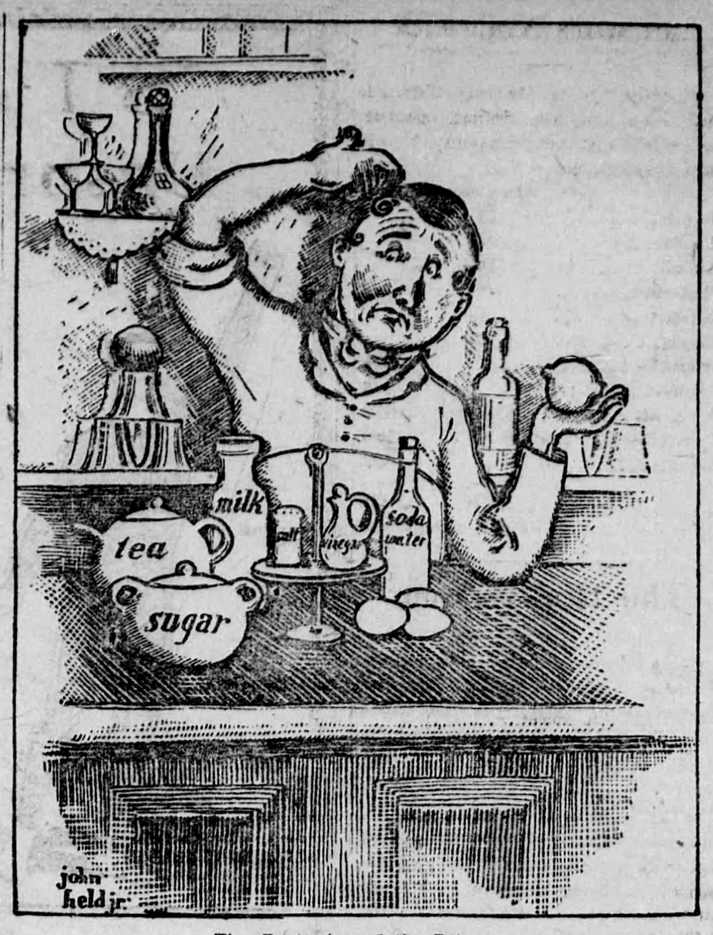
H. R. H. COMPLETES TRIUMPHAL TOUR THROUGH WESTERN ONTARIO

A despatch from Windsor says:—Farewell to the Prince of Wales at noon on Friday was delightful in its informality. Hundreds of young women who had evaded squads of police and guard of soldiers and made their way to the platform pelted the departing guest with flowers of every description and hue until the floor of the rear platform was covered with them. Thousands had gathered at the station to swarm about the train so that it was only with the greatest of difficulty that the Prince and suite could make their way to their car. Jocular remarks passed between H.R.H. and his eager, happy audience as he stood on the platform of the observation coach waiting for the train to move. When it did cheer after cheer rolled after it until it had passed out of sight around a bend.

The Prince had a busy morning. At 10 o'clock he reviewed a large body of returned men, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and members of the Naval Brigade, after which he proceeded to All Saints' Church, where he deposited the colors of the 99th Battalion. Leaving the church, he proceeded on a tour of the border towns of Sandwich, Ojibway, Walkerville and Ford. Although his time was very limited he spared sufficient to stop for a few minutes at the Hotel Dieu, outside of which a number of wounded soldiers were sitting to give him a greeting as he passed, and at the Assumption School, where he was noisily acclaimed by a body of school children. He paused sufficiently long to secure for them a whole holiday on Monday. At the station, to which he drove after completing his tour of the surrounding towns, a funny incident occurred. As the Prince passed through the ranks of the returned men lined up along the platform one of the men stepped forward and said: "Hello, Eddie, have you got a shilling on you?" "I'm afraid I haven't," replied the Prince, smiling. "But you haven't looked yet," protested the soldier. Whereupon the Prince plunged his hand into his pocket and drew forth a quarter, which he handed to the man, who was later seen exhibiting it with as much delight as if he had been made the present of a Victory bond.

