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Barrie Examiner.—The fact that hundreds of people every week have a personal interest in reading the local paper, should be a matter for advertisers to consider, says the Times of High River, Alberta. The more people who are linked up with the weekly news, the greater the value of advertising.

SET FIRE TO CAR TO GET INSURANCE TO BE MARRIED

There was an unusual case at Kirkland Lake recently when a girl of 17 years was charged with arson. She pleaded guilty and after her story was told threw herself on the mercy of the court, which, fortunately for her did not fail. The story was that the girl had not had much of a chance in life, but recently had fallen in love with a young man who was willing enough to marry her, but did not have the money to do so. Love didn't find a way in this case, but the girl thought she did. She set fire to the young man's car, which was insured for \$500.00. Somebody came along and put the fire out after damage to the extent of about \$8.00 had been done. The net result was that the couple were set back another \$8.00 from being able to be wed. Magistrate Atkinson pointed out the seriousness of arson. "It wouldn't do the girl any good to send her to jail," pleaded her lawyer. "It might do others good," replied the magistrate. However, the girl was repentant and eventually the magistrate gave her a "good break." He turned her over to the care of Rev. Fr. H. Quennville, placing her on a two-year bond with orders to report regularly to the priest.

Buffalo Courier-Express.—Considering the underworld's advances in the last two decades of penal reform, it seems that about two more decades of reform would be sufficient to put the criminals in complete control of the country.

The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By One Interested in their Welfare

A recent announcement from Ottawa and origination from the office of the Minister of Pensions states that a Blue Book is to be published shortly, giving complete data regarding pension administration, names and addresses of pensioners, their ailments, and the pensions paid. Truly a wonderful document this would be and suitable for placing in the Memorial Chapel on Parliament Hill. Strong protest has already been lodged by returned soldier organization against the publication of that book. Some people will wonder why this should be the case, but a review of the consequences that would arise should place them on the side of the returned soldier in receipt of pension. In the first place many employers of labour on a large scale would immediately begin a weeding out of their staffs who were receiving pensions, on the excuse they were not fit to hold their jobs. Some employers of labour would also use the list when engaging labour. In fact the damage done to the pensioner be he in receipt of a large or small sum, would be hard indeed. Then again another point would arise, the petty jealousies that would arise. Men who were true friends would be parted by the fact that Bill was getting a larger sum than Tom. You can also imagine the conversation: "Why, he's in a good job and there don't seem to be anything wrong, but look how much he gets for being a soldier," but the fact that gunshot wounds are not visible is forgotten in the apparent scandal that would arise. There are men to-day who are in receipt of pension in steady work and who are apparently in the pink of condition, yet at times they are sufferers of intense pain and distress by their disabilities. It is to this class that great hardship would be felt by the publication of the amount they receive. In this class come the hernia cases, the bronchitis cases, the trench fever cases the lighter gunshot wound cases and a hundred and one other causes for minor

disabilities. The most serious blow that would be the outcome of the Blue Book on Pensions would be the tubercular veterans. These men are in every community and are making a living by outdoor work, some at farming, others at canvassing, and other similar employment. The communities affected would take immediate action to have the man placed under supervision for health and safety sake. The pension in most cases received would not cover the cost of providing for his wife and children and they would become charges on the community while the man would be in the sanatorium. The whole situation seems to be absurd as no good whatever could come from the publication which would cost the country a large sum of money that could be put to a more useful purpose; one in particular as far as the returned soldier is concerned, namely, the completion of "Canada's Part in the Great War" in book form. The Canadian Legion at Ottawa has already voiced its opinion strongly on the matter and to give these men more support in their efforts branches from coast-to-coast should also voice their desire to have the idea of publication of the Blue Book on Pensions dropped at once.

