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The motto of yesterday was "Dig out as well as in."

March, like the Hun, simply could not be decent. It just had to hand out something nasty.

A bank book makes better reading than a novel, says Harry Lauder. He ought to know.

A Kitchener alderman is keeping pigs in his cellar. Let's hear what Kingston aldermen are using their cellars for.

The United States is preparing for a hundred years of war if need be. Germany might just as well give up now as later on.

Kingstonians who invested in Russian bonds are now wondering why they did not put their money into Canadian securities.

March may have made a gentle entry, but she soon proceeded to show that she could be just as boisterous and misbehaving as January or February.

Germany's western drive will be by way of Russia and Asia, make no mistake about that. The Huns are going to beat up the bunch that can't fight.

Canadian banks have had experience with many kinds of drafts, but Justice Duff has presented them with a new kind. He has ruled that all bank clerks of serviceable age must be drafted to the colors.

Bank clerks must go to war, decides Justice Duff, the appeal court judge. Girls will take their places. A number of the banks have already introduced girl clerks and found them very efficient.

The people who complain that newspapers lack courage are often the same ones who send in letters to the editor but won't allow their signatures to be published.

During 1917 the fire loss in the United States reached the appalling sum of \$230,000,000. Carelessness is not responsible for all of this; the enemy alien has much of it to his credit.

Another new food is shortly to be introduced to the people of Ontario. The carcasses of 600 Algonquin Park beavers will be shipped to Toronto next month. Will people be able to "work like beavers" on this diet?

In the opinion of Frank Simonds, America's leading war critic, the Russian collapse will not help Germany. He thinks that Germany may meet disaster in trying to dominate what was Russia, for the Slav race cannot be Teutonized.

An omnibus driven by compressed coal-gas has been perfected to take the place of petrol driven cars in London. The saving in gasoline already secured by the use of gas by motor vehicles is about 3,000,000 gallons a year.

Hunters in Ontario will next fall be allowed to take two deer, instead of one, as heretofore. Lots of Kingston hunters found it impossible to shoot even one during their few weeks' outing. More work for the guides next fall!

Saturday night's storm eclipsed

any during the winter for violence and for the packing of the snow. It was really hard to dig up. And too there was variety, for in the midst of the howling gale lightning flashed and thunder rolled.

John E. Redmond will long be held in high regard for his loyal support of the British Government in the war crisis. The passing of such a man will be deeply regretted the world over. He was a true friend to Ireland and to liberty.

Russia, says Frank A. Simonds, is the biggest single stretch of European territory which has been opened to invasion and partition since the Roman Empire fell. Her area is over six times as great as that ruled by Imperial Rome.

A VERY BAD PRECEDENT.

The Ontario Hockey Association (amateur) is much more lenient with its rowdy players than the National Hockey Association (professional)—at least with Toronto offenders. A De la Salle player who last week deliberately struck one of the Kingston Juniors on the head with his stick when the latter's back was turned, and was escorted from the ice in the Toronto Arena by the police, has been forgiven by the O. H. A. executive when he should have been suspended for the remainder of the season. The Toronto newspapers condemned his action and regarded his suspension as certain. Now the O. H. A. executive has created this precedent: That a player may hit another over the head with a hockey stick and receive only a good talking for his action; that a repetition of the act will lead to suspension. The O. H. A. governing body dare not treat any other player differently from the way in which it has acted on the De la Salle case or it will be accused of favoritism, which is however but too apparent. In the National Hockey Association, rowdiness is punished by the fining of the offending player both in police court and by the club to which he belongs.

ELECTRIC POWER ON FARM.

