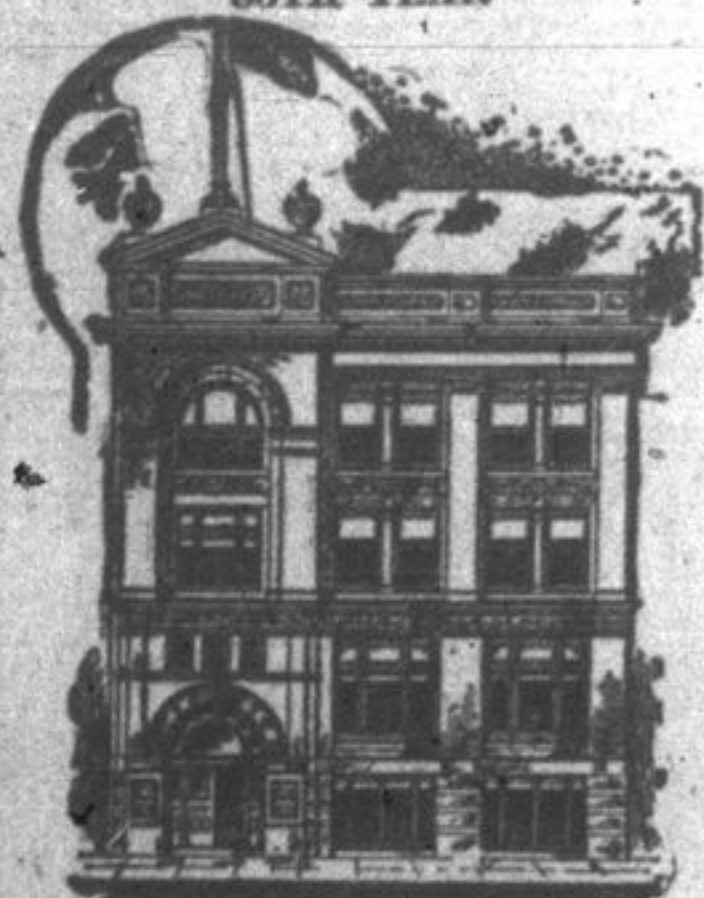


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The stronger the British navy the freer the seas, in the way Harry Lauder puts it.

The revolution in Germany has something at least to its credit so far, one of the ex-kaiser's sons has gone to work.

January started in fine and mild. The fuel controller should have arranged for a continuance of such pleasant weather.

Government employment bureaus in many cities are thronged with people looking for work. The period of readjustment is bound to be a trying one.

Over sixty per cent. of discharged soldiers in the United States are seeking inside work. The belief that a large proportion of them would go on the soil seems to be shattered.

"We must make Germany pay in gold and goods; and, therefore, there must be trade with Germans," declares Sir Arthur Pearson, the blimp British knight who is visiting in Canada.

The French can teach any other nation in the world what thrift means. After all they have endeared and lost and suffered the French peasants have just over-subscribed a loan of \$4,500,000,000.

An Amsterdam despatch tells us that the British and Dutch governments have arrived at an agreement regarding the status of the former German emperor. The public is not told whether it is to be hanging or shooting.

"For industry and nationality alike the last word lies in the supremacy of humanity. Over all nations is humanity. Of more worth than all else man can achieve is the well-being of mankind."—Hon. Mackenzie King.

British women are keenly alive to their opportunities for improving conditions at home, and are concentrating on securing better housing, equal pay for equal work and a single standard for men and women in morals and laws.

Theodore Roosevelt, declares the New York Times, was a popular idol, not alone because he did things, but because he inspired the people to do things on their own account. What better tribute could be paid to the worth of any public man?

Over 5,000,000 horses were used in the war, and Great Britain had most of them. She employed over 30,000 men in the veterinary department alone, giving far better and more humane care to the wounded animals than the Huns did to wounded prisoners.

Bolshevism in a class movement, and can only advance where ignorance is profound or where organized capital is in control of government and oppressive in its use of power. That is why it stands little chance of getting a foothold in such countries as Great Britain, the United States or Canada.

WAS MUCH INDIFFERENCE. Newspapers all over the province are calling attention to the indifference of the public toward the annual municipal elections. It is a deplorable condition of affairs, and one for which some remedy must be found. Every citizen should be vitally interested in the government of his city, but many in Kingston are so apathetic that they do not even take the trouble to vote. Can any reader explain it?

KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED. The Dominion Government is taking steps to keep the public informed of the plans which have been made for the return of our soldiers from overseas into the social and business life of the country. Through the Repatriation Committee, of which the Hon. J. A. Calder is chairman, they will issue frequent announcements in the newspapers. These announcements under the heading "War to Peace" will be found worth the attention of everyone, soldier and civilian. They will deal with all the problems of bringing the soldiers home, fitting for employment those who need it, and finding employment for all under proper living and working conditions.

The director of repatriation, H. J. Daly, issues an announcement of the activities of the committee. Its work covers all questions which have to do with bringing soldiers back to civil life and maintaining the prosperity of the country during the change from war to peace. It secures co-operation between the government departments which are concerned with these questions, obtains the assistance of experts for special problems, prevents overlapping of efforts and hastens effective action. The assistance of provincial and municipal authorities, of the Great War Veterans' Association and of many voluntary organizations has been secured.

KEEPING UP WAGES. Samuel Gompers president of the American Federation of Labor, has lately said some important things about labor's determination to oppose any scaling down of wages after the war. His utterances of last month raised the question whether he meant to pronounce for a stand against the present rate of remuneration as measured by its value in commodities or for a stand against a reduction of pay in dollars and cents. The distinction, a valid but not obvious one, may have escaped him at the outset. Those whom he perhaps started will welcome his more heedful outgiving, uttered later.

"Give labor a living wage," he said; "do away with child labor, give the women the same pay as men... and there will be no dissatisfaction." He also said that labor was "as anxious as any other factor in the country to do its share in the great work that lies before us." Stated in its general form, this declaration of labor's purpose corresponds fairly well with the views of people other than unionized workmen. Manufacturers indeed want pay kept up, for wage-earners are the chief consumers, directly and otherwise, of manufactured products. Capital wants wages to stay up as high as continued production will permit, for a drop in wages, carrying down prices in all lines, may harm investments.

In short, no one wants to put down pay, in general and apart from the obvious cases of recent extra demand for men of exceptional qualifications. It is a question how to keep pay up and how far to keep it up, and how long, and yet avoid the penalties of inflation. Mr. Gompers' wise declaration shows a realization of this.

TROUBLESOME MEXICO. Raids across the border and the shooting of several Americans by Mexican bandits have brought again to the fore the necessity of dealing with this lawless and unstable republic. The United States was never in as good a position to interfere, and to insist upon law and order being maintained in Mexico. The demand that something be done is becoming nationwide, and it would not be surprising if the United States made a move in this direction. Owing to the large amount of Canadian capital invested in Mexico, this country is interested in future developments.

Napoleon III, installed in Mexico a government of law and order, which, had it lasted, would have made the long and beneficent rule of President Diaz unnecessary. He offended the United States by infringing the Monroe doctrine. In November, 1865, Seward brought friendly pressure to bear upon Napoleon to effect the withdrawal of the French from Mexico. In January, 1866, Napoleon agreed to a gradual withdrawal of the French troops. No sabre clanking was heard. All passed in an amiable spirit. The United States had a large and well-trained army at that time to back up her demands.

The lesson of this bit of history bears on the importance of handling the Mexican question, when once again arms are in the hands of the Americans. The present government in Mexico has destroyed or

rendered unproductive hundreds of millions' worth of American, British and Canadian property, is now engaged in expropriating foreign-owned oil-wells, has opened a door for just intervention by any one of half a dozen powers, and has closed Mexican territory, practically, to foreign trade and enterprise. The opportunity for action, as on the previous occasion, is great and immediate.

PUBLIC OPINION

Bolshevik Generosity. (Boston Transcript) Whatever else may be said of the generous-hearted Bolshevik, he is at least ready to divide your last dollar with him.

A Timely Warning. (Hamilton Spectator) Children are unusually reckless with their hand-sleds on city streets this winter in most dangerous localities. It is high time for action, that several accidents already noted are not supplemented by fatalities.

Easy. (Washington Post) The Sims Peimora are establishing the Irish republic by simply putting up posters announcing that it has become into existence. Why didn't somebody think of that before?

Abolish The Censorship. (Montreal Gazette) The admiralty has abandoned its censorship. The newspapers will not worry if the restrictions are never restored, for will they express sorrow when the other censorships are dropped. "Dora" was never popular with them.

