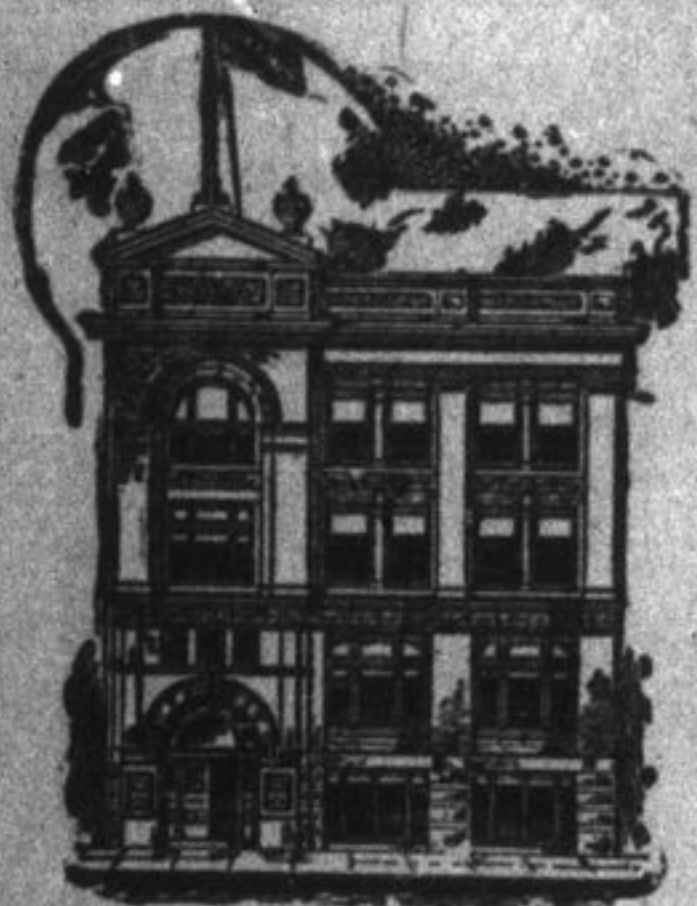


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Methodist had jumped from \$300,000 to \$2,000,000 from 1913 to 1918. He suggests that this increase should be handed over to the government to help pay the war debts.

THE PASSING OF AUSTRIA.

The peace terms laid down by the Allies to Austria are bound to have a lasting effect on the destiny of Europe. They do away with principalities and powers which have existed for many centuries, and they create new states which will loom largely in the future.

The naval and military restrictions placed upon Austria by the peace treaty are even more severe and drastic than those placed upon Germany. The entire Austrian navy is to be surrendered to the Allies. All warships, including submarines in course of construction, are to be broken up and used only for industrial purposes.

In the matter of territory there have been substantial changes in the map, and Austria has been reduced to a small nation, to be known in the future as the republic of Austria. The new nations of Hungary, Poland, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia have been constituted at her expense, and she is forced to recognize the new and extended boundaries of Greece and Rumania.

General French is not doing any good by his sensational statements regarding the early days of the war. In fact, now that Mr. Asquith has retaliated, his statements are being discredited as untrustworthy.

A Hamilton man has just been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for the theft of a service button. The sentence is more than severe, as the man who poses as a veteran without the right to do so is a despicable sort of citizen.

The Toronto strike has turned out to be a failure from start to finish. The easterners are evidently not so easily led away by agitation as are the westerners, or else the Bolsheviks have not so strong a hold in old Ontario.

The public is far more interested in the housing by-law than some of the aldermen who represent them. It is time that some disposal was made of it, as many men and women are waiting for it to be passed in order that they may build homes.

A Russian diplomat has just made the statement that there are sixty-two Bolshevik societies in Canada. Perhaps the strikes which are causing so much trouble are the result of their secret labors, and their eradication will be the only cure for labor unrest.

