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Just as sensible to write it N.Y. as Xmas.

The open-faced pie is the latest conservation diet.

We are to-day living in a world of rapid changes.

There are big dents in the Kaiser's 'iron fist' and 'shining sword.'

Britain's new First Sea Lord wears a monocle. But then Nelson had only one eye.

Russia makes us think of circus day. You never could see your eye on all three rings at once.

Ruts are just as hard on men as on automobile tires. Stay in long enough and you'll have a blow-out.

Many of the city sidewalks are very dangerous owing to their icy condition. It is said not available this year.

Help win the war by eliminating waste of materials, supplies and time, and by cutting out useless expenditures.

Balshazzar's hall at Babylon has been found by German diggers. Wonder if they saw the handwriting on the wall?

The first important reprisal raid made by British airmen on Germany was extremely successful. May the next one reach the Kaiser himself.

For the second time Australia has voted against conscription. But Australia has furnished a large quota of volunteers who have written their name large on the battlefields of Europe.

A plot to poison Red Cross bands and spread wholesale death among the United States soldiers has been discovered and frustrated at Cleveland, Ohio. There is no limit to the deviltry of the Hun.

Says Israel Zangwill, the great Jewish author and Zionist leader: "Thirteen million Jews throughout the world look to-day to Jerusalem—the Holy City restored. What could be more fitting than a Jewish nation reborn after centuries of Jewish travail?"

The year 1917 has witnessed the passing away of some noted people. Among the celebrated dead might be mentioned Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill), Admiral Dewey, Count Zepelin, Sir Herbert Tree, Earl Gray, Capt. George Guynemer, Auguste Rodin, Queen Liliuokalani and Dr. Jameson.

RULES OF CONDUCT. The following admirable pledges were prepared as a war creed for Americans by James H. Poo, of North Carolina:

- 1. We pledge ourselves not to say or do anything during this war which will weaken the hands of the Government, or which could give aid, comfort or encouragement to the enemy.
2. We pledge ourselves during this war to do promptly and cheerfully all which our Government shall ask us within our power.
3. We pledge ourselves not to support any candidate for office who does not wholeheartedly support our country's cause in this war.
4. We pledge ourselves not to let

the family of a soldier suffer for want of anything we can supply.

5. We pledge ourselves to give preference to the soldier who went and did his duty over the man of military age and fitness who did not go.

NO NEED OF ANY FUSS.

One of the Utilities commissioners thinks that there was not enough fuss created by the newspapers over the advent of Hydro-electric Commission power into Kingston. Well, the Whig remarked before the Trent power was turned on here that there was no need of any fuss, because John M. Campbell gave Kingston water power a year ahead of Sir Adam Beck's Commission. Furthermore it has not heard of even a meeting of the Utilities Commission being held on that eventful 13th day of December to entertain over the turning on of the current from the Trent. Hydro-electric Commission power will no doubt give Kingston a great boost, but the people had to wait so long for it that they lost the power of enthusiasm. Small towns immediately west of here had Seymour power for some time and not until the Beck Commission bought out the Seymour interests was Kingston connected up with this water power.

A STUDY OF PASSENGERS.

In travelling on a train have you noticed the ease with which some passengers get seats and the difficulties others meet with? Some persons will enter a car nearly full of people and be seated in a jiffy, while others will pass up and down the aisle in a fruitless hunt for a sitting and finally have to seek the aid of trainmen. The wise passenger sises up a car as he enters, and if it is pretty full he slips into the first vacant sitting. The fussy passenger goes through the car, passing a vacant spot here and there, in the hope of securing a choicer location, and when this does not appear a return trip is made, and the few formerly vacant seats are found filled. The unobservant passenger follows the course of the fussy one. The timid passenger looks longingly at a double or single seat which is occupied by one person, and cannot summon up enough nerve to request a portion of the upholstered chair hogged by the monopolizer. The one who has paid for only one sitting. It is interesting to watch people entering a car and adjusting themselves to the conditions that confront them. The ones who get seated quickly and quietly delight the eye of the critical traveller.

BUTTER SUBSTITUTES.

