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EDITORIALS

Is there a plot in Austria's proposals for peace? Does it mean that Austria saw that she was sure to lose either Galicia to the Russians or the Adriatic province to Italy, and that she has decided that the former was the lesser of two evils? In that case, Italy would have lost her "goose" while she was hesitating. Few would be sorry to see it for so far Italy has played a selfish game throughout. On the other hand, is the plot a German design to make her case look so bad that her people would see that their cause was helpless and also seek for peace. The war lords dare not ask for peace till the populace demand it, for that would mean their ruin. Perhaps, too, Germany will force Holland into the fight for the same reasons. One thing is sure, that diplomacy is a game, and the German diplomats have shown themselves capable of espousing any policy that will help their case. The movement, at any rate, will be watched with the greatest interest.

Spring has come and Nature is doing all in its power to repaint the landscape and make everything as lovely as possible. The leaves will open up and cover up the homely trees and the blades of green grass will stretch themselves out so as to cover up as many as possible of the scars that men have carved upon the ground and by and by flowers will present their glorious hues. What Nature is doing through instinct, in behooves human intelligence to copy and assist. Nature is producing a perfect picture. The many untrimmed lawns and vacant lots that lie all over the city should be

cleaned and dressed in order to be in harmony with the rest of Nature.

It is nearly always a safe guess that the outside of a house reflects not only the inside but the character of its owner. It is also true that the person who takes pains with the exterior of his home and develops a love of plants and flowers is thereby developing a trait of character that will soon assert itself. Seeing, therefore, that these things react in ourselves, it should be an additional incentive to put them into practice. A front yard divested of stumps and rubbish and dressed with a beautiful turf of green, if not dotted with golden flowers, is a good badge of respectability. Don't allow that yard of yours to give the impression out that you care nothing for the finer things of life. Start right now to clean up.

The London Economist, noting the increase of taxation imposed by the Canadian war budget, makes this comment: "While the Canadian government is to be commended on its recognition of the necessity for meeting deficit out of revenue, we are strongly of opinion that this addition of 7 1-2 per cent to the cost of living, in a new country where prices are already very high, will cause much hardship and discontent. Many of these taxes are protective, so that the revenue secured will be much less than the burden imposed on the consumers. But in Canada the manufacturing interests are powerful enough to extract advantage even from the embarrassments and difficulties of the nation."

SOLDIERS TO VOTE-- BUT NOT DECIDED HOW

Resolution Adopted, Bill Is Read Providing for Taking Votes by Officers.

Ottawa, April 4.—Parliament has decided that soldiers should vote. But it has not yet decided how they should vote. The resolution declaring that soldiers should be given a vote was adopted by the committee without discussion. Sir Wilfrid Laurier merely remarked that he favored the resolution, and the bill was brought down, and it was seen what method the government proposed for taking the votes of men in uniform.

The bill was then introduced and read a first time. It provides for the taking of the votes of soldiers at the front or in England, in the event of a general election, by their officers. They will not vote for candidates, but for the party they desire to support—Conservative, Liberal or Independent.

The votes will be sent to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and by him be forwarded to the various deputy returning officers. In the event of there being more than one Conservative or more than one Liberal in the field in a constituency it will rest with the Prime Minister or the leader of the opposition to say which is the official candidate.

BELLA COOLA SAYS WM. MANSON FAILED

The government is coming to the country on its record. The people of Bella Coola are anxiously waiting to hear what Wm. Manson has to say in this regard. It is so long since that gentleman addressed a public meeting in this place that the people have almost forgotten the sound of his voice. That the government which Mr. Manson has supported has a record no one will deny. But what a record! Our erstwhile representative also has a record, but again, what a record! Indeed, he has our sympathy in the task before him, especially so as the time is past when he can any longer expect to soothe the outraged feelings of an indignant electorate with vague promises of huge appropriations. Mr. Manson must come down to "brass tacks," the public sentiment demands it, and while giving him a full measure of British fair play, a full explanation of his and the government's record will be demanded.

As a man sows, so shall he reap, and this must apply to Mr. Manson. He has assisted in the wholesale alienation of our natural resources. He has acquiesced in the violation of every pledge from the government to the people. He himself has suffered the North to be exploited for the South. He has favored the policy of auctioning off our townsites to the highest bidders (but not so with the cows on the Colony Farm which were sold to a responsible minister of the crown for a mere fraction of their value.) Never has he taken a stand in the interests of the common people as against the corporations and interests. He is responsible to the people, and the people will deal with him accordingly. The truth is we do not envy Mr. Manson, but we wish him well in the private life which he will be forced to follow after the election.—Bella Coola Courier.



THE LATE LORD ROTHSCHILD.
Head of the English branch of the Rothschild family, who died in London on March 31.

PINCHOT ORDERED OUT OF BELGIUM

Germans Find Special Relief Agent Is Related to High British Diplomatist.

The Hague, April 10.—Gifford Pinchot, formerly chief forester of the United States, who, it is understood, has been acting as special agent for the State Department at Washington, in the European war zone, has been expelled from Belgium by the German authorities.

Sister in British Lines.

Washington, April 10.—Gifford Pinchot, according to advice to the State Department, reached Antwerp, Belgium, but was not permitted to proceed further in his work as a member of the American relief commission in Belgium, although detailed as a special diplomatic agent of the American government.

The German authorities objected because Mr. Pinchot's sister is Lady Allen Johnstone, wife of the former British minister to Denmark, who is still in the British diplomatic service.

Pinchot Gets Other Work.

Germany has insisted from the beginning that all agents and consuls of the American government in Belgian territory under German military occupation should have no connection, however remote, with her enemies.

It is understood that the State Department will assign Mr. Pinchot to other work in the war zone.

GOOD ESCAPE FOR HER.

Sandy and Donald were discussing the domestic infelicities of a mutual friend.

"Aye, aye," said Sandy, "James Thompson has a sair time wi' that wife o' his. They say they're ay quarrelling."

"What else can ye expect?" was Donald's scornful retort. "The puir feckless creature marrit after courtin' for only seven year. Man, he had no chance to ken the woman in sich a short time. When I was courtin', I courted for

An Englishman who sat near asked him "if connubial bliss followed this long courtship."

Donald looked at him reproachfully. "I tell ye I courted for twenty year," he said, "and in that time I kent what woman was, and so I didna marry."

KARLSRUHE'S CAPTAIN ARRIVES AT KIEL

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