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to a tragedy equal in importance with the failure of the York Loan Company more than a decade ago. The assignees have not been able to prepare a comprehensive statement of the assets and liabilities, nor have they had time to prepare a list of the shareholders, depositors and debenture holders, but sufficient has been gleaned from clients of the company to show that many cases of genuine hardship will result from the failure.

A charter to build the Spokane and B.C. Railway, from Vancouver to Spokane, State of Washington, was the beginning of disaster to the Dominion Permanent. Some \$4,000,000 was sunk in it. An asset of \$200,000 in mortgages and \$15,000 in liquid assets is all the security that depositors, debenture holders and stockholders in the Dominion Permanent hold as a safeguard against loss.

GERMANY'S GREATEST FEAR. According to the latest despatches from Berlin, the Kaiser's war machine is breaking down the great strike of the common people who have rebelled over the food conditions existing in their land. This was to be expected, but any breaking down of the actual strike will not lessen the discontent that exists. The German rulers have to face the fact that the people are beginning to resist the doctrine of blind obedience. However, had as the strike is, there is something else that is worrying the German rulers more and that is the danger of Austria deserting the cause of the Central Powers. It is pointed out that Austria has nothing to gain by continuing in the war to help Germany's ambition of expansion. Nearly all the dangers that confronted Austria are now past. The Russian menace is removed and Italy has been given a setback, so why should Austria continue to pour out her blood for nothing. True, Germany saved her from destruction twice during the war, but the Austrian people may not deem this as a sufficient reason for committing suicide out of gratitude to their northern neighbor whom they really hate. Should Austria decide to sue for peace, the Central Powers would be completely broken up, for Bulgaria and Turkey would be isolated from the arch-foe. War critics are of opinion that if Germany is to hold Austria she will have to launch a great blow on the western front and win another big success.

Divorce proceedings are to be cheapened. It is certainly high time that something dropped in price. There should not be a square yard of idle land in or near Kingston next summer. Every plot should be cultivated. Now they say that the bear did not come out on Saturday at all, but that he stayed smuggled in and forgot all about his shadov errand. Some one rises to remark that the elements have not been conscripted to co-operate in war work. But let us conscript the easier things first.

All the dear old ladies are awaiting the 17th of February, the day on which it is prophesied that the Kaiser will die. It is hoped the old scoundrel will not disappoint them.

A little bird tells the Whig of another alderman who does not shovel his sidewalk. This makes two town fathers who are sturdy enough to wield the shovel but do not. Who can find a third? The American view appears to be that Great Britain and the United States should adopt an aggressive naval policy. With the tremendous superiority of the Allies' fleet such a policy would appear practicable.

When the war is over, the Whig can think of nothing better for Kingston to contribute as a monument to the men who fought and died for the liberty of the world than a soldiers' club. That would be far better than an ornament in a park.

It appears to be unanimous that the world produced only one individual who has been anathematized by so large a portion of the human race as has been the German Kaiser. That other individual is Judas Iscariot, who betrayed our Lord.

The Toronto Telegram remarks that Ontario could never have gone on the map of munition production but for hydro power. Only for hydro there would not be a factory wheel turning in great sections of Ontario to-day, and soft coal would have been from \$30 to \$40 a ton.

Anonymous letters writers are again busy in the city. The practice of mailing anonymous letters containing attacks and threats is contemptible and cowardly. The man or woman who comes out in the open and criticism is esteemed. The man or woman who does not is regarded as a sneak.

TRUE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT. The two older Congregational and the First Baptist churches have shown a true Christian spirit by deciding to hold union services during the remainder of the winter in the Baptist church in order to save fuel. That two religious bodies whose forms are somewhat at variance should be the first to come together at this time is most commendable. The Congregationalists and the Baptists have shown the way to the other churches.

