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EDITORIAL

Civilization Could Not Survive Another War

United States Secretary of Commerce Hoover has said that western civilization could not survive another world war, and most believers of social and economic conditions agree with this statement. What another war would mean in the way of destruction of life and property is made clear by the fact that even to-day military engineers and chemists can send up an airship, without a crew, direct it by electrical control over a slumbering city, and there drop bombs that would destroy thousands of people and an incalculable amount of property in the twinkling of an eye. A writer in Germany said a few days ago that it was not soldiers but chemists that country needs now to go into war again, and he hinted that his country is now preparing for another combat.

The Value of the Town Newspaper

Mayor McLean in his inaugural address referred to the service rendered the Council and town by the Press. Unquestionably the newspapers do render a service that is seldom recognized. None are more loyal or more energetic boosters of the town than they, and while at times there may be matters in Council that invite criticism, in the general interests of the community the questions are treated from a helpful rather than a fault-finding standpoint. The policy and practice of the Orillia newspapers with the Municipal Council and other public bodies has been co-operation, and the result has been progress. Expressions of public appreciation are never sought and so seldom come the way of the newspaper, that in this instance it seems only proper that some brief reference should be made to it.—Orillia Times. These remarks apply equally well to any of the town newspapers of the province. Invariably their columns are used for the advancement of the interests of the town in which they are published.

A Town Unduly Represented

The Milton Reformer calls attention to the very peculiar and over-represented position which Oakville holds in its relation to the County Council of Halton. It says:

"Oakville will have three representatives at the County Council Board this year. Oakville will have as many representatives at the County Council as Acton, Georgetown and Milton combined. And every one of these three towns are just as important a muncipality as Oakville. Halton, with a population of over 20,000, has only one representative in the Dominion Parliament, and that is plenty, and all that it needs to look after its interests. And yet Oakville, with a population of less than 5,000, will have three representatives at such a comparatively small legislative body as the County Council. And the statutes, of course, are responsible for this over-representation, and is only one of many instances where the statutes of Ontario are cluttered with just such fool laws as this."

It does seem an anomalous situation that Oakville should have three of the fifteen members of the County Council.

Whither are We Drifting ?

It is to be hoped that the new County Council will find something to do during 1925 besides adding to the already staggering debenture debt of the county. We are told that although Halton is one of the smallest counties in Ontario, it has the largest debenture debt of any, and it is being continually added to, until some day the last straw will be added to that and break the camel's back. Good roads and bridges, of course, are responsible for the huge debenture debt of the County, and if we had the good roads that the money was spent to secure, perhaps there would be little cause for complaint, but the fact of the matter is, half of the money spent in the first instance for good roads might as well have been tossed into the lake for all the County has to show for it to-day. Taxes for County purposes are becoming an absolute burden to many, especially in the rural districts, where they have, during the last five or six years, increased by leaps and bounds. And where and when is this orgy of spending going to cease? People are beginning to get restless under the increasing burdens being laid upon their shoulders, and some day they will break out into open revolt. And who would wonder at it, or be surprised? It is pretty near time to call a halt in these matters. Look at the County of Wellington, one of the largest counties in Ontario, said to be out of debt altogether. And Halton, one of the smallest counties in Ontario, with a debenture debt of three-quarters of a million and still climbing.—Reformer.

Reducing the Necessity for Vivisection

A very humano and much improved method of teaching some of the details of surgery has recently been adopted in France. In the lecture rooms of the University of Paris they are now using motion pictures of experimental operations on animals, instead of performing the actual operations before the students in medicine and surgery. The purpose is to reduce to the minimum the practice of vivisection, which is now to be permitted only for original research. These pictures have other advantages as well, for they can be run as slowly as the operator desires, and be repeated as often as he finds to be desirable.

Canada's Low Death Rate

That the general death rate for the year 1924 will be the lowest on record, is forecasted in the statistical bulletin of a life insurance company doing business in Canada as well as in the United States. The prediction is based on the cumulative death rate of more than fifteen million industrial policyholders calculated up to December 15, 1924. The principle causes of death, in order of magnitude, were; organic diseases of the heart, 123 per 100,000 population; tuberculosis, 101; cancer 89; pneumonia 89; chronic nephitis 65; cerebral homorrhage 59. As compared with the preceeding year, there has been a remarkable decline in the death rate from diphtheria, measles and scarlet fever.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The number of paupers in institutions in the United States per 100,000 population is now 71.5 as compared with 91.5 in 1910. They haven't increased under prohibition, anyway.

