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Over in the United States they call them Liberty meals, but when they break out they are the German variety, true to form, color and name.

According to an amendment to the Municipal Act, Kingston is to have insurable interests in the county jail towards whose maintenance it contributes.

If the surpluses of the Ontario Government are genuine, why keep on the war tax. The yearly surplus could take care of the Government's patriotic votes.

All classes would be helpfully benefited by observing Passion week. Abstinence and meditation would make better citizens of us all, both for here and a happier elme.

The school boys wanted for the farms should take right hold, as they will thereby attain muscular vigor that will help them play football a lot better next fall.

At last the dogs have secured a real good friend in Allan Studholme, the Hamilton member, who championed their cause in the Legislature. Hamilton should now become a great dog centre.

According to Deteronomy, when a man has taken a "new wife" he shall not go to war or be charged with any business for one year. Of course that refers only to widowers or to men with more than one wife, as they are the only ones who can take new ones.

It has been suggested that every man in Canada stop and think for half an hour on ways and means to win the war. One editor remarks that his barber would not need ten minutes to show the Allies how to win.

Chief Analyst McGill of the Inland Revenue Department is after the retail druggists for lack of attention given to the quality of drugs proper, and hints that the fact that the apothecary stores have mostly been turned into candy, tobacco and nick-nack shops may be responsible for the carelessness.

This province will never again issue a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The people as a whole have already become adapted to prohibition conditions, and if a vote were taken thousands who might have voted against prohibition had they had the opportunity, would now vote for it.

The latest in standardized clothes for women, the same as for men. It would be a money saver. A woman could have a half dozen dresses, made on the same pattern of variegated hues. A man has different suits, but all of the same cut; his shirts are made alike, though of different colors and different neckties. Could women come to uniform and standardized styles?

J. A. Armstrong, M.P., has been strongly recommended by a large body of North York petitioners of both parties for the portfolio of Postmaster-General. They say Mr. Armstrong has special qualifications for the office, having had seven years' experience in the railway mail service. Two former members for North York, Sir Thomas William Mu-

lock and Sir Allen Aylesworth, held the office. In reply to a farmer who rebuked editors for presuming to write farm editorials, the New York World aptly replies that nearly every newspaper office contains men who grew up on farms and are therefore qualified to speak from personal experience of the problems of farm life.

ESTABLISHED PRECEDENTS. In a report of cases decided by the central appeal judge, Justice Duff, dated February 20th, his lordship established a precedent which will materially facilitate the work of officials engaged in carrying out the Military Service Act, and also lessen the expense. The decision is as follows:

"A student of the Petit Seminaire of Quebec is not as such entitled to exemption. A student who has worked on his father's farm when not attending college is not, for that reason, to be exempted. An intention to study for the priesthood is not a ground for exemption."

WHAT DEMURRAGE FIGURES INDICATE. A study of demurrage figures of Canadian cars since 1913 reveals interesting things. The number of cars "assessed" rose from 9,666 in October, 1913 (highest month), to 19,735 in August, 1917 (highest month). The \$1 per day demurrage rate prevailed from April 1st, 1913, to December 31st, 1916. The number of cars assessed on the new rate of \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3 and \$5 fell from 15,099 in December, 1916, to 11,503 in January, 1917, and 7,888 in February! Similarly, after the \$1 per day rate had prevailed from April 1st to August 1st, 1917, the cars assessed dropped from 19,735 in August to 15,071 in September.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. Pending parliamentary legislation on Civil Service reform, certain rules are to be observed in all departments. As far as practicable, in the meantime, appointment of all officers, clerks and employees in the outside service, and all messengers, porters, sorters, packers and other positions in the lower grades of the inside service are to be made by competitive examination. Promotions in the service are to be made upon merit upon the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the deputy head of the department. Returned soldiers with an honorable record or who have been honorably discharged are to get the preference in all appointments, so long as they obtain the required number of marks to pass the competitive examinations. Their names are to be placed ahead of other competitors no matter how high the latter stand.

