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What crops do you intend to raise in your garden? Every bit will help.

The Turks played the "hit and run" game when they fled before the British who captured Ht.

The Dominion Government has redeemed its prohibition pledges to the hill. This is a triumph for Unionism.

The New York Times declares that Germany has no military conquest to boast of her victories are the product of her propagandists, not of her soldiers.

The Ontario Government has arranged with the banks, whereby any farmer may get a credit up to \$200 for the purpose of buying seed for his own agricultural purposes.

Toronto is peeved because gas has been raised to ninety cents a thousand cubic feet, an increase of ten cents. Here in Kingston we are now paying \$1.50 and no one has kicked.

It is declared in Ottawa that "in view of the war burden and the war financing" the budget to be presented to Parliament about the end of March will be the most interesting ever brought down.

A United States Government market report states that plans have been announced for the opening of retail shops for the sale of horse meat in Omaha and some other cities in that section. Only young unbroken stock will be used. Ugh!

W. B. Northrup, K.C., Belleville, appointed to the clerkship of the House of Commons, has a judicial mind, is free from aggressive partisanship and will fill the office with dignity. He knows parliamentary procedure for he spent many years in the House as a member.

The Toronto Globe is convinced that the nationalization of all the railways is the only sufficient remedy for the confusion that exists in transportation. The Dominion should insist on taking over the profitable lines if the unprofitable are to be added to the public burden.

On Monday a campaign will be started in all the leading urban centres of Ontario for the purpose of enlisting boys for farm work. Last year seven or eight thousand boys were enlisted as soldiers of the soil. This year it is hoped to obtain the services of fifteen thousand.

Instead of jailing Capt. Bailey, the C.A.M.C. officer who stated at a Toronto meeting that he was told that ninety per cent. of the soldiers in the trenches were drunk on Christmas Day, the Toronto police magistrate should have sent him to an asylum. The man who seriously repeated such a statement is not right in the head.

Dr. Franklin Johnson, Toronto, speaks with knowledge when he says school pupils should be given a good training not only along ordinary educational lines, but also that education should include certain guidance that would be a help when the young after school days entered industrial life. Too many children left school at 14 years of age without having had training that would prevent them becoming drifters in life.

A PROPER CHANGE. The school trustees, if an amendment to the school law is adopted by the Legislature, will have the charge of truancy cases. Hitherto the Police Commissioners have had control. It will be more helpful for school boards to handle the cases. The offenders are not criminals, and by judicious handling can be shown the error of their ways. The boards will also abandon the term of "truant officers" and call the person to whom the work will be assigned "attendance officers." Women can be the officers, and it is a good plan, for they have the gentleness and persuasiveness to bring the delinquents back to normal and sane conditions.

THE APE'S TURN TO LAUGH. The ape has the joke on homo superbus this time, if the certainly unprejudiced testimony of Prof. Wood Jones, of London, is accepted. Ever since the time of Charles Darwin apes have been rather put to it to keep a stiff upper lip amid the scoffings that attend that gentleman's cruel imputation. His version of the family relationship, as all know, is that Adam was a descendant of Jocko.

It is hard to prove a general negative. Probably the apes refrained from the hopeless attempt to prove that some rash member of apedom had not at some time or other engendered the new race. As for men, they were observed to cast their ethnic faults and cosmic indecencies lightly upon the less laden backs. The ape served both as a grandfather and as a scapegoat. Undoubtedly the first of these inflections must have been the most dolorous.

Each, it can be imagined, had much rather be the result than the cause; the ape through an underdeveloped feeling of moral responsibility, the man through a highly puncturable vanity. What a relief to apes, then, to learn that man is their papa, and what a noble pain to man to learn that their cute imitative tricks are honestly come by!

BEGIN THE GOOD WORK. The smell of spring reminds one that preparation should be made for the Greater Production campaign. Will the general committee of 1917 continue the good work this year? It has been stated that they will. If this is so then a start should be made, the campaign at least could be mapped out. The indications are that many groups and associations will be in the gardening business, and may good luck attend their efforts. But it should be understood that the Greater Production Committee in Kingston, a part of the Ontario Resources Committee, should be the rallying body for the work of the season. Every group taking part in producing food stuffs should have a representative at the Greater Production Board so that the work in Kingston can be co-ordinated and the inspiration of various bodies, deeply interested in raising garden truck, giving force and enthusiasm to the whole. Ontario will need every foot of land to blossom and produce if we are to give strength and power to the Canadians fighting for our freedom in the trenches in Flanders and France. Let everybody help.