If citizens generally would take as much interest in municipal affairs throughout the year as they do at election time, what a help it would be to members of the Council. And if they will offer constructive criticism instead of destructive, Acton would be a better town.

Co-operation is evidently growing in popularity and utility in the west. According to figures gathered by the Provincial Department of Agricultur., 40 co-operative organizations in Alberta, including the wheat pool, had a total turn-over in 1923 of $37,728,000.

Two dollar wheat on the Chicago market will help a lot to compensate the farmers for their hard work, and also persuade a lot of people to stay on the farm who were beginning to think the job as hardly worth while. People generally are glad to see wheat go up to a paying price again.

The Ontario Legislature is called to meet on February 10. The Premier expects to see the end of the session at Easter. Much interest will be taken in the course followed by the government and the legislature in relation to the Ontario Temperance Act, the question of provincial highways and new taxation.

As far as the Canadian authorities in London have been able to gather since the Paris conference was concluded, Canada will this year receive actual cash reparations from Germany. The sum will be only about $1,600,000, but it will be that much more than most people expected before the conclusion of the Dawes agreement.

The Premiers of both the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec are opposed to the export of Hydro Power to the United States. Premier Ferguson gives very tenable reasons for his opposition. First, because the people of Ontario need all Ontario's Hydro Power, and second, because it is very difficult and embarrassing to stop the exportation after it has once been commenced.

Many editors throughout Canada in the past few months have consigned numerous articles on the church union question to the waste-paper basket. A Nova Scotia editor who made some rather uncomplimentary remarks on the character of the "literature" issued in the church fight, concludes: "Our readers owe us a deep debt of gratitude for what we have spared them by not publishing these reams of propaganda."

That the Liberal party of Great Britain will in the near future espouse the cause of Prohibition and make it a plank in the platform of the party is the prediction being made by influential politicians of the Old Land. Could the British people be persuaded of the terrific waste of material resources entailed by their prodigous thirst for intoxicating beverages, there would soon be an end to the burdensome taxation which now is weighing down the nation.—Beaverton Express.

They evidently have trouble in other parts of Canada in the matter of observance of the fire limits by-law as well as in Acton. The Windsor N. S. Journal says: "We cannot understand the attitude of the Town Council in permitting the continued abuse of the Fire Limits law. It appears that builders proceed in the construction of buildings without first having carefully studied the laws of the town as regards the erection or re-modelling of buildings within the fire limits district."

A rather reassuring statement was made by Mr. Ariam Williams, a native of India, in an interview in Toronto the other evening. Mr. Williams is returning home after spending five years in the Universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh. He declared that British Columbia had nothing to fear from Indian immigration even if all barriers were removed. "The Indian on the whole does not migrate," he said. "Too many feel that they lose caste by crossing the water. And British Columbia has no particular lure for them."

We are all apt to be impatient and to foolishly think that a habit inherent for generations can be eradicated in a few years by the passing of a law that is not yet perfected. The marvel is that such good results have been obtained with this instrument and in such a short time. License was tried out for decades and proved an utter failure. The prohibition method has been tried out for but a few years and has worked wonders. Give it a few more years' trial and Canada will surprise the world with the results.

Neighborhood News-- Town and Country

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown Lumber Co. have commenced cutting logs already this season.

Major Grant, S. B. Worden and John McDermid were at Acton on Monday attending the funeral of the late James Matthews.

Mr. T. E. Fisher has disposed of his house on Emery Street to Mr. A. H. Feller, superintendent of the Harley-Kay Company.

Mr. Cook, of Toronto, is relieving on the High School staff owing to the absence of Miss Peck, whose sister died at Streetsville last week.

Rev. J. L. Harton, B. A., with Mrs. Harton and family are now comfortably settled in the Baptist Parsonage.