Farmers hereabouts are wondering when they will receive the benefits of electrical power on their farms in order to help them in production. It is only this winter that the Hydro-Electric Commission has extended its power line to Kingston. This district has not had the advantages of cheap electrical energy that places in the west of the province have had. The counties in which progress has been the greatest are South Oxford, Waterloo, Kent, Ontario, Peel, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Norfolk, Middlesex and Elgin. In order to secure hydro power service a group of farmers wanting to petition the township council for an estimate. The council transmits this petition to the Hydro-Electric Commission with a resolution asking that such an estimate be prepared. As soon as the estimate is approved by the Commission it is sent to the township council, which within thirty days calls a meeting of the petitioners and submits the estimate. If they desire, the petitioners then enter into a contract with the municipality for hydro power and the municipality in its turn enters into an agreement with the Commission for power for the petitioners. The Commission then builds the line to the farmers' gates and the township provides the transformers and motors. Construction is not recommended by the Commission unless there are at least three consumers per mile, the revenue from this number being required to take care of the annual fixed charges on the cost of construction, which include interest, depreciation, sinking fund, maintenance and operation. The average cost of wiring barns on farms of from 100 to 150 acres is \$110. The cost of house wiring is much less than this. The service charge depends upon the number of consumers per mile. It is \$3 per month for three consumers per mile, \$2.50 for four consumers, \$2 for five consumers, and so on. The consumption charge depends upon the amount of power used. Six farms in Waterloo township paid from \$68 to \$100 last year for service charge and power combined. Now that hydro power has come this far east, Kingston and Pittsburg township farmers should take advantage of it.

LAW AND EDUCATION.

It is reported that a member of the Ontario Bar Association has suggested that certain portions of elementary law should be placed on the school curriculum. The suggestion should not be allowed to pass, but should be seriously considered by our educationalists.

Outside of the home the churches provide all moral and spiritual instruction, but only to those who, in a voluntary sense, come under their influence.

The object of laws is primarily to supply rules of conduct, rules as to what ought to be done and what ought to be abstained from. When placed upon the statute book these laws become inexorable, and apart altogether from fashions, customs and conventional standards. Laws

and the idea of obedience can be solidly and indestructibly welded together by the heat of emotion. British law! Pages of history, biographies of martyrs and heroes arouse at once affection and reverence. What time in life is more appropriate than that of youth for such instruction? When as men they are called upon to exercise the privileges and duties of citizenship, the neglect of this important part of education will be apparent.

Do our young men fully appreciate what success or failure in the great war means to them? That at Mons, at Ypres, at Vimy and on the sea two sharply defined ideals were fought for? At Marathon and Salamis Greek valor saved Europe from the domination of Asia and the priests of the Oracle at Delphi fell into disrepute for giving unpatriotic advice in counselling submission to Persia. France emerged after the fall of Rome, and under the potent influence of Christianity became the most chivalrous nation in the world and taught the barbarians about her how to live. The Germans, however, have not yet awakened and still remain in the grasp of despotism. The laws there are made, not for the benefit of the individual, but to hold him in bondage, a slave to a ruling cast. Our security depends upon our recognition of our responsibility; here lies our success in the present great struggle, and the perpetuation of the spirit of British law which makes liberty commensurate with and inseparable from British rule; which proclaims even to the stranger and the sojourner the moment he sets foot upon British earth that the ground upon which he stands is holy and consecrated by the genius of universal freedom; no matter what complexion incompatible with freedom an Indian or an African sun may have burned upon him; no matter in what disastrous battle his liberty may have been cloven down, the moment he touches British earth his soul walks abroad in his own majesty, his body swells beyond the measure of the chains which burst from round him and he stands redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled by the irresistible genius of universal freedom!

In this not something to teach to our children? Is it not something to fight for and to die for? The great conscience of our people, like the conscience of the Greeks, answers yes.

