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Now that Hayti has declared war against the Hun she should change her name to Haytu, as being more appropriate.

Prince Tichnowsky has been expelled from the Prussian House of Lords. He committed a crime unforgivable in German eyes—he told the truth.

In Kingston Baptist and Congregational congregations unite for summer services. If two churches can do this for the summer season, why cannot other churches do it the year around?

"We stand on the peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk," declares Chancellor von Hertling. It would be more accurate to say that they stand on the pieces of the treaty.

Germany is now "willing to consider peace proposals from the Allies." The best reply to this that we have seen is that of United States Senator Lodge, who says: "No peace that satisfies Germany will satisfy us." The Allies will demand an unconditional surrender of the Kaiser and all his minions.

Following the taking over of the Northern Crown bank by the Royal, all the former's branches in Canada were closed with the exception of the one located in Kingston. In retaining the local branch a splendid tribute has been paid to the efficient management displayed and the success achieved by the manager, David Murray.

Twenty-eight strikes took place in Canada during June, affecting 11,105 workers and resulting in the loss of 40,929 working days. What has become of the Lemieux Act? Or, rather, what has become of the Minister of Labor whose duty it is to enforce the act? This failure adds another to the thousand reasons why Hon. T. W. Crothers should give place to a live and competent minister.

A few short years ago the fall and death of an aviator would have been a matter of almost world-wide interest. To-day dozens of young Canadian flyers are being killed every week in Ontario and the tragedies gain only a few lines notice in the press. The loss of life on the battlefields is so colossal that individual fatalities appear insignificant, except to the relatives and friends of the boys who "go west." Is the war gradually hardening us in our attitude toward fatal accidents?

A peculiar and very unusual accident occurred at North Tonawanda, N.Y., on Sunday. The intense heat from the sun, augmented by heavy automobile traffic, caused two explosions in the brick pavement on one of the principal streets. A big touring car, passing over the spot at the time, was uplifted and thrown into the ditch. No other reason is advanced for the explosion than expansion from the heat. No fear of this happening in Kingston; the local improvement taxes on our pavements are heavy enough to hold them down securely.

The command of the air has definitely passed into Allied hands. The British have destroyed 2150 enemy airplanes in six months on the western front, and have driven down 1,

683 others. The naval airplane service has accounted for 62% more. The British air losses for the same period were 1,094 machines. On the Italian front they destroyed 165 machines, and lost six. On the Macedonian front they destroyed twenty-one, and lost four. In Mesopotamia and Palestine they destroyed twenty-six, and lost ten. Italian, French and American figures are not given, but doubtless they are in the same proportion.

PRICE-FIXING DIFFICULTIES. Prof. W. Clarke, of Queen's University, is the author of an interesting bulletin relative to price-fixing, which has just been issued by the Department of History and Political Science.

After citing various causes for price fluctuation, Prof. Clarke mentions instances where fixation has failed as a practical policy. The first trouble, he says, is caused by evasion of the regulations. People with money will offer more than the government price, and in numerous cases the offers will be accepted. Even in Germany, where the domestic government seems all powerful, the evasions have been astounding. The natural result is that the scarcity of supply becomes greater than ever.

After evasion, the next great objection is the discouragement of production. For example: "Limit the price of milk and the farmer can churn and sell butter, limit the price of butter and he can sell cheese, limit the price of all dairy products and he can fatten his stock for market." Quite apparently the farmer holds the key to the situation, as far as food production, distribution and selling prices are concerned.

IMPROVING OUR ROADS. The necessity of better roads is engaging the attention of the provincial authorities and the public in general. Last week witnessed the visit to Kingston and Gananoque of the new Minister of Agriculture and officials of the Good Roads Association and the formation in Ottawa of the Eastern Ontario Good Roads Association. Seldom has a new organization been attended by such a numerous and representative body of delegates as gathered in Ottawa. Most of the counties and towns of Eastern Ontario were represented. One hundred and sixty-six members were enrolled at the organization meeting. New members have been added since, and the movement is still spreading. The Eastern Ontario Good Roads Association has before it a definite policy regarding road improvement. Its officials are representative men in their communities. Their energy is being devoted to a commendable cause and is bound to produce good results. W. Y. Denison, 208 Laurier avenue west, Ottawa, is secretary-treasurer of the organization, the membership fee of which is only one dollar a year. The provincial government has set aside a large appropriation for the improvement of the highways of Ontario; the new association seeks to make sure that Eastern Ontario gets its share and that such share is expended in the best possible way. An intelligent selection of the highways to be improved is very important, and this can best be done by enlisting the support and advice of representative men from the eastern towns and counties. This service the new association is peculiarly fitted to render. For that reason it is deserving of widespread and hearty support.