Anniversary services will be held in the Baptist Church on Sunday, January 25, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. J. L. Harton, B. A., the new pastor, will preach at both services.

There was a large attendance at Credit Lodge No. 219 A. F. & A. M., on Friday evening last when the officers elect for 1925 were installed. The ceremony of installation was very ably conducted by W. Bro. George Ford, assisted by V. W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough.—Herald.

ERIN

Rev. F. E. Hedden, of Welland, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stephens.

Shamrock Lodge L. O. B. A., No. 474, will hold an old-time Box Social in the Town Hall, Erin, on Friday evening, January 30.

Mr. C. J. Hamilton is visiting with his brother and sister in Cleveland, Ohio, where he intends to remain a couple of weeks.

A very up-to-date rink is being made at the school, much to the satisfaction of the pupils.

The annual dinner and business meeting of the Baptist Church was held in the church on Wednesday, January 7. A very profitable, social hour was spent when all partook of dinner at twelve o'clock, followed by a very interesting business meeting.

A by-law passed by the Village Council last week appointed the following officers and salaries: Municipal Clerk, Wm. Conboy, salary $100.00; Assessor and Collector, John K. McLaren, $60.00; Treasurer, W. A. Burchill, $35.00; Medical Health Officer, Henry Gear, M. D., $25.00; Auditors, T. C. Foster and Ernie Wright, $5.90 each.—Advocate.

BURLINGTON

The many friends of Rev. Geo. King, pastor of the Methodist Church, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at his home. It is hoped that his condition will soon show improvement for a speedy recovery.

By a majority of 10, Knox Church congregation decided to enter the proposed church union, as a result of the balloting, which ended on Saturday afternoon.

The arrival in town on Monday of an auto with bobsleighs in front, instead of wheels, caused somewhat of a sensation on Brant Street. Double tires and chains were used on the rear and the driver claimed he could travel over any snow-bound roads in the country.

The Hydro-Electric have men busily engaged keeping the ice cut away from the towers in the bay, which carry the wires across the Beach. It is claimed these towers have moved already from the weight of the ice, and it is hoped to prevent further damage by keeping the space open all around the towers.

The Ontario Gazette has an application for the incorporation of Country Homes, Limited with headquarters at Burlington, capitalized at $40,000. The names of the applicants are as follows: Hughes Cleaver, Solicitor; Harry W. Thomas, agent; Edith Robinson, Gladys Washburn and Winnie Hodsdon, stenographers. We understand the company is being organized for the purpose of buying and selling real estate, building houses and carrying on a general construction business.

The officers for the Horticultural Society for 1925 have been elected as follows: President, W. A. Emory; 1st Vice-President, A. C. Mason; 2nd Vice-President, H. T. Foster; Treasurer, Geo. V. Irwin; Secretary, A. Butchart; Directors, Mrs. Bodkin, Mrs. H. W. Bowsoine, Mrs. F. Fisher, Miss Bell, Mrs. Rowley, H. F. Graham, W. H. Swift, Mr. Holtby, Rev. Mr. Tebbs, D. A. Welsh. Mr. Walter Burr and Mr. J. A. McArthur were re-appointed auditors. The Society had 309 members last year.—Gazette.

TWO BRIDES OF BURLEIGH

Tennyson, in his well-known ballad, "The Lord of Burleigh," relates in charming verse the delightful story of the real courtship of the tenth Earl of Exeter and the lovely bride whom he won while she was ignorant of his rank and wealth, and brought to rule over his great estate of Burleigh—"Burleigh-house by Stamford-town."

His countess was indeed a simple village maiden from Bolas in Shropshire; and her name was Sarah Hoggins—a name which the art of even the great poet laureate was unequal to enshrining in verse. He discreetly left nameless the heroine of his ballad: and after all it is much more important, as well as pleasing, to know

That she grew a noble lady,
And the people loved her much.

The son of this romantic couple brought home in his turn to Burleigh a bride as fair as her predecessor, but of quite different station and experience. She was Miss Poyntz, a famous London beauty, whose charms brought her so many suitors that it became a family jest to inquire, when the mail was brought in and distributed during breakfast time, "Where is Isabella's proposal?"