At various stations which were passed en route to Galt many people were on hand to cheer him as he sped through, ovations which the Prince never found himself too busy to acknowledge from the platform of the observation car. At Chatham he left his lunch to chat a few minutes with people who had gathered on the platform there. At London he emptied his cigarette case for the benefit of the souvenir hunters, and then gave the one he was smoking to a young woman who took three puffs from it and handed it back, an incident which greatly amused his Royal Highness.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales completed his tour of Western Ontario when he paid a visit to Galt on Friday afternoon. In spite of the fact that the visit was for one hour only, in that short space of time he managed to make an automobile tour of the city, review veterans, lay a corner stone and attend a civic reception. Although his program was full and his duties onerous, he was fully repaid for his efforts by the warmth of the welcome he was given at every point where he made his appearance. It was particularly true of Main Street where hundreds of school children lining both sides of the street, each one of them armed with a flag and a strong pair of lungs, united in extending to him an ovation which for strength and sincerity of tone has been unsurpassed in any of the towns which he has honored by his presence.



The Bartender of the Future.

PRINCE ENTERTAINS ONTARIO VILLAGERS

People of Oxford County District Especially Favored.

A despatch from Woodstock says:—The Prince of Wales is a royal entertainer. This fact was clearly demonstrated to the people of the little station of Creditville one night this week. The village had been decided upon as a stopover place for the night, and the Royal train was shunted in the siding where it was expected that Canada's Royal guest would have much-needed quiet. But it was not long until the people, old and young, of the village and surrounding country, which is about four miles east of Woodstock, were aware of the presence of the train bearing the heir to the British throne. Soon a crowd had gathered. The guards were prevailed upon to inform the Prince that the people of the countryside would like just one glance at his Royal Highness. Soon he appeared, and after answering the great cheer with a swing of his hat, he mingled with the people. "Do not be bashful because I am," he said, and then followed a general handshaking with the lads and lassies. The Prince then treated all hands to either chocolates or cigars. Following this, he continued as entertainer. Entering his car, he soon had his gramophone close up to the door, and then, while the machine reeled off the popular "Johnny's in Town," the Prince made himself popular by grabbing up a snare-drum and acting as accompanist. It made a great hit, and it is doubtful if the people of any other part of the Dominion have been favored as were the villagers in the small Oxford County hamlet.

98 Million Needed For Eastern Fleet

A despatch from Melbourne, Australia, says:—The report of Admiral Lord Jellicoe concerning the naval defense of the Far East has been laid upon the table of the Australian House of Representatives.

Admiral Jellicoe, who has been making a tour of the British Dominions and dependencies to consider plans for their naval defense, says in the report that the naval interests of the British Empire will probably demand within the next five years a strong Eastern fleet, comprising vessels of the Royal Navy, the East Indian squadron and the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand navies.

Admiral Jellicoe estimates the annual cost of the Far Eastern fleet at $98,750,000.

Issues Royal Decree From Los Angeles

A despatch from Brussels says:—The Belgian Parliament has been dissolved by a Royal decree, which is dated Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 17.

The Cabinet will resign immediately after elections are held.

MINIMUM OBJECTIVE OF NEW VICTORY LOAN IS $300,000,000

The Choice of Maturity Five-Year or Fifteen-Year Bonds, Bearing Interest at 5½ Per Cent., May be Paid For In Full on Application or in Five Instalments.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, has made known the terms of the forthcoming Victory Loan. The prospectus asks for a minimum amount of $300,000,000 with the right to accept all or any part of subscriptions in excess of that sum. As in previous years, subscribers will be given a choice of maturity, five-year bonds, due Nov. 1, 1924, or 15-year bonds, due Nov. 1, 1934. The securities will carry interest at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum, payable May 1, and Nov. 1, and the issue price will be 100 and accrued interest for both maturities, making the income return 5½ per cent. per annum. Purchasers may pay in full on application or in five instalments, as follows:

Ten per cent. on application; 20 per cent. Dec. 9, 1919; 20 per cent. Jan. 9, 1920; 20 per cent. Feb. 10, 1920; 31.21 per cent. March 9, 1920. The last payment of 31.21 per cent. covers 30 per cent. balance of principal and 1.21 per cent. representing accrued interest at 5½ per cent. from Nov. 1 to due dates of the respective instalments.

As a full half-year's interest will be paid on May 1, 1920, the cost of the bonds will be 100 and interest. If payment is made at time of application the price will be 100 flat. After the initial payment, subscribers have the privilege of paying in full on any due date thereafter, with accrued interest computed at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum.

Arrangements have again been made with the banks for the purchase of bonds by small subscribers on the instalment card system, spreading the payment over ten months. Up to their capacity the banks will also accept bonds from small investors for safe keeping without charge for a period of one year.

The subscriptions lists opened October 27 and will close on or before November 15, 1919.

