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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th., 1918.

A FOOLISH FASHION

There are fashions in talk just as there are in skirts and poodles. One or two thoughtless men will sometimes start a line of talk, and one after another other thoughtless people will follow the fashion until it may become almost a standard. Just at present there is a skimpy, uncomfortable and useless fashion struggling for popular favor,—the fashion of deploring the outlook of the war. Sleek, fat, well-fed men here safe and prosperous at home sigh and sob, "Dear, oh dear, oh dear, the war looks bad. Comfortable fellows, just up from their easy beds to make a little more easy money, bemoan the evil outlook. Pessimistic talk threatens to become a fashion. It would be well, indeed, if in war talk we would insist upon our fashions being imported from France, or from Britain or brave Belgium. It is an odd fact that the people who suffer the least sob the most. The gloom, the despondency, the hopelessness—all centre here where the safety, the comfort and the prosperity abide. The sunniest men are overseas in the trenches. Near the battle front men may die, but it is there where men can see clearly and know truly that hope and courage live beyond all questions.

It is lack of understanding of the situation that prompts pessimism to-day. None of the big men—the leaders—the men who know the inwardness of the case are downcast to-day. Britain in three years has reached a military preparedness that it took Germany thirty-three years to achieve. Britain is solvent, and full of courage and power. France is unconquerable in spirit. Belgium still stands. Italy is righting itself in earnest. Ger-

many's progress is more apparent than real. In the defeat of Russia, it has simply assumed the control of a big land and a turbulent people, with the historic story of Napoleon and Moscow as a lesson. Russia's folly has not released any considerable body of German soldiers for the western front where it is admitted the victory will be won. The supposed stores of food that may be secured in Russia are neither as large nor as accessible as some believe. Transportation must be made immense distances over inadequate railroads. The Germans cannot conceal their lack of hope in this respect. It will be near the end of this year before they can materially benefit from Russia's folly, and before that the end may be near. The outlook is not dark. It is a hard fight that faces the Allies, but when have the British people feared a difficult task for humanity's sake. Men at home may aid by following the fashion—the correct mode—the style of the brave men who battle overseas and the patient men who work and plan at the nation's help. Speak hopefully, think cheerfully, and from courage and optimism applied there will come the strength that leads to Victory.

HAILEYBURY ALSO HAVING INVESTIGATION OF POLICE.

Some time ago Mayor Wright of Haileybury made some serious charges against the Chief of Police of that town, and asked the Council to discharge the official. The Council refused until an investigation should be held. A committee took up the matter and after a time suggested that the Chief resign. The Chief refused and instead, demanded a judicial investigation. Last week the Council supported the Chief's demand for a judicial investigation and the charges accordingly will be heard by the County Judge. Mayor Wright is credited with saying that his word should be sufficient to settle the matter, but fair-minded people will feel that if the Chief of Police of Haileybury is guilty of any misconduct the facts should be made known and if he is innocent that his innocence should be firmly established.

LUMBERJACK RAINED SILVER ON CITY STREETS

Toronto was excited out of its calm goodness last week when Mike Pockelke, a lumberjack from "somewhere in the North Land," blocked the traffic and set the inhabitants scrambling for silver coins which he scattered liberally with the proverbial lavish hand. Mike left the rooming house where

he was staying on St. Patrick street, with a pocket full of nickels, times, quarters and half-dollars, and a skin full of the stuff that makes a man feel richer than all the silver or gold in the world. He walked along the street tossing silver coins into the air, and soon he had a couple of hundred people bathing in his silvery shower. When two specially excited city men bumped into him in their anxiety to get his silver he promptly knocked them down and out. Soon the street was blocked and a constable arrived on the scene. The constable first picked up all the money he could find, then he picked up Mike. The policeman gathered \$142.60 of Mike's money, which was duly waiting him when he sobered up. Counting off the fine and costs for being drunk and acting disorderly, Mike is about \$100 to the good through the policeman's pick-ups.

CAPT. BAILEY PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE.