PUBLIC OPINION

As Kipling Must Admit. (Buffalo Times) As to the Bear, the sooner he be-

Rippling Rhymes

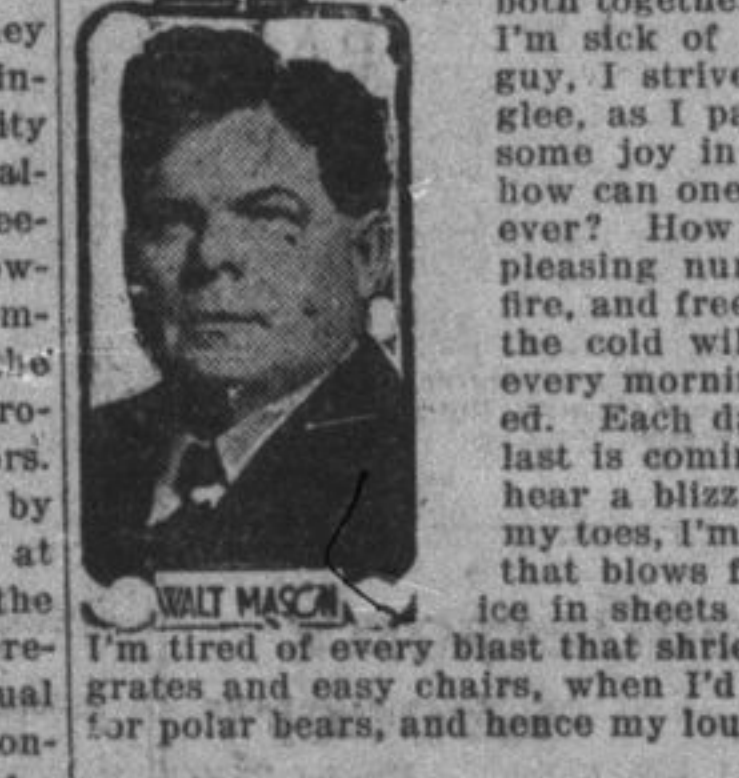
WINTER WEARINESS I'm tired of snow, I'm tired of sleet, I'm tired of both together; I'm tired of storms that save the wheat. I'm sick of wintry weather. I try to be a cheerful guy, I strive to chirp and chortle, and hand some glee, as I pass by, to every sighing mortal. To find some joy in everything is always my endeavor; but how can one rear up and sing, when winter lasts forever? How can a minstrel swat his lute, to glad and pleasing numbers, when he has naught to feed the fire, and freezes while he slumbers? Each day I think the cold will break, the winter be exhausted; and every morning when I wake I find my whiskers frosted. Each day I see some hopeful sign that spring at last is coming; and in the night, at half-past nine, I hear a blizzard humming. I'm tired of chilblains in my toes, I'm tired of influenza; I'm tired of every wind that blows from back of the McKenzie. I'm tired of ice in sheets and peaks, of ashpiles large and dirty; I'm tired of every blast that shrieks from up around Albert. I'm tired of grates and easy chairs, when I'd be out choo-chooing; this climate's built for polar bears, and hence my loud boo-booing.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES

I WANT YOU TO MEET MY UNCLE MR. JONES. HE'S VERY WEALTHY AND HAS LEFT EVERYTHING TO ME IN HIS WILL. BUT THE DOCTOR SAID HE'S LIABLE TO LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED



YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY! WE HAD THE SAME TROUBLE WITH MY GRANDFATHER!



Food.

(Peterborough Review) Do not eat to-day anything that can be saved for to-morrow or any day thereafter.

So It Seems.

(Milwaukee News) "Those who are adepts at giving advice seldom appear to have profited by it."

It They Do.

(Birmingham Press) "Two minds with but a single thought are awfully empty when they lose that thought."

Sure To Go.

(Philadelphia Record) "About the easiest way for a man to lose his good name is to have it engraved on the handle of his umbrella."

Plenty of Consumers.

(H. J. Roberts wants to know what Ontario is going to do with the ten million gallons of spirits now in this province. Privately our guess is that there are plenty of men left to drink it.

The Wages of German Sin.

(New York Tribune) Peace, when it comes cannot, cannot act as a statute of limitations, on Germany's crimes. She will have to pay the penalty for them in one way or another for many years to come. The nations which fought Germany will retain an ineffaceable memory of her barbarity. The neutral nations will not soon forget her "without trace" U-boat operations and her cynical disregard of international rights.

OVERHEATED STEAM PIPE

Was the Cause of a Small Fire at the Military Hospital.

An overheated steam pipe was the cause of a small fire at the military hospital on Queen street, about six o'clock on Sunday night. The fire broke out on the third flat between the ceiling and the flooring, but the firemen got at the root of the trouble and extinguished the blaze.

Sunday Schools' Association.

The executive committee of the Sunday Schools' Association held the first quarterly meeting on Sunday. The matter of fuller representation was discussed and Sunday schools not at present represented are to be asked to join. Greater food production was then taken up, and it was decided to send circulars to every Sunday school asking co-operation in cultivating vacant lots. The following were appointed representatives on the general co-operative summer schools: H. W. Newman, Rev. G. S. Clendinning, S. H. Jones and F. J. Wilson.

At the opening of Parliament on March 18th there will be no traveling escort of cavalry for His Excellency, no artillery salute and no infantry guard of honor at Government House.

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