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The Germans are writing numerous notes of protest to the peace conference. Reminds us of the days when President Wilson indulged in the same pastime.

"What Britain Did in the War," is the caption of a news article in a Canadian newspaper. "What Did Britain Not Do?" would be far more appropriate.

Although the interest in the trans-Atlantic flight waned a little as a result of frequent postponements, everyone was anxious to know the result of Hawker's magnificent effort.

McGill has followed the example of Queen's in having a summer course for returned soldiers. Kingston has had a good lead in educational matters for many years, and under Principal Taylor that lead is being maintained.

The United States dirigible, which broke loose from its moorings in Newfoundland, evidently had grown tired of waiting for a start to its trip across the Atlantic, and decided to try it on its own. It was too bad that it did not succeed.

Sir Thomas White states that practically every home in Toronto is completely bare of spirituous liquor, as well as his own home. Perhaps that explains the anxiety of some of our legislators to have the liquor question settled as soon as possible.

In adopting the Ontario Housing Act, the municipality of Welland has decided that the salaries connected with its administration are to be assessed on the cost of the houses constructed. That is a solution for one of the objections of Kingston aldermen.

Things are radically wrong in the west when the whole country is tied up by a big strike. Both sides cannot be right, and the department of labor must do its duty before it becomes necessary to call in the department of militia and defence.

The Ontario president of the O. W. V. A., speaking at the annual convention at Windsor, said that the veterans would organize to break Bolshevism if it showed itself in Canada. And we venture to state that they will break it as effectively as they broke the Hindenburg line.

According to official reports, half of the young manhood of France has been sacrificed in repelling the Hun invader. Compared with this record, the French-Canadians of Quebec, who objected to taking any part in the war, should hang their heads in shame.

If Russian peasants are dying of starvation they know whom to blame. Lenin has refused Dr. Nansen's proposal for feeding Russia under the supervision of a neutral commission, and declares that "a continuation of hostilities is necessary for political reasons." He fears that a Russia no longer menaced by hunger might turn against her oppressors.

THE SOLDIERS' LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME.

The Soldiers' Land Settlement Bill, as introduced into the House of Commons by Hon. Arthur Meighen, is one of the most drastic and measures ever brought up in Canada. In addition to providing for

loans to the soldiers of sums up to \$4,500 for the purchase of land and \$1,000 for permanent improvements, and for loans for the purchase of stock up to \$2,500, the bill makes some startling provisions for the acquiring of the land necessary for the settling of the soldiers on suitable ground near to the railroads. It makes provision for the expropriation of land where the owners refuse to sell, or where no agreement can be reached. Two arbitrators are to be appointed to decide a fair price for any land which the board decides to expropriate, if the owner refuses to sell at a fair price. If he refuses to sell at all, the arbitrators provide for the sheriff to take possession within thirty days.

This legislation is far better than the most sanguine of the returned soldier bodies hoped for. It provides an admirable means of compelling owners of idle land to either cultivate or sell to those who will. The great fear of the returned soldier settler was that he would be forced to pay an exorbitant price for the land he wished to take up. Under the bill, he will not have to pay a cent more than the land is worth, and he will be well safeguarded in all his dealings. This is one of the most satisfactory bills for the repatriation of the returned soldier that has yet been devised.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ROAD MATERIAL CONTRACTS.

Alderman Graham has at last condescended to make a reply to the letters regarding the contracts for road materials which have appeared in the Whig during the past two months. He tries to make excuses for himself by putting the blame on the city officials, but that does not alter the fact that he has been guilty of acting contrary to the best interests of the city. It so happens that one of the tendering companies, the one with the high tender, has announced a drop in the price of its material, and that makes it appear on the surface as if the money saved to the city by rescinding the contract made, amounts to only a small sum. But when one gets back to the beginning of the controversy, it is found that the amount saved, as compared with original award, is really in the neighborhood of \$45,000, not less than \$500, as Alderman Graham tries to point out.

On the contract for asphalt, the first tender accepted by the board of works was for 300 tons, more or less, of asphalt, at a price of \$33.87 per ton, in spite of the fact that another company had given a price of \$24.15 per ton for exactly the same material. Alderman Graham opposed the granting of the contract to the lowest tenderer, and accepted the tender of the higher price, so that the difference in total cost, which the city would have had to pay had the acceptance not been rescinded, was \$2,916. This amount was saved to the city by the rescinding of the acceptance of the tender, and the subsequent education of the citizens and aldermen, through the press, as to the money which was to have been thrown away by Alderman Graham and the board of works. The fact that the company have lowered their tender by \$7 a ton since then does not alter the amount which has been saved, so that Alderman Graham is away out in his figures. He has made a brave attempt to juggle with quantities and prices in an endeavor to make the amount saved seem less, but the above gives the true figures in regard to the asphalt paving material, and they show exactly how much the city would have lost had the contract been awarded according to the wishes of Alderman Graham.

