons on German P.O.W. overcoats! Surely all the Army stores we need now can be manufactured in Great Britain, instead of paying foreigners to work abroad and handing out unemployment doles to our own people at home.

"Heartless Bumbledom."

A sentence in our criticism, under this head, of Dr. Kirby, one of the Resident Medical Officers at the Tranmere Union Sanatorium—who refused to leave his bed to attend to a dying man, on the ground that as the patient was doomed "nothing would be gained"—has, we understand, been read in some quarters as reflecting upon Nurse Chadwick, the Night Superintendent at the Infirmary. In justice to the Nurse, we think it only fair to state that this is an entire misapprehension, the case being quite outside her province, though she stated at the inquest that she would not have hesitated to render aid in a matter of urgency in any department if she realised it was required. That is the true spirit of the nurse.

Spreading the Germs.

At the Stratford Police Court the other day an East London mother, whose husband was still in the Army, was fined 4s. for keeping her little girl at home during her own and the child's illness from influenza, and on her failure to satisfy this unjust demand the good woman has actually been threatened with committal to Holloway Prison! We are glad to note that the Mothers' Defence League, of which Mr. G. K. Chesterton is the President, is taking a hand in this case, the outcome of which we shall watch with close interest.

Major and Corporal Punishment.

Whether the pupil at the Hertford Grammar School was flogged by Major G. W. Kinman, M.A., the Headmaster, for smoking a cigarette at home or playing truant, and whether it was done at the request of the boy's sister or his father (accounts vary), it was anyhow a disgusting thing to compel the boy to take down his breeches and then to flog him half naked before the whole school. And an absence from school had been passed over for days without remark until the sister's letter came. The case should be thoroughly investigated.

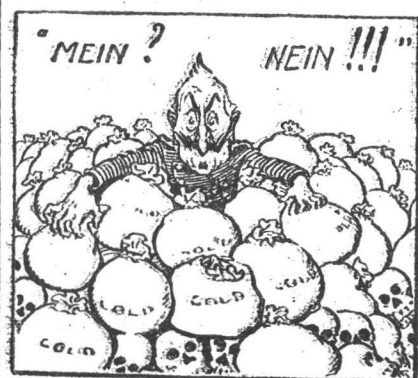
The Farmers' Fake.

Having profited the war to the top of its tragedy, news now comes that farmers are beginning to dodge the income tax. "Single tenants of the past," we learn from Carlisle, "are putting in Tom, Dick, and Harry as co-tenants. Thus the incidence of the tax is divided among them, and nothing or little is paid. It is being done on the advice of their solicitors, or 'men of business' as they call them. I am a public servant and know the facts." This being so, it is our duty to call the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and income-tax officials to this matter. The dodge should be suspect in every instance.

Control the Controller.

We believe that the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank is responsible for the edict that when the holder of a small quantity of War Loan Stock held on the Post Office register and purchased through the firm by whom he is employed desires to sell out, the transfer must be witnessed by a responsible official of the firm. This practice compels the employee to disclose his private financial transactions to his employer. Moreover, we are by no means convinced of the legality of the condition; it does not appear, as the law requires, on the face of the deed of transfer. Perhaps Mr. Bonar Law will have a quiet word with the P.O. Savings Bank Controller.

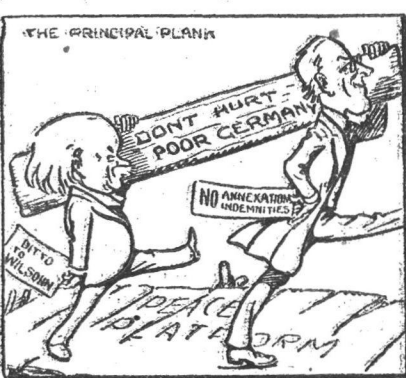
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These bitter mors 'tis little short of crime To rush the clock, and call it "Summer Time."

Candid Communications.

This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties and occasionally Nonentities.

To the Right Hon. Viscount Churchill, Chairman,
Great Western Railway Company.

DEAR VISCOUNT,—I have just heard of a poor old man, after 45 years' service with your Company, pensioned at the rate of 5s. weekly, even this paltry dole being withdrawn when, at the age of 70, the veteran became entitled to a State pension. Then take the case of another old man, who received a pension of 9s. 3d. a week, after 40 years' faithful service. He died the other Friday, and your Company cleared off what they thought was the whole of their liability by sending the poor widow 7s. 9d., deducting 1s. 6d. for the odd day. No wonder railway-men are making the best terms they can with their employers—while they have the power.

JOHN BULL.

To Sir Sam Hughes, Canada.

SIR,—You are reported as saying in public that Canadians "won the greatest battle in the history of the world," at St. Julien, with the Ross rifle and Canadian ammunition, while you declared that, at the same battle, "the Yorks and Durhams threw away their Lee-Enfields and ran, because they had dud ammunition." I tell you coldly, calmly, deliberately, and dispassionately, that I do not believe one word of this grave slander. You have been deceived.

JOHN BULL.

To George Robey, Esq., War Funds Collector.

