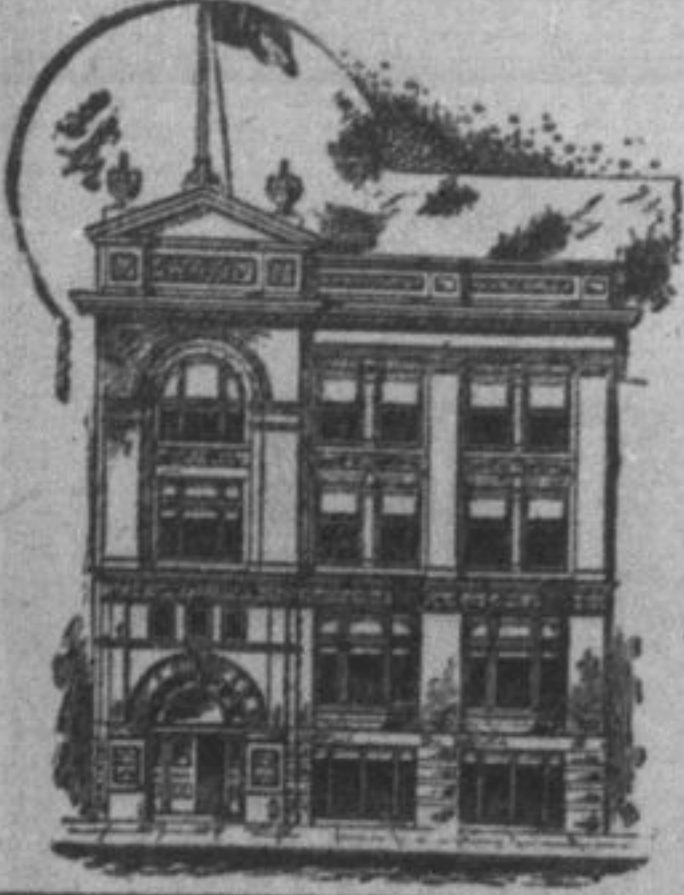


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By the time we learn what Japan intends to do in Siberia she will have most of it done.

Edison says that four hours' sleep is enough for any man. That seems to be the average baby's idea, too.

The North Sea is commanded by the German navy, says the Frankfurter Zeitung. Absent treatment, as it were.

Infantile paralysis has almost disappeared from Ontario; only four cases and two deaths having occurred during the past year.

Why discourage the Japanese and the Chinese from getting into this war if they are that way inclined? The more, the merrier. And "the sooner it's over the sooner to sleep."

Foreigners are making a good living in this country and they should be willing to fight for the country. If they are not, then they should be sent back to the land they came from.

The campaign to secure city and town boys for work on the farms promises to be even a greater success in 1918 than it was last year. In Ontario alone some 15,000 boys are available.

We are passing through days when great events are taking place rapidly in the world and mighty changes are being effected with almost no blast of trumpets. Who so bold as to prophesy what the outcome may be?

There were 728 people who took up land in Northern Ontario last year, as compared with 641 the year before. This is encouraging, considering the retarding influences of the war and the absence of emigration from Europe.

Hydro water-power development work is to be prosecuted with vigor this year. This is evidenced by the amount of something over \$3,000,000 which appears in the Ontario estimates. In view of the fuel situation, it is an emergency necessity and a good investment.

By a recent act it is estimated that 6,000,000 women voters in Great Britain will henceforth help to sway the destinies of the British Empire. What that may mean cannot be clearly foretold. It may possibly result in a social revolution of the first magnitude.

The experience of this country during the past three or four months because of the lack of coal must set every man thinking, even though he be the most ordinary layman, on the necessity of developing our water-powers so as to make ourselves independent of coal as far as possible.

Now that Ontario is soon to become "dew-dry" the license commission and its many inspectors should be abolished. On the contrary we read that the provincial legislature has asked for an appropriation of \$205,000 for its license department. This is an example of wasteful and ridiculous excess.

The annual report of the St. Thomas Hydro-Electric Commission shows a total revenue for 1917 of \$98,393. Of this amount \$22,620 was derived from residence lighting,

\$14,842 from commercial lighting, \$14,633 from street lighting, and the balance from sales of power, charging batteries, merchandise, etc. A net surplus of over \$5,000 was realized. Kingstonians are anxiously waiting to learn what the local Commission's surplus may be.

We have had a feeling that the publication of newspapers is an industry necessary to the effective prosecution of war. None the less it is gratifying to have an official statement to that effect from the district draft board—Syracuse, N.Y., Post-Standard. These remarks were occasioned by the exemption of a newspaper reporter. In Canada they take a different view of the matter.

With over six million acres already prepared for seeding, Saskatchewan expects to seed down two million acres more than in 1917, providing the spring season is reasonably favorable. If the other prairie provinces do as well, the Canadian west may this year produce a crop that will strengthen the Dominion's economic position, and at the same time be of great value to the Allies in ensuring them an adequate supply of food.

