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The garbage collectors of Kingston could furnish many a convincing proof of how food is wasted in hundreds of city homes.

Canada's new government has some great and grave problems to tackle, and not the least among them is the railway question.

Gen. Allenby has won another notable success in Palestine. In a word, he has the Turks doing the Turkey-Trot in the most approved style.

Russian anarchists present Berlin's peace offer to the world. A fitting medium for the presentation of so hollow and misleading a message.

A Berlin newspaper says that Germany will "hold out to the bitter end." She is now beginning to realize how bitter that end is sure to be.

Great Britain has permitted a fifteen per cent. increase in beer production. As one disciple of Bacchus put it: "O to be in England, now that beer is plenty!"

Stefannson, who has just returned from the Arctic regions, won't notice any change in climate conditions. We almost suspect that he brought the North Pole with him.

Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, presiding at a tribunal appeal court in Toronto, declared that there were too many branch banks in Canada. There's something in that.

The time has come when Canada, following the example of England and the United States, should take over all her railways and operate them in the interests of the nation.

A Toronto barber has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for disloyal talk. Barbers have long deserved punishment for the talk they have inflicted upon helpless victims, says the Portsmouth Philosopher.

A movement is on foot to establish a permanent Union party in Winnipeg. A nominating convention, representing Liberals, Conservatives, next of kin, Great War Veterans and Returned Soldiers' Associations. Not a bad combination, that!

A writer points out, on behalf of the railways, the present great disparity between the prices of general products and freight rates. Recent authoritative statistics, he says, show that in 1910 a bushel of corn on the farm would buy sixty-three ton miles of freight transportation. To-day it will buy more than 126 ton miles, or twice as much.

Four forestry battalions have been raised in Canada and have proceeded overseas, in addition to one battalion converted on arrival in England and about 4,500 men supplied from drafts from various parts of Canada. All told, the number of men in Canadian forestry battalions totals more than 10,000. All these forestry battalions have been combined into a corps.

Discussing Lord Rhondda's statement that tobacco is a necessity, not a luxury, the Montreal Gazette remarks: "A quiet smoke is compensation after a poor and scanty meal and a topper to a good one. Ruffled temper due to a reprimand from the boss in the shop or at home cools down after a few puffs and the outlook on life is again promising. Tobacco, like music, can soothe the savage beast."

A CIVIC SURPLUS.

According to Kingston's financial statement for 1917, the City Council closes the year with a surplus of $2,074.30, the first civic surplus in ten years. This announcement, made today by Mayor Hughes, is gratifying indeed, and it is an excellent reason for re-electing the mayor and aldermen to serve the city in 1918.

THE ATTITUDE OF QUEBEC.

The attitude of Quebec—past, present and future—is clearly revealed by Le Soleil, of Quebec, the chief Laurierite newspaper in the Quebec district, when it says:

"We have had enough of Canadian Confederation, which is nothing but an Imperial Confederation. If you wish the Confederation to last you will have to change your manners, as we are no longer disposed to endure your impertinence, your political conspiracies, and much less your persecutions. Now that you know our sentiment, it is for you to decide."

The "you" is English-speaking Canada. There you have a genuine confession of Quebec's attitude. It explains her failure to do her part in the war, in contributing to the Victory Loan and in sustaining the Union Government. Surely those Liberals who voted with Quebec on Dec. 17th have their eyes opened by this time. It is not a question of race or religion at all, as some misleading critics would have one believe; it is solely and simply a question as to whether one backward province shall take Canada out of the war, shall retard our legitimate development, shall impose her will upon the other eight provinces or shall endanger the Canadian Confederation. That plainly, is the problem that confronts us to-day. Firmness, wisdom and justice should be the attributes of the statesmanship called upon to find a solution.

THE NEW PEACE MOVE.

Germany's peace terms, as outlined by the Russian Bolsheviki Government, are a smoke screen, a camouflage, a disingenuous attempt to ward off the doom that is surely appending—that, and nothing more. Gone are the boasts that she would demand the retention of occupied territory; gone are the boasts that she would insist upon indemnities and reparations. Von Tirpitz and the rest of the German apostles of annexation are thrown overboard in the rush to secure a peace safe and satisfactory for Germany. It is not a Russian peace she wants; it is a general peace. The reply of England, as expressed through her premier, her press and her labor leaders is sane and heartening. It shows no disposition to be beguiled or led into ambush. Instead it evinces a determined note to stand firm and immovable until her war aims are accomplished and the military power of Prussia is once and forever destroyed. This determination is thus expressed by three voices of public opinion above mentioned:

"Achievement of the purposes for which the Allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind. The ideals for which we are fighting to-day are precisely those for which the British Empire entered the war."—Lloyd-George.

