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EDITORIAL

And it is Like This in Canada

A discussion on the rights of the press in time of war has brought out in England the admission that her press never published anything it was requested to keep secret and that what it printed of its own accord was helpful to the cause of the Allies.

Equality of Soldiers' Recognition

At the annual gathering of the G. W. V. A. at Brantford last week a resolution was carried recommending that all men who served in the C. E. F. uniform for three months or over, and received honorable discharge, should receive the general service medal, and not a special Canadian medal as suggested.

How France Works It Out

Here's a bit of applicable truth, applicable in Canada as well as in the United States, from a Chicago financial journal: "France was dreadfully torn by the war, terribly depleted financially by its expense. But what do we see now? Two years and a half after the armistice her people are able to invest 10,000,000,000 francs a year in bonds!

How Regina Does It

The Regina Leader notes an interesting new idea which seems very well worth while. "The Public Library Board is arranging to have placed in the vestibule of the Public Library a daily list of 'What's on in Regina'."

Britain Can Still Teach Them

Once in a while United Statesers wake up to the fact that they still have something to learn from the Old Land. Witness this tribute to the British system from the New York World: "Little noted abroad because of anxiety over the reparations issue, less noted even at home than it should be by reason of the coal crisis, the British budget balance is again a feat of constructive statesmanship worthy of the highest admiration."

Let the Diplomats Settle It

The treaty between Great Britain and Japan, as to whether it is actually renewed or denounced may well be left to an understanding development at the Imperial Conference in June. It is not a very good reason, however, for continuing a treaty that it is likely to be harmless.

Only One Way

The Allies seem at last to have discovered the right way to handle Germany. It is no use telling that republic that as a matter of right and justice she must make good the damage she has wantonly done. It is no use asking her to take her punishment because she knows she deserves it.

No Technicality to Thwart the People's Vote

As a result of strong representations from the governments of the provinces which have declared for prohibition through federal plebiscites, the government at Ottawa has in contemplation the passing of legislation providing that no technicality shall be allowed to invalidate the result of such plebiscite and safeguarding the will of the people from the effect of errors of a purely technical character.

France vs. Germany

The New York Tribune propounds a question which makes one think a little more sympathetically with the French in their post-war demands. "If France had done what Germany openly proclaimed her intention of doing," it says, "the French would have taken possession of all the German railways, canals, forts, warehouses, coal and iron mines, factories, business buildings, and even all agricultural land."

Enforce Municipal By-laws

It is the clear duty of the Municipal Council while in office to see that the provisions of the various by-laws of the municipality are enforced—whether the by-laws have been passed by the Council in office or by their predecessors. Violations of all such by-laws as the fire limits by-law, the by-laws against sale of fire crackers, the prohibiting of driving over boulevards and sidewalks, riding bicycles on the sidewalks, animals at large or being tethered on the streets, the use of profane language on the streets, the dumping of rubbish, and all other by-laws, should be punished immediately after the offense has been committed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The former Kaiser says his people deserted him and God at the same time. It sounds impossible—Cleveland News.

Flooding British mines with water means flooding foreign mines with pounds sterling. Strikers' outrages are always harmful to the perpetrators.

So far, look where they may, and experiment as they have, no person has yet found a successful substitute for an advertisement in a newspaper.

Some of these people who are always so bitter in denouncing uplifters are heading for a place where there won't be any. Will they be happy then?

The records of the recent Referendum vote show that only 10 out of Ontario's 81 electoral divisions gave a majority for liquor. The dry majority now aggregates 175,000.

As the prices of food and clothing decline in Great Britain, wage reductions promptly follow. This is a very natural and logical result. The wages of over 350,000 workers there were reduced the past month.

A few years ago the Toronto World was valued at a million dollars. A fortnight ago it was sold for a song. That gives some idea of the strain imposed on newspapers by the conditions of to-day—Orillia Packet.