As previously intimated by the Minister of Finance, the bonds of the new issue will not carry the tax exempt privilege which was attached to the issues made during the war. This means that in computing his Dominion income tax the holder of the new securities who is subject to the tax will be required to include the interest as part of his taxable income.

Illiteracy in Canada Costs 75 Millions

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—Startling figures on the illiteracy of Canada as a whole were given by Dr. J. T. M. Anderson of Regina at the session of the National Educational Conference, with the declaration that this illiteracy costs the country annually $75,000,000 in lowered production. Unified action by all the provinces in overcoming it was suggested, with a grant of a half million dollars toward the work from the Federal Government and a similar amount from the provinces.

Dr. M. Fairchild of Washington, D. C., said there was grave danger in Canada and the United States of a populistic uprising in sympathy with European Socialistic adjustments.

United States Coal For Europe

A despatch from London says:—A despatch to the Evening News from Cardiff says that W. H. Gardner, a Swansea coal operator, on Wednesday in Paris completed an arrangement under which six million tons of gas, steam and ordinary coal are to be shipped from America to continental ports.

Fiume to be Governed by President and Cabinet

A despatch from Fiume says:—The National Council of Fiume, organized Oct. 30, 1918, for the purpose of representing Italian annexionist claims, has made public the method of its dissolution, which will occur automatically on the election of a Municipal Assembly by order of Gabriele D'Annunzio.

The Council in a proclamation establishes the form of government for Fiume, consisting of an Assembly and a Cabinet, headed by a President who will be chosen by the members of the Assembly.

The Cabinet will be divided into the Departments of the Interior, Treasury, Commerce, Transportation, Education and Justice.

Earl Curzon Will Succeed Balfour as Foreign Secretary

A despatch from London says:—It is officially announced that Earl Curzon has been appointed Foreign Secretary in succession to Arthur J. Balfour.

Mr. Balfour has been appointed Lord President of the Council to succeed Earl Curzon.

HALF A MILLION COAL MINERS GO ON STRIKE IN UNITED STATES

Washington Conference Fails to Avert Trouble and Appeal of President Wilson Unavailing.

A despatch from Washington says:—The last Government effort to avert the coal strike set for November 1 failed utterly, and half a million miners quitted work on the very eve of winter, with the nation's bins running dangerously low.

Even an appeal from President Wilson, sick in bed at the White House, was not enough to bring peace to a conference that was torn and on the breaking point half a dozen times during the day. Charges and counter-charges flew thick and fast as the groups of operators and miners filed out of the meeting, which began somewhat hopefully four days ago.

While the operators announced that they had accepted the President's offer to wipe the slate clean and negotiate a new wage agreement, the miners charged that the operators had bolted, without the consent of Secretary of Labor Wilson, the storm centre of an extraordinary fight to save the country untold distress and suffering.

Weekly Market Report

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $2.30; No. 2 Northern, $2.27; No. 3 Northern, $2.23, in store Fort William.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 CW, 82c; No. 3 CW, 79c; extra No. 1 feed, 79c; No. 1 feed, 77c; No. 2 feed, 74½c, in store Fort William.

Manitoba barley—No. 3 CW, $1.37½; No. 4 CW, $1.32; rejected, $1.21⅝; feed, $1.21⅝, in store Fort William.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, nominal.

Ontario oats—No. 3 white, 84 to 86c, according to freights outside.

Ontario wheat—No. 1 Winter, per car lot, $2 to $2.06; No. 2 do, $1.97 to $2.03; No. 3 do, $1.93 to $1.99, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Ontario wheat—No. I Spring, $2.02 to $2.08; No. 2 Spring, $1.99 to $2.08; No. 3 Spring, $1.95 to $2.01, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, $1.28 to $1.33, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat—Nominal.

Rye—Nominal.

Manitoba flour—Government standard, $11, Toronto.

Ontario flour—Government standard, Montreal, $9.25 to $9.50; Toronto, $9.05 to $9.30, in jute bags. Prompt shipment.

Millfeed—Car lots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, 45; shorts, per ton, $55; good feed flour, per bag, $3.50.

Hay—No. 1, per ton, $24 to $25; mixed, per ton, $18 to $21, track, Toronto.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, $10 to $11, track, Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale.

Butter—Dairy, tubs and rolls, 40 to 42c; prints, 43 to 45c; creamery, fresh made solids, 56 to 57c; prints, 57 to 58c.

Eggs—56 to 58c.

Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 25 to 30c; roosters, 25c; fowl, 20 to 25c; ducklings, 25 to 30c; turkeys, 35 to 40c; squabs, doz., $4.50.