HASTEN DAYLIGHT SAVING. As March goes on, the still more marked increase in the number of hours and minutes of daylight in each twenty-four hours furnishes a strong plea for the great common-sense, national move toward efficiency and economy embodied in the Daylight-Saving proposition.

The Daylight-Saving committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce urges upon that nation's legislators fifty-two reasons why the United States should adopt a plan which England, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Holland and Portugal have tried and found greatly to their advantage.

The general arguments for moving the clock ahead an hour from April to October—the saving of artificial light, the providing of an extra afternoon recreation hour, the tonic effect upon workers during the out-of-door season—are now doubly reinforced by the urgent need of expediting work in shipyards, munition plants and other war industries by means of every possible increase in the efficiency, cheerfulness and enduring power of labor.

For the conservation of fuel, daylight-saving can point to a record of concrete figures. During the summer of 1916 Great Britain set its clocks ahead an hour and saved 300,000 tons of coal. France, by the same means, is said to have saved \$10,000,000 worth of coal and light.

By saving a yearly average of 150 hours of daylight Canada could save probably 100,000 tons of coal that would otherwise be consumed for gas and electric lighting.

A Daylight-Saving Bill should be promptly passed at the coming session of Parliament, and its provisions put into effect next month. It is time Canada joined the daylight savers.

This grand old—and emphasize the old—winter is certainly dying very hard.

PUBLIC OPINION

Hydro Power Possibilities. (Toronto Telegram) Adam Beck's design to establish a 700,000 horse-power source of energy at Chippawa and Adam Beck's dream of establishing a 500,000 h.p. source of energy at the Long Sault would give old Ontario, east and west, a source of 1,200,000 h.p. That supply of Hydro energy would equal the product of nearly 15,000,000 tons of coal per annum.

Peace Talk. (Boston Transcript) For the last fortnight many words and much time have been wasted in the United States in talk and thoughts of "a political peace" which would soon end the war without further bloodshed. It would be a "peace without victory" for everybody, outside of Germany, because it would be a peace made in Germany, by Germany, for Germany.

He Didn't All Come Back. The New York Tribune quotes the fact that Major J. I. Hart lost 36 pounds overseas as an evidence of the serious lack of food in the old country. The esteemed contemporary is laboring under an apprehension. Major Hart's loss of flesh was due to hard work, and not to starvation. He assures the Packet he feels better for being rid of the surplus avoirdupois, and would gladly lose some more in his country's service—or anywhere else!

The Diplomacy of Good Will. (Buffalo Express) The United States is granting exceptional privileges to Canadian fishing vessels without first obtaining a promise of reciprocal privileges for Americans from Canada and Newfoundland. It evidently is trying to see whether this good-will diplomacy will not bring the desired results better than hard bargaining. The Canadians will be ill appreciative of the new international spirit if it does not.

Napoleon on Hohenzollerns. (Melborne Age) Napoleon was a master of flaming sentences as well as of the science of war. This sentiment, uttered at St. Helena, and quoted by James M. Beck in an article on the war, might be emphatically echoed by the Allies to-day: "I made the mistake of my career, when I had the opportunity, that I did not remove the Hohenzollerns from the throne of Prussia. As long as this house reigns and until the red cap of liberty is erected in Germany there will be no peace in Europe."

Main Thing Just Now. (Toronto Star) It is not democracy, but autocracy, that has brought the world to the verge of ruin. There is overwhelming evidence that autocracy "is not safe for the world." That is the main thing just now. Any doubt that anyone may feel as to whether the world will be safe under democracy can be put aside for future consideration—unless, of course, in the case of those who prefer autocracy, and do not consider it a bad thing at all that a small ruling class with a large army should govern each country, big nations crush small.

one, and the country with the greatest forces dominate the rest. There seem to be many scattered here and there who want the war to end without reforming the conditions that caused it.

