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A NEW CREED. "I want every man to recite with me the creed of a famous French writer: I believe in the courage of our soldiers, I believe in the skill of our generals, I believe in the might of Great Britain, I believe in Kitchener, I believe in France imperishable, I believe in Joffre the silent, I believe in our life, I believe in our dead, I believe in God, and I believe in my country."

CONSTANTINE IS ANGRY.

The King of Greece is feeling the pressure of the Allies, and in the interviews which he has handed to the press reveals his fretful state of mind. There may be something in what he says, or in what he waits out, namely, that the Allies may not win out in the Balkans. They did not get in motion soon enough, or in a sufficient number, to save Serbia, and all that country is now in possession of the Central Powers.

Constantine fears that the Allies will not be able to resist the Teutonic forces and that in pursuing the French and British, Greece may become a second Poland. He suffers most from the reflection that the Allies will not trust him. They will not accept his assurances of favor or neutrality. The spirit in his case may be willing, but the flesh is weak—while Queen Sophia is convenient, and she rules the royal household.

Constantine's petulant mood may be excusable. The Allies are crowding him unduly. They are insisting upon the retreat of the Grecian soldiers from Macedonia and Salonika, and in order that they will not be a menace to the invading force under any circumstance. The King is very reluctant to surrender. He thinks that he is being treated with very scant courtesy. He has certainly forfeited the confidence of the Allies, and of his own people, who are now in a revolutionary mood.

The development of the next few days will mean a great deal to the interests that are centered in the Balkans. The second great War Council in Paris means something, and the import of it will be apparent very soon.

LIVELY MEETING EXPECTED. The Board of Trade's meeting on Friday evening promises to be a lively one, judging by the comment of some of its members. There is a disposition to question the wisdom of the Power Committee, whose recommendation deals only with the local aspect of the power question.

At the last meeting of the Board, when the report of the Power Committee was called, it was pointed out that the power subject was a big one, that it concerned more than Kingston, and that steps should be taken to get from the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Seymour Company an expression of their views in behalf of the industrial interests of Eastern Ontario.

commendation of the Power Committee therefore deals only with local conditions, and not with the bigger issue of a district or provincial supply.

The opinion has been expressed that the municipalities of the district should be asked to send representatives to a meeting in Kingston and discuss their desires on the ground that they cannot allow this matter of power to be indefinitely postponed, to the injury of the industrial development of Ontario East. A vigorous discussion is welcomed for the good it will do, and incidentally the opinion of Dr. Ross, which has been expressed in a recent letter, will be read with a profound and growing interest.

A SACRIFICE OF PARTY.

The Temperance Committee of One Hundred, which has undertaken to make Ontario dry with a year, has a great contract on its hands surely. Its mission seems to conflict with that of the Dominion Alliance, for their aims appear to be practically the same.

The Alliance is not acceptable to the Conservative temperance men who had to decide between the party or the cause in 1914 during the Abolish-the-Bar campaign, and let the temperance issue go rather than express or appear to express a want of confidence in the Whitney Government.

The Hamilton Spectator expresses itself quite candidly. It recalls the fact that the men who deserted the cause were styled hypocrites and traitors, and in view of this fact it is said the Conservatives cannot again work side by side with the Alliance people. Hence the Alliance must go. Its sin was to crowd the Conservative party, to scare some of its Conservative members' nearly out of their senses, to make it necessary for the late Sir James Whitney to appeal personally to the members of his party in order to steady them.

The Committee of One Hundred is getting away, also, from the clergy. So it is intimated. They are not strongly represented in the new movement, and for the reason that they are said to be not good leaders of men, at least not good political leaders. This is the private admission, and it explains the peculiar composition of the Committee in question. The Alliance has been a preachers' party, and it may or may not have suffered in consequence. It must be said that the preachers have been honest in their convictions, and it must be said also of them that they have had the good of the community consistently at heart. The Alliance is not to be damned on their account, because the Alliance and its clerical members have done yeoman service, and a service that in these days of advanced temperance plans is not to be ignored.

NEW CHRISTMAS RESOLVES.

