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KITCHENER GREAT, BUT HE BLUNDERED.

Men of Lord Kitchener's type are few and far between, yet his memory will stand as proof that even great men blunder.

The first great blunder he made was in not sending the proper munitions to Flanders and to Northern France when the war first broke out.

During the past year Lord Kitchener's responsibilities have been gradually curtailed, until at the time of his death he had little control over the strategy of the war.

The British empire owes a large debt of gratitude to Kitchener for the manner in which he recruited men during the first months of the war.

When the war began, Great Britain was very short of officers, and members of the general staff in London were transferred to field duty.

the result was that in strategic accomplishments the British army, during the first period of the war, did not shine brilliantly.

Kitchener had no faults as minister of war. His genius for organization did immense service for his country.

Lord Kitchener was one of the great personalities of the war, and the affection of the British people for him was unique.

WHEN MEN WILL FIGHT.

There are times when men banded together as nations will fight to the death and nothing can keep them from it.

There are times when you can say to men—Fighting will cost you all the treasures you have; will leave you in debt mountain high.

There are times when you can say to men—War means fighting and fighting means death; you go to war and you and yours are likely to die.

There are times when you can say to mothers—If you send your sons to war, they must face bullets, and bullets mean death.

It is for a great principle that mothers give their sons and sons give their lives; it is when the life of the nation is at stake that the life of the individual is so freely given.

In this great war, why is it that England says she must fight on till she with Russia and France win a victory?

And Germany in turn declares that if needs be she will sacrifice every son to save the nation.

THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN.

"Children," says a writer in the London Times, "are the hope of the world."

The idea isn't a bit new. It has been expressed millions of times since man began to think and to utter his thoughts in the symbols of speech.

Just now the idea is being re-discovered not only in London but in Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Belgrade and pretty much everywhere else in the European war area.

It is one of those undebatable statements, this assertion that "Children are the hope of the world."

the many sidedness of the idea they are voicing.

If children are the hope of the world, the world is in a sense the hope of the children, their heritage in succession to their progenitors.

It is conceded that "every child has a right to be well-born," for the child born to a heritage of disease is not an asset but a liability to the world.

Among these are better social, financial, governmental, educational, religious and other conditions.

Even the most casual survey reveals tremendous tasks ahead if the coming millions are not to be denied their inalienable rights, tasks enough to busy all energies for some centuries to come.

And the best of it is that in efforts to give every child its full rights in these respects we're conferring immediate favors on ourselves.

A fellow who has a garden is most likely to find himself wishing it had been as hard for his fond parent to find a shingle around as it is when one is needed to protect the tomato plants.

President Wilson thinks some men should be knocked down for the good of their soul, but the reformer wants to be big enough to do it before he tries it.

Mr. Bryan wants to write the Democratic platform, says an exchange. But why waste space and ink printing the obvious?

Flies can hatch faster than human beings can swat, says an exchange. Try a swatter in each hand from now on.

Tom Edison slept only seven hours in fifteen days. There must have been one of his phonographs in his neighborhood.

Wasn't it just like a compositor to make the singer before a smoker of men in the lumber trade a "sliver-toned" tenor?

A fashion note says cutaway coats are coming in to a limited extent. To which same extent, formerly, they went back.

COLONEL WOOD AND TEDDY

A news scene stood out upon the canvas at Chicago yesterday when Roosevelt let it be known that he would support Colonel Leonard Wood with all his might if the Republicans should choose Wood as their standard bearer.

That scene on the Chicago canvas may refuse to dissolve. In fact it is worth watching.

In the death of Albert Good another good Grande Ronde citizen has passed on. He, too, had seen the valley blossom as a rose under the taming hand of civilization.

The guilty do tremble when the grand jury meets, but he who has clean hands can walk beneath the mid-day sun and exchange courtesies with the jurors with no feeling of anxiety.

An extra Pullman is being used by

the O-W. to take our girls to the Rose show. A pretty courtesy that the entire city appreciates.

Occasionally a word from Mexico tells of something like a war spirit across the border.

Well, the old man who shipped "beer powder" into La Grande and made a concoction to sell was entitled to the jail sentence and fine imposed.

The drowning of Lord Kitchener and his staff, while an act on the program of war, is nevertheless a world tragedy. Lord Kitchener had been in Britain so long and encountered so much active duty that he ceased to be of interest merely to his own country to which he rendered service.

