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The Toronto street railway union
threatens to go on strike if women
conductors are employed. What if
the women of Toronto were to re-
taliate by boycotting the street rail-
way?

Extravagant habits must go by the
board. New and heavier taxes are
being imposed, and he is the wise
man who prepares to meet them. The
day of plain living and clear
thinking is here.

Automobile speeders are becom-
ing altogether too reckless, and un-
less they are curbed a fatal street
accident is bound to occur. A few
speed fiends should be punished as
an example to others.

It is reassuring to learn that the
last of the German super-guns,
which have been bombarding Paris,
has been put out of action. Are
these big cannon to prove as great a
failure as the Zeppelins?

Patrons of the Grand Opera House
last night did some watchful wait-
ing. The curtains did not go up un-
til nine o'clock and it was not rung
down until near midnight. We are
fast learning that what Sherman
said about war was right.

Campers and tourists in the
Thousand Islands region will this
season miss the saluting whistle of
the popular passenger steamers
which plied the St. Lawrence with
Kingston as their base. The war
brings many changes in its train.

Food Controller Thomson de-
clares that we must eat less if our
armies and our faithful Allies are
to be fed. If 4,750,000 Europeans
have died of starvation since the war
began, as he estimates, it is time we
woke up to the seriousness of the
situation.

The Italians are imitating the
British in making naval raids on
the enemy. The sinking of a 20-
000 ton Austrian battleship in Pola
harbor was a daring enterprise.
That it involved no loss of life to
the attacking party shows how skill-
fully it was planned and carried out.

It is difficult at this distance to
understand why women in England
should be refused passports when
they desire to come to Canada. The
serious shortage of food in Europe
might well prompt the authorities
to lend encouragement to such a
movement.

In Detroit women mail carriers
are proving a success. And why
not? They are engaged in occupa-
tions much more strenuous and
carrying out their duties satisfactorily.
The government, as well as
private institutions could help to re-
lease men for the front by the em-
ployment of still more women.

The farmers of Canada should
face the situation as it exists to-day,
not as it existed a few weeks or a
few months ago. If the people in
the towns and cities are willing to
take chances on the food supply, in
order that more men may be secured
for the fighting line, the farmer
should not object to whatever mea-
sure of conscription is necessary. He
has the first chance at all the food
that is produced and will be the last
to suffer if the supply is insufficient.
So why should he worry?

WHAT ABOUT COAL?
With the mercury steadily rising
and summer coming on in great
strides we are not likely to trouble
ourselves much about coal. No steel.
There is the war to be thought of, and
coal can wait. We must put in our
war gardens, and have no time to
think of anything except seeds and
soils and fertilizers. Why worry
about coal when winter is a long way
off? And we might just as well relax
a little after the last siege and laugh
as something.

After the winter's worries this at-
titude is not unnatural. But if Can-
ada is to avoid next winter an even
worse coal shortage than last year
somebody has got to think about coal,
and somebody has got to do some-
thing about it, not to-morrow or the
next day, but now. For the situation
is as bad as ever except for the relief
afforded by the weather. The fuel
administration has not contributed a
purposeful plan of relief as yet. It
issues advice to buy coal and buy
early, but the coal is not to be had.
Furthermore, reports from the mines
tell of idleness and decreasing out-
put.

The trouble is that though consum-
ers may realize the necessity for get-
ting something done they cannot act.
The matter rests with the authorities,
and about all consumers can do is to
pray that it won't rest too long.

GROWING GRACEFULLY OLD.
Diersell once said: "Youth is a
blunder; manhood a struggle; old
age a regret." That is a pessimistic
and unfortunate view to take of life
and of all the opportunities it offers
for development of individual char-
acter and of service to one's fellow-
man. We had rather regard it as a
priceless gift entrusted to our care
for a brief period and which must,
sooner or later, be returned to the
Giver. If good use has been made
of the gift, old age should not be a
regret, but a space of retrospective
contentment for "something at-
tempted, something done." Or, as
Thomson finely expresses it:
"An elegant sufficiency, content,
Retirement, rural quiet, friendship,
books,
Ease and alternate labor, useful life,
Progressive virtue, and approving
Heaven."