GONE INTO A HOLE. The collapse of the Dominion Permanent Loan, Toronto, is likely to disclose what probably may amount

meeting-house. They did relent enough to allow the use of foot stoves, by women and children. But the men and boys had to stamp their feet and clap their hands to keep from freezing during meeting time.

Restricted Diet Apostle. (Toronto Star) In appointing a successor to Mr. Hanna as Food Controller it was decided to select a thinner man who could be more convincing as a persuasive apostle of restricted diet.

Beyond the Kaiser's Sight. (Boston Globe) The battle flag of the Zeppelin LZ 129, brought down in France in October, is now in the National Museum at Washington, where the Kaiser will never have a chance to see it.

No Compromise About Belgium. (London Daily News) Let Germany declare her readiness to evacuate Belgium absolutely and unconditionally and we can then face the problems that remain. But for us there is no compromise on this point. We entered the war on behalf of the independence and integrity of Belgium, and we shall continue in it until that integrity and that independence are finally established. We stand or fall together and until the enemy are prepared to surrender the territory they have annexed we cannot afford to lay stress upon our separate interests. We have all our particular objects to achieve, but we cannot at this stage bargain openly about them without imperiling the common cause.

HUSBAND A DESERTER, WIFE A BIGAMIST. Deserter From 155th Battalion Arrested—Bigamist Wife Sent to Prison. Bancroft, Feb. 4.—On Sunday morning last Constable Bailey, of Bancroft, placed under arrest a man named Allen Asseltine, who is a deserter from the 155th Battalion. Asseltine has been living in Bancroft for about three weeks with a woman named Mrs. Geo. Cartwright, whom he married in Napanee two years ago. It now transpires that she has a husband living in Dunnville, but Asseltine was not aware of this fact until a short time ago.

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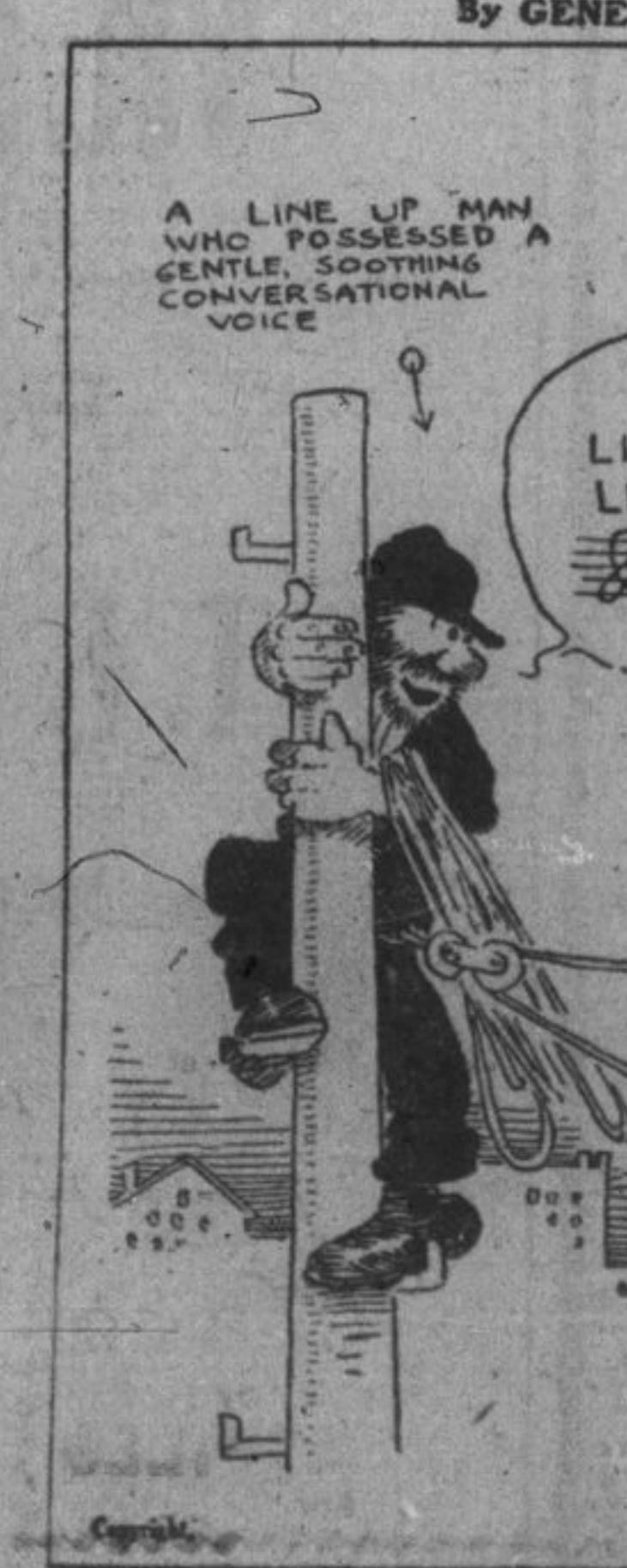
Baker To Visit Front. Washington, Feb. 2.—Secretary of War Baker will soon go to France on a tour of inspection. It was learned to-day that the exact date of Baker's proposed trip has not yet been definitely determined. He will not attend the allied council nor will he remain in France for any extended period, it is learned.