"The peace terms are not sufficient to lead us to lay down our arms. We must be watchful . . . When the German people understand what the Allies stand for and what really are their intentions, they themselves will complete the destruction of that militarism which has set out to conquer the world."—London Daily Express.

"The terms of the Central Powers offer no security whatever against a recurrence of the war whenever the original disturbers of the peace are strong enough to fight again with a better prospect of victory."—London Daily Chronicle.

"Even the blindest mole could see through the smoke screen of verbal eloquence with which the Germans try to conceal their real intentions."—London Daily Mail.

"Until we have made the German nation feel that it has made a grievous mistake, and it has repented of its crimes and foul murders, our aims should be to carry on the war."—Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the International Seamen's Union.

"After suffering as we have, we cannot accept peace based on the status quo."—M. Pichon, Foreign Minister of France.

These are truely representative interpretations of the best opinion in England and France. The rest of the Allies will back them up in the demand to finish this business once and for all. Prussia is now trying to gain through diplomacy what she has failed to conquer with the sword. The call is to stand firm, to carry on yet a little while longer, for we are surely within sight of the much-desired goal.

When Wrath Waxes Warm.

(Chicago Tribune)

When we get the wrong telephone number twice running our rage against the central powers is positively unbridled.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Changing Times.

(Oswego, N.Y., Times)

Considering the prices of candy, theatre tickets, and automobile rides, the time has forever gone by when you can finance a best girl on a salary of $9 a week.

Had Considerable Practice.

(New York Puck)

Visitor—Have your employees had any experience in military training?

Employer—Well, most of them have been soldiering on the job for years.

Hats Off to Billy Sunday.

(Utica, N.Y. Herald)

We have not always indorsed the spectacular work of Rev. Billy Sunday. But when he walloped that pro-German antagonist the other night before an audience of thousands, we are inclined to give him a vote of thanks and congratulate him on his pugnacity.

Editor Can Prove An Alibi.

(Belleville Intelligencer)

The editor of this Great Family Journal was agreeably surprised to read in the Brockville Recorder that with his "best half" he spent Christmas in Brockville. To the best of his knowledge and belief he spent Christmas in Belleville, and the daily roll call at his "palatial" residence showed no absentees during the gladsome and "touching" Christmas season. If he visited Brockville this Christmas it was in one of the phantom airships made in Morristown, N.Y., which a few years ago put Brockville on the war map of the world. Sorry, brother, but the high price of food and fuel, not to mention contributions to the Domestic Santa Claus Fund, prevented the customary re-union on the banks of the St. Lawrence this year, but though financially bent and broken as the result of the Christmas spirit (Linotyper will please not make this "spirits") the editor is more than pleased to note that he was in Brockville in spirit and embraces this opportunity to wish many friends in "the old home town" all happiness in this season of "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will."

NEW DEVICE

Petcock on Manifold for Feeding Air.

"There was one device I placed on my motor that served several purposes, but was extremely simple," says W. Penn Lukens in the November issue of Motor. "It was a regular one-quarter inch drip cock, screwed into the intake manifold just where it branched to go to the different cylinders. To the handle of the drip cock was riveted an iron rod that came through the dash and terminated in a handle. Then when the motor was warmed up, and I had a nice run ahead, I could keep my seat; open the cock in the manifold and admit excess air above the carburetor, giving me an average of ten to fifteen per cent. less gas consumption, besides reducing carbon formation.

"Once in a while I fed water or kerosene into the cylinders by means of this device, and found it useful in keeping down carbon in this way as well. When cold weather came I found I didn't need excess air and did need a primer, so I retained the device with the modification that I soldered into the air opening a small brass tube that dripped into the float chamber of the carburetor. Of course I was careful to see that it did not interfere with the float action. Then, by keeping the throttle closed, opening the petcock and turning over the motor, the suction in the manifold drew gasoline directly from the float chamber and sprayed it directly into the manifold near the cylinders, constituting a very effective priming device."

AUTO PRICES ADVANCE

Automobile Men Do Not Hope For Any Relief.

