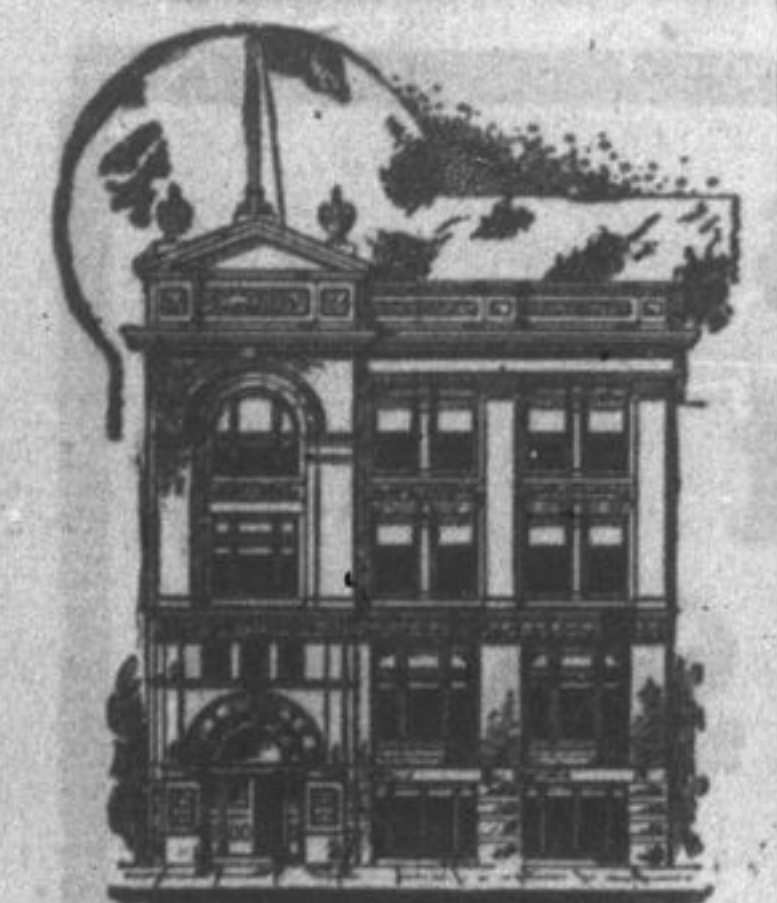


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Thanks to Foch, the Paris people  
can sleep easier o' nights.

The crown prince will have a busy  
time explaining it to father.

The Marne must hereafter be a  
place of dreadful memories to the  
Hun.

The Germans who set out for  
Paris will have a long way to travel  
if they stick to the direction they  
are now going.

The people who want more help  
and those who are looking for new  
and better jobs, both read the want  
ads in the British Whig.

Show the soldier that you appreciate  
what he has done. Display a  
"Get In" sign on your car, and stop  
and take him in when he raises his  
hand.

People who are complaining of  
the heat to-day are probably the  
ones who found fault heretofore be-  
cause it was too cold. You just  
can't please some people.

The housing problem has become  
an acute one in every Canadian  
town and city. Kingston citizens,  
aided by outside interests, are seek-  
ing to solve it here. If they succeed  
they will be deserving of much  
credit.

Almost starving for lack of food,  
but with \$1,360.37 in his pockets, an  
aged Toronto man is now receiving  
treatment in the Kingston General  
Hospital. He had been without food  
for days. His miserly habits nearly  
cost him his life.

Civic holiday (Monday, July  
29th) is to be right royally celebrated  
in Kingston this year. An excellent  
programme has been prepared, and if  
the weatherman behaves thousands  
of visitors will be present to enjoy  
the various attractions.

Following a drowning some years  
ago an agitation arose for better life  
saving equipment along the water  
front. A few life buoys were pro-  
vided, but where are they to-day?  
Monday's near-tragedy reminds us  
that precautions cannot in safety be  
overlooked.

If you are a motor owner, join the  
hunch of good fellows who are ex-  
tending an invitation to the returned  
soldiers to "Get In" if they are  
going your way. Paste a card to  
this effect on the windshield. The  
Whig will be glad to supply the  
cards free.

The high silk hat is now such a  
rarity in New York that a man  
wearing one attracts as much at-  
tention as an airship. The war is  
unveiling useless and foundation-  
less conventions. Luxurious living  
and expensive dressing are gradu-  
ally incurring the stigma of bad  
form.

