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What are you sacrificing for the cause?

Congratulations to our neighboring city of Oswego, across the line. It oversubscribed the Third Liberty Loan by almost 50 per cent.

In order to save food, Britain is going to get rid of two million dogs. Food, peace and public health would be vastly conserved by reducing the number of useless dogs in Canada.

Some of the organized opposition to Lloyd-George might be traced back to his unforfeited conquest of the House of Lords in 1909 and 1911. Democracy owes him no grudge for this action.

A one-time farmer boy is now doing all the buying for the United States army. Hats off to Colonel Samuel McRoberts and the little red school house which gave him his start in life. To-day he is spending billions of dollars in the cause of freedom.

The manager of a bank in Toronto has just been sentenced to serve five years in the provincial penitentiary for stealing \$55,000 from the bank. His peccadillo began as far back as February, 1916, but he was successful in fooling the auditors for considerably over two years. The cause of justice might be better served by having the auditors share with him some of the punishment.

DEPUTY MINISTER MEMBERS: Deputy ministers at Ottawa may behave themselves and not go trespassing upon the rights of members of Parliament by making Civil Service appointments in constituencies after the exposure and warning by W. F. Nickle in the House last Friday night. It appears that a certain deputy minister, with the assistance of another, succeeded in placing a woman clerk, who could not be accommodated at Ottawa, in the Kingston postoffice, but when a protest was entered, the woman was recalled. If there are so many civil servants floating around the capital that work cannot be found for them, the surplus should be let go with little delay. And besides, vacancies in the Civil Service have been promised to returned soldiers if they are qualified or can qualify. The scheme of the deputy minister to foist an Ottawa female clerk on the Kingston postoffice was soon attended to by the Kingston member, who has served notice upon the ruling deputies at the Parliament buildings that he is going to be boss in his own constituency and will not permit interference from outside.

A lot has been heard about Civil Service reform during the past few years, but it appears that such preliminary reform yet remains to be done. If the Civil Service has hundreds of clerks who are not needed, their services should be dispensed with and much money saved the country.

MORE HOUSES WANTED: The scarcity of houses in this city has been frequently commented upon. New arrivals are unable to find any sort of accommodation. Real estate dealers report that they have no houses to rent and very few for sale. The residences that are for sale are, for the most part, too large and too expensive for the average family. An effort is now being made

to organize a company which shall undertake the erection in Kingston of a certain number of moderately-sized residences. This would go far to meet the requirements of the day. There is no lack of vacant lots in the best residential sections of the city, upon which to build.

Brantford has faced the same problem, but has taken steps to solve it without unnecessary delay. A holding company has just been organized there, and thirty-five acres secured on which there will be erected one hundred new homes, with all conveniences, and at a minimum cost of \$3,000 each. These houses will be sold at practically cost plus carrying charges. Such a movement will mean a great boom to the city and to the industries located there. In Welland a co-operative company is now erecting fifty houses to meet the growing demand. Kingston should not lag behind. The development of the city is being seriously retarded by the lack of suitable houses.

THE POOL ROOM MENACE: Dominion policemen, on Friday night, raided eleven pool rooms in Toronto, arresting ninety-six men, of whom eighteen spent the night in the cells. Many of the young men who are evading military service are to be found in pool rooms and restaurants at a late hour of the night. In New York and other American cities the authorities have been very active in ridding such places, and a surprisingly large number of young men have been gathered in. Now the pool rooms of some Canadian cities are yielding up their quota. What about the pool rooms of Kingston? Are their possibilities in this connection going to be entirely disregarded? Might we not go further and insist that, during the continuance of the war at least, these places should be closed? They serve no useful purpose, but, on the contrary, exert a harmful influence upon a certain class of young men to whom the nation must turn for help in the day of trial. Our very existence, as a free nation, is at stake to-day. Any and all things which interfere with our efficiency as a fighting partner of the Allies must be swept aside, harmless as it may have been in the days of peace. These are stern times, and stern measures must be adopted.

WAR DEBTS: Tabulation of figures as to the newly created war debts of the nations show that the total is now over one hundred and eleven billions. Of this sum about \$72,000,000,000 represents the debts of the Allied nations, leaving nearly \$40,000,000,000 to the Central Powers. The expenses of the Allies are also probably increasing more rapidly than those of the enemy. Thus it is costing us nearly twice as much to hold back the Hun as he is spending in his attack. If it costs ten times as much it must and will be done. Canada's war debt shows that this country has not been backward in providing money, as well as men; in the fight for freedom. In times of peace our annual expenditure for defence was \$10,000,000. This has grown to \$300,000,000 a year, or well on to \$1,000,000 a day. A special war appropriation of \$50,000,000 was voted at the special parliamentary session of 1914, a record of \$100,000,000 at the session of 1915, a third of \$250,000,000 at the session of 1916, and a fourth of \$500,000,000 in February, 1917. Our people have subscribed about \$1,000,000,000 to four domestic war loans. The contributions to patriotic, Red Cross and other war time funds must amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. During the past week the Military Y.M.C.A. set out to raise \$2,250,000 for its Red Triangle fund. The response was so generous that in three days over \$3,000,000 was secured. There seems to be no limit to the giving of our people when the cause is worthy. It is a hopeful and healthy sign. And of our people it can truly be said, that where their treasure is there will their heart be also. For of a surety their heart is with the Canadian boys in France. Whatever further sacrifices are demanded, one can now be sure that the Canadians at home will make them gladly and generously.