CIVIC INCUBATORS. As the City Council has lots of time on its hands, judging by the fact that last Monday night it occupied only half an hour in doing business that in past years took over two hours, could it not profitably occupy itself in doing something in regard to greater production of food. It has voted \$300 to its greater production committee, but it should not sit down and take for granted that its duty is done. Here is one project that is suggested to the Whig: Let the Council purchase ten incubators, hatch 5,000 chickens and sell them to the people for say fifteen cents each. There is enough food waste in the households of Kingston to feed these chickens which in due time would produce a goodly supply of eggs and thus help in solving the high price difficulty. It would be easy to get some capable person to look after the incubators. The Kingston Poultry Association would no doubt assist. Down in New Brunswick, schemes of this kind are carried out and last year the chicks sold at five cents apiece.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BENEFITS. After daylight saving had been tried in England for a season, the report of a committee appointed by the Home Secretary showed that from almost every point of view the change was a decided benefit. The extra hour in the open air proved beneficial to the health of those who enjoyed it; there was a definite improvement on public morals and a decrease in street accidents showed a decrease; the employees who took advantage of the extra hour of daylight showed increased vitality; larger numbers of people cultivated gardens in the interest of greater food production, and there had been a substantial saving in the consumption of artificial light. The report also showed that employers were overwhelmingly in favor of this summer time; in fact the vast preponderance of opinion in Great Britain was enthusiastically in favor of the renewal of the daylight saving schedule, not only as a war measure, but as a permanent institution. When the Mother Country finds the scheme so beneficial, and when the United States has decided to adopt it, the Parliament of Canada cannot follow suit any too soon. Let us have daylight saving this year.

FUEL FROM GARBAGE. Fuel from garbage is a new thing but if it can be demonstrated that it is of value we may expect to see plants in every city and town. Proposals are being already made to Canadian cities by promoters. The whole question depends upon the combustibility of the fuel, and those who are interested in the project say it possesses from twenty to thirty per cent. more heat units and efficiency than lignite and bituminous coal and equal heat units and efficiency with anthracite and coke. J. R. Long, Toronto, writing about the fuel says: "I have seen this garbage fuel demonstrated in every type of stove, in grates and a furnace, and know many people, firms, highly responsible officials, and expert engineers who have burned it for many months, and prefer it to any other fuel—because it is an absolutely clean, sanitary, dustless, sootless, odorless, clinkerless and nearly smokeless fuel—the most perfect fuel I have ever known. It ignites on a very small amount of kindling, and can, by draft regulation, be managed as easily as a gas flame. It will not go out without water being applied. "Since there is enough garbage and waste in this city to insure an output of 1,100 tons of garbage fuel daily, and at a price nearly forty per cent. less than present coal prices, and since the coal shortage next season will be more acute than it has been this season, and since the re-creation of garbage into fuel is a conservation to be desired, and at the same time will remove the problems of sanitation involved by garbage dumps and save the cost of incineration, it is a question the Council should lose no time in dealing with."

The garbage committee of the Kingston Council should take notice.

Needs to Be General. (Toronto Mail and Empire) There is some homely sense about the remark that daylight can be saved easily enough by getting up earlier. The factory or shop-worker, however, lives according to the whistle and clock, and until there is some general arrangement to alter the hours, getting up earlier does not entirely solve the problem.

The Bolshevik Books. (Hamilton Herald) The Russian peace-delegates at Brest-Litovsk, panic-stricken, made haste to sign the German peace agreement, because, they explain, the German demands kept growing more and more drastic the longer they delayed signing. And these are the infatuated weaklings who bragged a little while ago that they had forced the German Empire to ratify their policy of peace without annexations or indemnities!

No Barnyard Slackers. (New York Post) The Canadian Food Board opens up a new vista in agricultural management by ruling that a dozen eggs must weigh a pound and a half. Now for a Government decree that all shoats must put on 200 pounds of flesh in six months, that all cows must give eight gallons of milk daily and that all turkeys must weigh twenty-five pounds by Thanksgiving.

Canada in Wartime. (New York Evening Sun) The magnificent quality of the sacrifice made by the Canadians on the Western fighting front is pretty well fixed in the minds of all who have followed the record of the war. The offering of 10,000 men at Ypres alone was a glorious deed, but it has

been followed up by the steady support of the Dominion wherever called upon to carry arms. Moreover, the support given by Canadians in Canada is not to be considered less important than the faithful service in France. We are just beginning to realize, in the United States, how integral and necessary a part of the work of war is the industrial and economical and financial work which is done far back of the fighting front. The devotion and sacrifice of the Canadian people at home has been so great as to command unqualified admiration. There devotion has resulted in splendid achievement, and has, incidentally, brought gratifying consequences to communities and individuals. In a word, it has paid them well, both in concrete result for war supplies of all kinds and in maintaining and bettering the general morale of the civilian.

A Lament. (By a girl in a Government office, on hearing that she is to wear a uniform.) My rustling silk, my buckle shoes, My blouse with ruy decolletage, That in employes doth excuse, Alittle idle badinage, My spreading hat of spruce velour, My hose transparent as myself, And all my dainty garniture In placed by D-O-K-A., on the shelf.

My brief alluring skirt that swung Light as a harebell in the breeze, As gracefully I tripped among The swarms of departmental bees. My gems and jewels, tinkling charms That marked my goings to and fro, Depending from my half-bid arms, All are to go, all are to go.

