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The usual January thaw has been postponed until July.

Germany now threatens to drop poison gas bombs on French cities. Could fierceness further go?

A Kingston milliner has just been refused entry to the United States. She will await impatiently for a chance to trim Uncle Sam.

A Philadelphia hospital is searching for a perfect baby. Why search? Isn't that just the kind of baby every mother owns?

Yesterday's news despatches announced that the steamer Cork had been sunk by a submarine. The name should have kept her afloat.

Criticism of British and American cabinet members is just now proceeding with great activity in both capitals and in the press. All of which makes for the comfort of the enemy.

In his recent speech the German chancellor plainly tells France and her Allies: "If you want Alsace-Lorraine, you will have to come and take it." Which is probably what they will have to do.

British labor, in days of stress and temptation when it might be inclined to waver, stands like a rock in support of the war until a conclusive and satisfactory peace is secured. That fact should never be forgotten.

Floods in Germany, cyclones in Australia, violent storms in Rhodesia, blizzards in Canada, volcanic eruptions in Guatemala—the forces of nature are following the example of man in letting loose the powers of destruction and death.

If there is only three weeks' supply of coal in Kingston, the necessity of conserving it is evident. The introduction of electric heating will help. The Utilities Commission has paved the way for this innovation by reducing the rate.

Dr. Wilfrid T. Grenfell, the hero of the Labrador—a surgeon, not a preacher—tells a Toronto audience that Christianity is the most vital factor in human life, and adds: "We are free to do right or to do wrong, and we are fighting for that to-day. Christ fought sin and wrong; He was never a non-resisting leader."

What's the use of all this Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday stuff anyway? Let's change it to Heatless, Meatless, Wheatless, Butterless, Peacelove, Drinkless and Sinless. Then we'll know where we're at.

Northumberland, Durham and York county councils are now considering more stringent legislation concerning dogs and in the protection of sheep. This is a subject which the Whig has several times urged upon the attention of the governing bodies of Frontenac county.

A BY-PRODUCT OF THE STORM. Two Knights Held up at Agincourt, runs a newspaper heading. Sounds like an echo from the days of chivalry when knighthood was in flower, but it turns out to be merely the introduction to a story of how Sir Joseph Flavell and Sir Sam Huxton were delayed by the storm.

which tied up their train for several hours. The public are not enlightened as to how Sir Joseph regarded the hold-up—probably he turned the tedious time to profit by reading Bacon—but Sir Sam, we are told, spent the afternoon in the railway station in a petulant mood. One can well believe it. The storm itself could not have been more blustery or unrestrained.

HYDRO POWER A GODSEND. Kingston's contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission at present is for 1,200 horse-power of electrical energy from the Trent. The Commission has only to use seventy-five per cent of this amount, or 900 horse-power, which is now being fully utilized. When the waterworks pumps are connected up with hydro power, the whole 1,200 horse-power will be required. Then the Commission will figure on taking 2,000 horse-power at a lower rate. There is no doubt but that a market can be found for this increased amount in Kingston, for the Locomotive Works will become a larger consumer and the people generally will adopt electrical heaters and other similar appliances in their households. The more electricity Kingston uses, the lower will be the rates. The Utilities' up-town office with its fine display is expected to aid materially in getting the people to make a wider use of electricity in their homes. Electrical heaters will save starting the furnace so early in the fall and will also save running it so hard in the extremely cold weather. Hydro power should be a great asset to Kingston. It could not have come at a more opportune time than the winter of 1916, when the fuel situation is so serious and the making of electrical energy with coal is endangered.

EXIT THE CITY HORSE. Automobiles have been fairly common on Kingston's streets all winter with the exception of the past few days. This, during a long period of the worst storms ever experienced, is a performance worthy of note. However, when one sees heavy trucks immobilized because of the snow or the icy pavements the question suggests itself: how soon may the automobile truck be expected entirely to displace the horse?

London's experience in this regard, as the Christian Science Monitor reports it, is in point. In the six years from 1904 to 1910 London's passenger traffic was changed from a hansom cab basis to a taxicab basis, motor omnibuses took the place of horse omnibuses, and the day of the "growler" or four-wheeler, was gone forever.

A change in trucking from horse-drawn vehicles to motors need not be expected at once. But the wartime uncertainties of grain supplies with which to feed horses, of which the present soaring prices of hay and oats are symptomatic, and the increasing realibility and economy of operation of motor trucks, make virtually certain the passing of the horse for all but pleasure use in cities. Already over twenty business houses in this city have discarded the horse in favor of the motor for trucking purposes, and 1917 will see still greater developments in this respect. The only drawback will be that, in case of a food famine, we can't eat the motor car.

A NEW DAY COMING. Charles M. Schwab, the American steel magnate, foresees a social revolution throughout the world. In an address at New York he uttered these meaningful words:

"We are at the threshold of a new social era. This new order of things may work great hardships for many of us. It is going to come upon us sooner than we expect. It is social renaissance of the whole world. Some people call it Socialism, others call it Bolshevism. It means but one thing, and that is that the man who labors with his hands, who does not possess property, is the one who is going to dominate the affairs of this world." He believes, however, that the ultimate adjustment will be for good. Recent developments in Russia and the threatened peaceful labor revolution in England as signs of the coming change. The times were ripe for some beneficial change. The labor and Socialist parties realize that the hour for action is now. It is the duty of our leaders, not so much to oppose the new movement, as to help guide and shape it aright. The coming aristocracy of the world will not be founded on wealth, or birth; it will be the aristocracy of men who have done something for their country and the world. The change may come much sooner than we expect it.

