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A PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS.

In every Reformed Jewish congregation in the United States at the opening of the Jewish New Year this prayer was offered: 'Grant us peace. Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal source of peace, and enable Israel to be a messenger of peace unto the peoples of the earth. Bless our country that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and its advocate in the council of nations. May contentment reign within its borders, health and happiness within its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship between all the inhabitants of our land. Plant virtue in every soul and may love of Thy name hallow every home and every heart. Inscribe us in the Book of Life, and grant unto us a year of prosperity and joy. Blessed be Thou, O Lord, Giver of peace. Amen.'

A VERY GOOD LAW.

There is a law in Kingston which is being very fairly observed. It refers to automobiles and the direction in which they shall head when stopped and out of service on the street. That law should be amended or enlarged, and to the extent of making it cover the speed and motion of automobiles when following street cars. As a street car slows up the automobiles should slow up and come to a halt, and because such a rule does not obtain in Kingston there are narrow escapes every day. Passengers alight from the street cars, or the crossings, and are startled sometimes when automobiles with a hoarse hock flit past them. They did not see it behind them. They were not aware of their danger, and they realized how close they had run to an accident. Other cities have seen the necessity of protecting the people, and Kingston must see the same necessity sooner or later. The automobile drivers, when going at a lively clip, may not like to be held up at the crossings. If they do not there is nothing to hinder them from using the streets which are not traversed by the street cars, and not subject to the dangers described in this article.

A CRISIS IS IMPENDING.

The British navy may succeed with its submarines and aeroplanes, in driving the German ships out of Kiel harbour and to sea. But there is no evidence of this, though public opinion in Britain may force the admiralty to do something in revenge for the loss of three battleships that were torpedoed and lost. Whether British public opinion expresses itself forcefully or not German public opinion will presently assert itself. Capt. Percival, a German naval writer, published a book, entitled 'The Detaché,' in which he describes an imaginary war with Britain. In this the German fleet remains in Kiel harbor in the opening stages, achieves no great success with its torpedo attacks on the blockading fleet in the North Sea, and is finally forced by public opinion to put to sea and meet its doom. The book made patriotic Germans very angry. The author foresaw the possibility of German public opinion, maddened by the economic pressure of the blockade, forcing the German navy into a desperate course against the wisest counsels of the naval strategists. This may be a prophecy of what is to come. The ports of the North Sea have been closed. Germany has been deprived of all communication with the outer world. Her food supply must be running very short. Something has to be done. What is the use of a navy that will not fight, and seek to keep the sea open for her trade? What is the use of a fighting machine that, though inferior to the navy of Great Britain, represents many millions of dollars and was designed to relieve the very situation that now exists?

A GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

To-night the campaign in connection with the patriotic fund ends, and it is hoped the object aimed at, the raising of \$50,000, will be attained. It would have been the easier and the quicker reached but for the consciousness, ever present, that there was a lot of enforced idleness in the city, and an urgent need of a general relief fund. Some of the subscribers gave less than they were disposed to give, on the ground that they wanted to reserve something for the general relief fund, and one campaign can hardly be closed until another begins. There is a difference between the two funds, however, and it will be accentuated as time goes on. In one case the beneficiaries are regarded as wards of the country, and provided for because their husbands and sons are off to the war and fighting in defence of the country. The money paid to them is not a charity but a recompense for a service that only a few can render. The relief fund is not of the same character. Its very name suggests its quality. Men, unemployed, who are willing to work, will hesitate to seek and accept of money which represents their needs in place of value. Work of some kind is preferable, and the work that the cities generally are supplying. What men earn they will accept the more readily. It may be that they will have to receive that which they do not earn, under circumstances that are without a parallel.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

These hard times will pass away with the war. Then will come a boom that will last for years. The patriotic campaign closes to-night with the most interesting proceedings in the city hall. You will miss it, reader, if you are not there. Toronto does not now want to buy its street railway. 'Tis well. No public corporation can run a great enterprise as cheaply as a private company. During the mobilization of troops in Russia all the drink shops are closed. There is no other country under similar circumstances where such a law prevails. The offer of a well-known musician to give a symphony concert for the benefit of the relief fund has been gladly accepted. Everything counts in a public movement. The London hotel-keepers will hand over a fund of \$3,000 to the patriotic fund if the Ministerial Association will drop its demand for license reduction. But the preachers decline. The Toronto Telegram is worrying over the little improvement that Germany has made in music since the days of Wagner. Our contemporary takes no notice, apparently, of the man, with der big trombone! Most of the newspapers of Paris have been suspended. The Herald, the Paris edition of the New York Herald, is losing \$7,000 a week, and may cease publication unless the circulation can be made self-sustaining. The Trades and Labour Congress, in session at St. John, declared that the colossal war, now in progress, was instigated by the capitalistic classes. The Emperor of Germany is financially interested in the Krupp works. In this way he is a capitalist and is very properly denounced.

