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There is a pleasure in peace talk which only Germans know.

The Canadians are in the thick of it again, and that is just where they delight to be.

What has become of the proposal to construct a public wharf?

The most courageous slacker, remarks the Newark News.

"They have asked for it, and they shall have it in full measure."

Religion after the war, we are told, will become a thing of practise.

That was a noble, a self-sacrificing spirit evidenced by General Pershing.

Daylight saving, now in force in the United States, is proving to be of great inconvenience to Canadian transportation lines.

Japan has loaned to the United States twelve large ships to be used in transporting troops and munitions to Europe.

Gangs of boys are parading the streets at all hours of the night.

The victorious advances of the British Bagdad and Jerusalem armies do not receive the notice or appreciation which their importance deserves.

United States Senator Overman declares that German spies in the Curtis plant have delayed the building of Bristol flying machines.

The expected has come to pass in Quebec. Rioting, arson and bloodshed have naturally followed as the result of the teachings of such disloyal agitators as Bostrassa and the opposition of other leaders to the provisions of the Military Service Act.

The people will stand for nothing less. The great majority given the Union Government last December should strengthen their hands to deal with the present situation firmly and courageously.

It must be recognized that tree cutting in a city cannot be done as cheaply as in the woods where the trees can be felled in quick order.

In cutting down trees on a city street, the axemen have to begin at the top and work down, whereas in the forest they start at the bottom and very quickly the tree comes toppling down.

Overheard wires are an impediment on streets, and tree removal is therefore slow.

However, Kingston should cover the cost of its tree cutting by the sale of the wood for fuel.

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Things go along the same old way as they've been going always.

Oh, things go on, in this stern time, about the same as ever.

WALT MASON.

Occasionally one encounters the type of man who finds it extremely difficult or entirely impossible to mix happily with his associates or find among his friends congenial company.

There is a natural or acquired aloofness about him that does not encourage the confidence of his fellows.

Falling to come into touch with kindred spirits, he goes his way, a lonely and disappointed—and quite frequently, a misunderstood—man.

The man of this type is usually an independent thinker, intellectually well-equipped, and holding safe and strong opinions on all matters moral, material or religious.

But he realizes that he is ever out of touch with humanity, with the throbbing, busy, every-day life that surrounds him.

He has been placed in a wrong environment, and is homesick for the society of kindred souls.

The last writing of Ernest Crosby gives a faithful expression to the viewpoint of such a man:

"I am homesick. Homesick for the home I have never seen.

"For the land where I shall look horizontally into the eyes of my fellows.

"The land where men rise only to lift.

"The land where equality leaves men to differ as they will.

"The land where freedom is breathed in the air and courses in the blood.

"Where there is nothing over a man between him and the sky.

"Where the obligations of love are sought for as prizes.

"And where they vary as the moon.

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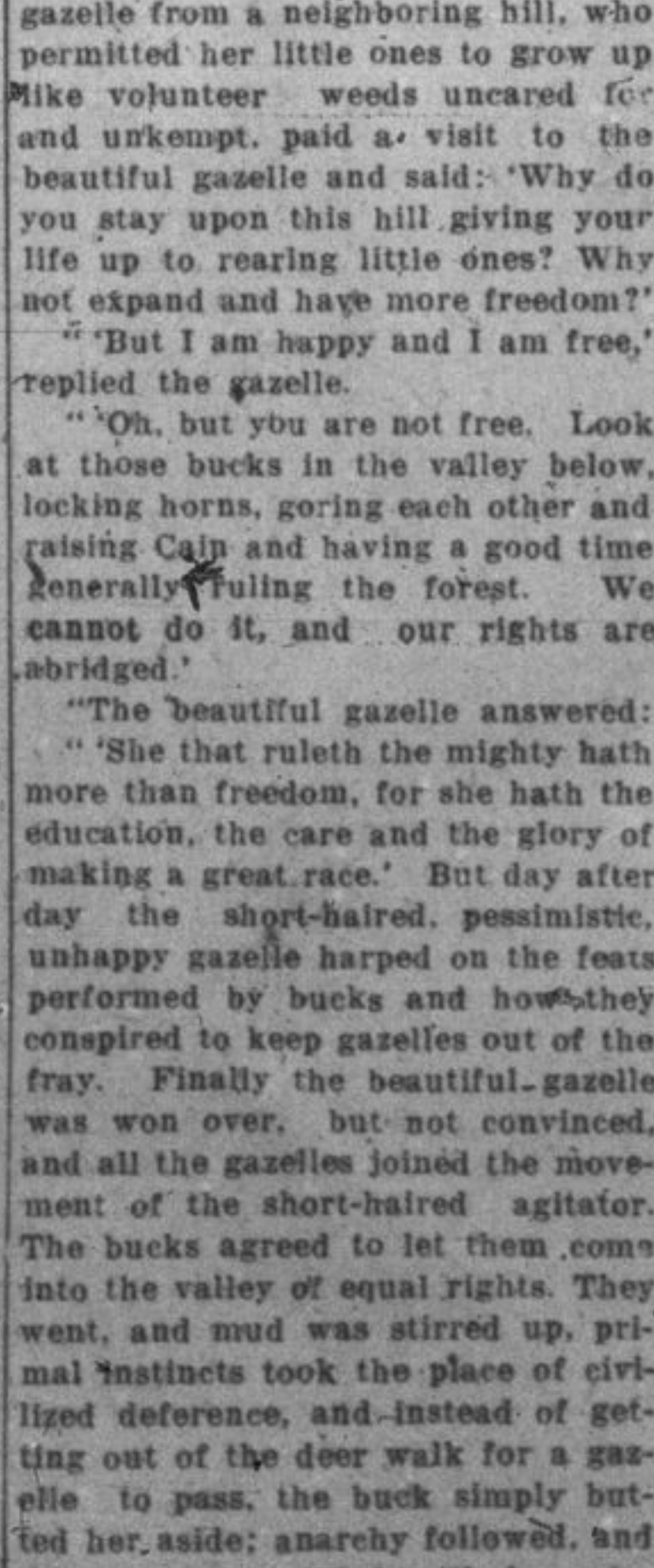
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Things that never happen. By GENE BYRNES.

