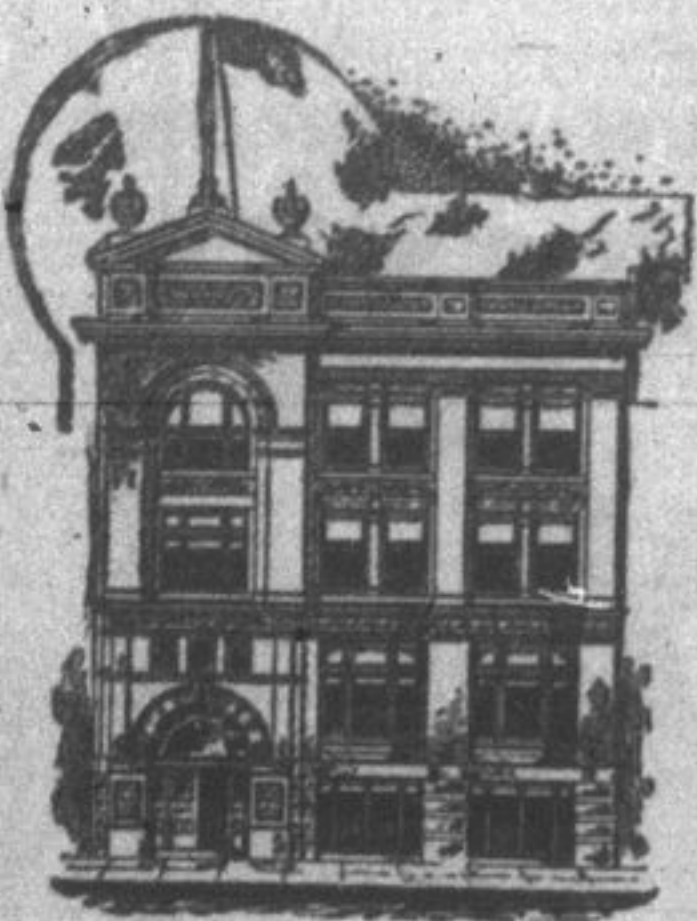


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Even the unspeakable Turk finds the Hun company too bad for him. He is anxious to sever relations with his old ally.

Due to the need for fabrics, the German government has decided to confiscate curtains in private homes. The time draws near when the Allies will ring down a curtain on the tragedy staged at Berlin four years ago.

"The exodus of Canadian cabinet ministers followed not long after the O.T.A. came into force," was a jocular remark overheard the other day. "But no one expected that Hon. N. W. Rowell would join the revellers abroad."

The German commander in the Ukraine has been killed by a bomb. Judging by the fate which is overtaking Hun leaders in various parts of Russia, that country has no more love for the Hun than the rest of the world.

Some idea of the United States colossal ship programme may be gleaned from the recent announcement that there are now 118 fully equipped, shippable in the Allied republic, with fifty-four others partly complete.

While one may regret the fact, it must be admitted that the Germans are conducting a masterly retreat from the Solsons-Rheims salient. Only by a miracle can the Allies hope to capture any considerable number of men or guns.

John Dillon asked, in the House of Commons on Monday, during the debate on the Irish question, if the government intended to support the principles of "self-determination." The Irish convention was based on this very principle. The Nationalists and Sinn Feiners have discarded "self-determination" for "selfish" determination.

The new draft treaties between the United States and Great Britain and Canada will affect some 250,000 British subjects and over 60,000 Canadian subjects residing in the republic. Among the reinforcements thus obtainable are many Canadians who crossed the border to escape conscription.

As one of the conditions of peace Britain must turn over her navy to the Germans, says Count Roon. The last British man-of-war will go down fighting and with its colors flying before a peace is concluded on that basis. But if Germany is so anxious to own these ships, why doesn't she send her own peerless navy out and gather them in? Admiral Beatty has been waiting nearly four years to welcome the visitors.

At a recent convention of United States bankers the question was asked: "How many of you grow up on a farm?" The count showed 99 per cent. Everyone present agreed to leave his bank and work on the farm for periods of from ten days to two weeks. A large proportion of every city's business and professional men were raised on the farm, though how many of them would be of any use there to-day is another question.

"THE TROUBLES OF A MERCHANT."

There are times when the retail merchant is prone to believe that he has more than his share of troubles. The nature of his business is such that he is bound to have troubles enough—and to spare. How to avoid them is, therefore, of vital interest to him. To aid him in solving this problem the Retail Merchants' Association of the city have secured the services of W. H. Farley, of the National Cash Register Co., who will this evening, in the Y.M.C.A. building deliver an address on the subject, "The Troubles of a Merchant." The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon slides and moving pictures, explaining the causes of business failures and the latest and best methods of store-keeping. Merchants and their clerks are invited. Never in its history has the local association been as alive and aggressive as at present, and President R. J. Rodgers and his brother officers deserve credit for the progressive tendencies they display. Their efforts should be rewarded by a large attendance this evening.

WHY A COAL SHORTAGE?

The Christian Science Monitor of Boston with good reason asks why there should be a coal shortage next winter. If there is to be one, it declares that the United States Fuel Commission will be largely responsible. The more one thinks of it, the less ground there appears for a shortage of fuel next winter. Those who were given control of the fuel situation have had the greater part of a year to provide against the possibility of a famine. The conditions of last year no longer exist. As the Monitor points out, the mines continue to hold inexhaustible supplies of coal. Labor is better employed and paid; railroad equipment has been vastly improved; there is a great increase in locomotives and cars; there are many more vessels; the weather has been favorable for coal distribution and the coal men are making large profits.

It does appear that in these circumstances the constant talk of a coal shortage next winter is rather nonsensical. All will agree with the Monitor that it is not the kind of talk to inspire the people with confidence in the future. If the Fuel Commission of both the United States and Canada really see a shortage ahead, is it not time that more than ordinary efforts were put forth to prevent it?

PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.

Anyone interested in the education of the child—the future citizen of Canada—will learn with interest that Hon. Dr. Cody, Ontario's new Minister of Education, is a believer in making the public school serve its full purpose and give a complete education in itself. Ninety per cent of the school children obtain all their education in the public schools. There they should get all the essentials to fit them for earning their livelihood and standing forth as exponents of the best citizenship. To do this will call for a limitation of subjects, a thorough grounding in the three R's, which, after all, are the requisites in the greatest number of needs. To read well, to write clearly, to calculate correctly will all tend to make men and women capable and worthy. In the past the children have been skimming over the surface of many subjects, knowing little about them and forgetting them speedily when the fullness of manhood comes. Let us have concrete, definite, comprehensive teaching in elementary knowledge for the mass; and then we can expect an intelligent, helpful, uplifting citizenship.

And in saying this we do not for one moment suggest that this is all that is required. The higher avenues of scholarship must be pursued—and we think that if we start the ninety per cent, right they will attain to the further pursuit of knowledge—by the tenth, and to them the high school and the university will be the goal. But the public school must fashion the great principles that will guide and direct the largest body of our future citizens. The Minister of Education has stated a conviction that every thoughtful man will agree with, that the public school must not be made a place where it is a mere link in a chain which is never completed. The public school must be a chain in itself to which the fuller and richer links of inspiration and investigation can be safely added. Dr. Cody has hit a responsive chord in the hearts of those concerned in public education.

A NEW EUROPEAN MENACE.

War's red scourge has accounted for millions of deaths in Europe—twelve and a half million is Sir Bernard Mallett's estimate—and now in its train comes another menace, the dreaded Spanish gripe. Tuesday's cables brought the news that 305 deaths from this malady had already occurred in the Swiss army, while the hospitals were overcrowded with civilians. A previous message from Berlin stated that there were approximately 100,000 cases of this form of influenza in Germany and at least 25,000 in

Berlin alone. All the hospitals were filled with victims and all the doctors and nurses were down with it. It was also reported that Austria-Hungary was suffering from an epidemic of typhus and that influenza had appeared in Budapest and in Danzig.

London reports that this influenza, which has been so prevalent in Spain, where it originated, has entered England, is spreading rapidly and has already reached the midland counties, where schools have been closed and many mines are in danger of being shut down. War correspondents have stated that a German offensive on the western front was held up because of the prevalence of this disease in the German army. With such a considerable movement of ships and men westward across the Atlantic as is now going on, it is not likely to be long before the malady reaches the United States and Canada. Owing to the better food conditions prevailing here, its menace will not be so alarming as in Europe. In the war stricken lands, where the population is in no condition to repel its attacks, the disease has made serious headway. The authorities fear that many deaths will follow in its wake and are alarmed at the rapidly increasing extent of its ravages.

PUBLIC OPINION

Unanimous.  
(Brantford Expositor)  
General Foch is in perfect agreement with von Hertling's statement that Germany will not retain Belgium.

"The Juicy End."  
(Woodstock Sentinel-Review)  
An esteemed contemporary prints a learned explanation of "Habeas Corpus ab subjunctum." "The juicy end" of it was evidently what some of the lawyers had in view.

It Was Gone Long Ago.  
(London Advertiser)  
Won't the fruit growers chuckle when they read that jam is to be used this coming winter instead of butter in Canada? The last chance of any cheap fruit has flown.

"The Men From the North."  
(London Free Press)  
In his famous prophecy uttered shortly before he died, Count Leo Tolstoy pictured the condition of the world in the throes of a materialistic commerce that would lead eventually to this very war. At that time the great Russian declared that "a man from the north," that is to say, a man of strength and power would come to save the peoples.

The man has already come. Not any single colossal personality, though colossal personalities have appeared, but rather a young manhood, the manhood of those races whose deep desire it is that the world shall be made free for democratic forms of government and for unity among nations.

Rippling Rhymes

SLACKERS

The men are driven forth to work, to keep the pulleys humming, and any chap who tries to shirk will surely get what's coming. The lad who used to bask all day is busy as a gopher; in times like these it doesn't pay to show up as a loafer. Male idlers find their day is over; if they've a kick they can't get it; the man who has no useful chore must hunt another planet. But how about the dame serene, through life so idly ambling, who burns up tubs of gasoline in vain and foolish rambling? Her thoughts are still of trifling things, of laces and of collars, of blond hair and diamond rings, and shoes at twenty dollars. She thinks the war a horrid bore to which kings are addicted; her heart of celluloid is sore that sugar is restricted. She sees her loyal sisters strain and toll in useful service; and sighs like this give her a pain, they make her tired and nervous. Oh, let's dragoon the stall-fed dames, say to them, "Work or perish," and drag them from the silly games that they ignobly cherish. If Jack must use his strength and skill to help preserve the nation, it's only fair that Sister Jill should work out her salvation.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



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Every day!  
Every day the Teutons weaken,  
Every day life's duties beckon,  
Every day!  
Every day the foe is falling,  
Every day our ships are sailing,  
Soon we'll hear the Boches walling—  
Every day!  
Every day our columns lengthen,  
Every day the long lines strengthen,  
Every day!  
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Explanation Needed.  
(Quebec Herald)  
Will the Union of Canadian Municipalities please rise and state what it did at its recent meeting on the Pacific coast to justify holding a session during war time. Talkers won't accomplish the work that such a union can do in offsetting the soulless corporations that are ever on the job to bleed the municipalities, yet joy-riding and banqueting appear to have been the chief object of a gathering that cost every municipality sending a delegate a heavy outlay in railroad fares.

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