CONDITIONS ON THE FARM.

Agricultural conditions in Ontario are in a fairly satisfactory state, and the outlook is encouraging. The provincial Department of Agriculture reports that live stock generally are in good condition. While there are complaints of dairymen getting rid of some of their animals owing to the scarcity and high cost of feeds, there are several instances of grade milk cows realizing prices ranging from \$120 to \$195. Owing to the comparative scarcity of corn, peas, meals, etc., there is an inclination on the part of some swine owners to market their animals rather on the lean side. For this reason also there is a danger of the hog campaign slowing up in some quarters, although the general nature of the reports concerning this enterprise show a strong determination on the part of Ontario farmers to see the matter through to a successful issue. In Northern Ontario a splendid spirit is being manifested in this regard. Kenora reports: "Have raised \$1,100 by public subscription to finance a carload of brood sows to be distributed to farmers and others"; while in Porth Arthur, Gananoque and other towns municipal piggeries are being established. Oats have been disposed of more freely than any of the other cereals at prices running from 82c to \$1.10 a bushel. Hay is selling at from \$10 to \$12 in the barn, and at \$13 to \$17 on the track or in town markets. A considerable quantity of surplus hay is still in the barn or in stacks. Straw brings \$5 a ton in the stack, and is retailed at \$7. Though the farmer is obliged to pay more for his raw material, he is receiving very remunerative prices for all he has to sell.

LACKING IN LEADERSHIP.

At a time when great, outstanding leaders are urgently required to direct the forces of democracy, there is a singular dearth of them. Why is the world so barren of leaders of conceded eminence in this most critical hour in human history? Unless we rank President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George as towering figures of the highest type, where on earth to-day are to be found in control of national destinies great men who by common consent are the peers of the epoch-making leaders and statesmen of the past? In discussing this subject the Rochester Post Express points out that the outbreak of the war found everywhere in Europe mediocrities on thrones. Nor was it different in the democracies. According to Ralph Adams Cram, who has given consideration to the matter, the world was so rich in leadership in 1880 that sixty men can be named who were then accepted, and would be now, as great captains and leaders of men. Mr. Cram contends that the tendency of democracy is to enthrone its mediocrities. Others suggest that the strong men and natural leaders of the peoples have turned from public affairs to seek material ends. The question affords food for thought. If, as Mr. Cram believes, democracies do not produce great leaders when a crisis arises, then democracy may bring inevitable ruin in its train. To make democracy safe for the world, to invert President Wilson's well-known phrase, may be a problem we will soon have to solve.

NO WAR-WEARINESS WANTED.

War-weariness had much to do with the collapse of Russia. It is a condition of mind superinduced by the strain of a long and terrible struggle. There is a danger of its spreading to other Allied nations, and, of course, German propaganda is ever busy fostering the insidious evil. It is now known that the theatre and vaudeville stage is being used for such a purpose. Songs lamenting the long absence of the soldier boys and expressing the hope that they will soon return tend to provoke a spirit of unrest and a desire that the war may soon be over. The Canadian authorities are cognizant of this movement, and are taking steps to counteract it. The Dominion Government, in order, not only to provide against a possible war-weariness here, but also to bring home to our people the seriousness of the situation and the necessity of putting forth our utmost effort, has inaugurated a war publicity propaganda. At a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms on Monday evening a local organization was formed to carry on this important work, as already outlined in the Whig's news columns. The making of a premature peace with Germany would be one of the worst disasters that could befall the world to-day, inasmuch as it would afford the Hun a breathing spell to recuperate and plan another war more terrible and perhaps more disastrous to the Allies than this one. The military ardor of the world's democracies must be kept up, and the determination to fight on till the Hun is beaten to his knees must never relax. Our forefathers never compromised with an insolent foe. They fought it out to a finish, no matter how cruel and costly the price they had to pay. That was the spirit that made Britain great. Listen to the unfaltering determination expressed some six score years ago by William Pitt, one of England's greatest prime ministers: "I see no possibility at this moment of concluding such a peace as would justify that liberal intercourse which is the essence of real amity; no chance of terminating the expense or anxieties of war, or of restoring to us any of the advantages of established tranquillity. As a lover of peace, I will not sacrifice it by grasping at the shadow, when the reality is not substantially within my reach. Why, then, do I fret for peace? Because it is deceptive, because it is perilous, because it cannot exist." There spoke high courage and fine wisdom. Premier Lloyd-George, war-racked with responsibility, rises to the same splendid height, when he declares: "Show me any way by which we can make peace without betraying the great and sacred trust for which we entered the war. I will listen gladly, gratefully, and thank God for the light given me. Short of that, mere peace talk is undermining the fibre and morale of the nation." Though the world may be war-weary, it must not weaken. Pitt did not weaken; Lloyd George will not weaken. The peoples in the Allied countries should stand resolutely shoulder to shoulder until "the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed." Canada has her part to play in this great war drama. That her spirit may be sustained and strengthened, that no sus-

terous propaganda may lessen her military activity, but that she may be encouraged to see this war through to the end, is the laudable object which the new organization seeks to serve.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE BOARD AND HOWARD PRICE FOLGER.