PUBLIC OPINION: The British Way. (Detroit Free Press). Those Britons fight best with their backs against the wall. The Bugler Alarm Sounded. (Chicago News). Germany might have got away with the swag if it had not awakened civilization when it stepped on Belgium. Well Named. (Chicago Tribune). The All Highest has named a new bridge over the Rhine the Crown Prince Wilhelm bridge. More briefly Pons Asinorum. The War's Good Effects. (Ottawa Journal-Press). Amid all the horror of the war, two great consolations stand out. One is the fact that so many of the nations of the world have responded

vigorously to the call of democracy and justice; the other is the fact that the English-speaking peoples have been drawn much closer together in mutual understanding and respect and sympathy than they stood before.

Undaunted France. (Vancouver Sun). The Germans, with 100,000 shells, have blown the heart out of Rheims but with 100,000,000,000 they cannot blow the heart out of France.

Conscription Extraordinary. (Detroit News). Of all the heads of nations the Kaiser is the only one who has had the effrontery to conscript the Diet for war purposes.

The Traitorous Ally. (Chicago Tribune). Russia may not know it, but her salvation is being worked out in Flanders and Picardy. The western world will forgive, but it will be a long time forgetting.

The Early Bird. (London Advertiser). Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard. She wanted to quench her thirst; but when she got there the cupboard was bare. The old man had got there first.

The Lack of Men. (Buffalo Commercial). The Irish bishops who are counselling resistance to conscription for Ireland scarcely seem to realize that civilization and Christianity are trembling in the balance for lack of men.

Compers' Statesmanship. (Montreal Star). Mr. Compers has proved that the organized worker can be as patriotic as any citizen without sacrificing his own peculiar rights as an industrial unit. The statesmanship of his policy as a labor leader in wartime is recognized in the United States and abroad and its application to conditions in Canada is welcome indeed. The spirit of Canada's patriotic labor men has been expressed from the platform all too seldom since the war began.

YOUNG LAD INJURED: Face Was Cut When He Was Struck by Automobile.

While crossing Erasmus street about five o'clock on Saturday afternoon a little boy, Herbert Barton, was struck by an automobile. He was removed to the Hotel Dieu in the Royal Air Force ambulance, which was nearby, and his injuries were attended to by Dr. A. W. McCarthy. It was thought for a time that there was a slight fracture of the skull besides some cuts on the face, but fortunately this was not the case.

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Rippling Rhymes

THE HEAVYWEIGHTS: Fred Fulton is a bruiser great, as large and stately as an Alp; he's whipped full many a beefy skater, who hoped to bear away his scalp. He says he'll harvest Willard's pelt, and change that fighter's name to Pance, and bear away the champion's belt; I wonder why he's not in France? This Willard is a mighty man, who'll take some whipping, I suppose; he made the smoke an also ran, and has a kick in all his blows. I don't believe he'll lose to Fred, unless by some unhappy chance; he uses both his fist and head - I wonder why he's not in France. Both men are of heroic build, they're perfect fighters when they're fit; and it is said they both are filled with forty kinds of pep and grit. And they will meet, some day, I ween, to fight, with pomp and circumstance, for packages of good long green; I wonder why they're not in France. I've heard of Willard's wondrous reach, how he can hit around a block; and I should judge, from Fulton's scrap as well as talk. Until they've fought they'll spiel and yell, and red hot arguments advance; if they can fight so wildly well, I wonder why they're not in France.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



MAYNARD IS RESIGNED.

At Least a Week Before He Comes to Penitentiary.

It will be at least a week before L. M. Maynard, former branch manager of the Dominion Bank, leaves Toronto for Portsmouth penitentiary to commence his five-year term. He will be held in Toronto jail pending the trial of the hand-book men with whom he was associated and against whom he is to give evidence.

Officials who have talked to Maynard since his sentence was imposed are perfectly resigned to his fate, and are satisfied that the sentence imposed is a just one. His chief regret is that his family will suffer during his absence. He has offered his services to the bank to assist them in any way in straightening out the books.

Remembered His Arithmetic. Another thing that will puzzle our English soldiers is money. One time an American who was the worse for drink was travelling in a railway carriage when the guard asked for his ticket. "Got none! Lemme 'lone!" mumbled the yank.

The guard took out his ticket schedule. "Five and six, please," he said tersely. "Whazzat?" queried the tipsy one. "Five and six, please," repeated the guard. "Eleven," said the yank. "Now move along to ze next boy."—Boston Transcript.

An Essay on the Duck: A duck is a low, heavy-set bird. He is a mighty poor singer, having a hoarse voice, caused by getting so many frogs in his throat. He likes the water and carries a toy balloon in his stomach to keep from sinking. The duck has only two legs and they are so far back on his running gears by nature that they come pretty near missing his body. Some ducks, when they get big, have curls on their tails and are called drakes. Drakes don't have to set or hatch, but just loaf and go swimming and eat everything in sight. If I was to be a duck, I would rather be a drake.—Detroit Journal.

Seven Ages of Man. First Age—Sees the Earth. Second Age—Wants it. Third Age—Decides to be satisfied, with half of it. Fifth Age—Becomes still more moderate. Sixth Age—Now content to possess a six feet by two feet strip of it. Seventh Age—Gets that strip.

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