CANADIAN "MOVIES" NEEDED. Some time ago the Whig commented upon the painful lack of Canadian motion picture views. Canada for four years has played a big part in the great war, but the motion picture concerns have recorded but little of Canada's great effort. In a Kingston theatre last week, picture after picture was shown of United States activity. Uncle Sam's troops in training at home and overseas are ever before the movie camera. That's American enterprise and is commendable. Canada has been altogether too modest in showing upon the moving picture screen what its soldiers have done and are doing. More than three years ago Canadian troops barred the road at Ypres and saved Calais from capture by the Germans. Is there a picture film in existence showing any march-past of the gallant band of survivors of that event of tremendous world importance? The Canadian Government should have seen that moving picture machines made such a record for display to the whole world. Were the heroes of Courcellette and of Vimy placed in marching order before the motion picture machine so that those of us at home might applaud those gallant men of our blood and country? Most unlikely. But not one event in the war in which American troops take part will escape the attention of Uncle Sam's representatives in high places. The Hamilton Spectator says that those responsible for introducing pictures of American effort in Canadian theatres to the entire exclusion of Canadian deeds display a surprising want of judgment and good taste, and the Spectator is right.

There is no reason whatever why Canada should not be advertised more largely upon the motion picture screen. All that is needed is a little enterprise. Baron Max Aitken should be made Canada's propagandist as well as Great Britain's. Aitken is the man for this work.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Pre-Requisite. (Indianapolis News) And the world will not be safe for democracy until the ocean has been made safe for hospital ships.

An Obsolete Term. (Memphis Commercial Appeal) With prices kicking the lid off we will have to find another measure for our meals than the "square."

Glad to Hear it Now. (Guelph Mercury) Is it hot enough for you? This question used to annoy us frightfully on a real hot day, but we'd be quite willing to hear it said once in a while just for a change.

Carefully Observed One Law. (Ottawa Journal-Press) Ottawa man gets two months for biting another man's finger. Fortunately the bite wasn't taken on a meatless day or the sentences might have been extended.

Are You Sure? (Toronto News) It is a sweet reflection that no German agent has ever pressed a foot on the sacred soil of Canada and that no German money has ever been expended in this favored land!

Explained. (New York Sun) The latest Hun war historian writes of "Britain's unbearable yoke" worn by Scotland. That, then, explains why the Scotch, when they went out to fight Britain's enemies fought with such soft indifference the Huns promptly named them the "Ladies From Hell."

Canada's Move. (Beaufort Expositor) After four years of war, a parliamentary committee has at last recommended that all enemy aliens in England of 18 years of age be interned.

What a patient, tolerant people! However, better late than never. The lesson of the Llandovery Castle suggests summary action.

This Awful Weather. (Toronto Star) To light the furnace in July. Shall such a fate this year overtake us? Old Probs. the villain, used to bask in us. But now he's cold; we wonder why. And so the precious coal we buy May vanish in some summer blizzard. As we, ere frozen to the gizzard, Light up the furnace in July.

The will of the late Sir George Alexander, the English actor-manager, has just been probated at London, and shows that he left an estate valued at \$450,000.

