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Watch for the Christmas Whig on Saturday.

The early Christmas shopper secures the best values.

The replacing of the trains cancelled during the war period will be welcomed by the travelling public. There is an insistent demand that a better service be inaugurated without undue delay.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne gives an emphatic denial to the rumors that there is dissension in the ranks of the Union Government. No thought of a general election has been entertained, he declares.

The experience of other Canadian cities in seeking to secure a higher type of civic representative has not been very encouraging. In Guelph, to mention one case, the various public bodies failed to co-operate.

The property owners should support a grant of \$25,000 to put the fair grounds and buildings into habitable shape and promote the establishment here of a first class fair exhibition. There's money in the proposal.

Anything that makes for the growth and progress of Kingston should be welcomed, whether it is a more business-like city council or a measure of support to a rapidly growing fair association. We need pass up nothing as being too pretentious.

While Jack Canuck from Kingston is keeping watch on the Rhine, it is our duty to see that his children have a merry Christmas. The Whig is trying to do its part, but that Kiddle's Christmas Tree fund is not growing as fast as it should. Your help is needed.

Thousands of dollars' worth of beautiful Christmas gift merchandise has just been unpacked and placed on display in the Kingston stores. Shop early, for help is scarce. Aside from the moral obligation to make your purchases early, it's materially to your advantage to do so.

The Board of Trade does well to endorse R. J. Vair's suggestion, as expressed in his letter to the Whig of recent date, that the provincial government should take over the construction and maintenance of county roads in order to secure uniformity of construction. The patch-work system is no longer in favor.

Every time anyone suggests an improvement or a change in civic life or custom the little band of knickers get out their tiny hammers and beat a tattoo, thinking they are going to scare away the devil of progress, as they view it. Foolish is the man who pays any attention to their clatter.

The strike of the policemen, fire men and waterworks employees in the city of Montreal, exposing the metropolis to every possible danger is a matter of grave consequence. A strike should be the last resort of civic employees. If arbitration were offered and refused, then has the nation much to think about as to the future.

SHOULD NOT OBJECT.

The Detroit Free Press in a well-thought out editorial says that the United States should be slow to object to the British sea power. The sensible opinion is thus expressed: "If the past record of British naval policy means anything, the stronger her fleet, the more probable it is that an equitable workable freedom of the seas can be maintained both in time of peace and in time of war."

"When we come to the subject of the formation of a league of nations, as it is affected by the British naval policy, it is obvious that the preponderance of sea power is bound to reside either in some one government or in some dominating group of governments, whatever may be thought of the dogma as applied to individuals, nations are not created 'free and equal.' Whether all the world henceforth is joined in friendship or disjointed by enemies, there always will be dominant powers. Evidently Great Britain intends to be one of them. And we are quite sure also that the United States intends to be another one of them. And the present trend is toward the formation of a small group of states, which naturally will include France, Italy and Japan, to act as a sort of composite mother chicken for the remainder of the earth's political divisions."

"The United States should be the slowest of all countries to object to the British sea policy as outlined by Churchill. British sea supremacy has saved the world from Prussian despotism; it has directly saved this country from the grasp of the Teuton. Its existence has been a blessing and a help to us so far, and to matter how ambitious we may be, take a place as a leading naval power, we need not be jealous of the strength of the other great English speaking state."

MUST DEFEND ON COAL.

The committee for Scientific and Industrial Research has just published a bulletin prepared by A. S. L. Barnes, assistant engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, entitled, "The Heating of Houses, Coal and Electricity Compared." It is a carefully prepared treatise, containing a thorough analysis of the question. His conclusions will be studied with interest at this particular time when the heating problem is engaging the attention of all classes of people. The fuel problem has been especially studied by the Research Council by reason of the necessity of finding new sources of fuel supply for both present and future needs, securing adequate methods of conservation and devising ways for permanently meeting the steadily increasing difficulties of equalizing supply and demand. Mr. Barnes shows conclusively that a more or less widespread popular conception as to the potential availability of Canada's great water powers for domestic electric heating is not tenable on scientific or economic grounds. The future of water power development in Canada lies rather in the direction of providing cheap power for transportation and industry. Coal, he concludes, must continue to be Canada's main reliance for heating purposes. The broad facts as to the relative costs of heating by coal and by electricity are clearly and succinctly set forth, and the conclusion is reached that "It is, therefore, hard to conceive of a time when electric energy will compete successfully and on a large scale with coal, oil, gas, etc., for heating." The lesson to be drawn from his decision is that people must rely upon coal, and must therefore conserve it in every possible way if suffering is to be avoided.

THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.

