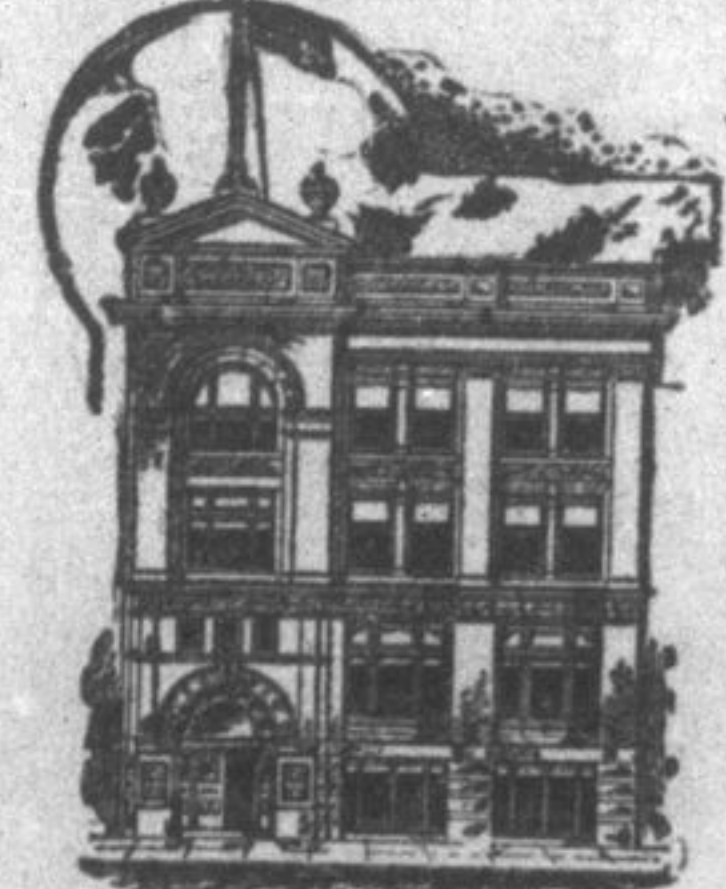


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A Merry Christmas to every reader of the Whig.

The grandest Christmas of all—the boys are coming home.

There is probably no truth in the report that Henry Ford will accept old tires and auto parts in exchange for subscriptions to his new weekly paper.

The "marine graveyard" in the lower harbor is a disgrace to the city. The council should no longer tolerate such a nuisance. The aldermen from Cataract ward have a duty to perform.

At last week's conference of assessment commissioners with the Ontario government it was proposed that all church lands should be taxed. And why not? Can any argument to the contrary be advanced?

The idea of settling returned soldiers on the land and other after-the-war schemes are good to a certain extent. But wherever the returned soldier wants his old job, he should have it, not by preference but by right.

In all discussions as to who won the war, it is well to remember this: The British Grand Fleet over four years ago tucked the German fleet safely into bed in the Kiel canal and kept it there until it was ready to come out, not to fight, but to surrender.

The initial number of the Whig's new house organ, "More Pep," has called forth many kindly words of praise from one end of Canada to the other. In the next issue a few representative letters will be reproduced. A free copy of the new magazine will be supplied to all those interested enough to apply.

A returned Canadian soldier died the other day in the Whitty hospital as a result of his having been forcibly inoculated with tuberculosis germs while a prisoner in Germany. Such fiendishness on the part of prison camp commanders should not go unpunished.

There ought to be some way of making Christmas last more than one day. It is too beautiful to be allowed to fade out after only one brief day's stay in the world. (What can we do to extend it? We can begin by keeping the beautiful vision in our own life.)

The merchants of Kingston have enjoyed this year the best Christmas shopping trade they have ever known. The stores have been filled with eager shoppers for many days, many of them coming long distances to do their trading here. The popularity of Kingston stores attracts people from a wide area.

Addressing a meeting in Toronto on Sunday, Peter Wright, representative of the Seaman and Firemen's Union of Great Britain, uttered these memorable words: "The gospel of the Nazarene is the only possible solution of the problems of the human race today. Start a new life; don't live for your own selfish purposes. Live for something; be something. Focus on the object of creating a better world and better men and women. There are lots of opportunities."