OH NO WE WERENT ALWAYS RICH COUNT! FATHER MADE HIS FORTUNE PEDDLING LIMBERG CHEESE UP AT THE POLO GROUNDS



Clémenceau have for long advocated this course, but the appointment of a generalissimo met with determined opposition.

Now, however, confronted with a grave situation, Great Britain, France and the United States have agreed to the proposal, and General Ferdinand Foch assumes supreme command of the Allied armies on the western front.

We are indebted to the German offensive for making possible this unity of command.

The hour has arrived when we must abandon the defensive and take up offensive tactics.

The German onslaught has about spent itself, and the occasion is now ripe for the Allies to begin the counter-offensive.

There is no room for a divided counsel under such critical conditions.

Foch is recognized as one of the most brilliant leaders which the war has so far produced.

He has had a wide experience, and his special qualifications for conducting an offensive campaign will be of great service to the Allies to-day.

His appointment would seem to presuppose a powerful flank attack against the advancing Germans.

Reports coming from the British and French headquarters to-day breathe a spirit of optimism.

Not only has the enemy thrust on all sectors of the wide battle front been stayed, but here and there counter-attacks by the British and French have succeeded in forcing the enemy back and in capturing considerable numbers of prisoners and guns.

The Allied reserves—the mass of manoeuvre created by the Versailles War Council—has now come into line, and at the proper moment will be thrown into the fight.

Germany based all her hopes upon a speedy decision, and she has failed in her object.

While the first rush has been stemmed, we are warned to expect another heavy blow to be struck before the enemy gives up the attempt to break through the British lines or drive a dangerous wedge between the Allied armies.

Doubtless by this time our forces are fully prepared to receive and shatter such a blow.

Every hour that it is delayed is of priceless importance to us, inasmuch as it affords time for our own reserves and for the new and ever-growing American forces to be brought into line and placed to the best advantage.

The men who are guiding our destinies at the front see no cause for pessimism.

We at home should rely on them, keep up our courage and remain confident that the line will hold no matter how great the pressure, and that in the end—sooner perhaps than we dare dream—victory will crown the efforts of our gallant armies in the field.

People Oppose Titles. (London Advertiser) The House of Commons will do well to remember that anti-title resolutions are not merely the whims of the movers and the seconders, but express the sentiments of the Canadian people.

Time To Call A Halt. (Toronto News) The bank mergers of the past may all have been capable of justification. They may all have been carried through in the very best interests of the people.

Cause For Confidences. (Toronto Telegram) These are terrible days, but not so terrible as the days of the time that opened with the first gas attack at St. Julien, when nothing but the naked souls of the Canadian army stood between the Germans and the conquest of the Channel ports.

Wrapped Bread. (Ottawa Journal Press) Cost of living Commissioner's remarks on the subject of wrapped bread emphasized a large amount of speculation among the public as to why wrapped bread should be forbidden by the Food Controller.

Let A Little Sunshine In. (Sunshine) The population of the world is about 1,823,300,000. The average age at death is 33 years.

Fifty-seven million three hundred and seventy-two thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven die annually.

Nine hundred and eighty thousand, five hundred and sixteen die weekly.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Toronto's milk price is to remain unchanged during the summer season.

An aviation corps of 509 members will be Siam's contribution to the Entente Allies.

Port Arthur shipping men look for the opening of navigation between April 18th and 25th.

The German Government has protested against the Red-Guards proceeding into Finland from Petrograd.

During the past few weeks not less than \$6,000,000 worth of liquors have been shipped from Montreal to various parts of Ontario.

During March thirty-one people met violent deaths in Toronto, eleven were suddenly stricken or found dead, and nine were victims of gas poisoning.

The German people are beginning to learn the extent of the recent losses, and are now demanding to know if the terrible offensive was necessary.

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