In an editorial to the Whig on Tuesday last, there appeared the assertion that not a single man should be in khaki in Canada drawing government pay to-day who is not a returned man. This statement has attracted the attention of a section of the soldier body to whom it was never intended to apply, namely, the permanent force instructors who have not been able to get overseas because their services were far more valuable in Canada than they would have been at the front. One of these instructors called upon the Whig and pointed out this view of the question, and the Whig hastens to state that the sentence in question was aimed at those who enlisted only after the outbreak of the war, and who have ever since occupied well-paid staff positions, and have repeatedly dodged going overseas. There are many such in Kingston. The instructors of the permanent forces, have, as is well known, volunteered time and again for service at the front, and have offered to give up their hard earned rank, but on every occasion they have been kept at home owing to their great value to the nation. In the words which Sir Sam Hughes, late minister of militia, used at Valcartier Camp, "Over there, an instructor counts as one man, but in Canada, as an army." These instructors worked hard in the days of peace to gain promotion and to fit themselves for the tasks of war, and they feel very keenly their enforced stay in this country during the past four years. But to them belongs a great deal of the credit which has fallen upon the armies of Canada, and they have a large share in the laurels which have been won on the battlefields.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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PUBLIC OPINION

Indemnities vs. Casualties.

(New York Sun) What do indemnities amount to, even though they run into the billions, when they are placed beside the casualty totals?

The New Menace.

(London Free Press) Watch out for a new German propaganda—the endeavor to breed dissatisfaction between the Allies, in particular between Great Britain and the United States. Unfounded rumor is their best and most subtle agent.

Germany's Doom.

(Philadelphia Record) If England shall not recover Heligoland from Germany, to which she ceded it "from love and affection," and as an evidence of goodwill, in 1890, it must be because England does not intend to leave Germany in a position to have a formidable navy within the next half century. If England imagined that might ever be necessary to fight Germany again it would hold that island which commands the mouths of the Elbe, Weser and the Kiel Canal.

A Fine Investment.

(London Advertiser) If the great trade expansion for which we are headed is to amount to anything we must within the next few years supply our factories, mills and shops with thousands of trained workers. Canada will be asked to supply vast markets across both the Atlantic and Pacific, but unless we are prepared to meet this opportunity with an army of skilled producers we would be hopelessly distanced in the fierce competition that is ahead. It has been suggested that the Federal Government appropriate twenty millions for the purpose of technical education, and no better investment could be imagined.

Good Housekeeping for December.

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Dairymen's Meeting.

(Foxboro, Dec. 13)—One of the best meetings in the history of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association was held here. The chair was occupied by J. A. Kerr, director. Addresses were given by G. G. Pullow, chief dairy instructor for Eastern Ontario, and A. D. McIntyre, district representative of Stirling. A department showed three reels of movie films, featuring the dairy cow, and a good musical programme was given. J. A. Kerr was nominated as director for the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association for Hastings South.

The Montreal Strikers.

The Montreal strikers joined the forces of the striking employees from the police, waterworks, and garbage departments Thursday afternoon, making a tie-up of public services practically complete.

Asquith agrees with Lloyd-George on British supremacy of the sea and making Germany pay the cost of the war.

The British are now in full possession of Cologne and the neighboring country.

Russian monarchists will proclaim Grand Duke Cyril as Czar of Russia.

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A majority of from 170 to 200 is expected for Lloyd-George's coalition government.

Rippling Rhymes

GREAT DAYS

Things march so fast these fateful days, we are not jarred by any news; there's naught so strange it can amaze, or make us tremble in our shoes. We push ourselves around the town, and hear the latest tidings there; some mighty king has lost his crown; we say, "Well, Well," or "I don't care." We hear of thrones that are no more, of captains on their knees, and hasten to the grocer's store, to see just what he asks for cheese. An ancient monarchy expires; we hear the news, and say, "By jings!" And then we talk of rubber tires, and gasoline, and kindred things. We've heard so many wondrous tales of streams of gore and wholesale death, the most exciting rumor falls to make us draw a longer breath. Perhaps in coming peaceful years we'll get our old time peace again, and learn once more to sprinkle tears, and shudder at a tale of pain. We see the cause we have to pay high prices for our hand-me-downs. We've no perspective any more; we cannot grasp the news we read; we sit around the Blue Front store, and let our whiskers go to seed. —WALT MASON.

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Advertisement for Christmas Gifts: 'Christmas Gifts In Ivory Goods Perfumes Stationery Fountain Pens Razors — Straight and "Safety" See our line of appropriate gifts for physician and nurse DR. CHOWN'S DRUG STORE 127 Princess St. Phone 248'

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