Not only is oleomargarine priced at a much higher rate in Canada than in the United States or England, but it is scarcely obtainable at all in Kingston. Only a few pounds have as yet been imported, and enquirers for it in local stores are told that there is none for sale. It would appear that the Food Controller's services might well be employed to remedy these two defects in a serious food problem. Now that the use of oleomargarine is permitted in Canada it is important that the people should know something of its food value. Prof. W. D. Halliburton, a celebrated British writer on foods, has made a study of butter substitutes. His testimony is that all margarines made from beef fat, mutton fat and lard oil and mixed with milk are as nutritious as genuine butter. When there is an addition of genuine butter to give the desired taste it is difficult for all but experts to distinguish between margarine and butter; but the important thing to remember is that the best margarine is equal in food value to the best butter. Cheaper grades of margarine, in which vegetable oils take the place of animal fats, may be perfectly wholesome, but they lack an important element which the animal fats supply, and to give them the food value of butter it is necessary to add beef drippings, cheese or bacon.

THE HOTEL QUESTION.

Hotel talk is always permissible no matter what a season may be. Any old time will do to make reflections upon Kingston's misfortune of not having a modern hostelry. The Canadian Courier of Toronto has revived the discussion by saying that Kingston has everything she needs but a good hotel, and the Courier is just about right. But it is hardly right in laying the blame upon the aldermen of this city. In the first place if a grand hotel would be such a paying proposition in Kingston as is claimed it would be, how is it that enough capital could never be raised without seeking either a bonus or civic guarantee of a mortgage of \$100,000 or more? There has been proposition after proposition submitted by promoters, but nothing ever resulted. For some time there was an argument as to the best site. This matter has practically been settled. What Kingston needs is a good general hotel—not a summer one—right in the heart of, or alongside of the business district. The old British-American corner or the Golden-Lion block are agreed upon as the best spots. In Belleville and Rosaford there were wealthy and public-spirited men who practically "planted" modern hotels in those places. There's loads of

money in Kingston but the people do not seem to invest in a proposition that they know little or nothing about. However with the continual closing up of hotels owing to the temperance wave, Kingston may have to get busy on the hotel proposition pretty soon. When the war is over—and that may be sooner than some people are figuring upon—there is going to be greater demand than ever for hotel accommodation everywhere.

HUNS DREAMED OF DIVIDING AFRICA

Aimed at Great Empire Across Continent—Must Win War to Realize Wish.

London, Dec. 29.—In an article entitled "The World Political Importance of German East Africa" the Cologne Gazette, frankly confesses that Germany has for years aimed at the creation of a German wedge dividing Africa from sea to sea. Although Germany in 1911 by treaty with France "apparently" made final renunciation of the idea of a great colonial empire she really aimed at the creation of a Germano-Belgian economic area in the Congo Basin from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic.

Then when the war commenced Germany was "deliberately" exploiting her incomparable geographical position in East Africa. The Cologne Gazette proceeds to say this position constituted "a wedge between the English claims to sole domination in East Africa and South Africa—a dividing and immovable wedge. As long as England did not let it come to a trial of strength the newspaper confesses great difficulties obstruct Germany's colonial war aims but "all our wishes will be realized only if by our battles in Europe we can compel England to recognize us as an equal colonial power and to draw the necessary consequences in the future re-arrangement of Africa."

ESCAPED IN PRIEST'S GARB.

German Sought to Deceive French Peasants in Ingenious Way.

Paris, Dec. 15.—(By Mail).—A young German newspaper man who made his escape from a prison camp in the south of France has been captured after two weeks' liberty. He was wearing a long black beard and a long cloak like that worn by some of the French religious orders. He carried in his hand a French prayer-book, on the flyleaf of which he had written in perfect French that he was a priest on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, and that he had vowed to make the journey on foot and without speaking a word. He then asked that he be given bread to eat and water to drink and a lodging at night time. The German had shown this soiled prayer-book everywhere along his way, and the simple-minded peasants, believing him to be a priest, had fed and sheltered him without suspicion.

THIRTY JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN

were executed by the Turkish army that surrendered Jerusalem to General Allenby.