CHRISTMAS, 1918.

"A Merry Christmas," a salutation that keeps our hearts forever green by stirring into glow the embers of the past, kindling anew the hopes and aspirations that once found their impulse in simple faith. But to-day the merry note of childish glee that echoes down the years finds a ready response in all our hearts. Peace reigns on earth once more, and with gratitude we bend in adoration before the throne of Him who made it possible for us to say, "Good will to men."

Throughout the Christian world the message of Christmas carries a peculiar spiritual force, and it comes at a time when men who hold the destiny of races and nations in their keeping were never more determined to crush the spirit of militarism and make it impossible for any nation to embark upon a campaign of crime and slaughter.

To the victorious Allies it is a message of gladness and of hope. To the vanquished let us trust it may bring a deep sense of man's dependence upon God rather than upon the power of might. To the individual it always has a purely personal significance, setting before him in bold characters his true relation to his fellow man, brushing aside, as it were with rude hand, the draperies of convention, place and estate—for did not Christ the Mediator, Emmanuel the Prince of Peace, come as an infant in a manger?

While it is a day of gladness it is also a day of humbleness of heart whereby we may be enabled to arrive at a just estimate of our true value—whether we have given to our personality all the worth it is capable of and put it to the service of others. Our reflections are bound to arrive at this point. All around us we see manifestations of happiness, in the overflowing mirth of children, in the genial smile of the old. All radiate the joy of Christmastide, and find true happiness in giving pleasure to others.

It is a time when the spirit of altruism finds universal expression; the employer remembers the faithful employee, the philanthropist takes counsel for the enlargement of his benefits, friends find pleasure in expressions of mutual esteem, and justice is everywhere tempered with mercy. Devout Christians like the magi of old pay homage to the King of Kings who on this day became incarnated in man for the salvation of the world, and are consecrated anew in the faith which alone can redeem the sins of mankind.

Perhaps never before in history was there so great a need for discipline, patience and sympathy as at the present time in order that society may be restored to a sound and healthy condition and the destruction wrought by the war repaired. May Christmas awaken the highest and best emotions and impulses in all of us.

Again, this Christmas ushers in a world peace. No where in all the earth is nation striving against nation. The Christmas bells, ringing in prophecy for 2,000 years, now ring in fulfillment. Peace reigns throughout a war-wounded and war-weary world. In the city of David and in the land made holy by the footprints of Jesus there is peace and plenty. The principles taught by the Nazarene have triumphed over the forces of evil, and the world has been delivered from a great scourge. That He is "alive forevermore" has been unmistakably proven by these great facts.

But in the midst of our Christmas rejoicings we cannot banish the thought of the awful sacrifices which the world has had to pay for this era of universal peace. The vacant chair at well-nigh every festive board speaks mutely of the loved one gone. But like Him, whose birthday we celebrate, they gave their lives a ransom for the many. They, too.

"Wearing their wounds like stars, shall rise again, shall rise with Christ, because they died to save His weak ones, not in vain."

But despite our keen individual griefs, there is much cause for thankfulness this Christmastide. The future looms bright with hope, and faith, and confidence and cheerfulness. Humanity stands on a higher plane than it ever did before. Millions of brave men have gladly laid down their lives for the ideal taught by Christ. The world must be a better world because of that sacrifice and the spirit which made it possible. The soul's unsatisfied longings may be slow of realization, but the progress onward and upward is never stayed.

"All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall exist; Not its semblance, but itself; not beauty, not good nor power Whose voice has gone forth, but each surviving for the melody. When eternity affirms the conception of an hour. The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard, The passion that left the ground to lose itself in the sky,

Are music sent up to God by the lover and the bard; Enough that we heard it once; we shall hear it by and by."

A NICE LEGAL POINT.

A correspondent of the Ottawa Journal questions the legality of prohibition legislation as it affects inter-provincial trade. He writes: "Article No. 121 of the British North America Act, the basis of the constitution of this Confederation of Provinces, distinctly states: 'All articles of the growth, produce or manufacture of any one of the provinces shall, from and after the Union, be admitted free into each of the other provinces.' Is not, therefore, the interference with inter-provincial trade which at present exists owing to the operation of the prohibition legislation a direct contravention of the British North America Act?"