PUBLIC OPINION. Relief in Sight. (Guelph Mercury) The fuel situation is going to be relieved. A new gas well has been struck at Welland and the Ontario Legislature opens in a few days. No Chance! (Los Angeles Times) The Germans are rushing troops to

the western front, but we fail to note the presence of any of the Kaiser's six sons in the push.

Canada's Chance. (Montreal Star) The Washington Government is advertising for the prettiest girl in America, so her picture can be used on war posters. Here's Canada's chance to help out our big friendly neighbor.

Droll. (Philadelphia Record) Old Mother Hubbard, Went to the cupboard To get her a bucket of coal, But when she got there The cupboard was bare. So she froze to death. Wasn't it droll?

Britain Acts. (Montreal Star) Coal is being sent to New York from England so that ships may sail and break up the traffic congestion in the United States. It has been the fashion, even in Canada, to smile tolerantly sometimes upon John Bull as a sturdy but somewhat muddling individual, and to contrast his business methods with the bustling efficiency of Uncle Sam. But the searchlight of war shows things up a bit differently.

Dowling-Breen Wedding. A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, at the Church of the Annunciation, Chippewa, when Patrick Dowling and Miss Teresa Breen were united in marriage. The nuptial mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Father J. H. McDonald. The handsome bride looked charming in a tailored suit of dark blue serge and a dainty blouse of white silk. Her hat was white plush with touches of pink and feather trimming. Miss Anna Dowling, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. She wore a suit of purple velour trimmed with white silk and a white silk hat with feather trimming. The groomsmen were Thomas V. Breen, brother of the bride, and the ceremony the guests returned to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous repast was served. The bride received many useful and beautiful presents from her relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Dowling will reside on the groom's farm near Enterprise.

Five Below Zero. The weather man is not going to let us have very much milder weather, it would appear. Monday it was seventeen below zero, Tuesday nine above zero, but again on Wednesday morning the official record showed that it was five below zero.

Studying in Kingston. Leslie B. Quinn, of Querrin, Sask., is in the city taking a special course of study with Dr. G. W. Bell, Y.S. Archie Stimpson, of Birch Hills, Sask., has just completed a course of study, and has returned home.

Civil Service Reform is shortly to be effected in fulfillment of the Union Government's pledge.

FIRE HORSES EXPENSIVE

COSTS \$260 TO KEEP EACH ONE THIS YEAR.

Civic Committee Considering Motorizing of Fire Department—The Firemen Ask for Fifteen Per Cent Increase in Wages.

The Fire and Light Committee members on Tuesday afternoon expressed themselves in favor of motorizing the fire department. Ald. Chown drew the attention of the members to the fact that this year it would cost \$260 to take care of each of the department's nine horses. Last year it cost about \$185. In view of the increase he thought that to motorize the department would be wise. Alds. Litton and Millan agreed that motor apparatus would save money and give better service. The committee will secure information as to the cost of motor apparatus and later on may have a recommendation to make to the City Council.

A petition was received from the members of the fire brigade, asking for a fifteen per cent increase in wages, owing to the fact that the present wages were not sufficient to live on. Furthermore, they were not insured by the city. Chief Armstrong was asked to secure information from Bramford, Guelph, Peterboro and other places of Kingston's size as to what the firemen there were paid. It was suggested that the men might be given a bonus for this year.

Tenders received for oats ran from 93c to \$1.20 a bushel. These were considered too high, and Ald. Millan and Chief Armstrong were authorized to purchase in the open market. The fire horses require 1,150 bushels a year.

The chief drew attention to the need of more tarpaulins in order to save goods at fires. Tenders were ordered to be asked for six.

Morris Kampolsky was awarded the contract for making thirteen suits for the firemen at \$22.50 each and three for the chief and two captains at \$30 each.

In attendance at the meeting were Alds: Litton (chairman), Anglin, Chown, Hewitt, Clugston, and Millan.

SERGE-MAJOR GROOM WRITES. Popular Kingston N.C.O. Present at Official Opening of Hall.

Mrs. R. L. Groom, 436 Division street, has received a letter from her husband, Sergt-Major H. E. J. Groom, V.O., who is with the Broad Gauge Operating Company in France. He enclosed in the letter a copy of the menu and an account of a dinner held on Christmas day to officially open a new recreation hut for the company. The menu shows that the company had a splendid dinner and the concert that followed is described as being of a very high class. The account of dinner and concert closes with the statement that in honor of the French guests "The Marsellaise" was sung.

Rippling Rhymes

JANUARY GRIEFS. The month of January is anything but merry, it's anything but gay; for now we're walking straightly, and, chee, it hores us greatly to go the narrow way. We've cast old sins behind us, and passing hours remind us how much we miss the same; but we have made our pledges—none but a piker hedges—and we must play the game. Oh, there are watchers near us, who do not strive to cheer us, or soothe us in our woes; our downfall they're awaiting, and then we'll hear them prating, "There, now! We told you so!" When one has vowed to glitter like some angelic critter, and hurtful habits kill, you'd think his folks would brace him, not pester him and chase him, with prophecies of ill. He sees in all their glances their feeling that his chances of being good are slim; they show by smiles sarcastic, and criticisms drastic, they have no faith in him. And so, grown tired of striving, of vows too long surviving, from pledges he breaks free, and while those vows are dying, he hears the women crying, "We knew how it would be!" The month of January is sad and solemn, very, it is the moon of woe; for all the world is saying, to gentles from virtue straying, "Well, well! We told you so!" —WALT MASON.

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Morkes All, said to be a Turkish general, and five others, one a woman, have been detained by the federal authorities at Detroit, Mich., for activities there and in the west. Edwin Tinsley, for many years chief game and fisheries inspector for Ontario, died at his home in Hamilton.