PUBLIC OPINION

Santa is Busy. London Advertiser. Reports from the Arctic say Santa Claus is working overtime on drums, swords and guns as Christmas toys. 'A Man of Evil Omen.' Le Soleil, Montreal. Bourassa has done more harm to the French-Canadian people than all its bitterest enemies have been able to accomplish. Nancy Kicks Back. St. Thomas Journal. The Germans appear to have been making a dead set on Nancy, but like most French girls she resents their intrusion. The One Protector. Toronto News. The British government that strove to do much for the small landholder and the obscure citizen, naturally became the active champion of the small nations when a great power set out to crush them. Too Many Gamblers. Toronto Star. It is true, as J. W. Flavell, says, that we have had too many gamblers and speculators in Canada, living on other men's sweat and toil, but for the moment many of these are in distress, and they, too, need sympathy and support until vicious methods can be ended and new conditions established.

THE MASONIC SIGN

ULTIMATELY SAVED 50 LIVES AT LOUVAIN, BELGIUM. German Officer Recognized Belgian Member of Craft, Who Refused to be Spared Unless Others Were. Ostend, Sept. 24.—The power of Free Masonry is illustrated by a story which has been related here by a citizen of Louvain who, with the Masonic sign, says he saved fifty of his fellow-citizens from being shot to death by German troops. This group of citizens, according to the recital of the Belgian Mason, had been lined up for execution. The German firing party had their rifles at "present arms" when the Free Mason gave a Masonic sign. The German officer commanding the firing squad happened to belong to the craft. He recognized "a brother," and ordered the Louvain Free Mason to leave the ranks. This meant sparing his life. The Louvain citizen, however, refused, saying, "My fellow-citizens are no more guilty than I am. If you are going to kill them, I shall be killed with them." The German officer thereupon ordered the release of the entire party.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Gas engines will be built at the locomotive works. Y.M.C.A. workers are collecting money to purchase a site for a new building. Crossley and Hunter's evangelistic services in Sydenham Street Methodist church are meeting with great success. Collector of customs at Kingston seized the steamer St. Magnus, of Hamilton, on account of the officers making false reports inward and outward.

SOCIALISTS EXPLAIN

Triumph of Allies Will Spread Democracy. Bordeaux, Sept. 24.—The attitude of the French socialists towards the war is defined in the newspaper 'La France' by a socialist who is described as "one of the highest authorities in Paris." "Internationalism," he writes, "never meant the suppression of nationality, but an understanding between the nations which naturally presupposes their existence. Socialists realize that victory for Germany would be followed by a rule of sabbre and spurred heel in Europe, while a triumph for France would mean a firm republic, a republic in Bohemia, a republic in Hungary, and an end to European militarism. It would mean peace assured, and all roads to progress opened. 'The war for us is something more than a struggle for our sacred national independence; it is the barricade on which we fight for the progress of humanity. The war has abandoned everything for national defense.'"

SEEK INDEPENDENCE.

Lithuania Hopes to Profit by the War. Chicago, Sept. 24.—A long telegram to President Wilson was sent by Dr. A. K. Ruthkas, as chairman of the convention of Lithuanians, which met here to form a programme to raise funds for destitute fellow countrymen in the war zone and to assist in a campaign looking to the restoration of Lithuania as an independent country. The telegram expressed a desire for a world-wide movement for peace, and expressed the hope that at the end of the great war the United States would assist in bringing about the independence of Lithuania. Resolutions in accordance with these aims were adopted, a committee appointed to raise funds and adjournment taken.

A PURE INVENTION.

Britain Has Not Seized Egyptian Funds. Washington, Sept. 24.—The British embassy received the following despatch from its foreign office: "Germans are spreading reports that the British commander in Egypt has seized the reserve funds of the Egyptian debt public and the cash funds of the National bank and the minister of finance, and has sent them to London, issuing an equivalent amount of notes. The story is a pure invention."

No More Romance.