The Modern Free Lunch. (Hamilton Spectator) Serving coffee and cake after evening service is an innovation introduced by a local church. If anything is needed to attract a liberal attendance, that should; but it may have a startling effect on old-fashioned worshippers.

Stole Useless Goods. (New York Sun) As deluded a gang of thieves as could possibly be conceived must have been the gang that made away with the former kaiser's collection of uniforms. Nothing would require more making over to fit the present state of things than these trappings of imperialism.

Another Cold Night. Friday was another cold night in Kingston. The thermometer at Prof. Knight's observatory registered six degrees below zero. Quite a change from Friday morning, when it went as eleven below. Since the winter began, however, the thermometer has been below zero on only four mornings.

Rippling Rhymes

RESTRICTIONS OFF



WALT MASON

They're taking the restrictions off, and now a delegate or two may eat what seemeth best, may pour the sugar in his tea, and eat the steak that used to be both censored and suppressed. I move up to the grunting board, and see the good old grub restored, since peace came down 'the pike; oh, there are pies, and hard-boiled ham, and prune preserves and onion jam, and all the things I like. My being was profoundly ligned when war was on, and Hoover-hooved with his official seal; and as I ate my basewood bread I sometimes tore my clothes and said, "Oh, for a good square meal! I hope to live to see the day when I won't have to live on hay and fried excelsior! Oh, how I'll eat the luscious things when we have canned a lot of kings, and won this beastly war!" And now I face the grunting board, and carve the roast beef with my sword, the sword of Bunker Hill; and there are luxuries to burn, all things for which a man might yearn—and I'm unhappy still. I can't help thinking of the skates in many war-demolished states, who cannot pick and choose; the children and the weary dames who'd like to fill their bony frames with grub that I refuse. So I feel guilty as at the scalloped oysters and the meat, I'm rather shy on mirth; I don't enjoy the wheaten bread; as some old sage or poet said, there's no true bliss on earth.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



SALVATION ARMY WORK

Army Helping to Solve Difficult Problems

A Canadian soldier at the front received word that his wife in Ontario was dying. He had five small children, but no relatives in the country to look after them. In his anxiety he consulted a Salvation Army woman at the front. She immediately wrote Toronto headquarters. The Salvation Army had already visited the home, found the wife dead, and the children in great distress. They had already taken them under their care. This information was cabled to the father. He sent back a letter of deep gratitude, went out into action and was killed. The five little ones—now fatherless and motherless—will be under the Christian care and supervision of the Salvation Army for many years, until they are able to care for themselves.

This is not an isolated instance—another case concerned a mother and three children—a third case concerned a mother and five children—and so on—more cases of similar and even worse distress are reported every week. Winter is upon us—hundreds more must be provided for. This problem—the incapacitated and jobless soldier with dependent wife and children—is one of the most difficult of all after-war problems. Fathers are overseas, or killed on the battle field. Mothers or guardians are sick or dead; others neglect their children, desert them, or lead dissolute lives;—to mention but some of the many cases of urgent distress.

The Government, straining every effort to make adequate provision for the vast after-war needs, has consented to the Salvation Army co-operating in making provision of this kind.

The fund will provide for a number of these Homes. They will be located at centres of population which can best supply the city and rural needs.

Girls Throw Snowballs. It is alleged that girls who were employed at the cotton mill and who went out on strike have been acting in a disorderly manner, in that they have been throwing snowballs at employees who are now engaged in the mill. Eight girls have been summoned to appear before Magistrate Farrell on Tuesday next.

Not Decided On. A meeting of the Liberal Association of Kingston was called for Friday night to select delegates for a convention to be held in Ottawa on January 14th, and to talk over matters informally. After the meeting it was stated that the delegates had not yet been decided on.

The Ebert Government forces appear to be re-gaining control in Berlin, though bloody fighting continues in the streets.

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J. H. Scott was elected sheriff of Shoshone County, Idaho, on the Republican ticket, at the State election in November, and resumed office Jan. 1st, 1919. Mr. Scott has been a resident of Wallace, Idaho, for about fifteen years. He formerly lived in Napanee. William H. Darou, while working on the new dam at Appleton, had the misfortune to injure his foot by stepping on a broken plank. Joseph Whelan, a Napanee boy, is postmaster of Wallace, Idaho.

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