Buy Empire Goods

The Imperial Economic Conference has concluded at Ottawa. Agreements have been made satisfactory to all parts of the British Empire and the Conference has been judged by all as a wonderful success. What are we patriotic citizens going to do about it? Are we still going along in the old way, buying merchandise of foreign manufacture, or growth, or are we going to say "Empire Goods Only?" If the success of the Imperial Conference is to be achieved then all of us will be doing our share by refusing foreign substitutes and demanding of our tradesmen "Empire Goods Only." Another point in favour of the "Buy Empire Goods" plan will be the providing of labour to our fellow countrymen. In England alone it is estimated that 50,000 persons will be placed back to work in the textile industries, but if we buy foreign textiles this number will still be unemployed. As patriotic citizens working for the cause of a greater Empire, let's all unite in the demand for "Empire Goods Only."

Old Sayings Revived

Taking one's memory back to the days of 1914-1918, only 14 years ago, we recall the general spirit of flag-waving and patriotic enthusiasm. Stirring scenes were witnessed at newspaper bulletin boards, when war bulletins announced victories for the Allies. Thousands lined the streets when troops left for overseas, and the bands played "Keep the Home Fires Burning," amid cheers. The call to arms was a popular number, "Your King and Country Need You," and thousands answered. Then on every billboard in the land we had the pleasure of reading:—"The Wheels of Industry Must Revolve" and similar slogans. We recall also the march songs, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and "Pack up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag." Then we come to another billboard slogan and the best one of them all, "What We Have, We Hold." The latter slogan seems to be working to full advantage to-day to some people, especially those of foreign blood. We travel on and in 1918, when the troops came back from overseas the government generously gave us a button—the discharged soldiers' badge. This was to be an open sesame to some it was a curse. We find the same thing to-day, 14 years after. Returned men seeking work are covering up this honourable badge, knowing full well that to have it showing means the door shut. From all over the country there are reports of men wearing this badge of sacrifice, asking to be deported to the British Isles because they seemed to have no chance here. What a change of attitude in a race of people! Fourteen years ago, cheers! now the man who did his duty is more or less jeered! The foreigners who secured their jobs while they were overseas are still practising the slogan "What We Have, We Hold," but nothing seems to be done to give the unemployed returned soldiers work so that the "Wheels of Industry Will Revolve." Drastic steps will have to be taken in providing work this winter. The returned soldier does not want charity, as was emphatically endorsed recently at Hamilton. Give the unemployed returned soldier a chance to help him "Keep His Home Fires Burning."
 —W. A. Devine

SOUTH RIDING TEACHERS MAY TRAVEL TO MOONSTONE

The annual meeting of the South Temiskaming Teachers' Institute will be held at New Liskeard this year, probably in the early part of October, as a suggestion advanced at the sessions last year, and to the effect that this convention be held at Moonstone, has fallen through, chiefly on the ground of expense. It is hinted that a proposal may be made at the opening day's proceedings to adjourn early on the second day and catch the regular train for James Bay, the party traveling in ordinary day coaches.

Detroit News.—France has put a prohibitive tariff on American prunes. Since the imports of lecturers from there are negligible, it is hard to know how to retaliate.

Italy as Viewed by Cobalt Merchant

Antonio Giachino, Well Known in the North, Gives Impressions of His Native Land, as Seen on Recent Trip Abroad.

In this country curiosity about Italy and its present conditions is probably as strong, or stronger, than in regard to developments in Russia. The chief difference is that men visiting Italy and returning here may tell the truth as they see it, while the Soviet seems determined to prevent anything but communist propaganda on the part of anyone in other lands.

Recently a well-known merchant of Cobalt visited Italy and on his return spoke freely and interestingly of his trip. What he had to say is of some interest that The Advance is giving herewith in full his impressions as shown to The Halleyburian in a recent interview. The Halleyburian says:—

"National feeling in Italy is strongly against France, according to Antonio Giachino, Cobalt merchant who returned to town on Tuesday after a trip overseas extending about four months and in the course of which he visited many parts of the continent of Europe, chiefly in France and Italy. French is seldom heard on the streets of Rome he said, but English and German were common. Across the border in France, military works were being built along the German and Italian boundaries, these including a railway 200 kilometers long out of Metz. At Nancy where there is a flying base, Mr. Giachino said he had noticed never fewer than 14 airplanes in the air at one time day or night.

