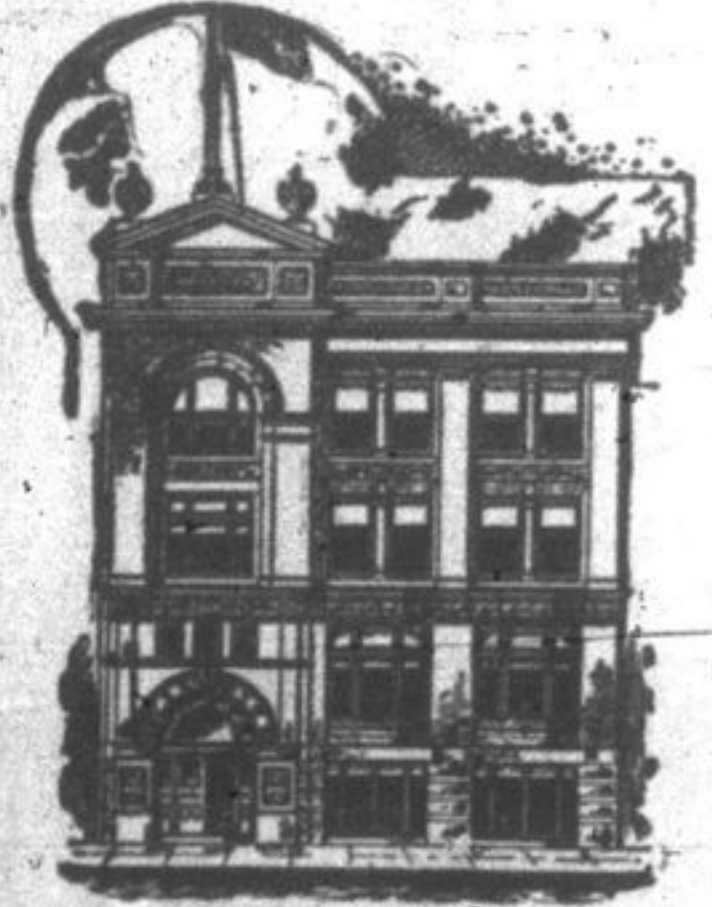


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So far the armistice has failed to make the Germans tell the truth for thirty minutes.

The aldermen are now busy calculating as to who will fill the chair of the various committees.

Germany had an idea that she could lick the world; to date she has licked only the Allies' boots.

The English language is to be used at the peace conference. It is the most universally used language in the world.

Die when I may, I want it said of me, by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.—Lincoln.

The Kansas City Star surmises that after we have beaten our swords into plowshares the next thing will be to straighten out our corkscrews into bat pins.

Billy Sunday has the thought that the devil does not want the ex-kaiser in his territory and to get there he will have to take an airplane and drop in from above. All other routes are closed.

Garrison Island, although almost tenantless, is still a full-fledged municipality of the county of Frontenac and entitled to have a reeve. This island should be added to the municipality of Wolfe Island.

The British reconstruction committee will place orders in Canada for lumber to the value of \$50,000,000. This is the first of many large orders which this country is likely to receive from Europe, and which will help to ensure industrial prosperity for many years to come.

Canadians can thank God for splendid winter weather, the very salvation of the country. Saturday, Sunday and Monday more coal was burned than in three weeks previously. Had we had a severe winter there would have been much suffering.

With all these military honors going around, how is it that the commanding officer of Queen's University Hospital in France, who has done magnificent work, is overlooked? This Kingston C.O. appears to rely recommending those under him for decoration and remaining a plain colonel himself.

A hero passed when Major-Gen. Hemming wrapped himself in his worthy mantle and fell asleep. His end was as gentle as his life had been. His home services during the war was as valuable as that of any officer in France. He held the home base and maintained supplies with energy and force.

Kingston's Child Welfare Station is rendering a great service to the city in saving child life, and is worthy of civic and private support. Mothers who consult the nurse and the doctors at the station on Barris street report great improvement in their offspring. The station will be the means of greatly decreasing infant mortality in Kingston.

"We are," says Hon. Mr. Hanna, president of the Imperial Oil Company of Canada, "feeling our way

toward an organization of industry, which will enable us to meet our great war debts and restore to us the personal touch, the realization of our responsibility for the welfare of those around us, and for the proper ordering of society, which to some extent, at least, we lost in what we called our industrial era."

BENEFITS OF FRESH AIR. The public health officers are again pressing upon public attention the value of fresh air and the benefits flowing from open windows in sleeping rooms. The tightly closed sleeping room is a menace, and it is remarkable that it has not long ago become a thing of the past. In this good old burg there are scores of hermetically sealed houses; fresh air is unknown but colds and consumption are the inevitable results. There is nothing to fear from fresh air; throw open the windows.