It was this beautiful woman whose blande lovelinees and sweet disposition called forth from one of her loyal household retainers, to whom she seemed too exquisite to be wholly of this common world, a tribute intended to be complimentary, which might be taken as the reverse of complimentary, by one who did not know the lady and the blunderer.

"How noble and good is Lady Exeter!" a guest of the house had exclaimed, when some kind act of the hostess had been accidentally revealed.

"Yes," assented the retainer, with enthusiasm, "I never look at her ladyship without saying to myself, 'That is a fallen angel!'"

ONE DOLLAR A POUND FOR TEA PREDICTED BEFORE LONG

The tremendous increase in the popularity of tea as a beverage has been such that the producing countries have been unable to satisfy the demand. The price of tea has been steadily increasing for a number of years. Since, however, you can make from 250 to 300 cups of tea to the pound, even at the price of $1.00 the cost per cup is only one-third of a cent.

CAREFUL

The cake had been passed to everyone at the table but Bobbie, three and one-half years old.

Bobbie—"I'll take a piece of cake, please."

Mother—"No, dear, banana cake is too heavy for little boys."

Bobbie (after several seconds of thought)—"Well, I'll use both hands."

MY CHURCH AND I

I thought my church was narrow: that in her service I was denied the joy of life. I thought that other folk more fully entered into time's rich gain and great happiness. I knew not of.

But when I stopped to think! Not narrow was my church, but my own selfish heart that craved fleshly ease.

It was not my church, it was I!

I thought my church lacked sociability; that folks both came and went and no one seemed to care in either case. I thought that the other places offered more joy to strangers.

But when I stopped to think! There was no unsociability about my church; it came to me I'd hurried home without a thought of the strange face.

It was not my church, it was I!

I thought my church was dead. I wept at the grave, thought that she no longer faced a moving generation with a vital message. My face was wet with weeping. But I was startled as I stopped to think that I was weeping all alone, and for myself. I found I'd never lost the grave clothes and the napkin still did tightly bind my lips that no word to lift the lost had ever issued from my heart. I found that I was dead!

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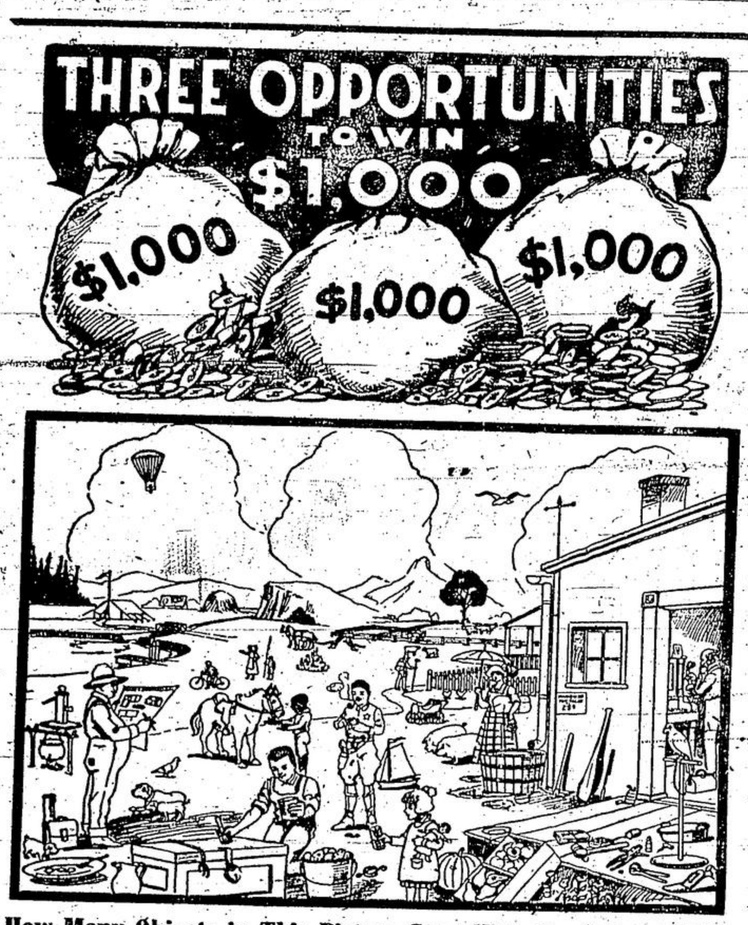

How Many Objects in This Picture Start With the Letter "P"?