"Mr. Giachino was in Paris the day the late president of France was shot and at the Azores homeward bound a day after an earthquake had visited those islands. One street on the assassination in Paris was littered with newspapers, as citizens brought latest editions, read the news and threw the papers away. They made a sodden carpet under foot, for it was raining that night, Mr. Giachino declared. He said that prices in France were dear, as the Americans had spoiled the people, but in Italy they were reasonable and regulated by government edicts.

"Hotels in Italy must display on their front doors their menus, with the prices charged, plus ten per cent for service, and in store windows articles offered for sale must bear the prices plainly displayed on a tag bearing a government stamp. There were no general stores, as known here, except those run on co-operative lines, the others specializing in particular articles. There had been a wonderful change in his native land, declared Mr. Giachino which he traversed from one end to the other, and he said Mussolini was doing remarkable work in Italy.

"Everything was quiet there, the people were at work, but taxes were high, he stated. Under Fascist supervision, the railways in his opinion had become the safest in Europe. A country-wide series of automobile roads was being built to give employment Mr. Giachino said, and excavation of ancient Roman ruins was being pushed for the same purpose. The country was in good order, he found, and in France also people were at work, but there many people were engaged in operations carried on in connection with war preparations. Among other points visited by Mr. Giachino were Verdun, Patras, Trieste, Cannes, Valencia, Gibraltar and Lisbon, but the vessel on which he sailed home was not permitted by the Italian authorities to call at a Jugo-Slavian port because of inflamed feelings between people of the respective countries."

Some of the Mistakes Made by Soviet Russia

(Border Cities Star)
 A balance sheet of achievements and failures of Soviet Russia has been drawn up by Isaac Don Levine in his new book "Red Smoke," which has just been published.

Nine definite failures are listed by Mr. Levine. They are:

1. Causing destruction of livestock by peasants. This brought the annihilation of \$1,500,000,000 worth of primary wealth.
2. Food card system, which has resulted in privation and suffering.
3. Inflation of currency for second time since revolution.
4. Mobility of labour, which the Five-Year Plan did not anticipate.
5. Employment crisis and "mysterious" shortage of labour.
6. Failure to eradicate the instinct of private property in the peasant.
7. Collapse of the transportation system.
8. Housing crisis.
9. Defective quality of production.

Three achievements which Mr. Levine qualifies by saying their success is questionable, are:

1. Tremendous reduction in illiteracy and the doubling of the school facilities of the nation.
2. Modernization of primitive agriculture by the introduction of the tractor and intensive methods of farming.
3. Erection of a large number of metallurgical and chemical and other industrial plants, representing an investment of billions of dollars.

Of the different things mentioned Mr. Levine lays special stress on the destruction of the livestock by the peasants.

When orders issued from Moscow instructed the peasants to turn over their animals to the Soviet officers, the angered farmers destroyed the cattle rather than lose them. It will take another score of years to recuperate from the one blow.

Draw Announced for the First Round Ontario Cup

Local football enthusiasts will be interested in the following wire sent from Toronto last week by the Canadian Press by direct wire:—

"Announcing the first round draw for the Ontario soccer cup competition, the Ontario Football Association ruled Tuesday night that the games must be completed on or before Sept. 3. The association hopes to have the second round games played Labour Day, Sept. 5.

"The draw for the first round follows, the first team in each case playing on its home grounds on a day before Sept. 3 to be arranged between the clubs: "McIntyre vs. Dome Mines; Kirkland Lake vs. Falconbridge; Dominion Glass (Hamilton) vs. Grotto Hearts (Hamilton); Claremont vs. Cherrywood; Oshawa City vs. Ottawa Air Station; Welland vs. Niagara Alliance; St. Catharines St. Andrew's vs. Niagara Falls All Scots; Ottawa Sons of England vs. Eddy's."

Since Reformer.—Premier Bennett deserves credit for the stern manner in which he dealt with a disputation of the extremists among the unemployed at Ottawa, when he declared that the laws of Canada would be enforced without fear or favour and that Red activities would not be tolerated in this Dominion. Government and municipal officials are doing all in their power to alleviate distress among the unemployed in Canada and the latter should be first to recognize this fact. Fomenting trouble in their ranks can only have lamentable results.

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