MUST MAKE ANOTHER ONE

CANADIAN RAILROADS NEED FURTHER RATE INCREASES.

The Railway Commissioners by Their Recent Action Have But Partially Met the Situation.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway System, interviewed in regard to the decision of the Railway Commissioners in respect to increased freight and passenger fares, said: "Copy of the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners in the so-called fifteen per cent. advanced rate cases was not received by me until late, consequently I have not been able to thoroughly study or analyze it. From a hasty perusal there, aided by the newspaper reports, it appears that the board have, in the Eastern territory, given the railways a substantial part of what they applied for. The application of the principles of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement, will however, materially affect the result otherwise obtainable. It is satisfactory that the advance in passenger fares has been approved.

"The curtailment of the railways' application in Western Canada, is however, a great disappointment as, notwithstanding the general higher basis of passenger fares in British Columbia and freight rates west of Fort William, the expenses in that particular territory, have increased in about the same proportion as elsewhere and in my opinion it is unfortunate that the full measure of the railway companies' application has not been granted, particularly in respect to class rates and rates on grain, the latter being, of course, the heaviest tonnage involved. This does not appear to me to be the time to attempt to adjust the existing disparity in rates between territories when by doing so, the revenues of the railways are restricted.

"The railways admitted, when they made their application, many months ago, that the suggested increase in rates and fares would fall far short of the then known abnormal increase in expenses, since which time, such expenses have further increased in leaps and bounds way beyond what I, and I believe any other railroad man had any conception of."

"It remains to be seen whether the additional 'oxygen' furnished by the Railway Commissioners will enable the railways to keep going in the existing efficient manner between now and the time when it will be necessary to make a further application for additional assistance. While it is of some satisfaction, yet it does not furnish much comfort to realize that in admitting the fact of the railway companies' contention with respect to increased expenses, the board assumes the responsibility of giving the railways less than they have asked for.

"As previously stated, the increases in the expenses of operation have not been spasmodic. They are continuing, and of a multiplying character, so that the situation to-day, even after crediting the estimated additional revenue produced by the decision of the board, is probably even worse than at the time when we first made our application. Last April, and it logically follows, we shall have to make another one without delay."

Rippling Rhymes

MADE AT HOME

This year, oh, little girls and boys, there'll be no German Christmas toys. The Germans have so much to do, so many errands to pursue, they really haven't time to pause and carve out toys for Santa Claus. But there'll be toys, I have no doubt, for every little maid and scout, for all the children of this realm, made from our native slippery elm. Why bought we toys across the seas? We have the drawing knives and trees, and we can hew from pine or beech an elephant that is a peach, and we can shape a polar bear, an anaconda or a hare, a camel with an upright back, a duck that can emit a quack. We have the tools; we have the skill; why bought we toys from Kaiser Bill? Now, watch me make a Noah's ark, and fit it out with hen and sharp rhinoceros and kangaroo and every beast you wish to view. This war, with all its woes and stings, has taught us lots of useful things. We find that we can fashion traps we used to buy from foreign chaps; and that's a lesson, little kids, which should be passed in our lids. So watch me take my saw and ax, and fashion toys as slick as wax; I'll carve you bears of gorgeous shapes, I'll hew out warthogs, bees and apes, and give you, dea, ones, ample cause to whoop with me for Santa Claus.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



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CANADIAN ROADS ON WAY TO SCRAP HEAP. Sir Donald Mann Anticipates Government Control—C. P. R. Has Money. Toronto, Dec. 29.—"It is naturally to be expected that the Union Government will follow the example of the United States and place all the railways under government control for the period of the war," said Sir Donald Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern railway. "It is the natural assumption. As conditions are at present, the railway companies, other than the C. P. R., have no money to provide for keeping up their lines to a high standard of efficiency. No moneys received by the C. N. R. from the government in recent years had been for utilization in such work. The G. T. lines are similarly situated, though to a less extent. The lump sum they received from the government last session was all for past expenditures, not for betterment anywhere. And without constant care of the lines by effective maintenance the roads cannot care for the heavy business they now should be handling. Deterioration, too, is so rapid that if the government does not come to their rescue by one course or the other, the scrap heap is their inevitable destination."

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