Present conditions were never better for the sale of automobiles, but the future is full of uncertainty—not because of a diminishing desire upon the part of the public for a car, but due to the increasing cost of materials and the great demands being made by the government for all base metals.

Prospective purchasers of an automobile who buy their car at this time are showing a great deal of foresight. Automobiles probably never again will be as low in price as they are right now—surely not for many years to come. Furthermore, there's every prospect that the great world war will eventually cause a shortage of automobiles. It is certain that the tremendous requirements of our government will so deplete available supplies of materials that practically all makers will be forced to greatly curtail, and in some instances, cease operations.

Those who are waiting for the coming of peace to reduce the cost of motor cars are sure to suffer disappointment. Right now officials of the government are constantly diverting the materials which form the basis of automobile production to war requirements. After peace has finally been declared and the world is again "safe for democracy," it will fall upon this country to rebuild devastated Europe. Consequently we can hope for no change in the material and labor market—it may even become more acute than at the present time.

REMEMBER THE TIRES

Stop Taking Turns and Corners Is Advice Given.

"The side walls of tires are purposely made lighter and thinner than the centre part in order that they yield the greatest amount of flexibility and buoyancy, yet the reckless driver fails to appreciate this and when his tires do not give the full amount of mileage he expects, he seldom stops to consider his destructive methods of driving," says a prominent tire man.

"Taking turns and corners at an unreasonable speed is one of the worst ways a driver can treat tires, for a terrific strain is thrown upon the thin walls of the two tires on the outside of the turn, which tears and pulls the fabric at its weakest point."

A vacuum ice machine has been invented in Europe that eliminates the use of dangerous acids and can be operated by hand or an electric motor. A cereal cooker has been invented that can be inserted in the top of a tea kettle so that both are heated over the same opening in a gas range.

Among the new motor farming implements is one which turns the soil and at the same time shreds all vegetable matter, thus serving as a plow and harrow.

A process has been invented in Europe for converting water into hydrogen peroxide with chemicals that afterward are recovered for further use.

A new type of gasoline gauge for automobiles, in which a float causes a hand to register on a dial, can be substituted for the regular tank cap.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Christian Guardian, Toronto.

The coming of the New Year always brings its suggestion of courage and of hope. We confess that, notwithstanding all the disappointments and failures and disillusionments of life, the New Year has never dawned yet without bringing to us a glorious and heartening sense of the possibility of a new and a better start in life. Even though we know that our divisions of time are somewhat artificial, and the New Year is new only because we call it so; even though we know that it is not possible for any man to escape from the record and the result of the years that have gone, yet that picture of the boy sitting down to write before the clean, white page always seems a true and unexaggerated picture of the opportunity God gives very It is a picture that ought toman as the New Year dawns. put into every man the strength, courage and determination that will enable him to link himself unto goodness in a new and vital way and make each New Year a finer achievement and life itself a steady climbing up to God.

Rippling Rhymes

PATRIOTIC GIRLS

I know a bunch of damsels fair, whose spirit greatly I admire; they have the nerve to do and dare, they're full of patriotic fire. There's one of them so passing sweet, she'd make the fetchingest of Traus, and men are always at her feet with talk of rings and marriage vows. Whoever gets her in the end will have to bear the marks of strife; she'll be a sister or a friend to others, but she won't be wife. "I'll never wed a man who shirks, who does not, when his country calls," she says, "blow out a Teuton's works with shrapnel, bombs or cannonballs." I know some men who wear a scowl when facing some small sacrifice; and men there are who raise a howl whenever they dig up the price. But all the women that I know are thoroughbreds, of spirit high, their one regret that they can't go and show us how to bleed and die. A man will wonder where he's at when for a bond he shells the rocks; his wife will soak her Sunday hat to buy the yarn for soldiers socks. A man will sigh if he must use some substitute for beef or cheese; his wife will auction off her shoes, and barefoot go to knitting bees.

—WALT MASON.

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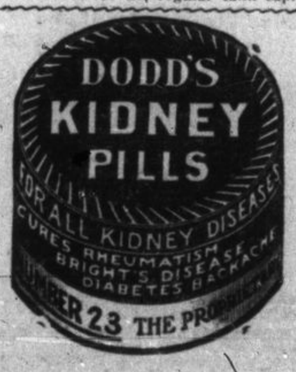
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