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The first peace Christmas in five long years. Let us celebrate it in a way long to be remembered.

Brockville churches have combined in order to save coal during the winter months. The Island City has set a good example, and it is to be hoped that other Canadian cities will profit by it.

The British have occupied Constantinople, and for the first time in a thousand years the Turks will experience honest and decent government and the other peoples under the Turkish flag security of life and property.

The Provincial Board of Health reports 2,608 deaths in November as a result of the influenza epidemic. Of this number 1,888 took place between the ages of 20 and 39. In other words, nearly 73% of all such deaths were of those in the very prime of life.

Despite the efforts made to reduce fire loss in Ontario, by publicity and education, the loss for the first ten months of the present year totalled \$12,468,686, as compared with \$8,527,550 in 1917. Such colossal destruction of property is a national blunder of the first dimension.

By all means get some of the finest epics on the war into the Canadian schools books. The people are calling for this. The Whig suggested Sir Arthur Currie's fine address to the Canadian soldiers as one, and at once a chorus of approval came from interested Kingstonians.

A poster that the U.S. Labor Department has circulated freely reads: "The fruits of victory would turn bitter if we failed to harvest them now! United effort is needed as much in the work of reconstruction as in winning the war. So let us continue to work together in the spirit that we should not put our own interests above the interests of the nation."

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asks business men to co-operate with organized labor against Bolshevism and other forms of social destruction. There is need for closer union between employer and employee if the war is not going to bring serious trouble to every nation.

Soldiers trained on the banks of the St. Lawrence are now doing duty on the eastern side of the Rhine. But with hand on sword no longer do they chant, as in school boy days: "And with boyish love I hung it, where the bright light used to shine. On the cottage wall at Bingen—calm Bingen on the Rhine."

The Christian Guardian has been sifting up recent events and sagely remarks: "Desperate attempts are being made to resurrect the old political parties and give each man the choice between plain Tory and Grit, but while the party heeler makes quite a loud noise, the public is not by any means ready just now to wear the old party tags, and when the next political fight comes it will prob-

ably be a strenuous one, with issues of the biggest kind, and not simply a struggle between the Ins and the Outs."

LESSONS FROM A GOVERNMENT REPORT.

Although prohibition is in force in a large portion of Canada, the people of the "dry" territories are by no means deprived of alcoholic beverages, points out the Montreal Herald. They can obtain them in plenty, but instead of going to saloons and asking for whiskey or brandy, or any of the aforesaid mixtures, they go to the drug store and ask for somebody's syrup, tonic, cough mixture or panacea for pain.

This much is made clear by a report on alcoholic patent and proprietary medicines, just issued from the laboratory of the Department of Trade and Commerce. This shows that 164 samples of such kinds of medicine were found to contain "notable amounts of alcohol," but at the same time it was admitted that in the case of most of them the medication was of such a kind as could not be kept in solution without the alcohol present, unless some other, and probably more objectionable solvent, were employed. An examination of the medicines from a toper's point of view showed that fifty-nine samples were not available for beverages, while seventy-eight samples were.

The details given certainly furnish an alarming list, and will open the eyes of some of those people who have been taking some brands of medicine unaware of their alcoholic properties. One brand of medicine is shown to contain 86.26 per cent of alcohol, another 84.73, another 64.98, while there are quite a number showing from 50 to 20 per cent of alcohol. We advise those interested in the temperance movement to get this report from the department at Ottawa and study it.

THRIFT.

There are two ways in which to meet our heavy national obligations—to produce and to conserve. We must produce a great deal, but if we frivol away the sale price of the production we are no further ahead. Unless these two agencies work hand in hand we are undone. In the unbounded prosperity engendered by the feverish economic conditions of the war, Canada has created for herself a champagne thirst—she may soon find herself with only a beer income.

In the November monthly commercial letter of the Bank of Commerce the statement is made: "The coming of peace will not justify any relaxation in our efforts to increase the thrift and economy of the nation." But have we, up to date, any thrift to increase? To one who has returned after long months overseas, an exile which enabled him to see real thrift and economy, the answer seems decidedly in the negative. For instance, motor cars are useful and necessary things, but far too many of our people indulge in them who are financially imprudent in doing so, and many buy expensive cars who might fairly afford cheaper cars.

Here is a case in point. On one of the farms in the less prosperous parts of Ontario, a visitor noticed a garage. "I see you have a car," he said to the farmer. "Yes," was the reply. "Is it a Ford?" was the next remark, and the farmer said: "No, we had a Ford, but it shook us up too much, so we got a better one." And there is still talk of thrift in this country. Nor, in the matter of over-motoring, are the city people one whit better than their country cousins on the farm. Purchase, before very long, our extravagant ways will "shake us too much," and we may betake ourselves to better ones.

But extravagant dressing is one of the most flagrant abuses of the time. In great areas of Europe people are perishing with the cold, because they have not garments to protect themselves properly, whilst here, in mad-cap Canada, we see our fashionable girls wearing their expensive furs in the summer time or the early fall. Nor does the abuse stop there. In our mothers' times, and later, when a woman bought a fine fur coat, she would wear it season after season without alteration, and be considered well dressed. Now she must have it cut down one year, cut up the next, reduced the following, increased thereafter, belted, unbelted, trimmed, untrimmed, and so on. We have known brave women, and we are not laughing at them, who have sent their sons to the front, but who have not the courage to walk the street, let alone run the gauntlet of some social function, unless their fur wrap is cut in the extreme of the season's fashion. Should Canada ever go to the brink of financial ruin, Dame Fashion will have a big hand in hastening the rake's progress.