The Great War Veterans have their  
own opinion of the status of the of-  
ficer who has not been out of Canada.  
"The fooling seemed to be too deep  
for words," was the cautious but  
meaningful expression used in the  
Whig yesterday in reporting a meet-  
ing of the Veterans' Association. The

THE PROGRESS OF MEDICAL  
SCIENCE.

The amazing progress made by  
medical science is revealed by the  
excellent hygienic conditions pre-  
vailing in the vast armies of to-day.  
In past wars more men succumbed  
to disease than were killed in com-  
bat. This was true even down to the  
Spanish-American war. New  
serums and antitoxins have been  
discovered and many preventative  
measures adopted. Even the once-  
dreaded Asiatic cholera is not now  
a menace. There is, as the New  
York Times points out, nothing par-  
ticularly alarming in the news that  
several cases of cholera have ap-  
peared in Stockholm as the result of  
infection brought from Russia. That  
is because only in Russia, Turkey,  
parts of Austria and some of the  
Balkan states is it possible now for  
cholera to make ravages at all exten-  
sive.

The disease is one at present so  
thoroughly understood that in  
countries enlightened with regard  
to medical science and modern sani-  
tation it can be easily handled and  
soon controlled. Some progress has  
been made in curing the victims it  
attacks, but in prevention the tri-  
umph has been so nearly complete  
that there are at least a dozen other  
and commoner maladies more to be  
feared than this one. Formerly  
cholera was a devastating scourge  
wherever it was introduced, but to-  
day it does much harm only where  
ignorance and filth create the con-  
ditions necessary for its existence  
in epidemic form. It is, of course,  
perfectly at home in Bolshevik  
Russia, not because there are no  
Russians who know how to deal  
with it, but because all who do are  
in exile or reduced to utter power-  
lessness and inactivity.

The menace of cholera will make  
the Allies careful, but they will  
make it easily, while Germany's  
many troubles it will constitute  
about the least, in spite of the fact  
that the physical state of her civilian  
population is such as to make their  
resistance to any such infection far  
less than it ordinarily would be.

THE COAL SITUATION.

Acting on the request of coal  
dealers doing business—or rather  
wanting to do business—on the  
river and lake front from Cornwall  
to Hamilton, United States Consul  
Johnson has forwarded to the  
Bureau of Transportation at Wash-  
ington the charges which allege  
unfair discrimination at Oswego,  
N.Y. It is claimed that the Ogdens-  
burg Coal and Towing Co., with  
headquarters at Montreal, and the  
Canada Steamship Lines, with head-  
quarters in the same city, control  
the coal supply and the transporta-  
tion supply, with the result that  
the small fellow is unable to have his  
boat loaded at that port. The ves-  
sels of the Montreal Transportation  
Co. are coming across the lake to  
Kingston laden with coal for ship-  
ment to Montreal, and have been do-  
ing so all summer. Meanwhile the  
Kingston merchants and those of  
other border cities and towns can-  
not secure their supply. It is well  
that the reports as received by Mr.  
Johnson are to be investigated.  
Winter is not far away and a serious  
situation can only be avoided by our  
merchants being permitted to pur-  
chase their rightful allotment of coal.

The shortage in the supply is also  
a factor in the situation. The facts  
are still in dispute, but the conviction  
is growing in the minds of  
most observers that the labor prob-  
lem is, after all, more serious than  
that of transportation, although  
none of the pronouncements, either  
official or volunteered by various  
investigators, carries very great  
conviction. The most careful sur-  
vey made by non-official seekers  
after truth indicates that about 35-  
000 men have been taken away  
from the Pennsylvania coal fields;  
of these, about 30,000 went volun-  
tarily in search of higher pay at  
munition works and shipyards, and  
about 5,000 were drafted. It may  
yet become necessary to draft men  
to work in the mines.

Nevertheless we are told of occa-  
sional increases in anthracite pro-  
duction, and what is even more en-  
couraging, of improved railroad  
conditions. It is quite certain,  
however, that the predicted coal  
famine is no mere spectre of possi-  
bility. Whether the thing can be  
conjured out of existence remains  
to be seen. As far as one can learn,  
the Ottawa government—or the  
remnant of it which has remained  
at home—is paying no attention to  
the grave situation that is rapidly  
developing. It has allowed strikes  
to occur throughout the country,  
doing little or nothing to ease the  
situation until harm had been done  
to the business interests of the Do-  
minion. The present postmen's  
strike is a case in point. For nearly  
a year the press of the country  
has sounded warnings. It advocat-  
ed increased pay to these employ-  
ees; parliament voted the increases,  
but the government failed to act.  
Now business has been seriously in-  
terfered with, and the mail delivery

Must we wait until the sufferings  
of the populace grow so acute and  
their complaints so bitter that the  
government is forced to some he-  
lated action? If so, it will then be  
too late to remedy matters. Can-  
adian winters are rigorous, and it is  
a foolish and fatal course not to  
make provision for an adequate sup-  
ply of fuel. A government that  
does not put forth some effort at a  
time when it might accomplish  
something is going to receive—and  
deserve—severe condemnation.