The above picture contains a number of objects beginning with the letter "P". Just take a good look at the picture—there are all sorts of things that begin with the letter "P"—"puppy", "pumpkin", "paddle", "purse", etc. Nothing is hidden; you don't have to turn the picture upside down. Make a list of all the objects in the picture the names of which begin with the letter "P". Have the whole family join in—see who can find the most. Don't miss any. Fifty cash prizes will be awarded for the fifty best lists of words submitted. The answer having the largest and nearest correct list of visible objects shown in the picture starting with the letter "P" will be awarded first prize; second best, second prize, etc.

Young and Old Join in the Fun

The Mail and Empire announces to-day another puzzle game in which all can participate—from the tiniest child to grandfather and grandmother. No object is so small but that the poorest eyesight can see it. It is a test of skill. Your ability to find "P" words determines the prize you win. Right after supper this evening, gather all the members of your family together; give each of them a pencil and sheet of paper—and see who can find the most "P-Words". You will be surprised to find how large a list of words you can get with a few minutes' study. Sit down NOW and try it—Then, send in your list and try for the big prizes.

Observe These Rules

1. Any man, woman or child who lives in Canada, and is not a resident of Toronto, and who is not in the employ of The Mail and Empire, or a member of an employe's family, may submit an answer.
2. All answers must be mailed by February 7th, 1925, and addressed to C. A. Montgomery, Puzzle Manager, Mail and Empire.
3. All lists of names should be written on one side of the paper only, and numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3, etc. Write your full name and address in the upper right hand corner. If you desire to write anything else, use a separate sheet.
4. Only such words as appear in the English Dictionary will be counted. Do not use obsolete words. Where the plural is used, the singular cannot be counted, and vice versa.
5. Words of the same spelling can be used only once, even though used to designate different objects or articles, or parts of objects or articles. An object or article can be named only once.
6. Do not use hyphenated or compound words, or any words formed by the combination of two or more complete words, where each word in itself is an object.
7. The answer having the largest and nearest correct list of names of visible objects and articles shown in the picture that begin with the letter "P" will be awarded First Prize, etc. Neatness, style or handwriting have no bearing upon deciding the winners.
8. Any number of people may co-operate in answering the Puzzle, but only one prize will be awarded to any one household; nor will prizes be awarded to more than one of any group where two or more have been working together.
9. In the event of a tie for any prize offered, the full amount of such prize will be awarded to each tied participant.
10. Subscriptions (both new and renewal), payable in advance at $5.00 per year by mail in Canada, or $6.00 per year delivered by carrier boy in Hamilton, will be accepted. However, in qualifying for the $1,000 Bonus Rewards, at least one new subscription must be sent in.
11. A new subscriber is anyone who has not been receiving The Mail and Empire since January 15th.
12. All answers will receive the same consideration regardless of whether or not a subscription to The Mail and Empire is sent in.
13. All new subscriptions will be carefully verified by the Puzzle Manager. Candidates marking old subscriptions as new will positively forfeit the credit of such subscriptions as qualifying for the Maximum Bonus Rewards.
14. Three prominent Toronto citizens, having no connection with The Mail and Empire, will be selected to act as judges to decide the winners, and participants by sending in their lists agree to accept the decision of the judges as final and conclusive.
15. The judges will meet on February 18th, and announcement of the Prize Winners and publication of words will be published in The Mail and Empire as quickly thereafter as possible.

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6th Prize	15	100	200
7th Prize	10	75	150
8th Prize	8	50	100
9th Prize	6	30	60
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Or, if your answer wins FIRST, SECOND or THIRD Prize, and you have sent in two yearly subscriptions to The Mail and Empire (one new and one renewal or two new subscriptions), you will receive $1,000 in place of $35; fourth prize, $500; fifth prize, $300, and so forth. (See third column of figures in prize list.)

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C. A. Montgomery, Puzzle Manager, Dept. I.

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