Capt. George T. Bailey, one of the first doctors on the Transcontinental Railway, and formerly practising medicine at Cochrane, was arraigned in the Toronto Police Court last Thursday on a charge of violating the Military Service Act. His arrest was due to the statement he made during the Dominion Alliance Temperance Convention meeting that he had been informed that 90 per cent. of the troops in the front line trenches were intoxicated on Christmas Day. Through his counsel, Capt. Bailey pleaded not guilty to the charge and was remanded until to-day (Wednesday). Bail was renewed for \$2000 by John Bailey, of Walkerville, father of the accused.

RETURNED SOLDIER NEW COBALT POSTMASTER.

Sergt. Walter Binny, a veteran of the Boer War, who was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous service in this war, has been appointed postmaster at Cobalt and took over the duties at that office last week. He enlisted in 1904, was gassed at Ypres, and later suffered seventeen distinct wounds. It is fitting that men like Sergt. Binny who gave much strenuous service to their country in times of war, should be placed in the position to give further direct service to the people in the ways of peace. Appointments such as that of Sergt. Binny will do much to convince the people that the civil service reforms promised by the Union Government are being followed in practice.

TO GET HIS!

The young fellow had been to church and was wending his way homeward, when a sudden thought struck him. He turned pale, hesitated, and then turned back and re-entered the church. Finding the priest he said: "I was here this morning and confessed, but si—you—you—gave me no penance to do!" The priest looked at him and thus spoke: "Penance! Penance! Why, I thought you said you were going to get married!"

WHO DOES SHE MEAN?

You seldom see a woman pass in nearness to a looking glass Without a glance, however slight. Assuring that she looks all right. Just vanity, of course, but then You'll find as much in lots of men. Indeed, there are some men you see Of such amazing vanity. They'd hardly glance at their reflection. So Sure are they that they're perfection. —A Female of the Species.

Mother (at the party)—Why did you allow that young man to kiss you?
Daughter—Why, ma!
Mother—Oh, you need't. Why ma?
me. One side of his nose is powdered and one side of yours isn't.

TIMMINS L.O.I. No. 2552

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TOWNSHIP OF TISDALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a By-law has been passed by the Council of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Tisdale on the Twenty-Second day of February, 1918, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of completing the new schools at South Porcupine and the Dome Mines, and that such By-law was registered in the registry office at Haileybury in the District of Temiskaming on the second day of March, 1918. Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within three months after the first publication of this notice, and cannot be made thereafter.
Dated the second of March, 1918.
W. H. WILSON,
16-18 Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

I wish to make known to the Porcupine Camp and such other persons it may concern that, when leaving the home of my father, William David Skinner, of Gateacre, Liverpool, England, in 1900 and coming to Canada, I assumed the name of WILLIAM GEORGE HIGHAM. My motives for so doing were purely personal and, I trust, entirely honourable. However the facts have recently occasioned some embarrassment. I therefore desire to resume my proper name, and would ask my friends and acquaintances to assist me in making myself known in future as—
WILLIAM GEORGE SKINNER.
South Porcupine, March 4th., 1918.

NOTICE.

Camp 15,
Iroquois Falls, Ont.
Feb. 25th., 1918.
If the articles left with me by Mr. Joseph Quinn, for security for goods received by him are not reclaimed by him within one week after the date of this notice they will be sold, and the proceeds used to satisfy my claims.
W. H. PROUDFOOT.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

During the extreme cold weather, consumers of town water are advised to allow their taps to keep running slightly to prevent freezing in the pipes.

By order

H. E. MONTGOMERY
clerk

Cook & Mitchell

**BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS,
NOTARIES.**
Timmins, South Porcupine
Toronto

Easter

ASTER—redolent of budding leaf and flower—bright sunshine—Spring, and the dawn of new life throughout all Nature!

Fitting it is that such a time should be joyously welcomed.

Let your Easter table be in keeping with the day—your menu as attractive as the flowers that adorn it.

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