MY DEAR ROBEY,—I have often criticised magistrates who refuse licences for Sunday concerts in public buildings or grant them only on condition that they are allowed to censor the programme. This latter condition, I hear, has been imposed on you by the Licensing Magistrates of Brum, in respect of the Sunday concert you proposed to arrange in the city in aid of Lord Roberts' Memorial Homes. I am glad you decline to submit yourself to any such humiliation and insult. I dare say your moral ideas are at least as appropriate to Sunday as their own, and to most people I am sure a great deal more entertaining.

JOHN BULL.

To W. S. Best, Streetway, Fichfield.

DEAR SIR,—So kind of you to propose that we should erect almshouses for the relatives of those who have made the great sacrifice, as a memorial of their heroism. Why not say workhouses, and have done with it? You may write more from want of thought than from want of heart, but how do you think our fighting men like to read that almshouses are the supreme reward for the supreme sacrifice? Try again! That's not good enough for Best.

JOHN BULL.

To the Mayor of Loughborough.

DEAR MR. MAYOR.—There have been wigs on the green because some Committee, mysteriously self-appointed, proposed to use funds, collected for the town's War Memorial, in the erection of a carillon of bells. The citizens, however, prefer the scheme of a Health Centre, and the idea, as I have seen it outlined, is certainly more sensible. Call a public meeting, drop your bells—which are out of tune, and out of time—get on with the Centre, and, above all, secure a fresh Committee, properly elected. I am sure subscribers, even bell-founders, will bow gracefully to the real opinion of the citizens.

JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. Daniel and Franks, Match and Tobacco Control Advisory Committees.

GENTLEMEN,—Permit me to express the hope that the Wholesale Tobacco Dealers' Association did you thoroughly well at the dinner they gave you the other night. You certainly deserve the compliment they paid you. What a pity Bryant and May's and other leading lights of sorts did not also turn up to support British industries at a penny a box, and as few in the box as possible. They sent along a handsome subscription, peradventure, out of their last delightful dividend—but peradventure not? You and they and the wholesalers—well, if you can't afford a merry meeting out of the match trade, I'll start a factory of my own. Here's luck!

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. John Tiller, Theatrical Contractor.

SIR,—I notice that you were recently prosecuted at the instance of the N.S.P.C.C. for the alleged neglect of a number of children whom you had taken round the country on a pantomime tour. Apparently, there was a mistake somewhere, for the Magistrates dismissed the charges against you, but they added a rider to the effect that the N.S.P.C.C. were "justified in bringing the cases." I hope next time you assume responsibility for the care of a party of children the Society will not be justified in taking action against you.

JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman, Urban District Council, Ilford.

SIR,—In reply to the resolution of the Council requesting the Home Office "to bestow some official recognition on the five councillors who were successively Chairmen during the war period," I am directed to inform you that in consequence of the high cost of freight and the scarcity of available tonnage, no more shipping orders for O.B.E.s. can be at present accepted. To facilitate delivery of the goods when transport facilities are available, I am to ask what you have done to win the war and where you got your effect? I am, sir, etc.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Robert Trotter, Vicar of St. Gabriel's, Newcastle.

DEAR VICAR,—In the interest of the unity of the Churches, about which we are always hearing so much and seeing so little, I do think it is a pity you put up a mere informality of etiquette as a barrage against the appearance of Canon Parfit, of Jerusalem, in the pulpit of a Baptist church in your parish. I believe you were informed of the Canon's proposed visit in accord with the best drawing-room manners applied to ecclesiastical affairs, but you thought the Canon himself should have written to you, and he weakly allowed your mere opinion to frighten him away. I suppose that, coming from Jerusalem, he mistook you for the Bishop of the diocese.

JOHN BULL.

THE CLOAK OF CHARITY.

ANOTHER Y.W.C.A. HOSTEL SCANDAL.

The Theatrical Hostel, Charlotte Street, W., is run by the Y.W.C.A. as a commercial undertaking. People are given to understand that it is controlled by a Committee. This is not so. It is bossed by a Miss Chapman, and there is very little charity about. If a sick girl wants a glass of warm milk taken to her bedroom she is charged double for it. A meal not paid for when it is eaten is booked at twice the price. Two girls were recently turned out, and all their belongings, except the clothes they stood up in, were kept to meet an outstanding bill of a few shillings. If you ask them to wait for payment you are told that there's a police court or a workhouse for people who can't pay. A girl who was rehearsing at the theatre was kept out in the rain while the hostel authorities rang up the management to see if she had lied. On one occasion Miss Chapman had the confounded cheek to make a young lodger open her letters in front of the autocrat to find out if communications were passing between the lodger and another girl who had left. Miss Chapman has under her five matrons and three maids. There are about sixty lodgers. They make their own beds. But not their own complaints. If you complain—as for example about the state of the sheets or the condition of the bath-room—you go. The price of a cubicle in a brick-built out-house with a glass roof and no heating has been raised from 7s. 3d. to 8s. a week. There are eight cubicles—which means that the hostel receives £34s. 0d. a week in rent for the building. Some sort of public inspection of the place should be insisted upon.

