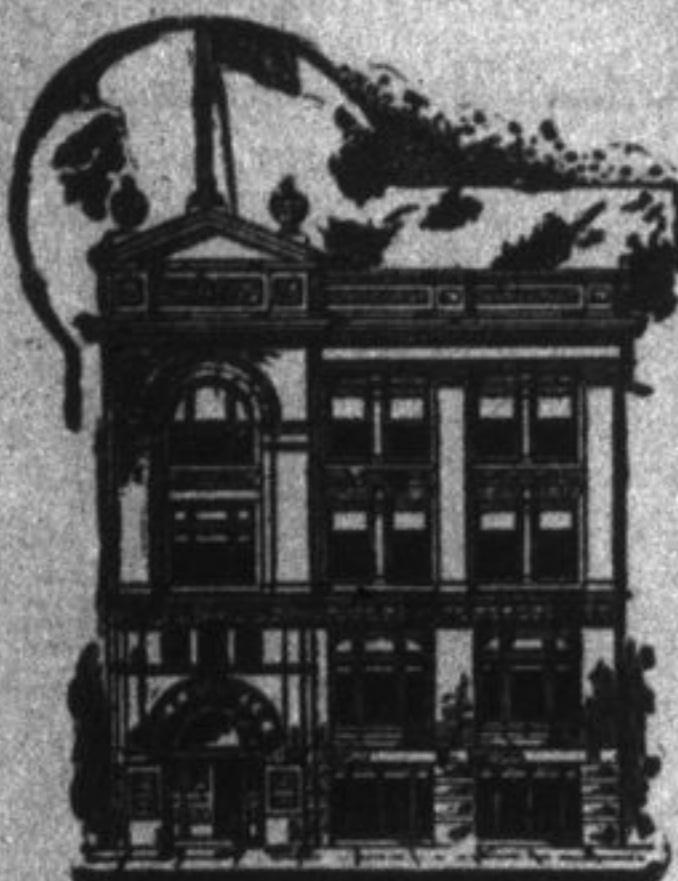


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Another year of prohibition. We can hear the groans of the "wets," even if they are almost drowned by the cheers of the prohibition party.

The Huns are weeping and wailing over the peace terms because they can't enforce ten times more severe requirements on the Allied nations.

President Wilson has been described as trying to still oceans of trouble with a pint of oil. If that is so, then his oil must be very strong stuff.

The offer of the G.W.V.A. to mediate in the strike in Winnipeg is another instance of the sanity of its leaders, and will give the veterans another boost in public opinion.

Kingston is to have more street lights. What with daylight saving and shorter hours for the stores, the summer evenings are going to be busy ones on the old Princess street carpet.

Organized labor demands an eight-hour day, and the government should recognize its claims without further delay. Government inaction has been responsible for most of the industrial unrest in Canada today.

We note with satisfaction that the annual convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities is to be held in Kingston in August. Perhaps after then our aldermen will realize how great is Kingston's need for a hotel.

His Majesty's mails should have right of way on every occasion. That Canadian mails were held up by the Winnipeg strike is an everlasting disgrace that Union government must face.

The Canadians as a corps never retired a foot, the Canadian artillery never lost a gun. Major-General E. W. B. Morrison, Canada's record in France and Flanders is thus summarized by an officer numbered among our bravest and best.

Lost or mislaid: one housing by-law for Kingston. The public is getting more and more anxious as to what is going to be done to relieve the housing conditions in Kingston, and many were disappointed that the by-law was not up for disposal on Monday night.

The main highway from Kingston to Quebec has been taken over by the Ontario department of highways. The road between this city and Brockville cannot be too soon put in a decent state of repair. For some years it has been in a disgraceful state of disrepair.

The United States Irish envoys have left Paris after a vain attempt to secure from the British authorities any possibility of a hearing for the so-called Irish republic. To his credit, it may be said, President Wilson never encouraged the mistaken mission of these interfering personages.

The striking employees of the Canadian Locomotive Co. did a very fine thing in attending the funeral

of the late president, Dr. J. J. Harty, in a body. They showed their respect for the memory of a man who was always a sincere friend of labor. "Jock" Harty believed in a square deal for every man.

During those days of dreadful doubt and despair Mrs. Hawker never lost hope of her husband's safety. "Sunday is my lucky day," she declared: "we shall have good news." And the world rejoices with her that good news was her portion. Such faithfulness deserved the rich reward that it gained.

The weather man last week evidently wrote "rain" in the "probe" for the week, and then went for a holiday. His behaviour was most ungalant for the merry month of May, but he evidently repented in time to change the rain to sunshine for the reception of the 21st Battalion.