The present spell of warm, fine weather has dispelled the gloom which had settled over the farming communities, and prospects now look much better than they did two weeks ago. Now is the time to put every effort forward for a bumper crop for 1919.

Building figures in Guelph for the month of May show that permits for buildings to cost \$176,000 were issued, and that 1919 has so far been a record year in building in that city. Would that we could say the same of Kingston.

The designation of a county provincial road through Frontenac county from Barrieffield to the eastern boundary of the township of Pittsburg is gratifying news to the farmers in that district. The financial help received from the government by this designation is quite substantial.

The Bolsheviks in Odessa, Russia, have issued an order that no man may possess more than two shirts. It is to be hoped that they do not have tropical weather, such as we are now enjoying, in that city, for we know several men who have had to change their clothes two or three times a day during this hot spell.

A minister at the Methodist conference, in speaking of profiteers, said that the fortune of one Me-

which gives confidence or justifies the hope that the Canadian government would avoid the disasters experienced by the United States, nor can he see that the difficulties which contributed to their failure would be absent from the administration of Canadian railways under like circumstances.

Reform Bill, June 7th, 1922. A blow of tremendous importance was struck at the many abuses which surrounded the civil government of England when the great Reform Bill became law eighty-seven years ago to-day.

Continuing, Mr. Beatty gives his reasons for favoring private ownership as opposed to public ownership. He states that the crux of the whole matter lies in the ability of the government to carry on enterprises such as this with the same competency as private owners.

The high standing of Mr. Beatty in railway matters makes his statements carry weight, and it is more than interesting to note what he has to say on the matter. Whether or not one agrees with him on the subject of public ownership of railways, it must be admitted that he presents his case very strongly.

PUBLIC OPINION

Fed Up. (Philadelphia Record) Berlin mobs shouted: "To the devil with Scheidemann and the Ministry! But the devil is fed up on such things. Why not give some of them to the deep sea?"

Householders' Happy Days. (Brookville Recorder) If dandelion ever comes under the ban of the Ontario Temperance Act why shouldn't the License Department officials keep all lawns free of dandelions?

The Old Way The Best. (London Advertiser) As the other provinces survey Manitoba, it is altogether probable that labor will decide that the rational method as laid down in their time-proven constitutions is the one by which most may be accomplished.

Trouble Ahead. (Burlington Gazette) The proposal is now being made to have community kitchens in Canada. We hate to knock any bright ideas but still firmly believe that if six or eight women from one neighborhood are going to start to work together in the same kitchen, well, another league of nations will have to be formed.

Pertinent Question. (Acton Free Press) Are we as citizens as really patriotic as we might be, so far as our own community is concerned? In the course of an address recently a speaker asked three pointed questions: "How many minutes during the last ten years have you spent in working on or thinking about purely unselfish propositions affecting the welfare and progress of your town? Have you spent at least ten hours

in the last six months in purely unselfish service to the community of which you are a member? Now, honor bright, have you? Don't all speak at once, gentlemen."

Rippling Rhymes

THE BUCKET

The day is approaching when booze will be banished, the lights will go out in the gilded saloons; the bartenders all from their posts will have vanished, along with the fugs and the brass spittoons. Alas for the soak and the bum and the drifter! The tale of their anguish no poet can tell; they'll hit, when they long for a four-fingered snifter, the old oaken bucket that hangs in the well. The old oaken bucket has been a back number, it slept with the has-beens for long weary years; but now it comes back from its cobwebby slumber, consoling the boys in the absence of beers. Doom takes Old Boozie, he can't dodge it or duck it, the sexton's preparing to ring out his knell; and so we get back to the trusty old bucket, the moss covered bucket that hangs in the well. I stand with the poet who boosted the bucket, who said that it struck him as finer than silk; we've long clung to whisky but now we will chuck it, and sipping in the morning, as gay as a kitten, as sound as a bell; the wiles of the boot-logger manfully scorning, we'll hit the old bucket that hangs in the well.

—WALT MASON.

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