Privilege of using the title "Royal" has been granted to the 50th Battalion of Calgary, in recognition of its services in the field; it has never failed to attain its objective.

Rippling Rhymes. MIDWINTER. The wind is shrieking at the door, the ice is thick upon the river; I don't feel comfy any more; all day I sit around and shiver. The windows rattle in the blast, the snow is heaped against my hovel; I'm baring coal so doggone fast it keeps me busy with a shovel. Another cold wave's on the way—the last one was a ring-tailed hummer; oh, for a red-hot August day, oh, for a sizzling slice of summer! Too long old Boreas has reigned, and I am tired of winter's rigors; ah, can it be that I complained of rittin' things like flies and chiggers? I clean the fire, I shake the grate, I carry coal to hungry heaters; am I the idiotic skate who groused because of harmless skaters? Am I so shy of good horse sense that when frost, as down the cellar stairs I scamper, to shovel coal at frightful cost, and open up some tinhorn damper. The coal man gets all I can earn, except what goes to pay the plumber; and as I watch my wages burn, I say, "No more I'll kick at summer."

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN. By GENE BYRNES.



SENTENCE SERMONS

There are few, very few, that will own themselves in a mistake—Swift.

I would have you be like a fire well kindled, which catches at everything you throw in, and turns it into flame and brightness.—Marcus Aurelius.

Whom the heart of man shuts out, Sometimes the heart of God takes in.—Lowell.

As to the burden, be content to bear it, until thou come to the place of deliverance; for there it will fall from thy back of itself.—Bunyan.

No man can get a blessing and keep it all to himself without having it like stagnant water in his soul; but if it overflows to others it shall become a perennial spring to himself and to the world.—Wilton Merie Smith.

By my tasks of every day, By the little words I say, My allegiance I proclaim, Prove my right to bear His name.—George Klingbe.

It costs much to be capable of real friendship, but those who are would be ashamed to be otherwise and rather suffer than be incapable.—Fenelon.

PEANUT MEN'S BIG PROFITS

London Veterans Would Conscript Aliens of All Kinds.

London, Ont., Feb. 4.—At a big meeting of members of the Great War Veterans' Association it was unanimously decided to ask the Dominion Government to pass legislation by which enemy and friendly aliens may be conscripted to work wholly in the interests of this country. Sgt. Turley, Provincial secretary, declared alien profiteers, peanut vendors, shoe shine men, foreign fruit dealers and others were making huge profits. Their labor, he said, should be utilized for the Empire.