This opens up a nice legal point for the lawyers to argue and for the courts to decide. Hundreds of citizens of Ontario have been fined for bringing liquor into the provinces from Quebec. Were these fines illegally imposed?

THE NEW WORLD IDEA.

The new premier of Japan gives expression to the world's present need as follows: "Nations must help one another in the cause of righteousness and humanity. The narrow provincial spirit of seeking one's own benefit at the expense of others is out of date. Such old ideas must die out from the world. The moral law which guides the conduct of individuals should also guide nations. This is the fundamental spirit of the new idea."

He speaks of the Allies as forming one nation in their mutual helpfulness. Japan is abreast of the spirit of the age in these matters. The west can yet learn something from the east.

PUBLIC OPINION

Soon. (Los Angeles Times) For expert evidence as to the cost of paying the piper, kindly write the late imperial government at Berlin.

The One Thing Lacking. (Brantford Expositor) Germany had over two hundred thousand spies in the United States. There was nothing lacking in the German intelligence system except intelligence.

A Good Reason, Too. (Ottawa Journal) There is one reason, if there were no others, why Germany should not be admitted to the league of nations, if it is formed, until she has proved herself reformed. Her admission would be taken by a very large part of the German people as abandonment on the part of the Allies of the charge that Germany was responsible for starting the war. For their own good, the German people must not be given any cause to think they are freed from their grave responsibility.

At Toronto the Canadiens beat Toronto four to three in the N.H.L. game Monday night. Books for gifts at the College Book Store. A big Polish army well armed and officered will resist the Bolshevik invasion.

Rippling Rhymes

FEEDING GERMANY. We shall have to feed the Teuts, so our gentle statesmen say; they will have to eat their boots, if no help should come their way; they depend on Uncle Sam, so we'll fill a box with jam, and some doughnuts and a ham, and a bale or two of hay. We will send them sundry buns, and some pumpkin pies and tartlets; we must show we are not Huns, though the showing breaks our hearts; we must advertise the fact in our every word and act that the culture we have backed doesn't work by fits and starts. We could thunder to the Teuts, "Call upon your German Gott! You are vandals, you are brutes, and we'll let you die and rot;" but our culture's not that stripe, so their weeping eyes we'll wipe, and we bring a keg of tripe, and some waffles smoking hot. To their famine-stricken land we shall bring the helpful oats, with hot dog in either hand, and a jar of pickled beets; for we would be vandals, too, if cold-hearted we could view any wailing, hungry crew and deny the chophouse treats. So our duty will be done, though we don't enjoy the chore; and we do not love the Hun any better than before; we dispense the cheese and bread but we don't forget our dead, or the streamlets flowing red, or the acres soaked with gore. —WALT MASON.

That Little Magazine "More Pep"

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A BIG CHRISTMAS TREAT

IS PROMISED THE SOLDIERS' KIDDIES ON FRIDAY.

The Gathering Will be in the City Hall—The Citizens Have Contributed With Great Generosity.

The success of the Victory Christmas Tree for the soldiers' kiddies is practically assured. As announced in last night's Whig, a sufficient sum has been contributed to meet all demands. A substantial balance was left over from last year, and this, in addition to the \$700 or so that has been subscribed this year will be enough to ensure that the kiddies will have the biggest Christmas treat they have ever had. On Thursday the workers will start in the City Hall, and the Christmas trees will be set up, the hall will be decorated and everything ready for the big event.

Close on a thousand children have been invited, and a huge crowd of happy faces is expected when the hour of the treat comes. There will be a gift for every child, and other good things besides. Thanks to the generosity of the people who have subscribed, not one of the committee's plans will have to be curtailed, but everything will go on merrily as the Christmas bells. The capacity of the City Hall will be taxed to the utmost by the children and their mothers, but what does that matter so long as the kiddies are made happy.

To those who have subscribed a hearty invitation to be present is extended. It is only natural that they should wish to see the big event which they have supported, and while no reserved seating accommodation can be promised, a hearty welcome will be given to any and all of the subscribers. The full list of subscriptions will be published on Thursday evening in the Whig. Should any citizen still desire to see his or her name on the list, the contribution will be gratefully received in the name of the kiddies who are to be entertained.

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