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MR. ROOSEVELT'S CHANCES. It is reported that Mr. Roosevelt is returning to the Republican party unconditionally. He may be a candidate for the Presidency in 1920, says a member of the Republican National Committee.

MUNDANE MEDITATIONS.

The Council of 1915 has peacefully passed away. It began promisingly; it had its variations of mood during the year; its periods of quiet and disturbance. But it became quite amiable and harmonious and active towards the close of the year.

Ontario's War Tax.

Mr. Rankin, M. P., at the Mayor's dinner, referred to the use which had been made of the revenue from the special tax which has been levied by the Ontario Legislature for war purposes.

Royal Military College.

Those who projected the Royal Military College in 1874 did not dream of the splendid results of its establishment.

as a unique institution. It was the only one in which the cadets had it within their power, and as a special privilege, to elect how they should devote themselves professionally after their graduation.

Bourassa and Lavergne.

The county member, Dr. J. W. Edwards, has no use and no kind words for those distinguished stoublers in Canada, Messrs. Bourassa and Lavergne.

The City Manager.

The Council ended its year without expressing any desire for a change in its membership or constitution. The fact that the people are to be given an opportunity to vote for Ald. Newman's proposition, for a smaller Council and a smaller representation of the Wards, is not to be regarded as an indication that the Mayor and Aldermen are in favor of it.

The Public Spirit.

Two spirits were discussed at the Mayor's dinner on Monday night: (1) The military spirit which impels a man to do his duty to the State at the sacrifice of his personal comfort, happiness, or distinction, and (2) the civic spirit which makes a man work for the city and its interests, and without waiting to count the cost so far as his personal ambition and convenience are concerned.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dr. Edwards thinks that Le Devour (Bourassa's paper), should be suppressed. He gave expression to this idea at the Mayor's banquet, and it was loudly applauded.

Ford is still persuaded that at his call the soldiers in the trenches in France and Belgium will strike for peace and freedom. Was ever any man so much deceived by his own follies?

Dr. Macgillivray, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, calls for national prayer on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, beginning the New Year with a cry that should be heard in Heaven.

Sixty-four per cent. of wheat shipped from Port William during the season went to United States. All the ships, too carrying grain to American ports, were American owned.

Ald O'Connor got off a good one at the expense of his colleagues at the Mayor's dinner. He said that the Council passed laws and left them to the officials to carry out.

Lord help the officials, however, if they forget anything.

The Locomotive Works deserves well of the community. The shell it makes go by the safest route to British thence to Flanders to blast a way open for the advance of the Canadians.

The Honorary Colonels were metaphorically sacrificed at the Mayor's banquet. The man who criticised them unmercifully was Dr. Edwards, and he was quickened in his remarks by the disobedience of Col. Lavergne, the man who wants to hold a position in the Militia and will not go to the front.

PUBLIC OPINION

Very Likely. Rochester Post-Express. After the war is over we shall have to glean a lot about things that never happened.

Won't Suffer.

Montreal Mail. The cables say Londoners can drink now only 5 1/2 hours each day. That ought to be long enough to drain the biggest bottle on the shelf.

Turning The Complaint.

Ottawa Citizen. Cabbage in Berlin is now quoted at about 65 cents per head, evidently a bit of delicate fattery for Von Tirpitz who conceived that "blockade" of British ports.

The Time Is At Hand.

Quebec Mercury. The season is at hand when the dear ladies walk boldly into the cigar stores and attempt to pick out a good-looking box of smokes.

One At A Time.

Medicine Hat Daily News. If you have a bad cold do not handle the baby, says a health expert. Good logic. One cannot nurse two things at a time and do it well.

A Gentle Reproach.

London Advertiser. Christmas gifts for well-fed and warmly-clothed friends look selfish and useless while Belgians are starving for bread. Every one who purchases gifts this year should buy at least one bag of flour for our friends whose only crime is that they kept their oath to Britain and France.

Very Wise.

Montreal Gazette. "In the trenches they never ask if you are French or English, Catholic or Protestant, man of Quebec or man of Ontario." What a fine thing it would be for the unity of the Dominion if everybody at home were to follow the example thus set by the soldiers at the front! Then it would indeed be a case of Canadians all.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

James Galloway will be a candidate for the School Board in St. Lawrence Ward. Several terms were engaged today, drawing Christmas presents to the penitentiary.

CHRISTMAS AS USUAL.

Let the Christmas bells this year ring out as loudly as in any other year. Let the holiday season bring just as much good cheer and gladness and benevolence and charity as ever. Let Christmas show the world that we are an optimistic people, and that we can see through the trials of the present to the time when our boys shall return and peace shall be restored to our land.

CANAL OF WHISKEY AFIRE, 12,000 CASKS DESTROYED

Explosion Sends Scotch Liquor Into Waterway, Which Becomes Aflame.

Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 21.—Firemen had to fight a canal full of blazing whisky here when a fire broke out in the building of the Distillery Company, Limited. Twelve thousand casks of liquor were stored in the building.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

It's a popular understanding among chorus girls that bald-headed men always forge to the front.

And many a man's progress down the stream of life is impeded by his getting stuck on a bar.

Not So. "All's fair in love," They say, and yet How can that be! There's the brunette. —From the Boston Transcript.

What It Sounded Like.

Bacon—What is your daughter doing at the piano? Expert—Sounds as if she were setting her class yell to music.

The Shorter The Better.

The barber just beginning to cut a customer's hair, said: "Have you heard that story about the man that"—resuming his hair-cutting—"want it short, sir?" "Yes," answered the customer, a tired editor; "a bare synopsis will do."

A Rhyme Of Little Girls.

Prithce tell me, don't you think Little girls are dearest With their cheeks of tempting pink. And their eyes the clearest? Don't you know that they are best And of all the loveliest?

Of all the girls with rough ways

They are surely truest; Sunshine gleams through all their days, They see skies the bluest, And they wear a diadem Summer has bestowed on them.

Lydia doesn't care a cent

For the newest dances; She is not on flirting bent, Has no killing glances, But without the slightest art, She has captured many a heart.

Older sisters cut you dead,

Little sisters never; They don't giggle when they've said Something very clever— They just get behind a chair Frowning, smiling at you there.

Florence, Lydia, Margaret,

Or a gentle Mary, They form friendships that, once set, Never more can vary— Staunch young friends they are and true, Always clinging close to you.

Buds must into blossoms blow,

(Morn so early leaves us!) Maids must into women grow, (There's the thing that grieves us!) Psyche knots of flying curls, That's good-bye to little girls!

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Owing to a re-arrangement, made necessary at this time of the year, the two special features—"Sleepytime Tales" and "Low Cost of Living Menus"—have been removed to Page 10, where they may be found daily henceforth.



CONSPIRATORS ON CANADA ARRESTED IN NEW YORK. These are leading figures among German agents already arrested charged with planning to destroy the Welland Canal and with widespread conspiracy to destroy munitions shipped to the Allies.

Rippling Rhymes

TIED. I am so tired of explaining to agents, each day in the year, that they're wasting time by remaining, and boosting their articles queer.

They come, all the sample-case bringers, they come to my shanty in droves, they come with their washers and wringers. They bring me a cure-all for chickens, a powder for Dolly, the mare; they bring me complete sets of Dickens, and dye for my whiskers and hair.

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