My sable coat, with ample muff (Rare treasures of a recent sale.) My coney gloves, my owler ruff, My azure scarf and shadowy veil, My jumper, with its furry hem, My tasseled boots for winter meant Now sumptuary laws condemn To some sleep drawer's imprisonment.

The bottom drawer is open wide, And see within its deep recess, Reluctantly I lay aside My pretty panoply of dress. And yet I know not why dismay Should raise within my breast this storm.

When every single girl to-day Is mad about a uniform. —Lloyd's Weekly News, London.

They Had It. The fussy old gentleman entered the chemist's shop the same time every afternoon, and fired off a string of questions regarding the treatment of various ailments. But after the assistant had done his best to answer all the queries he always left without buying anything.

At last the assistant got tired of giving advice free, and waited an opportunity to choke the old gentleman off. At last it came. "My hair keeps falling out," said the old man one day. "Can you give me something to keep it in?" "Certainly!" said the assistant, smiling. "I have here a beautiful cardboard box!"

One on Bryan. Many stories are told regarding the former United States Secretary of State, who spoke last evening in Massey Hall. An American Senator, meeting another member of the Upper Chamber one morning, casually remarked: "Did you know that W. J. Bryan had joined the Baptists?" "Why, no," was the reply. "Bryan is a Methodist, and to become a Baptist he would have to submit to being completely submerged in water, and W. J. would not consent to disappear from public view for so long a time as that."

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Rippling Rhymes

DON'T GET EXCITED

We're building up a mighty force, to do some heavy scarping; and now and then our work is coarse mistakes are bound to happen. We haven't made of war a trade, like some bloodthirsty nations; so we get sidetracked and delayed in handling guns and rations. If, while we arm two million men, that will helm may be blighted, we pull a bonehead now and then, oh, friends, don't get excited! Consider that for fifty years we've spent our summers farming; we've stopped our hogs and fed our steers, while war struck kings were arising. We've strung along on peaceful jobs, our barns and silos filling, while Europe's mobilized her mobs, and set the fall guys drilling. Gore is a thing we all abhor; we thought we'd never shed it; so we are green at making war—perhaps it's to our credit. Oh, we have sandbars in our feet, and hayseas in our tresses, and we have raised a lot of wheat and tamed the wilderness. And war's a graft entirely strange to us and all our leaders, who spent our lifetimes at the grange, a-pushing plows and seeders. So if we mess around a bit, and cross our wires and blunder, tell me, O critic, while you crit, is it so great a wonder?

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN. By GENE BYRNES



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THE TEMPERANCE ACT IS A GREAT SUCCESS A Big Reduction is Shown in the Commitments For Drunkenness. Toronto, March 9.—If anything was needed to prove that the Ontario Temperance Act has been a success it is supplied by the report of the Ontario License Commission for 1917. The report shows a reduction of over two thousand in the number of commitments for drunkenness. The reduction was, with a few exceptions, general over the province. Toronto, however, was a serious offender. The first city of the Province shared with Cobalt and Welland the unenviable distinction of being the only places of any size, apart from the border towns, where there was any increase in drunkenness. Hamilton and London "drunkies" were comparatively few in number. Ottawa, by reason of its proximity to Hull, was second to Toronto, with its increase in commitments.

Under the Act there were 3,135 convictions for infractions of the Act, and of these, 80 were standard hotel licenses. The total expenditure in enforcing the Act was \$112,000 and the revenue \$192,000. Fines paid to municipalities amounted to \$395,000.

PARISH PRIEST TELLS OF VICE IN MONTREAL Girls Went to Doors of Lavalle University to Corrupt Students. Montreal, March 9.—At the investigation by the Board of Control of the charges made by Controller E. W. Villeneuve that Police Captain Savard was frequently intoxicated and protected houses of prostitution, Rev. Father Gauthier, parish priest of St. James, said that there were a great number of houses of prostitution in district number 4 (Captain

Savard's district) and vice was flaunted so boldly there that even children going to school were solicited by women. He said he knew of one woman in his parish who owned five houses of ill-fame. Girls of his parish, he said, went even to the doors of Lavalle University in an effort to corrupt the students. One of those girls to whom he had spoken and had asked to desist, told him to go to — and mind his own business as she was minding hers.

Two Years For Objector. Winnipeg, March 9.—Arthur P. Carter, conscientious objector, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Magistrate MacDonald. When asked to what denomination he belonged he could name no particular sect.

Hospital Will Cost Million. Montreal, March 9.—The Board of Governors of Notre Dame Hospital have decided to build a million-dollar hospital on Sherbrooke Street, facing Lafontaine Park, and construction will probably be begun before the war is over.

William gains of the firm of William Gains, Limited, insurance agents and brokers, Montreal, died on Thursday. He was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1854.

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