Public confidence in the military administration of District No 3 received quite a shock yesterday when it was announced that H. P. Folger had been granted exemption until June 1st for the purpose of pursuing his medical studies. The record shows such a deliberate evasion of the Act that some public explanation must be given, if the public is not to believe that the Leave of Absence Board was constituted for the purpose of aiding and abetting slackers. The Military Service Act came into force on the 29th of August, 1917. This young man at once claimed exemption on the ground that he was an American citizen, although both he and his father before him were born in the city of Kingston, where they had always resided. The Exemption Tribunal and later the Appeal Tribunal disallowed the claim, and a further appeal was taken to the Central Tribunal at Ottawa, which appeal was afterwards abandoned. By reason of these appeals Mr. Folger was enabled to postpone joining the colors for many months. In the meantime for the purpose of evading military service he entered the Medical College, improperly registering as a second year student. When he found that he could no longer evade signing up in the battalion he did so, and by reason of his improper registration at the Medical College succeeded in obtaining leave of absence from the officer commanding the battalion. Later when the facts were made known his leave of absence was cancelled.

Yesterday the Leave of Absence Board granted him leave of absence until the first of June. We must confess that we are unable to conjecture the reason for the action of the board, especially as the case had already occupied a large place in the public mind.

New Bankruptcy Law Needed. (Toronto News). As soon as the Union Government can spare the time it should draw up an improved bankruptcy act for the Dominion. It has a majority from both the old parties which will enable it to pass legislation removing existing weaknesses in practices and virtual defalcations by unscrupulous merchants. Fourteen commissioned officers in the British and Canadian army arrived Tuesday at an Atlantic port aboard one of the largest vessels in the Trans-Atlantic service. A number of them are wounded.

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Rippling Rhymes

THE ROBIN Now up he comes, a-bobbin', the cheerful early robin, I saw him on the lawn; his song grows sweeter, clearer. "The spring is drawing nearer, and winter's almost gone!" My goosebone's lost its glamor; I broke it with a hammer, and threw it off the place; the groundhog missed it badly; his wits were crossed so sadly, he's almost in disgrace. The human seers, at guessing, are painful and distressing, they are not wearing bells; but when the robin twitters of spring to weary critics, we hark on what he tells. "Cut out the grief and sobbin'"—thus sings the early robin, "And dry your briny weeps". Old Winter's slipped his tether, his rude unpolished weather will soon be gone for keeps!" Now bring from dusty garrets the seed of beans and carrots and squash and things like those; oil up the rusty mower, the drill and patent sower, and sharpen spades and hoes. Now pawn your winter raiment; the coin you get in payment invest in lines and poles; far from the strife and jangle you soon may sit and angle where some bright streamlet rolls. "Hit up old rusty Dobbin", pipes forth the early robin, "blow up your wasteful lawn; raise corn instead of grasses, and when the summer passes you may wax fat thereon!" —WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



MORE RETURNED SOLDIERS

ARRIVED BY C.P.R. AT 6 O'CLOCK TUESDAY EVENING. Crowd Waited Three Hours at the Station — Confusion. Continues With Regard to the Arrival of Trains.

With continued confusion in regard to information about the arrival of returning soldiers, hundreds of citizens stood around the local C. P. R. station from 3 p.m. Tuesday until exactly 6 o'clock. During that time officers were absolutely unable to find out the time of the arrival and as a result the relatives and friends of the returning heroes were subjected to a three-hour wait. The R.C.M.A. band was present up to five minutes before the train arrived, but it then disappeared. The bandmen can hardly be blamed if they left the station after another three hours of wait. Finally the train pulled in and the soldiers to the number of 125 disembarked. They lined up on the station platform and were given sandwiches and coffee by the Ladies' Aid of the Army and Navy Veterans. Acting on behalf of the mayor, Ald. H. W. Newman gave a speech extending a welcome to the returning men, who were then marched to the Old Collegiate building to be issued with passes and transportation to their homes. Sgt. O. V. Hansen, Yarker, who it will be remembered drove a motor stage from Yarker to the city, was in the party. He went overseas with the 32nd Battery from Kingston. The third party of returned soldiers to arrive in the city came at 11:40 p.m., following an announcement that they would come at eight o'clock. As before, there was a large crowd at the station of relatives and friends, who waited for almost three hours before the train to arrive. The men were treated as were those who arrived before and allowed to proceed to their various homes on the first train.

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"Dry" Policy Killed Till 1919

Albany, N.Y., March 26.—The Assembly voted yesterday afternoon to put over indefinitely all further consideration of the McNab referendum prohibition bill. This has the effect of killing live prohibition legislation in the Assembly for the rest of the year and puts the question up to the Legislature of 1919.

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