CANADA TO REBUILD VIMY

The Secours National which works hand in hand with the French Red Cross has accepted gratefully the responsibility of creating a new Vimy on the site of the present ruins. There are two splendid sides to this work. The first is that it gives Canada an opportunity to erect a noble and permanent memorial to the gallant Canadian soldiers who made world history in this section of the fighting lines. Everyone who has had a friend or relative in the engagements that filled our newspapers last April will be proud to assist in the rebuilding of Vimy.

But the humanitarian aspect is even more appealing, for it must be obvious that the refugees from the town of Vimy are as destitute as it is possible for a people to be. It is not an exaggeration to say that Vimy herself is prostrate, exhausted and sorely stricken, but only needs a little material assistance to demonstrate the unconquerable spirit that is France and Freedom as the world has come to know it.

Ontario will perform this new duty with sympathetic intelligence and the labor of love will make permanent an appealing memorial such as the heroes who have died might have desired were any monument to be erected to them.

Coalfields in Spitzbergen. The exploitation of Spitzbergen's coal deposits has continued during the war. A new company has been formed in Sweden and its plans, as described in a recent Consular report from Stockholm, contemplate an eventual output of 1,000,000 tons. It is proposed to build a railway 50 miles long from the company's property, Svegruvorna, to the western coast, where a harbor can be made from which coal can be shipped eight months in the year, instead of two, as at present.—Scientific American.

Held On To The Meat. The serving maid was awkward and the joint fell on the floor with a sickening thud. The young mistress was upset, and shrieked: "Now, we've lost our dinner." The maid alone kept her head—and the beef. Like oil on troubled waters came the calm reply: "Indeed, then 'an' 'ye haven't, mum, I've got me foot on it."

Only Hobson's Choice. (London Passing Show) Two hotels, sorry. Is it Murphy's or O'Neil's you're wantin'?

Left Standing. "Mrs. Do Style got a shock to-day." "Shoot." "She got on a car followed by a nurse-maid carrying her baby, and somebody gave the nurse-maid a seat."

Talkative women are usually open faced.

Rippling Rhymes

THE WESTERN WIND The wind is screeching past my hut, and goes kerwhoooping down the street; indignantly I cry, "Tut, tut!" when I am lifted off my feet; when I, by its unholly power, am rolled along for half an hour, much like a burghouse barrel of flour—the Kansas wind is hard to beat. The air is full of flying hats, and signboards torn from marts of trade, and parasols and hens and cats, and language more or less decayed; ah, louder yet the west wind roars, and bears off trees and stable doors; and here and there a grindstone soars, and here and there an axe or spade. I stand, exulting, in the blast, and watch the dizzy world awing; I see dead cows going flying past, and in my glee I dance and sing; for ripping winds that life the town, and shake it three, then jolt it down, have always had a fair renown as being harbingers of spring. First come the winds that roar and shriek, and blow our whiskers from our kees; and then the skies begin to leak, and rain begins to fall; the wind must yell, the rain must sob before spring's fairly on her job, with cowslip, rose and thimblebob, and joy is in the hearts of men. —WALT MASON.

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AGENTS OF KAISER. A New York Polish Newspaper, Tears Mask Off the Bolsheviki. "It is probably known that the counter revolution in Russia, which helped to the downfall of Kerensky, was inspired by Germans; still, not many understand how many Germans took part in it," declares the Wolna Polska, a New York Polish paper that has excellent sources of information. "Not only that the leader of this movement, received money from the German Government, but, in fact, he is a Prussian agent. It is known that not only he, but the majority of his comrades, are German Jews."

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BRITISH THREAT COWED HUNS. Two Aviators Sentenced to Prison Are Liberated. London, March 14.—It was officially announced last night that the German Government had released from special imprisonment the British lieutenants, Scholtz and Woekey, the two airmen who some time ago were given prison sentences for distributing propaganda in Germany by dropping printed matter from airplanes over German territory. The release was due to a threat by the British Government to take reprisals unless the airmen ceased to be subjected to unusually harsh treatment. It is understood that the British Government had selected two German airmen of "high family" who were to have been imprisoned under special conditions immediately as a reprisal. Stolen sweets are often hard to digest.

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