A Canadian-American, writing from Chicago, and addressing the London Advertiser, asks if the Canadian people cannot make some sacrifice for the sake of those at the front, or who suffer for the sake of the cause with which the Allies are identified. One's thoughts revert to conversations which have been carried on in many households and to the same effect. The question is, Should our people not make some personal sacrifice at Christmas, saving some of the money spent usually in personal gratifications, and give to a fund out of which the needy, the suffering, the distressed, of our land, and of other lands, may be helped.

The answer, which comes spontaneously, is yes. This fund can be divided or distributed later. The one thing necessary at this time is to begin it. It will grow, if all the mothers are like the two the Whig has heard about. These, who have been working for the absent soldiers right along, and in connection with several philanthropic enterprises, have decided that they will remember their personal friends in some suggestive and inexpensive way, in order that the larger part of the money that has usually gone into presents may, this year, go into the necessities of war.

The Government provides the clothing and food for its soldiers' use at home and abroad, but it does not, and cannot, provide all the comforts that are desired. "Only to-day," said a friend to the Whig, "I saw a soldier in this city remove his boots in order to rest his feet after a march and the toes protruded through his socks." The women are knitting, knitting, all the time, and he is a rare one who is not the recipient of some one's handiwork. Yet here is a case that may be typical of hundreds and a Christmas shower of socks would be very much appreciated.

money bags have been by no means depleted. Christmas can be made a glad season, but the spirit of the Master which has prompted all the kindnesses we see at such a time will make us gladder if the individual vision takes in the larger family of mankind and, in gratitude for the mercies received, we direct the stream of our generosity so that it will follow the flag in every direction.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

President Wilson's firmness in foreign policy of the United States, and of preparedness for any emergency in war, appeals to the judgment of his people. With regard to both he will probably have the hearty support of Congress.

Ernest Thompson Seton has ceased to be the chief of the Boy Scouts in the United States, though he organized the movement under Gen. Baden Powell. He is regarded as too English for some of his associates, and one of them, a politician, seems to have pushed him aside.

Col. Ross, M. P. P., was Chairman of Utilities' Committee in the City Council and knew the difficulties that confronted him in the management of his department. He counselled against the abolition of the Utilities' Commission, and his advice will probably be respected.

It may be too much to expect that Mr. Falls will refund to the Government his ill-gotten gains through his practice as a horse dealer, under special license of the Federal Government, but he can at least resign his seat in the Legislature—at the invitation of the Premier.

The eligible men of Britain have been started, that is marked in records for reference purposes, and if by the end of this week they do not

enlist the Government may be required to force them into the ranks, either for military, naval, or civil service. Here is conscription on an elevated plane. Canada could stand for a little of it at the present crisis.

The United States having committed itself to the purging of the Republic from the plotting of a reptile foreign element will not rest satisfied until the work is done. There are a host of troublemakers who must follow Boy-Ed, von Papen, Dumba, and Derburg, into banishment. The sooner they go the better for the peace of America.

Mr. Whitman, Governor of New York State, will be a candidate for the Presidency. The party choice will probably be between him and Mr. Roosevelt, and a man of the President's calibre would, at the present time, make a difference in the diplomatic relations of the United States.

The report from Saskatchewan is that the Liquor Act is working out well. The people are sober and have more money, the business relations of the towns and cities are better, and the hotel accommodation has been improved. Even the dispensary for which the law allows will not be tolerated in some centres. That is a report worth while.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

All the Kingston graduates in the army are doing well. W. Hobart Dyke has entered into partnership with James Redden, grocer, and henceforth the firm will be known as James Redden & Company. F. C. Ireland was elected president of the Snow Shoe Club.

Sleepytime Tales

HOW THE THIN TURKEY GOT FAT TOO QUICKLY.

Once upon a time, as I told you about, a turkey worried for fear he would be killed for Thanksgiving dinner, so that he grew too thin to kill and was left alone in the big yard. When he saw the others being taken away to be killed he was very happy and began to eat all that he wished. He had fasted so long that he really was almost starved and he ate all of his own dinner and all that had been put in the yard for the other turkeys.

