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impress upon Germany the fact that the United States was in deadly earnest in her determination to defeat the Hun, the death measure was well worth while.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. The Kingston General Hospital, which is appealing to the municipal councils of Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington for increased grants, in view of the greatly increased cost of maintenance, is not only conducted efficiently but also economically.

THE WAR AND SCRIPTURAL PROPHECY.

A writer in Everyman recalls that nearly two years ago a leading London newspaper published the opinions of a number of prominent men as to when the war would end.

"The war will last until the spring of 1918, because 'power was given unto him (the beast) to continue forty and two months.'" (Rev. xiii., 5.)

Lord Headley's implied interpretation is that "the beast" is the present Kaiser of Germany. That may or may not be so. Whether he be "the" beast or not, he is certainly "a" beast.

Why not organize a "Soldiers of the Soil" movement in Kingston and thus prepare the way to place boys, returned soldiers and other available help on the farms of Frontenac this summer?

The Bolsheviks, flinging themselves in the minority, have disbanded the Constituent Assembly, whose members were elected by the people.

The time-honored expression, "Carrying coals to Newcastle," finds a modern interpretation in the fact that coal has been brought all the way across the Atlantic to the United States so that cargo ships might be enabled to sail.

An increase in the city's revenue could be secured by increasing the license fee of billiard and pool rooms. Now that women are to be given a vote in municipal matters, should not all the unmarried ones also pay the poll tax?

Bellefleur has been granted permission by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to engage in the coal and fuel business. The dealers there are asking \$14.50 per ton, while the fuel controller points out that the total justified charge, including profit, should be \$10.33.

Germany is now expressing the same scorn for the United States army as she did for Britain's "contemptible little army." She may see the day when the former will finish the work the "Old Contemptibles" nearly rolled up at Mons and the Marne.

According to the city engineer, by carrying the proposed public wharf at the foot of Clarence street 195 feet further out into the harbor than originally planned, water to a depth of between eighteen and nineteen feet would be secured.

charger who mined his steps like a dancing master. "This was the farmer boy's day of glory. Never hereafter would he walk the plow furrow with the same sullen step. He had lived. And it was the grim, cruel monster War who had made him live, who had breathed this subtle flattery into his ear to make of him a slave for future slaughter."

This is an alluring picture of the first stages of war. What comes after supplies ground for Mr. Griffith's belief in the future abolition of war. This war will do a great deal, he holds, to squeeze the romance out of army life.

PUBLIC OPINION

Incredible. (St. Thomas Journal) The gas pressure in Hamilton is reported to be weak. Almost unbelievable when one considers that the Times, Herald and Spec are all doing business as usual.

Toronto The Good. (Ottawa Evening Journal) Up in Toronto, where sentinels of morality are more numerous than honorary colonels, and where the putting of what Tom Hood described as "too much Sabbath into Sunday," is one of the leading industries.

Pretty Cheap. (Toronto Telegram) In England a paper or a weekly or monthly magazine can be left at the nearest post-office and will go to the soldiers free of charge.

In the United States a one-cent stamp will carry a magazine to any American soldier overseas. Canada's government is not ashamed to bleed soldiers' relatives for more in postage on a magazine than the original cost of the magazine.

Rippling Rhymes

THE KNITTERS

My aunt is knitting woollen socks, her labors never cease; my sister May, she knits all day, and so does Jane, my niece. The women keep on knitting things, they never seem to tire; my grandma sits and knits and knits, just like a housewife, I say to them, "Oh, females, do take a rest, I pray; my auto waits outside the gates, so let us scoot away."

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



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"Seven Sleepers" Waking Up. (London Advertiser) The Provincial Government has discovered that 7,500 workers are needed in Ontario. With an election in June, it is presumed that about May the Government will begin to make a big noise about getting them.

The Kindly Tiptiz. (Philadelphia Record) It is very considerate in Admiral von Tiptiz to suggest that the Germans keep only the Flanders coast of Belgium and give up the rest of the country. This would enable them to keep a pistol pointed at Great Britain's breast and would, of course, be highly conducive to future peace.

TO MAKE 23-FOOT HARBOR.

War Department Advocating Delay in Big Oswego Project. Washington, Jan. 24.—The big Oswego harbor project, which planned, at the expenditure of about three million and a half by the Government in the construction of breakwaters, the enlargement and deepening of the outer harbor, the removal of the upper island in Oswego river, the lighthouse pier and portions of the present outer and inner breakwater, has been disposed by the Secretary of War for the present at least.

In place of this improvements which will cost only \$38,000 have been recommended. These improvements will cost approximately \$2,000 a year for maintenance. Work, however, is only to start so that the project may be completed about the time the Welland canal.

It is specified that this work shall be started so as to be completed at approximately the time of the completion of the new Welland canal. In view of the fact that all work on the Welland canal has been suspended during the war, there is little likelihood of the dredging mentioned above being started at Oswego until the signing of peace.

Thawless January So Far. This has been the first January without a thaw since 1845. Since 1844 there have been 32 January's with temperatures of 40 degrees or more.

An official statement from Budapest says the workmen presented Dr. Wekerle, Hungarian premier, with a memorial asking for immediate peace and fair and equal distribution of foodstuffs.

Farm products of the United States reached the unprecedented value of \$19,443,849,381 last year, an increase of more than \$6,000,000,000 over 1916, and almost \$9,000,000,000 more than in 1915.

At Philadelphia two Pennsylvania passenger trains collided on Wednesday. One man was killed and many were injured.

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