Live poultry—Spring chickens, 20 to 23c; roosters, 20c; fowl, 18 to 25c; ducklings, 20c; turkeys, 35c.

Cheese—New, large, 29 to 29½c; twins, 29½ to 30c; triplets, 30 to 30½c; Stilton, 33 to 34c.

Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 50 to 52; creamery prints, 59 to 61c.

Margarine—33 to 38c.

Eggs—No. 1, 59 to 60c; selects, 62 to 63c; new laid, 68 to 70c.

Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 30 to 35c; roosters, 23 to 25c; fowl, 30 to 32c; turkeys, 50c; ducklings, 34 to 35c; squabs, doz., $6.

Live poultry—Spring chickens, 22 to 26c; fowl, 23 to 25c; ducks, 22 to 25c.

Beans—Canadian, hand-picked, bus., $5.25 to $5.75; primes, $4.25 to $4.75; Japans, $4.75 to $5; imported, hand-picked Burma, $4; Limas, 17½ to 18½c.

Honey—Extracted clover, 5-lb. tins, 25 to 26c; 10-lb. tins, 24½ to 25c; 60-lb. tins, 24c; buckwheat, 60-lb. tins, 18 to 20c; comb, 16-oz., $4.50 to $5 doz.; 10-oz., $3.50 to $4 dozen.

Maple products—Syrup, per imperial gal., $3.15; per 5 imperial gals., $3; sugar, lb., 27 to 28c.

Provisions—Wholesale.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 39 to 40c; do, heavy, 34 to 35c; cooked, 56 to 59c; rolls, 33 to 35c; breakfast bacon, 46 to 50c; backs, plain, 46 to 48c; boneless, 52 to 54c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 32 to 33c; clear bellies, 31 to 32c.

Lard—Pure tierces, 30½ to 31c; tubs, 31 to 31½c; pails, 31¼ to 31¾c; prints, 32 to 32½c; Compound tierces, 28 to 28½c; tubs, 28½ to 29c; pails, 28¾ to 29¼c; prints, 30 to 30½c.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—Oats--Extra No. 1 feed, 92½c. Flour—Man., new standard grade, $11 to $11.10. Rolled oats—Bag, 90 lbs., $4.80 to $4.85. Bran—$45. Shorts—$55. Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, $23 to $24. Cheese, finest easterns, 27 to 28c. Butter, choicest creamery, 61 to 61¼c. Eggs, fresh, 70c; do, selected, 64c; do, No. 1 stock, 58c; do, No. 2 stock, 54c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, $1.30 to $1.35. Dressed hogs, abattoir killed, $25.50 to $26. Lard, pure, wood pails, 20 lbs. net, 32½c.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Choice heavy steers, $12.75 to $13; good heavy steers, $12 to $12.50; butchers' cattle, choice, $11.25 to $11.75; do, good, $10.25 to $10.75; do, med., $9.25 to $9.75; do, com., $6.50 to $7; bulls, choice, $10 to $10.50; do, med., $9.50 to $9.75; do, rough, $7.50 to $8; butcher cows, choice, $10 to $10.50; do, good, $9 to $9.25; do, med., $8.50 to $9; do, com., $7 to $7.50; stockers, $7.50 to $10; feeders, $10 to $11.25; canners and cutters, $5 to $6.25; milkers, good to choice, $110 to $150; do, com. and med., $65 to $75; springers, $90 to $150; light ewes, $8 to $9.50; yearlings, $9 to $10.50; spring lambs, per cwt., $13.75 to $14.60; calves, good to choice, $16 to $19; hogs, fed and watered, $18; do. weighed off cars, $18.25; do, f.o.b., $17; do, do, to farmers, $16.75.

The Three Gold Balls.

Much speculation has been ventured as to the origin and significance of the unique trade mark that swings above every pawnshop, says a writer. The most popular misconception is that the three gold balls stand for the money loaned by the pawnbroker.

The first pawnbroker in England was an agent of the Medici family of Florence, and the three balls which he adopted as his sign were the coat of arms of that famous line. For the history of the adoption by the Medicis of this heraldry there is a fantastic tale. It has been said that it was appropriated by an early Medici, one of the generals of Charlemagne, who, after slaying a certain terrible giant, took off as a souvenir his great club which had nailed to it three iron balls. Enlightening if true. It is not true.

The fact is that the original balls of the device were blue, and represented nothing more romantic than the pills formerly administered by the Medicis, who were physicians before they were money-lenders. The blue balls were gilded only about 70 years ago.