Alderman Graham, while taking the credit for having saved the city some two thousand dollars, seems to forget that if his action had been endorsed in the first place, the city would have been poorer by nearly four thousand dollars. The veteran alderman has rather overstepped himself this year.

A CIVIC DUTY. It would be no credit to the city if the council failed to provide \$350 so that the Victorian Order of Nurses' executive might continue the operation of the Child Welfare Station. The executive appealed to the people for \$1,900 to defray the cost of its work for the year, including the Child Welfare Station.

Eleven hundred dollars was the response. The city council's annual grant to the Victorian Order work is the sum of \$150, which has not even been increased in proportion to the high cost of living. The council can easily afford to give the Victorian Order ladies an additional \$350. Thanks to the Imperial Oil Company, it is saving \$3,000 on asphaltic concrete and about \$200 on road oil. About ten per cent of this \$3,800 will keep the Child Welfare Station going and perhaps save the city a number of young lives, which are of more importance than the saving of a few dollars.

The Victorian Order executive thinks it can reduce the number of little graves in the cemeteries here by financial assistance, and it is not for the council to deny it the chance.

THE BRITISH IN EGYPT. Much light is thrown on the perplexing situation in Egypt by a well-informed correspondent of the New Statesman, London. That the British forces under General Allenby can hold the country in control is, he says, beyond question. The number of troops is ample, and a beaten foe has only two resources: to retreat into the desert or up the narrow Nile Valley, in either of which cases his military subjugation is easy. But a question more pertinent and interesting is, Why should Egypt be in revolt at all? Why, after thirty years of peacefully accepting British rule, should the country suddenly flame up into insurrection?

The writer referred to rejects the story which has had most prominence in the British press—that the revolt has been the action of a little clique of Cairo Nationalists and has had no real country-wide significance. Admitting that the Nationalist group has always been strong (as well as frankly pro-Turkish), he says that the "Egyptian Independence Committee," which is the head of that group, frankly states that the recent agitation was not of its doing, that it had no power to stop it, and that its members desired an official order that they should return to their villages. Neither, this authority maintains, is the revolt the beginning of a great insurrection in the whole Moslem world, though there is unrest among the Mohammedans everywhere. The Coptic Christians took an active part in the Egyptian troubles, and no one has more to fear from Moslem ascendancy than they. While there is a keen desire for Egyptian autonomy among some groups, the fellahen who have been active in the recent riots are almost completely illiterate, and normally they are not to be persuaded to the ballot box at any price. British rule has been of inestimable benefit to India, but in these days of self-determination there has sprung up a demand in India for a wider measure of local autonomy. The mother country has recognized this, and has already taken steps to bring it about. In the house of commons on Thursday last Edwin S. Montagu, secretary for India, announced that he would shortly introduce a bill for the reform of the government of India. The key-stones of this reform would be, he said, the transference of power from the bureaucracy to the people. Such a measure will go a long way toward overcoming the unrest in India, even if it does not entirely remove it.

TRIBUTE TO CURRIE BY LONDON TIMES

Canadian Commander Threw Searchlight Upon Hidden Future of States of Empire.

London, May 29.—The Times, in its first editorial devoted to General Currie, Canadian commander, says his Mansion House speech is a model for such an occasion.

"Perhaps there never has been a civic occasion more distinguished by this felicity of a soldier's way of acknowledging a toast to his health. London and the British people may tell George Currie, without flattery, that his parting into clear and vigorous words what his men have been thinking in Europe and will be thinking when they return home, gathering a road imperial event. He threw a searchlight upon the hidden future of the states of the Empire."

Echoing General Currie, the Times declares the Dominions have earned for themselves the status of nations. "Every suggestion of inferiority must be removed and machinery should be created which, in General Currie's words, will make out of the Empire a constellation of nations, free and equal, united by goodwill, with common ideals, and reciprocal confidence, under one flag and one King."

The Times chides the British statesmen and parliamentarians with hesitancy in doing more than lip-service to these truths. It agrees with Gen. Currie that although "France is still the crucible in which the metal of ideas is smelted, tested and refined, Britain has been, and the Empire is now, a workshop where political ideas of freedom and democracy are forged, welded and made workable. This is why the association of the Dominions with Britain, in true quality of partnership, cannot be left to be a mere thing of phrases."

One way to humble a man's pride is to present him with a life-size crayon portrait of himself made by an amateur artist. Some men resemble postage stamps they stick to one thing until they get there—but you've got to lick them first.

It's no more human to err than it is to lie about it.