Winning the Prix d'Europe in Canada is an event of great importance, for the winner gets a two-year course in Paris and a cash prize of three thousand dollars. This year the successful person is a young girl, Miss Ruth Price, of Quebec.

We have a very consistent "bunch" at Ottawa. They tell us to buy made-in-Canada goods, yet at a banquet given ex-Speaker Lowther of the British House of Commons the table decorations were Stars and Stripes bearing the legend "U. S. A. First."—Farmers' Sun.

The courts have established a precedent showing that parents have a legal responsibility for the conduct of their children. In a number of cases in the Juvenile Court at Brantford last week fines of \$25 were inflicted upon a number of fathers for failing to keep the boys from running the streets.

The conclusion of the war is to be celebrated by an annual public holiday under the name of Armistice Day. A bill to this effect has passed its final stage in the House of Commons. The holiday will be the Monday in the week in which November 11 comes and this will also be Canada's national Thanksgiving Day.

And now it appears we may number the great Abraham Lincoln among the advocates of shopping at home. "When you spend a dollar at home," he is credited with having said, "you have both the goods and the dollar." When you spend it away you have nothing but the goods. "Although this was uttered sixty years ago it is quite as true to-day. Good advice for our Canadian people who are being blamed by Sir Henry Drayton, the Finance Minister, for keeping up the rate of exchange.

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY CONGRESS

There is probably no branch of agriculture in which Canada has made more progress than in the dairy industry. An opportunity will be afforded next year to let the world know just how far this is the case for in the summer of 1921 to be held at Chicago, Ill., the Seventh International Dairy Congress, at which there will be present officially appointed representatives from thirty to fifty different countries.

WHY DO MINISTERS' SONS ALWAYS GO WRONG?

Some one with a tongue long enough to enable him to sit in the parlor and lick a skillet in the kitchen, as Sam Jones might say, once asked a lady who was a good deal older than he had asked it when. In a recent editorial, James Harton said: "One-third of the ministers' sons go wrong, one-third drift around in between, and other third rule the world."

NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Most adults are taking the romance out of life for young girls. They now have nothing to look forward to in that dress train time that formerly only marked the ages when they quit being little girls and became young women. In the old days before all of the gentler sex were "skirted" one of the most anticipated days in a girl's life was when she would wear her first long dress. It was a parallel to the small boy becoming a young man when he put on his first long trousers.

MORE THAN A BILLION FISH EGGS COLLECTED

With hatcheries operated by the Fisheries Branch, Department of Marine and Fisheries, collected more than one billion, two hundred million eggs during the year 1920. About two-fifths of these were whitefish eggs, and one-fifth were trout eggs. The following table shows the collection by species: Atlantic salmon, 38,950,000; Quanaiche, 60,000; Catfish, 1,011,000; Steelhead salmon, 161,800; Kamloops trout, 34,000; Hockeye salmon, 28,288,400; Spring salmon, 4,919,000; Coho salmon, 146,300; Atlantic salmon, 6,727,000; Rockcod (trout), 502,950; Whitefish, 78,895,000; Salmon trout, 28,102,000; Herring, 12,000,000; White eel, 231,284,800; total, 1,202,437,325.

IT MIGHT BE WORSE

If everybody's misery was written in his face, there'd be—but little pleasure here among the human race. The glow of cheerful happiness would fade away and die. And all the springs of joy and mirth would soon be running dry. No don't you grow discouraged then, if everything seems to be running against you, a streak of joy will surely come along. Don't keep a frown on all the time as if you were a bear. But keep your trouble down and say, it might be worse.

CORK TO CORK

Three men were travelling in a train in Ireland en route for Cork. The train was very late, and to make matters worse it was held up frequently between the stations. At last they reached a station where an inspector came down the train to examine the tickets. "Where for?" he demanded, as he looked into the compartment occupied by the three men. "Cork," they replied in unison. "Then you're all Cork," replied the inspector with a smile. "Yes," replied one of the three men, "and if your train was all cork, too, it would be a pretty good train. At present it's the best stopper I've seen."