The situation is rapidly becom-  
ing intolerable. It looks as if the  
public will have to suffer some this  
winter. The contributing causes  
have been outlined and the danger  
of inaction pointed out. Sir Robert  
Borden and his ministers, in-  
stead of sojourning in Europe,  
should be in Canada giving their  
attention to the solutions of such  
problems as that presented by the  
shortage in the coal supply.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Shortage Still.  
(Detroit News)  
Washington reports \$14,139,119  
new pieces of money were coined  
this year. Well, where did they go?

In Germany.  
(Advertisement in Cologne Gazette)  
Cheap! Straw shoes with 7-milli-  
metre sole of ship's insoleum. In  
all sizes for men and women.

What Really Bothers.  
(Baltimore American)  
No one will mind a tax on luxur-  
ies. It's the cost of necessities  
that bothers!

Some Sense Left.  
(Detroit Free-Press)  
We'll say this for the Kaiser—  
he hasn't so far attempted to give  
any of his six sons one of those jobs  
which call for intelligence.

More Money In It.  
(Ottawa Journal-Times)  
Why should another line of busi-  
ness be able to take from one of  
the leading positions in newspaper-  
dom a particularly able man? The  
answer is simple: the other line of  
business pays more.

Rich!  
(Philadelphia Record)  
The Germans who invented poi-  
son gas and flame throwers and the  
practice of bombing the civil popu-  
lation, and even the wounded in  
hospitals, are greatly exercised over  
reports of the effectiveness of the  
"saved-off-shotgun," with which  
American troops are partially arm-  
ed. It would seem to be a little  
more humane to disable a man with  
a bullet than to kill him with a  
rifle bullet, but it doesn't seem to  
the Cologne Gazette, which de-  
nounces our barbarism and looks  
for tomahawks and scalping knives  
next. Here's richness, when the  
Tentons denounce barbarity in war-  
fare.