Rippling Rhymes

SUMMER WEATHER

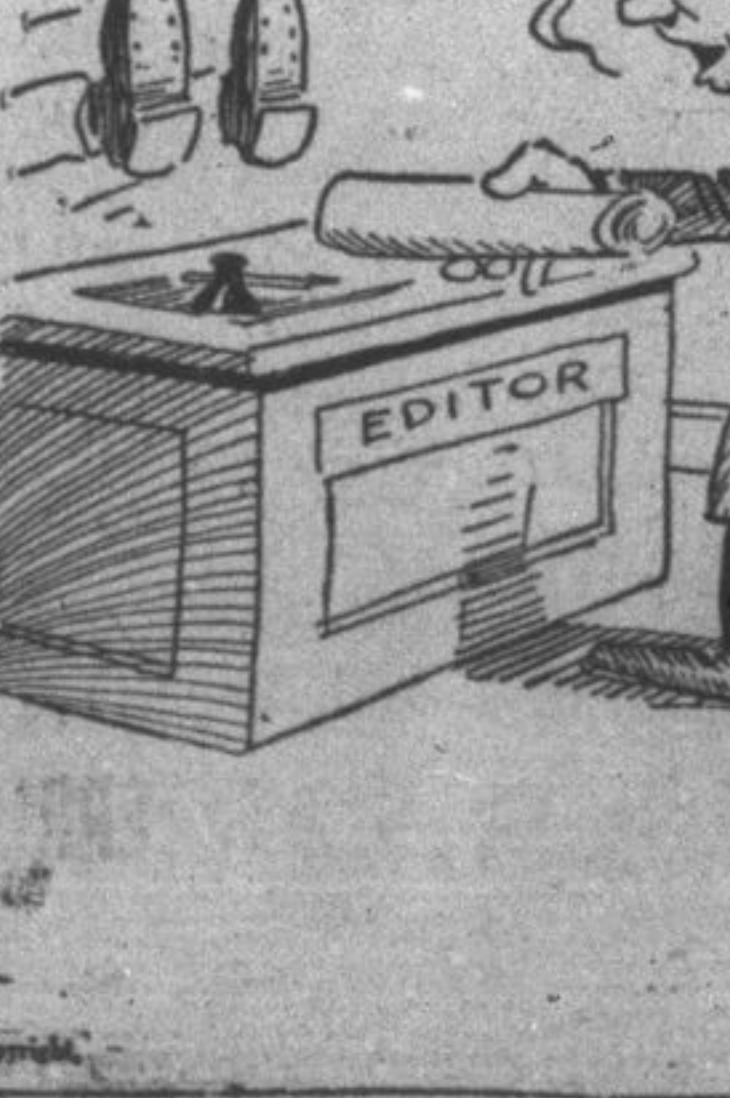
The days are growing hotter, although they're hot enough, and as I ply my sweater I'm feeling pretty tough. The solar rays are pelting, from heat there's no surcease, and I am slowly melting and swimming in my grease. I overhaul the verses I wrote four months ago, and marvel at the curses I handed sleet and snow. Oh, I was surely nutty, when I such language tossed; his head is stuffed with putty, who rails at snow and never frost. For winter's wholesome rigors are good for man and beast; there are no flies and chiggers on human limbs to feast. Men sit before their heaters while loud the blizzard rants, and there are no mosquitoes, no worms or bugs or ants. From germproof Athabasca the wholesome breezes blow; from ocean washed Alaska comes down the healthful snow. And yet when winter's flinging its blessings all around, when we should all be singing, we raise a doleful sound. Because some ears are spoiled, the days are growing hotter and hotter still, my friends; as to my tasks I totter, the mercury ascends. The flies, in countless legions, are roosting on my dome, and in the arctic regions I faint would build my home.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES

I'VE JUST COMPLETED A NEW LOVE STORY—IT'S ABOUT A POOR BUT VERY BEAUTIFUL GIRL AND A VERY HANDSOME WEALTHY YOUNG MAN WHO WERE DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER BUT QUARRELED AND DIDN'T GET MARRIED!



SOMEHOW. Somehow I never thought that you would go. Not even when red war swept through the land—I somehow thought, because I loved you so, That you would stay. I did not understand That something stronger than my love could come. To draw you, half-reluctant, from my heart; I never thought the call of life and drum Would rend our cloak of happiness apart!

And yet you went. And I—I did not weep—I smiled, instead, and brushed the tears aside. And yet, when night-time comes, I can not sleep. But silent lie, while long fights with pride. You are my man, the foe you fight my foe. And yet—I never thought that you would go!

—By Margaret E. Sangster in "Good Housekeeping."

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

Swedish firms are concerned over a report that Iceland has agreed to sell England all her wool. All is reported quiet now in Vaudreuil, and the Military Service Act being successfully carried out. At Hafford, Sask., the charge of sedition against Bishop Budka, head of the Russian church in Western Canada, was withdrawn.

A Norwegian vessel of eighteen hundred tons, loaded with coal was sunk by a submarine at sea. The crew landed safely at Canso N.S. Premier Lenine is about to break off diplomatic relations with Great Britain and any other Entente power connected with the landing of armed forces on the Murman coast.

A writ has been issued by John Lance, Renfrew, against Dr. A. E. Mahood, specialist, Ottawa, for \$10,000 damages for the alleged loss of the plaintiff's eye. The action will be defended. After being sixteen days in the ice flows of Bering Sea and one month and thirteen days on the round trip, a passenger liner has completed a voyage to Nome and St. Michael, Alaska.

W. J. Healy, associate editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, has accepted the position of associate editor of the Grain Growers' Guide, the organ of the Grain Growers of Western Canada. The Austro-Hungarian Government regards the war as "senseless and purposeless bloodshed" and believes it might be ended at the moment when the Allies again manifest feelings of humanity.

It is understood that W. N. Tilley, K.C., Toronto, will be associated with E. L. Newcombe, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice, as representing the Department of Justice in the Supreme Court draft appeal on Thursday.

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The Chicago police expect to capture the robbers who on January 26th entered the Haller Rose Jewellery Company's store and escaped with jewels valued at more than \$200,000. One has made a confession. A new Salvation Army hostel, being a remodeled hotel, has been opened at London. The abolition of meatless days in France after July 20th is ordered.

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