THE CROWNING LURE

She was rich but uneducated and had a cottage for the summer at the seaside. Her one problem was to get the money to pay for the "crowning lure" of the season. The invitation was being very warmly extended, and at last, Mrs. Malaprop said: "And as you sit on the front porch, it's charming to watch the little white bait boats fill the bay and con—London Tit-Bits.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

IF WE COULD, WHAT?

If a man could regulate the weather in whose hands would he place the control and get a satisfying result? The cities could get along with a limited amount of rain if the reservoirs holding their water supply were not affected. The wheat grower would want clear skies when his neighbor, the corn grower, would demand heavy rains. One farmer would pay for a shower on his lettuce patch and another ask for sunshine on his chicken yard. While the farmers smiled at the downpour which made their crops, the plowmen would rail at it for spoiling their only day off. We can be happier by trusting to the almanac than we would be worrying if the board of weather control would give us our allotment of rain on the day when we wanted it.—New York Herald.

IT MADE A DIFFERENCE

An American tourist in Scotland took a great fancy to a handsome collier he saw and offered to buy it. The owner asked some questions, and on learning that it didn't give much, but it never knew a church to die because it gave too much. Day don't die that way; brethren, has any of you known a church to die because it gave too much? If you do, let me know, and I'll make a pilgrimage to that church, and I'll climb by its steeple to the moon to its own-covered roof, and I'll stand and lift my hands to heaven and say, "Blessed are they that die in the Lord."

HIS PLAN

The good husband entered his little cottage with a contented look in his eyes and a grampstone under his arm. "Well," said his wife angrily, "I never thought you would buy one of those things. You said you were fed up by the continuous screeching of the one they have next door." "Don't be alarmed," he said, "the hubby replied, 'we shall have peace at last. That's the way I've bought.'"

OLD AND NEW FRIENDS

Make new friends but keep the old: These are silver, these are gold. New friends are like new wine, Old friends are like old brandy. Age will mellow and refine, Friendships that have stood the test, Time and change, are surely best. Throw wild friends, half true, gray, Friendly never own, they're true. For 'old old friends kind and true We once more our youth renew. But what our friends must die, New friends must their place supply. Then cherish faithfully in your breast; New is good, but old is best. Make new friends, but keep the old; These are silver, these are gold. —Henry Van Dyke.

GOOD PHILOSOPHY

There was a deal of pith and point in the comment of the African preacher on the text: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He said: "I've known many a church to die 'cause it didn't give enough, but I never knowed a church to die 'cause it gave too much. Day don't die that way; brethren, has any of you knowed a church to die 'cause it gave too much? If you do, let me know, and I'll make a pilgrimage to that church, and I'll climb by its steeple to the moon to its own-covered roof, and I'll stand and lift my hands to heaven and say, 'Blessed are they that die in the Lord.'"

CHANGED HIS MIND

A man went to a lawyer, laid before him a case in dispute, and then asked him if he would undertake to win the suit. "Certainly I will undertake the case, we are sure to win." "Well, then, sir, I don't think I'll go to law this time, for you see, I have just given you my opponent's case, and not my own."

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Getting Results

There is no doubt that people read the Advertisements," said a Leading Merchant to the FREE PRESS this week, as he handed in copy for some extra advertising. "We have tried it, and know." We have had special sales already this year, and in every case we have cleared out our stock of the goods advertised within the time specified. The response has come not only from Town, but by mail and telephone, as well as in person, from the country for miles round. People are watching the papers to save money these days. Yes, we are quite satisfied that it pays to advertise. In fact, no up-to-date merchant can afford to neglect his advertising.

It is evident that other merchants are of the same opinion, or it wouldn't be necessary for the FREE PRESS to print 6 Pages.

Whether it's a condensed advertisement or a whole page of display, you will find advertising in the Free Press will bring results.

Business Directory

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