Growing old gracefully and con-
tentedly is an accomplishment that
many fail to achieve. Not so with
Joseph C. Cannon, former speaker
of the United States Senate. On his
eighty-second birthday he declared
that he did not feel lonesome. "The
census repudiate," he said, "the
palmist's suggestion that three
score years and ten is the span of
life, for by the last census there
were more than 2,000,000 people in
this country who had passed that
age; there were about half a million
who had passed the fourscore; 46-
000 who had passed the age of
ninety; and nearly 4,000 who had
passed the century mark. Physicians
say that we are soon, through their
skill, to live to be 150 years old. I
wish to God they would hurry up."

Figures like these, the Syracuse
Post Standard reminds us, are
cheerful reading to persons for
whom the shadows lengthen, unless
they are like the thoughtful cen-
tenarian who remarked reflectively
that if he had his life to live over
he would find some way of exchanging
the monotonous closing decades
of it for more of pleasure as he pass-
ed along. But Mr. Cannon has not
sacrificed a reasonable degree of ra-
tional pleasure to longevity. He
has never been credited with asceti-
cism. On the contrary he seems to
have taken life and its pleasures
cheerfully as things to be enjoyed
with a thankful heart. Yet it is
given to few men to go tripping by
an 82nd milestone so jauntily, so
alert of mind and light of heart. The
most that can be said is that vari-
ous paths lead various persons to
their ninth decade. Some are prickly
with austerities, while others are
flowery to the end; but neither one
of them nor any other can be follow-
ed with assurance that it will lead
another man to length of days.

CONSCRIPTION IN IRELAND.
Irish opposition to conscription
finds little or not favor among Irish-
men in the United States and none
whatever in the American press. The
attitude of the Sinn Feiners is vigor-
ously condemned everywhere except
in certain sections of Ireland. In
this connection the New York Times
publishes a typical letter from
Charles B. Lenahan, of Wilkesbarre,
Pa., which reads:
"I yield to no man in my love for
Ireland, where my father was born.
He was an Irishman who in his youth
sought our shores and became a real
American citizen, and was among the
first from this city to respond to the
call of Abraham Lincoln in 1861.
I have no grievances with the Irishmen
or sons of the Irishman who make it
their business to denounce England
in the present crisis. At this time,
when the entire civilized world is
united in an effort to make the world
safe for democracy, the Irishman or
son of an Irishman who denounces
England and fights her just conscrip-
tion law is opposing the traditions of
the true liberty-loving Irishman. The
man in whose bosom beats the real
Irish heart condemns the conduct of
the fanatic and professional Irish
agitation who, in the innermost recess-
es of his soul, cares nothing for Ire-
land's future or for the real liberty of
the world, but is impelled solely by
selfish motives, or probably some-

thing more base. At this particular
moment the British are baring their
bosoms to the bayonets of the Huns,
and with their backs against the wall
are holding the Prussian hordes in
their last desperate attempt to reach
a coast from which it would be an
easy matter to invade this country
and place us all under the domination
of the Kaiser. Instead of leaving the
question of Irish conscription to the
professional Irish agitator, if the
question were submitted to the thou-
sands of brave young Irishmen who
are to-day wearing a British uniform,
and those of Irish extraction who are
fighting side by side with the British
Army under our own American flag,
there would be no question as to the
sentiment. If conscription was good
enough for the sons of Irishmen in
America, it is good enough for the
sons of Irishmen in Ireland."

PUBLIC OPINION

The Acid Test.
(London Free Press)
President Poincaré says the issue
is not Alsace-Lorraine, but militarism.
But Alsace-Lorraine must deter-
mine whether militarism wins or
loses.

Oh Christopher!
(New York Herald)
What a queer lack of sense and
taste was displayed by the telephone
company official who tried to take the
significant call of "Columbus 1423"
away from the Junior Naval Reserves
—and to give it to a delicatessen
shop.

Gompers Was Wise.
(Hamilton Herald)
Seeing it is believed, "Some months
ago Mr. Baker, U.S. Secretary of
War, was trying to soothe the Amer-
ican people with the reminder that
the war was "three thousand miles
away," and there was therefore no
need for hurry. Mr. Baker has just
got back from a visit to the western
front, and he has lost no time in re-
commending that the American army
be doubled without delay.

Obeysing Food Laws.
(Vancouver Province)
It would be a relief to the bewil-
dered public if the food regulators
would establish schools of instruction
in the various centres when the intri-
cate wordings and confused phrase-
ology of their numerous orders and
regulations could be made clear to
the ordinary lay mind. Consulting a
clock, calendar, chemist's scale and
an interpreter ought not to be a ne-
cessary preliminary to eating a meal.