Then in dealing with the purchase of road oil, Alderman Graham went to extraordinary lengths in order to have tarvia used in preference to asphaltic road oil, although there was a difference of nearly \$900 in price in favor of the asphaltic road oil. Alderman Graham recommended that tarvia be used, in spite of the difference in price. In this case again, the higher tenderer has since then announced a substantial reduction in price, and Alderman Graham makes use of this fact to show that the difference in price only amounted to about \$60. But if his recommendation had been adopted, the price of tarvia as supplied to the city of Kingston would not have dropped. The full contract price would have been paid, and thus the city would have been \$900 out of pocket.

It is now rather late in the day for Alderman Graham to start to justify his actions in the eyes of the citizens. And when he makes statements such as those contained in his letter to the press, statements in which he twists the facts in an endeavor to make his own position a little more favorable, it is time that the real facts are also given publicity. In his own conscience Alderman Graham may feel that the amount saved for the city by disregarding his recommendations amounts to less than \$500, but after probing into the case from start to finish, we can point out that the sum saved is close to \$3,900, a sum which Kingston cannot afford to

throw away in these days when every cent counts. The next time Alderman Graham rushes into print, it would be well for him to make sure that his facts are right, and to stick closely to these facts.

An Empire Calendar.

Christopher Columbus Died, 1506.
May 20.—In one of the prominent squares of his birthplace—Genoa—stands a magnificent statue to Christopher Columbus the discoverer of the New World, called America. The great navigator was only fourteen years of age when he first went to sea and, after making several voyages in the Mediterranean, he journeyed as far as Iceland. It was probably on this voyage that he became acquainted with the exploits of the ancient Viking voyagers to the west and the tradition about the land of Vinland, which they claim to have discovered in 1,000 A.D. The turning point in his career came in 1470 when he was wrecked during a sea fight with some Venetian galleys off the coast of Portugal. He settled at Lisbon and during the next few years made many journeys to Madeira and the Azores. Gradually the idea formed in his mind of sailing to the Indies by the westward route and after appealing first to his native city, then to the King of Portugal and to King Henry VII of England, he finally appealed to the Queen of Castile. But it was not until after seven heart-breaking years that on August 3rd, 1492, he set sail on his first voyage, with one small ship, the Santa Maria, and two caravels, the Pinta and the Nina. The whole expedition only included 120 men. His real voyage of discovery began when he sailed westward from the Canary Islands on September 6th. A variation of the magnetic needle threw his crew into a state of terror and he had to cajole and plead with them to continue the voyage. Finally on October 12th land was sighted—probably an island of the Bahamas. After discovering Cuba and Hayti (which he called Hispaniola) he set sail for Europe in the two caravels, the ship having been wrecked. In the following year he set out with a much larger squadron and returned home after reaching Dominica. It was on the third voyage that he discovered the mainland of America, but on this occasion he was sent home in irons at the command of a newly appointed royal governor. He set out in 1562 on his last voyage during which he explored the Gulf of Mexico. He was buried first at Seville, then his bones finally rested in Havana, where they remained until they were returned to Seville at the close of the Spanish-American war.

Fine Memorial To Fallen Students.
Belleville, May 20.—The students of the Belleville high school have asked the Board of Education for permission to found a scholarship in memory of fallen ex-students and to contribute to a fund to be raised for that purpose. A committee of the board, the treasurer and a representative of the students will handle the funds.

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Berlin, May 20.—According to the Rundschau, French propaganda in the Palatinato has resulted in the formation of a military guard. This is comprised of native citizens and the Rundschau declares, an independent Palatinato republic will be proclaimed Sunday.

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Rippling Rhymes

THE WIND

I'm often weary of the wind; I sometimes think it should be fanned (the British word for "caned"); it's hard to seem serene and gay with all your whiskers blown away, by winds resistless fanned. I sometimes sit beneath a tree, and take a book to comfort me, and count on happy hours; I'll doze and read and read and doze, inhale the fragrance of the rose, and other moral flowers. And then there comes a roaring wind, shot from some cavern of the land, which blows me from my hair; my treasured volume disappears, and dust is blown into my ears, and sandburrs in my hair. Sometimes I take off hat and shoes, and lay me down to have a snooze, as peaceful as a clam; and then a wind sweeps through the shack, and all the timbers groan and crack, and doors begin to slam. Last eve I set out cabbage plants; a wholesome task like this enchants the sane and normal guy; and in the forenoon of this day the wind blew all those plants away; I wept to see them fly. I hear the ladies crying "Rats!" when they're deprived of costly hats by wayward, wanton blast; and men forget good form and swear when lids are soaring everywhere, and wigs are flying past.

—WALT MASON.

FAIR PRICES SUGGESTED.

Guelph Committee Recommends 40c for Butter, 30c for Eggs.

Guelph, May 20.—If the Ottawa Government acts on the suggestions of the Guelph Fair Price Committee, the old "high cost of living" will be dealt such a body blow it will go down for the count. The Fair Price Committee, composed of Ald. Brydon, G. A. Powke and G. F. Ribby, recommends to the City Council as follows, with the request that the recommendations be forwarded to Ottawa:

- (1) That the fair price for potatoes should not be more than \$1.25 per bag.
- (2) That 40c is a good price for butter.
- (3) Fresh eggs should not exceed 30c per dozen during this month.
- (4) That the present price of meat is too high, considering the quantity in cold-storage.

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