Rippling Rhymes

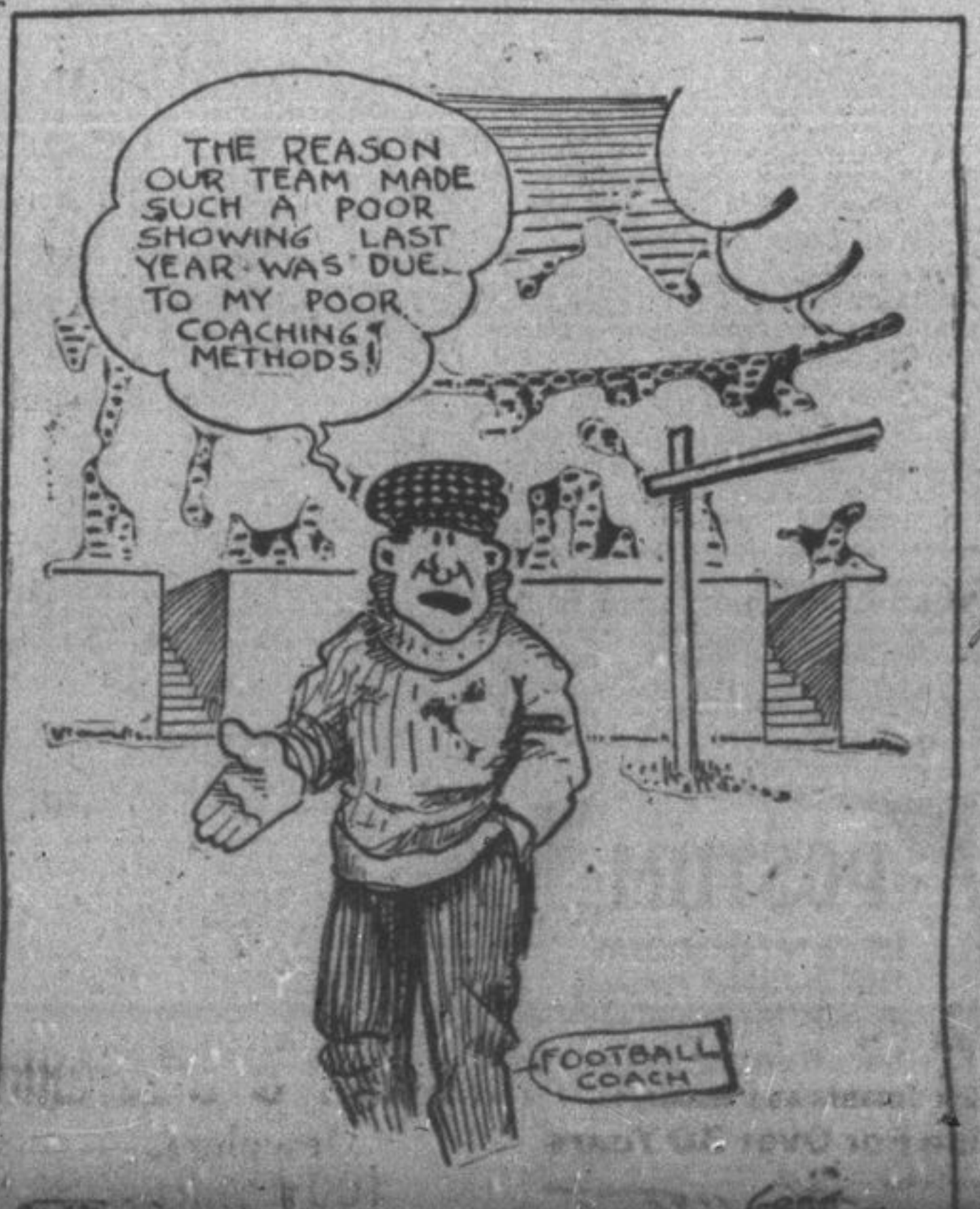
HOT WEATHER



It is a super-heated day on which I write these  
verses, and people, as they go their way, are breath-  
ing heartwring curses. Excessive heat like this de-  
troys the temper of the mildest; he loses all his saint-  
ly police, and starts a full-sized riot. The children tip-  
toe everywhere, no hint of racket making, for Father is  
at other times of disposition sunny; his laughter rings  
like Easter chimes, he's prodigal with money. But  
he is sore and surley now, since heat began to swat  
him; the sweat is dripping from his brow, and prickly  
heat has got him. When mother says "I need a broom"  
in accents mild and quiet, he turns upon her eyes of  
gloom, and starts a full-sized riot. The children tip-  
toe everywhere, no hint of racket making, for Father is  
like a grizzly bear whose head is sore and aching. He  
sits beneath the sunset tree and fans himself with his  
blazes, and it is pitiful to see his line of smoking  
phrases. He rubs his back against the shed, its itching  
chafes and bothers, and says he wishes he were dead and planted with his  
fathers. He wishes winter would arise and come, with all its rigors; he  
reaches wildly for the files and burrows for the chiggers.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN  
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Seven Sentence Sermons.

Genius is only great patience.—  
Buffon.  
When we talk about "getting on,"  
we mean getting more money.  
Christ never "got on."—Hugh  
Price Hughes.  
He is the freeman, whom the truth  
makes free  
And all are slaves besides.—  
Cowper.  
If we knew our brother as God  
knows him, we should never dare to  
leapise him any more.—G. H. Mor-  
rison.  
And be ye kind one to another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving each oth-  
er, even as God also in Christ for-  
gave you.—Eph. 4:32.  
Don't sit in the corner grieving  
For the praise you are denied;  
Take new hope and be achieving  
What shall bring you future  
pride.  
—S. E. Kiser.

Do not pray for easy lives! Pray  
to be stronger men! Do not pray  
for tasks equal to your powers.  
Pray for powers equal to your tasks!  
Then the doing of your work shall  
be no miracle. But you shall be a  
miracle. Every day you shall won-  
der at yourself, at the richness of  
life which has come in you by the  
grace of God.—PHILIPPS Brooks.

THE AIRSHIP.  
Through the far height, by day or  
night,  
My ceaseless task goes on,  
O'er hostile coasts and marching  
hosts,  
Till the long war is won.

The track I mark of that foul sea  
shark,  
The deadly submarine—  
I spy his way to his destined prey,  
Beneath the waters green.

I swoop from the air of a thun-  
der cloud  
Upon the startled foe—  
And the bubbles rise with his choking  
cries  
From the salt sea deeps below.

With hawk-like flight my foe I fight  
Up in the cloudland there—  
And send him down with a flaming  
crown  
Through a mile of empty air.

A day will come when my motors  
hum  
O'er the city of blood and sin  
With a rain of fire, and heaven's ire,  
On thy towers and streets, Berlin!  
—Reginald Gourlay.

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