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These are no rare June days; they are thoroughly baked and "hot as toast."

McCullough has again escaped from Toronto jail—this time for good.

The small boy is more interested in the Sunday picnic than he is in the revised map of Europe.

Lord French writes sharply and well, but the tongue of Asquith is too piercing for him to overcome.

The Huns have five days to sign the peace treaty. The Allies must keep them to it or else push daylight through a lot of the towns and inhabitants in which dwell the foul creatures.

A red sign in other days meant that smallpox was in the home. Now a red sign means Bolshevism in dwelling within. But both are about the same thing.

Carpenters are scarce these days; they are all mechanics now making fine pay in repairing autos so that the public may tear about the country enjoying life.

Education is described as the walking stick of life. A good phrase. Kingston should back up good schools to get the walking stick in everybody's hands.

The Toronto Globe devotes some space to the crowds which flocked to Kingston for the R.M.C. ball. The college certainly helps to keep the old Limestone City on the map.

The latest opinion in regard to the Canadian senate is that expressed by members of the Methodist conference, in session at Toronto. They declare that this obsolete institution should be abolished.

Sir William Hearst is no Mowat, declares the Brantford Expositor. It is only too true. Sir Oliver Mowat believed in consulting the people before he launched new policies. His was not a government by order-in-council.

We are led to believe that a new hotel for Kingston is an assured fact. Citizens generally will welcome the announcement, and will be ready to give due credit to the men who have accomplished the long deferred enterprise.

Whenever progress ends, declines inevitably begins; but remember that the healthful progress of society is like the natural life of man—it consists in the gradual and harmonious development of all its component parts and all its constitutional powers, and you introduce weakness and disease into the whole system wherever you attempt to stultify or to force its growth.

Lord Lytton.

The most perilous hour in a person's life is when he is tempted to despond. The man who loses his courage loses all. There is no more hope for him than for a dead man; but it matters not how poor he may be, how much pushed by circumstances, how much deserted by friends, how much lost to the world; if he only keeps his courage, holds up his head, works on with his hands and with unconquerable will determines to be, and to do what be-

comes a man, all will be well.—Belleville Ontario.

Trustee Godwin, of the board of education, advocates the abolition of fees at the collegiate institute. He should go further and endorse the Whig's proposal that text books and fees in both the collegiate and public schools should be done away with. Making education completely free to every child ought to commend itself to every representative of labor.

The G.W.V.A. have stated their views to Premier Borden. They are unalterably opposed to Bolshevism and anarchy, and disapprove of the One Big Union. In this respect they have correctly interpreted the thought of the great mass of the people of Canada. Whether the "shouting and the tumult dies" or not, the sane, sensible people of Canada will demand that law and order must prevail.

PERPETUATING THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

An important amendment to the act of incorporation of the Canadian Red Cross Society was passed recently in the House of Commons, extending the scope of the society's work to be carried on throughout the years of peace. The amendment reads, "In time of peace to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world."

This amendment passed by almost unnoticed by many of the Canadian papers, although it means much to the people of Canada. The Canadian Red Cross Society as a war-time institution has done a noble work. The testimony of two hundred thousand Canadian soldiers is sufficient praise for its endeavors for our sick and wounded heroes. In England, France, Belgium and in the prison camps of Germany, our Canadian boys were continually cared for and helped by the Canadian Red Cross Society. Repatriated prisoners of war state that but for the contributions of food and comforts received from this society, hundreds of them would have died of starvation. Thousands more are grateful to the organization for their untiring efforts to care for the Canadian soldiers in hospitals. The work of this society has been a credit to the Canadian nation in the past.

And now provision has been made for a continuance of this wonderful work in the future days of peace. The Canadian Red Cross Society is to "carry on," and its work will be to improve living conditions all over the dominion, so as to reduce disease and sickness to a minimum. This is a gigantic, but a noble task, and it is a task for which the society is well fitted. Let it but do this work in the same way as it did its work for the soldiers of the armies, and it will be justifying its existence and adding to its already honored name, and will be making itself one of the most useful of Canadian institutions.

HALT!

The German propaganda, so successful in the ruination of Russia, has been practised only too successfully in Canada, as the Winnipeg strike abundantly proves. If strikers are permitted to carry things as they are doing in our western metropolis, it spells ruin for that fair city. And the example will spread, and be followed by revolutionists calling themselves laborites in other places. If such takes place, it will be the laborers who will suffer most and longest. Artisans and laborers will do well to take to heart the lesson taught by the unhappy experience of the strikers at Seattle a short time ago, whereby wages to the amount of three and a half million dollars were wasted, and not a single bit of good accomplished.

The right of laborers or artisans to strike is conceded. But class rule of the most malignant and oppressive character, such as the strike-fomenters are imposing on an innocent populace, cannot be tolerated, and must not be permitted to continue. It is not considered a good or safe policy to raise a protesting voice against the power or operations of what is known as "organized labor." It is not our intention to interfere in its lawful affairs. But, when irresponsible agitators get at the head of things, and imitate a state of warfare on our peaceful citizens, we assert and maintain that it is not only our right, but also our solemn duty, to call upon the government to arrest and suppress these agitators in their attempt to spread in fair Canada the murder, pestilence and famine which is decimating Russia.

That thirty thousand strikers should be able to impose their will upon all the citizens of a large city like Winnipeg, with its population of over 200,000 people, is an outrage against all representative government. It is safe to say that, if the sentiments of the strikers themselves could be polled and recorded,

it would be found that the great majority of them are acting under the compulsion of an active and malignant few. Without the intense activity of this small gang the trouble would not have occurred, and the rights of the majority been overruled. The agitators are working on the assumption that a livelihood can be had without work, and that having to work for a living means oppression by somebody, and therefore a justifiable grievance. The agitators themselves manage to get a living without working anything but their jaws. And the sooner their jaws are put out of business the better it will be for the labor organizations who are paying the price. It is high time for organized labor to halt some necessary house-cleaning, by getting rid of these irresponsible parasites who are sucking their life-blood. They are an enemy both to labor and to capital. The day is not far away when genuine labor will come into its own, when it will be paid a wage commensurate with its services and when it will have a say in regard to the conditions under which it labors. This would be a vastly better place in which to live when that happy day dawns for mankind. Much opposition will have to be overcome, but the ballot box offers a peaceful and effective solution of the problem. Given time, it will solve all our difficulties, without loss of life, liberty or happiness. It is democracy's best gift to freemen.

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The Endless Chain.

(Toronto Times) Every advance in wages increases the cost of living. Every increase in the cost of living forces further advances in wages. These in turn send the cost of living higher. If the process continues we shall have a Tower of Babel that will pierce the clouds and make life impossible for millions of people. Where is the thing going to end? The problem is not rendered easier of solution by the fact that it is world-wide in extent.

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