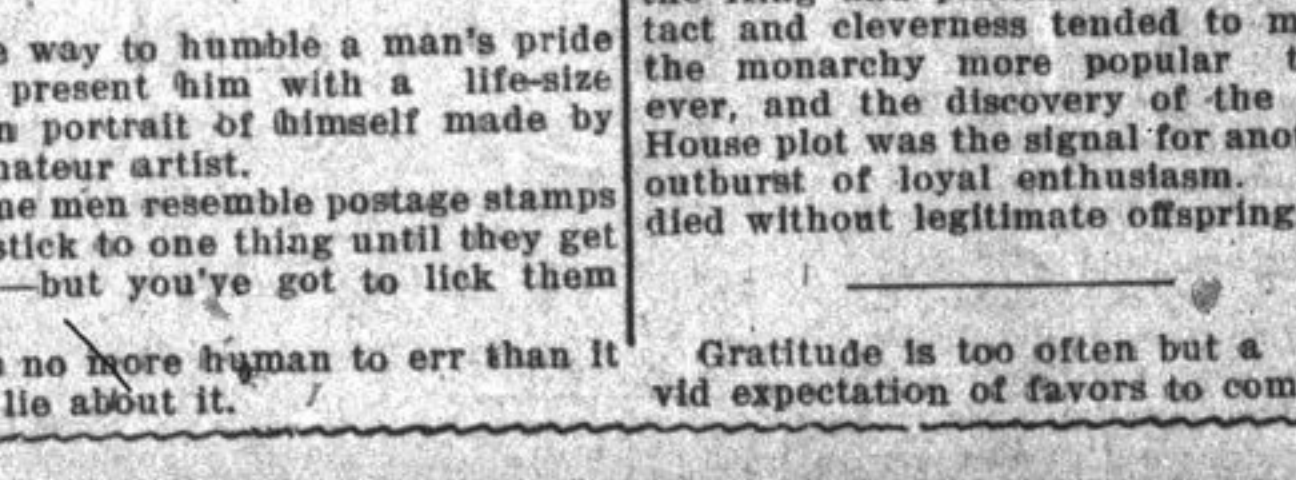
An Empire Calendar.

Restoration of the Monarchy, 1660. May 29.—It is probable that no event in the whole long history of England has been attended with more enthusiastic and more general rejoicing than the return of Charles II to London, which occurred two hundred and fifty-nine years ago today.

On May 29th he had been proclaimed King in Westminster Hall, and elsewhere in London. On May 24th he sailed from The Hague, landing in Dover on the 26th, where he was met by Monk and the city officials. When he reached the Houses of Parliament, "through a happy lapse of smiling faces," he received from both Houses universal and sincere congratulations and expressions of loyalty. But the task which Charles was called upon to fill did not suit his talents nor his temperament. Indolent, sensual and dissipated by nature, Charles, vice great foe of the established religion, and quite unmoved by any feeling of patriotism towards the land over which he was called upon to rule. The Commons were not niggardly, and immediately granted the King the enormous revenue of \$8,500,000, but this did not suffice him, nor did it satisfy the army of sycophants with which he surrounded himself. Perhaps the single statesmanlike act of his reign was his arranging of the marriage between William of Orange and the Princess Mary, a union which was to have an important influence on England's history. His reign was spent in dissipation, and is chiefly memorable for the long series of quarrels that took place between the King and parliament. Yet his tact and cleverness tended to make the monarchy more popular than ever, and the discovery of the Rye House plot was the signal for another outburst of loyal enthusiasm. He died without legitimate offspring.

Gratitude is too often but a fervid expectation of favors to come.

THE LIFE-SAVING DEVICE ON HAWKER'S PLANE. The lifeboat shown in the above photograph formed part of the fuselage of the Sopwith machine and was available when the daring aviator was forced to descend in mid-ocean.



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Rippling Rhymes

DETROIT

I'd like to visit in Detroit, where countless cars are made, and watch the artisans adroit pursue their helpful trade. I earn much money while I toot my timbrels and my lyres; Detroit and Akron get the loot, for cars and rubber tires. Detroit's fine buildings, many a one, show how that city leads; I paid for them with hard earned mon, but others have the deeds. Detroit has dwellings gay and bright, and palaces of stone; I paid for everything in sight, although they're not my own. My wife, she needs a chafing dish, the kids need teddy bears; but all my money's gone to Mich, Detroitward, for repairs. Detroit, has social functions great, where youths and maidens dance; and when it's time to pay the freight, I dig down in my pance. Detroit has grown and grown again, until she's over-size; and I provide the iron men that pay her hustling guys. Nine dollars for an extra rim, and twenty for a wheel; it makes my aged eyes grow dim to tell how poor I feel. I used to calmly spend my days with neighbors, pitching quills, and still might follow frugal ways, if there were no Detroit. But now I labor night and day, and salt no money down; I have to send it all away to Eddie Guest, his town.

—WALT MASON.

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