When he couldn't find anything more in the yard he found a place broken in the fence and squeezed through to see what he could find outside. It didn't take him long to smell some nice food and with a loud gobble he made for the place as quickly as he could. Sure enough, at the back door was a pile of leavings from the table which cook had left there for the garbage man. He ate and ate and finally waddled back to the hole in the fence which he could just squeeze through now, as

he had eaten so much he was already growing very fat.

Cook came out to the yard the next day and wondered why they did not kill that big, fat turkey for Thanksgiving as he surely looked the fattest of the lot. The turkey heard her and chuckled to himself for he thought how smart he was to fool them so. Just then the market man came along and when he saw the luscious turkey strutting about he said: "I wonder how that turkey got so fat all of a sudden for I am sure it is the thin one I saw in the yard only the other day." When Cook came to the door he told her he had an order for just such a nice, fat one.

"They are going to give a dinner for some poor children who didn't have any Thanksgiving dinner and that turkey will be just right." So he flapped his wings and tried hard to get away but the man caught him, tied his legs and he was carried to the wagon, where he "gobbled, gobbled" all the way to the market.

"Low Cost of Living" Menu

Menu for Thursday: BREAKFAST: Stead Orange, Vegetable Hash, Toast, Coffee. LUNCHEON: Broiled Ham, Creamed Potatoes, Graham Bread, Marmalade, Cocoa. DINNER: Kidney Bean Soup, Hamburg Steak, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Stewed Corn, Olive Salad, Raisin Pudding, Pineapple Marmalade.

Rippling Rhymes

GASOLINE

I used to pay the grocer's bill whenever it was due, and in the butcher's yavning till, the coin I promptly threw. But now in vain they plead and moan, to get my good long green I for every dollar that I own, I need for gasoline. My children used to wear good clothes, they held their heads up high; so leaky shoes exposed their toes, no rants could you describe. But now they're images of woe, they're blot on the scene; for every coin I get must go to buy some gasoline. I used to often blow a plunk, at charity's behest, to give some wanderer a bunk, wherein his bones might rest. To furnish breakfast for some bo, row-weary, starved and lean, but now my dollars all must go to purchase gasoline. I used to talk of books and art, and topics safe and sane; but since I bought that choo-choo cart, I've "motored" on the brain. I cannot spare a dime to buy a magazine, it keeps me bustling all the time, to buy my gasoline.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Many of Them.

(Ottawa Citizen.) There are still eight vacancies in the Senate or about 7,882 fewer than there are veterans who are willing to fill them.

Picture Betrayed Him.

(Toronto Star.) Lots of people knew Capt. Boy-Ed was guilty of something, pretty serious as soon as they first saw his picture in the newspapers.

Laughter And Tears.

(Toronto Telegram.) Peel County reports the details of a petty tragedy of greed that is enough to make a horse laugh and a patriot weep.

A Poor Resort.

(Toronto Weekly Star.) Having decided to deny free wheat it undertakes the task of marketing. As might have been expected in a market dealing with an over-supply, prices on Monday were scarcely affected.

"Current Cant."

(Victoria Colonial.) The Ottawa Citizen is not a Conservative paper. It was one once. A few years ago it joined the army of Smart Alecks and seems inspired with the idea that it has a mission to set right a world that is out of joint.

A Nation of Murderers.

(Montreal Star.) The suggestion from Germany, now repeated that her war prisoners may be slaughtered in cold blood if the danger of starvation becomes pressing, lends weight to Owen Winter's description of Germany as a nation which needs the services of specialists on homicidal mania.

Shows Change of Front.

(Montreal Herald.) Bernard Shaw says there must be no peace now. We have got to go ahead and fight our way to Berlin, because Germany has got to be awakened from her dream. We

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congratulate Bernard Shaw on having awakened from his own dream. Leading Question. (Montreal Star.) Any connection between the announcement that Britain has built fourteen more Dreadnoughts since the war broke out and the latest masterly advance of the German fleet toward another hiding hole in the rear?



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