DEPT LEACH NOW CAPTAIN

Lieut. Bert Leach has been promoted to captain, dating from October, 1917. He went to France with the First Contingent from the C.P.A.S.C. at the commencement of the war as sergeant-major. He was later transferred to the training depot at Shorncliffe Camp, Folkestone, Eng., receiving his commission as lieutenant in October, 1916, and has been stationed there since. He is the eldest son of the late John Leach, Kingston, and Mrs. F. W. Smith, Odessa.

AND SAVE FLOUR AND MEATS FOR OVERSEAS

Substitution Alone Not Sufficient—The European Demand for Wheat Is Very Great—Canadians Are Advised. There are large supplies in Canada of potatoes, carrots, turnips and onions in excess of the amounts normally consumed by the people of this country. These vegetables are all wholesome food and it is a small but necessary war service for the people of the Dominion to increase their consumption of these commodities and to eat less bread, meat and other foods which are so greatly needed overseas. Unless Canadians will use more freely the vegetables of which we have a surplus supply, large stocks will be wasted—and, at a time when there is such need of food in Europe, waste would be nothing short of criminal. Eat more of the vegetables in order to save exportable food for the soldiers and the civilian populations who already know the meaning of shortage. Potatoes, carrots, turnips and onions may be used in many nourishing and palatable dishes. They supply elements required by the human body and could with advantage be used freely in combination with much smaller quantities of bread, meat and dairy products than are now consumed. They are readily available substitutes for the foods which the Allies need. The duty of the Canadian people to eat more of them and to prevent waste is clear and imperative. Increased consumption in the Dominion of these vegetables would be a contribution towards winning the war. To allow them to be wasted would be to deprive the Allied peoples of food which, if obtained at all, must be saved on this continent. Growers and dealers will be well advised to market their stocks at prices which will encourage consumption. In this way their best interests as well as the National interest will be served.

No Large Surplus.

This appeal is made because, after allowance for feed required for livestock, Canada has no considerable surplus of any other non-exportable foods which may be used generally as substitutes for wheat, meat and dairy products. There are not sufficient supplies of barley, rye and oats, in excess of requirements for feeding purposes, to make possible the compulsory use generally of flour made from these grains as a partial substitute for wheat in bread-making. This is now evident as a result of a careful survey made throughout Canada by Professor Harcourt, Head of the Department of Chemistry in the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Professor Harcourt has visited all the Provinces in Canada and has conferred with Departments of Agriculture and leading millers and bakers. His reports have been conveyed by conferences between representatives with the Food Controller's Office, the Board of Grain Supervisors of Canada, Wheat Export Company, and millers and others who have made a careful study of the situation.

Substitution Not Sufficient.

The demand from Europe for This discovery will prevent thousands, in order to provide the millions of deaths annually from locust careficiency of the armies and infection heretofore successful efficiency of the armies and living from the suicidal habit of cutting illian populations, is such that by the time.

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LET US EAT VEGETABLES

end of Spring there will not be a single pound of wheat or flour on this continent in excess of what will be absolutely required for home consumption. The situation is indeed serious and may well become terrifying, unless the people of Canada recognize their individual responsibility to conserve food and the imperative necessity that they eat no more than they absolutely need. Substitution alone will not save the situation, although substitution should be practised to the greatest possible extent. By rigorous conservation measures, consumption of food has been greatly reduced in all the countries of Europe. The Canadian people, too, must put their eating on a war basis. We must eat less—especially of bread (and all wheat products), meat, sugar and dairy products. The ability of the Allied nations to continue the war to a successful conclusion depends upon willingness of the people of this continent to make food sacrifices which may become increasingly severe. The economies which the people at home are called upon to make are no less necessary than the sacrifices by the soldiers in the trenches. The efficiency of the Allied military forces will count for little unless the people at home are prepared to give them support by sharing their food resources with the people overseas, and ensuring that the Allied populations be fed until next harvest.

Why Hair Falls Out

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop the falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a small bottle of Danderine at any drug store for a few cents, pour a little in your hand and rub well into the scalp. After several applications all dandruff disappears and the hair stops coming out.

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