"SHOT AT DAWN."

THE CASE OF LIEUT. HERRING.

It will be remembered that in a recent article—"Sequel to 'Shot At Dawn'"—we commented upon certain incidents in the career of this officer, who was one of the witnesses against the victim of what we have described as a tragedy resulting from the present system of Courts-Martial. Subsequently, in dealing with the subject of the Committee which Mr. Churchill has set up to inquire into that system, we again referred to this particular officer, whom we described as a "lying witness." These words have naturally caused much pain to his relatives, and we are therefore happy to be able to state that, having been afforded an opportunity of making ourselves acquainted with the exact nature of the evidence given by Lieut. Herring at the Court-Martial in question, we unreservedly withdraw them. Whatever may have been his lapses in the past—which we hope he may yet succeed in living down—we are glad wholly to acquit him of the charge of having lied away a fellow-officer's life. We regret that in the heat of our indignation over the manner in which, in our view, a boy officer—the scion of a splendid Service family—was cruelly and unjustly done to death, we were led into making a charge which we now admit is without foundation. All else, however, which we have said we adhere to—and we can only hope that the Committee now appointed, and on which the Editor of this journal will have the privilege of serving, may be the means of remedying the evils—the dangers and the injustices—of the existing system, which renders a fair trial of an accused soldier almost an impossibility.

AIR RAID INJURIES.

FALSE SENTIMENT AND FALSE TEETH.

An Enfield reader, having previously served in the Army, was terribly injured in one of the worst of the air raids on London. Caught in the centre of the bombed area, he sustained as many as 50 wounds of a more or less serious nature, while losing a number of his teeth and incurring such serious damage to his right eye that, after a spell of treatment at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, it had to be removed. Submitting a claim to the Air Raid Compensation Committee, the poor fellow chanced to mention that at the hospital his clothes had been ripped off to facilitate prompt medical attention, and, to judge from their letters, this was the only item of the cruel catalogue of injury that the Committee thought worthy of notice. "I am directed by the Air Raid Compensation Committee," ran the official acknowledgment, "to say that they sympathise greatly with you in your trouble, and enclose a Form of Claim, as by the rules of the enclosed scheme you can claim for loss of clothing, though not for personal injuries." If the officials had sought to make heartless mockery of the applicant's sufferings, they could scarcely have devised a more callous jest. The poor man then applied to the Local Relief Committee (Prince of Wales' Fund), who, after lengthy delays, agreed to "consider" whether or not they might provide the applicant with a set of false teeth to replace his dental loss! We note, by the way, that in the official handling of these claims there is never a word of the reparation for air-raid losses that the Government are pledged to extract from the Huns!

COMPANY MEETING.

VICKERS LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of Vickers Limited, was held at Sheffield on March 24th to give effect to the proposed purchase of shares in the Metropolitan Carriage, Wagon and Finance Company Limited, in exchange for shares in Vickers Limited, or in the alternative for cash.

Mr. Douglas Vickers, M.P., who presided, said it was very largely owing to the termination of the war that these proposals were put before the shareholders, because it had given the opportunity and created the necessity for doing business on a scale hitherto not reached by English manufacturers, but left by them to German and American competitors. It was his conviction that the British trade was handicapped by working in small units.

On the other hand, they had the American Steel Trust with its enormous capital and output of steel which before the war was greater than all the English output combined. There were also the great American electrical concerns, and the German electrical undertakings, which commanded reserves absolutely unapproached in this country.

It was perfectly obvious that organisations such as these had the power of initiating and following and defining a policy quite impossible for a large number of firms working individually, even though their total might be more. It was very obvious that notable economies, especially in selling abroad, could be effected by having one combined agency. But what they proposed to do in regard to Vickers and the Metropolitan Company was not to form anything in the nature of a trust. It was in the main a combination of various allied industries, which were not the same, but which supplemented each other, which would use each other's products and form a complete organisation capable of producing within itself the largest electrification, electric generation and transportation undertakings.

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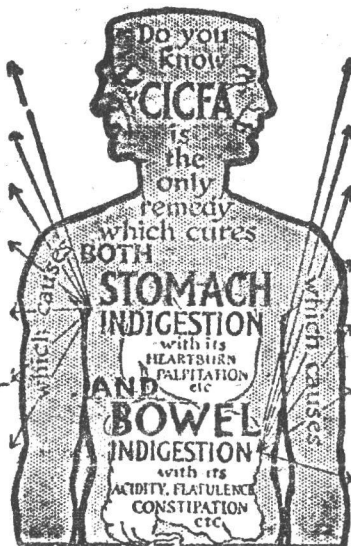
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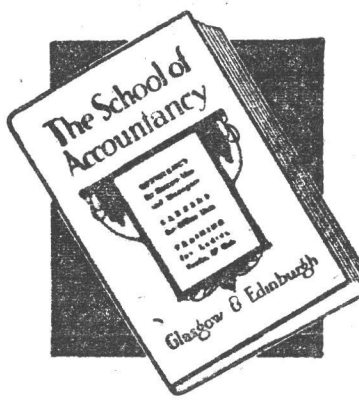
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