We have had educative campaigns for recruiting, for patriotic funds, and lastly for Victory bonds. In the last of which we had the delightful task of inciting the people to pay a dollar for what was well worth more than a hundred cents; but we need, and we need it now, a great big campaign to educate the people to the

necessity of more economy in their daily expenditures.

The ladies of our country have organized societies for Red Cross work, for prisoners' aid, for Belgian relief, and for a dozen other worthy objects; let them now organize the biggest one of all for the discouragement of extravagance in dress. It is indeed, asking much of them to enter the lists against fashion, but we feel sure they are endowed with sufficient patriotism to make even the supreme sacrifice, once they realize that it is their duty to do so. And when they do, not only the Minister of Finance, but all their men folk, will rise up and call them blessed.

ST. GEORGE'S TEA AND SALE

Sum of \$250 Was Raised at Event Tuesday Afternoon. A tea and sale was held in the St. George's hall on Tuesday afternoon by the Women's Auxiliary of the congregation for the purpose of raising the calendar fund. The hall was decorated in patriotic colors and ferns, and had a very attractive appearance. Mrs. G. A. Robinson, president, received the visitors. At the door was Miss Badley. There were many tables loaded with various articles, both useful and ornamental, and every article sold before the sale closed. The tea tables were presided over by Mrs. R. J. Carson, Mrs. E. J. B. Pense, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Herbert Robertson and Mrs. W. J. B. White. At the fancy work table were Mrs. D. E. Mundell, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. J. Elliott. There was a baby table in the charge of Mrs. R. Easton Burns and Miss Annie Muckleson, and a table at which aprons of all sizes and patterns were sold by Mrs. G. A. McGowan, and Mrs. Roland. The home-made table bore all kinds of cakes, bread, biscuits, jams, pickles and the like, and was presided over by Mrs. Higgins, Miss Finkle, Miss Lyman and Mrs. E. Reid. The candy table was in the care of Mrs. C. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Porritt. The sale was a great success in every way, and a sum of \$250 was raised.

"Back to Muff!"

With the December issue, "Reconstruction," the official publication of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, is to be discontinued. In its place will appear a bigger and better magazine entitled, "Back to Muff!" This publication will be entirely devoted to the problems of the returned soldiers and of reconstruction. The new magazine, like the old, will not be for sale, but will be sent to anyone who wishes his or her name placed upon the mailing list. It will make its first appearance in the month of January.

On His Way Home.

M. G. Storms, of the Whig staff, has received news on Tuesday that his nephew, Pte. Otto M. Storms, is on his way home. Pte. Storms went overseas with the first contingent, with the battalion commanded by Sir Arthur Currie, and has been on active service ever since. He expects to arrive in Kingston in less than two weeks' time.



PTE. DWIGHT J. WALKER Who returned from overseas on the S.S. Olympic, and arrived in Kingston on Tuesday afternoon.

L'ENVOI

The thousand things I could not say Before I crossed the sea Dear love, the words I could not speak And all you are to me; The thousand dreams I could not dream When Life for gold did dance, Are Life to me, dear love, since Death Became a dream, in France. The thousand things I cannot write, The things that I would do, Shall all be yours, dear love, when God Shall send me home, to you.

ALMOST BLIND FROM HEADACHES

It is hard to struggle along with a head that aches and pains all the time. Headache seems habitual with many people; indeed, some are seldom, if ever, free from it, suffering continually, and wondering why they can get no relief. In nine cases out of ten, persistent headaches are due to poisoned blood, the blood being rendered impure through some derangement of the stomach, liver or bowels. The reason Burdock Blood Bitters makes permanent cures of all cases of headache, is because it starts the organs of elimination acting freely, and the poisons and impurities are carried off from the system, purified blood circulates in the brain cells, and instead of pains and aches there is revived mentality and bodily vigor. Mrs. Geo. Monek, Arden, Ont., writes: "I have been troubled a great deal with sick headaches, and at times would almost go blind, and have to go to bed. I tried different kinds of medicine without any benefit until I was advised to use Burdock Blood Bitters. After taking it, I have not been troubled since." B. B. B. is a purely vegetable remedy, and has been manufactured for the last forty years by the T. Millburgh Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Rippling Rhymes

THE REFUGEE.

To a moated grange in Holland sneaked a king, to save his peit; he was feeling pretty small and looking smaller than he felt. There was no display of bunting, neither circumstance or pride, when his majesty was hunting for a hole in which to hide. It were mean to jeer and chortle when a worthy man goes down, be he king or common mortal, wear he derby lid or crown; but there was no kindly feeling for this monarch on the blink, who, until he hit the ceiling, was the world's most hated gink. Had he not been cravenhearted, had he scrapped, with sword and lance, in the three-ring war he started, leaning rich blue blood in France; had he sent his sons, like other kings, where the carnage used to flow, fighting like the peasant's brothers, with their faces to the foe, then we might have felt, I'm thinking, pity, in some small degree when we saw the outcast sinking, hunting for a hollow tree. But the outcast's name is grave on the slacker's dastard roll; and the tremors of a craven shook the loud bombastic soul; so no briny tears were leaking from the eyes of honest men, when they saw the kaiser sneaking from a palace to a den.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN BY GENE BYRNES



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