A VALUABLE ACQUISITION. Commissioner-elect Hewitt is said to be the only man who can tell if the waterworks is being "milked" to the advantage of the other two public utilities, viz., gas and electricity, and if the waterworks is not as well off financially as it would have been under City Council direction. After being twenty-five years superintendent of the waterworks, Mr. Hewitt will know how to go about getting this information concerning the waterworks standing and its relation to the other two utilities. If there is any "milk" to speak, the Commission is unaware of it, but the claim is constantly made that the waterworks is not getting the same show as the gas and electric departments. In City Council, Mr. Hewitt declared himself dissatisfied with the treatment accorded the waterworks of late, and expressed the opinion that the surplus in the past two years should have been larger under the existing rates. With this expert as one of their number, the Utilities Commissioners will no doubt be glad to give more attention to the waterworks. At this time when there is a demand for purer water, Mr. Hewitt will also be a strength to the Commission in considering the question of whether a better supply can be secured by moving the intake pipe further out into the lake. It would appear that the people made a wise choice last Monday when they elected the former waterworks superintendent to the Utilities Commission.

OUR FOOD CONDITIONS. Canada's assistance in the supply of foodstuffs to her Allies stands out as one of her greatest achievements. It will be one of her greatest glories when history reviews the war. Some measure of the enormous size of the problem which has had to be overcome may be revealed in the following table of the value of foodstuffs exported since the war began:

Table with 2 columns: Fiscal Year and Value. Rows include 1914-15 (\$187,011,300), 1915-16 (332,455,900), 1916-17 (482,619,400), 1917-18 (710,619,400), 1918-19 (23,274,772), and 1919-20 (111,331,322).

How largely the greater production campaign succeeded is shown by the final figures on field crops in 1918, compared with 1917:

Table with 3 columns: Area (Acres), 1918, and 1917. Rows include Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye, Peas, Beans, Buckwheat, Flax, Mixed grains, Corn for husking, Potatoes, Turnips, etc., Hay and clover, Alfalfa, and Polder corn. Total Yields are also listed for Bushels and other units.

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, 1918, and 1917. Rows include Flax, Mixed grains, Corn for husking, Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs.

The prime factor of food control in the Dominion as a matter of historic fact was found in the issuance by the board of licenses to permit trading in foodstuffs and to prohibit trading without a license. Now, practically no transactions in foods take place by unlicensed dealers.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Queen's Germans. (Detroit Free Press) The Germans still hope to retain their colonies. Their optimistic stupidity seems unquenchable.

A Saviour's Part. (London Advertiser) The Bolsheviks can never maintain a permanent power, simply because insanity won't work out as a regular trade.

A Dancer's Signal. (Brookville Recorder) Perpetual peace is a myth if the United States and Great Britain do not stop talking about who is to have the bigger navy.

A Safe Bet. (Springfield Republican) If one were betting, the odds would be on Ireland becoming a republic before Spain gets back the Rock of Gibraltar.

Friendship. (Brookville Recorder-Times) If you have one friend who knows you altogether, and who's being in possession of that knowledge, can be depended on to be at your side no matter what may betide, show your appreciation and thank God every day for such a blessing.

The Last Attempt. (Bradford Expositor) The New Year list of Imperial honors seems to have been practically cut out, so far as Canadians are concerned. It is to be hoped the year 1919 will witness the last attempt at creating class distinctions in a democratic country.

Reason For Goodness. (London Advertiser) Toronto boasts that it remained good during the policemen's strike, but perhaps it was fear, not love of good, that did it. Toronto hasn't forgotten the clubbing handed to its citizens last summer.

Long Arm of Coincidence. (London Daily Chronicle) Most of us noticed or were told by those who had that Peace came at the eleventh hour—and on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

It has been pointed out, as an example of the long arm of coincidence that the Kaiser abdicated on the birthday of his uncle Edward? Paris did not overlook the fact:



Mrs. E. W. Redmond, Sydney, has received word that her husband, Cpl. E. W. Redmond, has won the R.M.M. for bravery, and was decorated by his majesty on Sept. 28, 1918. Cpl. Redmond left for overseas Sept. 25th, 1918 and has been continuously in service since then. He expects to return shortly.

The Chinese parliament on Wednesday approved of the re-organization of the cabinet by Chin Nui-Hau, acting premier. The new cabinet includes the new ministers of finance and war.

HAD SEVERE COLD AND TICKLING SENSATION IN THE THROAT

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PEACE TIME TOPICS Let's forget the busted kings, for a while; more uplifting, helpful things are in style; let us paint up our abodes, let us boost for better roads, so the mules may haul their loads with a smile. We have talked so long of scraps, and of gore, that our voices and our maps are a bore; let it now be understood we intend to cut some wood, so our credit may be good at the store. Let the kaiser sit and mope, in distress; let the kronprinz hand out dope to the press; I've abandoned words for deeds; I'll supply our daily needs, buy my wife a string of beads and a dress. Let our gifted statesmen frame terms of peace; doubtless they can play the game, slick as grease; it is ours to put up or to earn the price, so the children may have rice and roast goose. To the tale of war so long we gave tongue, that the old time chestnut song should be rung; now the war is done and past, and the guns have ceased to blast, let us hustle, till the last dog is hung. Let us scrub, on bended knees, all the floor; let us paint the apple trees, out of doors; let us mend that broken walk, fix the clothesline, wind the clock—we can find and endless stock of such chores. —WALT MASON.

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