The Scarlet Riders.
(Regina Post)
Within a short time the R.N.W.
M.P. draft will be proceeding over-
seas. The regiment has been recruit-
ed to more than full strength, and
nothing now remains to be done by
connection with having the draft in
readiness to take its place with the
Canadian cavalry in France. The
date of their departure rests with the
military authorities in the east. The
draft is ready to leave at any time.
Offered by their own inspectors and
with many of their former officers
accompanying them in the non-com-

missioned ranks, the Scarlet Riders
are as fine a body of men as ever left
any part of the Empire.

GIVES POPE CREDIT
FOR BELAND'S RELEASE

Carried On Much Diplomatic
Correspondence With Huns,
Says L'Action Chatolique.

Montreal, May 18.—L'Action Catholique says that Pope Benedict and Cardinal Beign was instrumental in securing the release of Dr. Beland, former Canadian Postmaster-General who was a prisoner of the Germans since the early weeks of the war. "We don't know exactly," says L'Action Catholique, "what were the influences ultimately called into requisition to secure Dr. Beland's release, but we are in a position to say that for almost a year the Pope has been doing his best to have him liberated. On representations of Cardinal Beign, the Holy Father, through his Secretary of State, did his utmost. There was a lengthy exchange of diplomatic correspondence through the intermediary of the Papal Nuncio at Munich. We know from an unimpeachable source that the Pope secured Cardinal Hartmann to use his influence with high authorities in Germany."

WATERTOWN SALOONS TO
QUIT BEFORE OCTOBER

Large Decrease in Business
Reported Since Election in
April.

Watertown, N.Y., May 18.—The effect of Watertown's decision in the recent excise election to go "dry" is already being felt, although the saloons will not close until October. When Watertown voters determined that liquor should no longer be sold in this city many who used liquor excessively voluntarily gave it up. G. F. Babcock, custodian of the city hall, reported to-day that the number of men confined for "drunkenness" since the election was nearly cut in half and the duties of the police department picking up the inebriates no longer represents the major portion of its work.

Saloon men in this city report large decreases in their sales, and this week one of the best saloons in this community announced that it will relinquish its license because the business was no longer such as to merit its continuance until October.

Eleven New Elevators.
Regina, Sask., May 18.—Eleven new country elevators are being erected by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company this season. Combined storage capacity is three hundred and eighty-five thousand bushels. The approximate cost is \$140,000.

To Recruit 500,000 Men.
Simla, India, May 18.—The Government of India has decided to recruit at once more than 500,000 men. The provincial governments have re-affirmed the resolution of loyalty, passed at the Delhi conference, promising all possible aid.

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Rippling Rhymes

SMALL BEGINNINGS

Large oaks from little acorns grow, the wise man said long, long ago. Oh, he had lived and loved and learned, and ere he to the dust returned, he summed up all the things he knew—and he had learned a fact or two—and sprung them in the form you know: "Large oaks from little acorns grow." One day the news from France, was vile; the Teuts advanced, mile after mile; it seemed that they would win the scrap and back the Allies of the map. And scores of men with Arctic feet, were standing on the village street; their whole appearance was a frost; they said that everything was lost. "The Teuts have won," they said to me; "they'll march right onward to the sea, and ere they stop their sinful games they'll bombard Windsor and St. James. We might as well take in our sign, and spend our future shedding brine." I said to them, "Oh, morbid eyes, cease putting up such doleful howls! There's nothing lost till Pershing wiles that he has busted all his tires." A few brisk words I threw around, their pessimism to confound; 'twas all they needed, and they rose and bet ten bones we'd whip the foe. A few bright words in season sprung will oft relieve the withers wrung by fear and hopelessness and woe; large oaks from little acorns grow.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN
By GENE BYRNES

THERE'S NO SUCH WORD AS LUCK—GEORGE COHAN, RAYMOND MITCHCOCK AND THAT CROWD ARE STARS, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE THERE WITH THE GOODS.

YOU'RE RIGHT—ONLY OUR ACT IS ROTTEN—WE'D BE STARS TOO.

THIS CONVERSATION CAN BE HEARD IN ANY DRESSING ROOM—OF ANY THEATRE