"From the sublime to the ridiculous," may say the disappointed reader. But truth will out.

Beware the gilded pills!

Prince Delivers Personal Letter From Queen Mary

A despatch from Brantford says:—A letter of thanks from Queen Mary, delivered personally by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, is in the proud possession of Miss Gilkinson, of this city, one of the most indefatiguable of war workers. A short account of the life and work of Miss Gilkinson, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Brantford, had previously been forwarded to the Queen by the local patriotic workers, and it was a great surprise when the Prince handed Miss Gilkinson the Queen's letter of appreciation on Monday last.

Always shrink a new braid before sewing to a skirt, otherwise the bottom of the skirt will become puckered the first time of weaning in the rain.

ENGLAND.

A fire at Boveney Court Farra, near Windsor, did damage to the extent of nearly £2,000.

A gorse fire has been raging at Three Cliffs in the Gower Peninsula, about eleven miles from Swansea.

The trawler St. Cloud, of Grimsby, with a crew of ten persons, has been lost somewhere in the North Sea.

A coal miner of Ryhope was fined forty shillings for calling a returned prisoner of war a "fireside soldier."

While cutting corn in the Sheffield district, a farmer ran his machine into a litter of foxes, cutting them to pieces.

William Bowles, of Reading, dived into the River Kennet, and saved a boy from drowning, making the sixth he has saved this summer.

While paddling in the shallow water on Mitcham Common, John Baldwin, aged six, of Tooting, sank in a hole and was drowned.

George Turner, known as "Genial George," of the Clerkenwell Police Court, has retired after twenty-eight years service on the police force.

J. B. Ogden, Deputy Town Clerk of Bath, has been appointed Town Clerk of Buxton.

The Isle of Man Legislative Council has passed a bill providing for air flight control over the island.

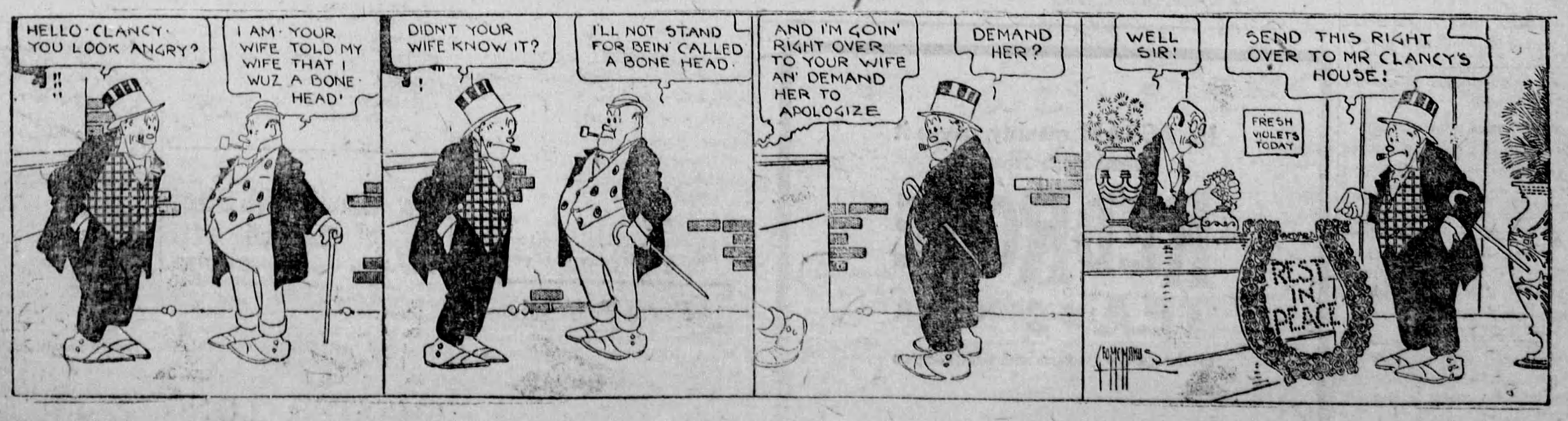
The Imperial Government is ready to give 100 airplanes to any Dominion requiring the machines for defence.

E. B. Barnard has been elected chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board for another term of three years.

Henry Marvin Wright, who has just died at Bath, rowed 750 miles down the Danube, Moldau and Elbe in 1890.

France Has Completed Army Demobilization

A despatch from Paris says:—The demobilization of the French Army, it is announced, is virtually completed.

Officers to the number of 101,000 and 4,322,000 men have been mustered out.

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