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CANADA'S HYPHEN PROBLEM.

It is not surprising that with Canada so close to us and its people made up, as is the case in the United States, of citizens of all other countries, the Dominion should have a hyphen problem.

As the Manitoba Free Press says: "Canada's varied problems of growth and development are such that the bond of a common language is absolutely indispensable."

FIGURES AND CIPHERS.

When the war began, the estimates of the economic experts as to the cost varied widely, but the estimate most generally accepted was \$40,000,000 a day.

Though no other nation is spending so lavishly, it is certain that the cost of the war has already far exceeded the early estimates; the three

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years of it predicted by Lord Kitchener would not leave much of Europe except the shell.

If the war were to stop tomorrow, the tremendous expenditure would not be lessened to any marked extent. Great Britain, for instance, would have to pay greater attention to the welfare of its human wrecks.

Their future is a responsibility of the empire. According to information that comes from Canada, where some specific instances are noted, it is a responsibility that has not yet been assumed with seriousness.

PUTTING THE SCREWS ON CHINA.

Japan protested against the Chinese republic reverting to an empire. The empire has now been re-established nevertheless, under Yuan Shi Kai. But Japan has not given up her efforts to keep the Chinese nation from attaining independence under whatever form.

According to a newspaper account from Tientsin, Japan before she will acquiesce in the new monarchic regime insists on these concessions: China must proclaim Japan as "the most favored nation," and recognize a more or less definite Japanese protectorate; Japan must have more representation in the collection of the Chinese customs; Japan must get China's foreign orders for war munitions; whenever the Chinese government employs foreign advisers for any purpose, they must be Japanese; "group five" of the Japanese demands forced on China last spring, the only group not definitely accepted, must be taken up again for consideration.

As matters stand, Japan with the concessions gained recently by threats of military compulsion, has a pretty firm grip on the Chinese government and Chinese industry, transportation and commerce. She evinces a double purpose of keeping China from developing genuine governmental efficiency and keeping other nations from doing any business in China.

Both of these purposes are contrary to our own Chinese policy, as created by John Hay. We, in conjunction with other powers, are supposed to be guaranteeing Chinese autonomy and the "open door."

Both duty and interest should impel us to maintain this policy. It is certainly not for the best interests of the United States to have Japan turn

a nation of 400,000,000 Chinamen into a Japanese colony and thus multiply her own power and prestige incalculably. As for the industrial and commercial development of China, that has meant little as yet but will be of vast importance in the future, particularly to our Pacific coast. It behooves the American people to keep an eye on Japanese maneuvers in China, and stand firm for Chinese and American rights.

TAFT FOR SUPREME JUDGE.

The New York World, Democratic, says the death of Justice Lamar has naturally excited conjecture as to whether the President would offer the vacant seat on the Supreme Bench to ex-President Taft, not alone on the ground of his conspicuous fitness but as in the circumstances the man in public life logically best entitled to the honor. The fact that Justice Lamar, a Democrat, owed his appointment to Mr. Taft would make the latter's appointment by a Democratic President an equally happy subordination of partisanship to public policy. The same editorial continues:

Mr. Taft's competence for any judicial office needs no encomium. When Frederick N. Judson published in 1905 his treatise on the Interstate Commerce Law, he dedicated it "to Honorable William Howard Taft, L. L. D., sometime Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States, whose name is written large on the pages of the judicial history of interstate commerce." If that high tribute was deserved at the time, the eleven years that have elapsed have fully confirmed the estimate of Mr. Taft's fitness for the highest judicial duties. To his earlier fame as an upright, just and progressive Judge he has since added the experience of Governor General of the Philippines, Secretary of War and President of the United States. Probably no living American has a profounder acquaintance with the administration of the law in all its aspects.

Mr. Taft's qualifications for a Supreme Court Justiceship are so obvious that the question would seem to be less one of his appointment than of his acceptance. Certainly the name of no other man occurs whose selection would accord as well with the dignity and traditions of the world's greatest court.

There are 60 persons in the United States who have a \$1,000,000 income annually, and probably some of them lie awake nights thinking about that six per cent tax they have to pay.

A lower rate is usually charged on ladies' tickets to a dance, but no drug-

gist ever felt he could afford to make a cut rate for them on ice cream or sodas.

If peace is declared by the National, American and Federal baseball leagues, ending the European war ought to be an easy matter.

Some grip medicine is worse than the grip itself.

In the Presbyterian church and outside it there is gratification that Rev. G. L. Clark is going to stay in La Grande. Men of his calibre are hard to get. The fact he recently was an easterner can't be charged against him. He has adopted westernisms readily and we doubt you could drive him back with a club.

Ever observed, though, that a good looking woman doesn't have to take lessons in art to draw a man's attention?

Mr. Taft has developed a keen interest in college athletics. Gee! what a fullback he will make.

And you never realize the hardness of the world until you step on a banana skin.

Are you enjoying your la grippe or just grouching through?

Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

Little News O' The Day Montreal, Jan. 10.—Gambling machines built like giant cash registers, shipped here from Chicago, and placed on street corners here and throughout the Province, on which rich and poor alike may place their bets on any one of six current sporting events started business today under government charter. This marks the beginning of unopposed open gambling in Canada.

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expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

Today's Oddest Story.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 11.—"I was expecting a visit from the stork, Judge, and was in a hurry to get home," said Audrey Abraham, when arraigned before Municipal Judge Fox, charged with speeding.

"Have you ever been arrested before?" asked the Judge.

"Yes, about two years ago for the same offense, and I had the same excuse."

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Many a strong man and many a healthy woman has much for which to thank mother. The care taken during their childhood brought them past the danger point and made them healthy men and women. Thousands of children are bothered with incontinence of urine, and inability to retain it is oftentimes called a habit. It is not always the child's fault—in many cases the difficulty lies with the kidneys, and can be readily righted. A La Grande mother tells how she went about it.

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