The talent and intelligence of Germany today no doubt deeply regrets that fate should have decreed Kitchener's death, while at the same time rejoicing in the wonderful success of the German spy system.

England will not recoup from this sensational bit of war news quickly. Her people will feel this most vital single blow of the war for a long time. It will require some careful consideration to fill Lord Kitchener's place and fill it in a way that will bring results at the same time satisfying the military arm of England and the people as a whole.

Whoever said forewarned is forearmed never heard of an American Congress.

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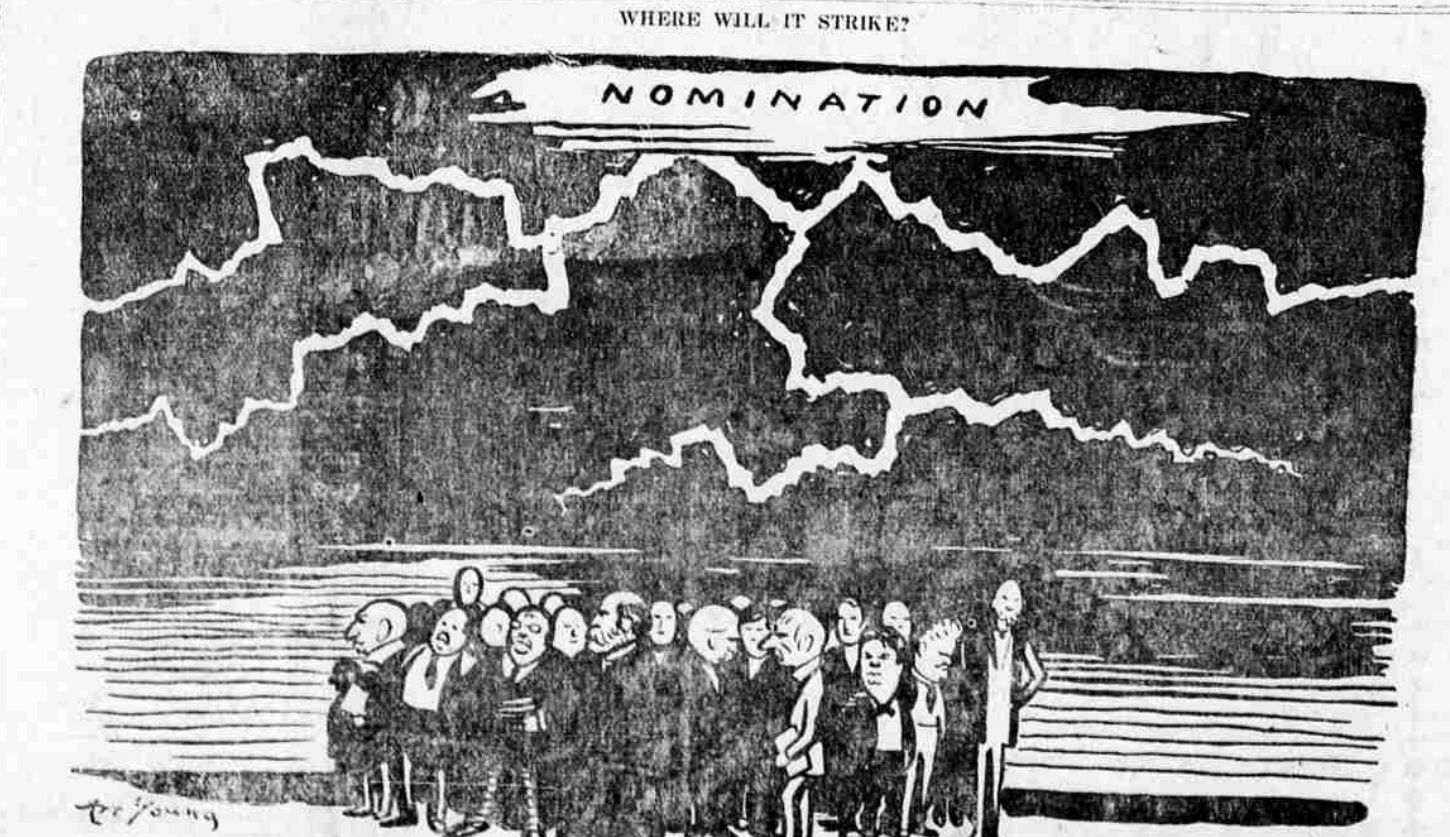
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