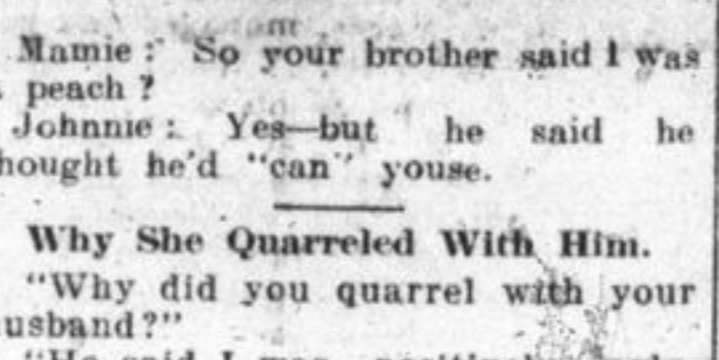
I often wonder if some day 'Some darsel will appeal to me. Request my aid in timid way. Permit me a true knight to be. Adventures happen all the while. To geezers in a summer book. Each chapter brings a man a smile. Or at least a tender look. But folk we meet amid life's whirls. Let knightly pass without a yelp. I guess I've seen 10,000,000 girls. And nary one has needed help. So as I mingle with the throng. I find that life in dull and grey. From day to day I plod along. Adventure never comes my way. The Laborer and His Hire. Out in Oklahoma City they tell the story of a manufacturer who announced to his hands that if they would attend church at Easter, he would see that they were peculiarly rewarded. Naturally, all hands went to church, and the manufacturer, from his pew surveyed his workman with an air of pride. This, however, was mitigated by the appearance, after service, of the foreman, who said: "The men want to know, if we come to church again to-night, do we get overtime?"—Harper's.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

A long face gets a short welcome from the busy man. Unless you try you will never know what you can't do. You can buy a thing cheap if there are no other bidders. Family pride has been the ruination of many a young man. It isn't always the pretty girl who makes good in a photograph. When the family skeleton rattles the neighbors have their windows open. A woman hates a male flirt worse than she hates a mouse—unless he's flirting with her. Before marrying a living picture a man should have enough saved up to purchase a suitable frame. Always Is It Thus. To buy her presents his cash is spent. And her words of thanks were sweeter than honey. But when he had squandered his last red cent, She married a youth who saved his money. She Filled The Bill. John Sloan, the painter, was lecturing on "Models" before an art class in New York. "Then there is the frivolous model," said Mr. Sloan. "She, unless very beautiful, is to be avoided. 'A frivolous model besought a friend of mine to employ her. 'No, no,' he said, 'I only do still life—flowers and fruit.' 'Well,' said the model, looking up at him, reproachfully out of limpid blue eyes, 'well, ain't I a peach?'" Chicago Herald.



Mamie: So your brother said I was a peach? Johnnie: Yes—but he said he thought he'd "can" youse. Why She Quarrelled With Him. "Why did you quarrel with your husband?" "He said I was positively ugly. He did not use those exact words, but he said that if I was to murder any one, I would be found guilty."—Houston Post. An Explanation. "What do you mean by the deadly parallel?" "The comparison you draw between the summer hotel and the prospectus."—Kansas City Journal. Long Time Wanted. "Say, have you forgotten that you owe me a thousand francs?" "No, not yet; give me time."—Pele Mele. His Errand. "Do you see that man going along with his head in the air, sniffing with his nose?" "Yes; I know him." "I suppose he believes in talking in the good, pure ozone." "No, he's hunting for a motor garage, I believe." Human Nature. I wish I had a syllabus, a protoplasm and a large three-cornered cumberbund, a baggi, an each hand, I could not tell you what they are, if I falling I'd be shot. The reason why I want them is because I have them not. —From Judge. Her Post. Margaret—How does your friend, Mrs. Brown, stand on the suffrage question? Anna—She's doing picket duty. Margaret—Doing picket duty—what, for suffrage? Anna—Oh, no she's on the fence. —Christian Register. An Embarrassing Situation. She—Oh, dear! I forgot to wind my ankle watch! He—Allow me—er—that—did you? Not For Grape Juice. Tailor—How about pockets? Customer—Quart size, please. Extra Inducement. Auto Demonstrator—Now I will throw in the clutch. Uncle Eben—I'll take the machine then, I knew if I held off long enough you'd give me something to boot. A Scandal In The Kitchen. "That horrid woman has broken up my home!" "Taken away your husband?" "No, the cook."



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