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The trouble with the federal income tax seems to be that it didn't come in.

My! Scientists say the ocean is to dry up. It's had enough now with simply prohibition of all else save water.

Will the senate's attempt to write liquor into the statute law succeed? This hot weather may cause the purpose to become a fizzle.

The most apparent uplift movement these days is in the church conference and in the market. The latter is the real thing.

Just think of it! Over the border they put a penny tax on every cream cone. That looks like stealing candy from the baby!

Coxey is said to be planning an army to march on Washington to assail prohibition. One thing sure, that army will not be able to keep in step.

The bacon baron who made only eighty-two per cent. profit was only an amateur compared with the cotton manufacturers who got away with a 310 per cent. profit.

A recent guest at a dairy convention in New York was a bull worth \$50,000. A humorist adds, "Our meat dealer handles nothing but this fellow's relatives."

They say now that Petrograd is so thin and wan from the many looting she has endured that the Finns have to bring their lunches along when taking the place over.

Not every Canadian is lucky enough to become a senator, but we know a whole lot of men who are lucky enough to know what they would do if they should reach the Red Chamber.

Just now a pig in the parlor is at home. He must get back his ancient place for he is now worth \$21.50 a cwt. on hoof. Nearly as costly as the bride who is worth her weight in go-bacon.

In order to beat the feat of aviators Alcock and Brown, the Handley Page crew are to make an attempt to fly direct to England. Should they succeed theirs will be the first Canada to London aerial mail.

The Allies on the first meeting with the German peace delegates could only stand it for five minutes. It takes some time for even the Anglo-Saxons to become accustomed to such putrid things as the Huns.

Canada is now so near to Ireland that the heart beats of the old folks on the dear old isle can almost be heard. If a sixteen hour trip is ever arranged we know a spot in Limerick that will hold us for a day or so.

Belgium's cause has linked the governments of the civilized world together. They have realized their common duty. They have drawn together as if instinctively into a league of rights. They have put the whole power of organized manhood behind this conception of justice which is common to mankind. That is the significance of the League of Nations.—President Wilson.

A unique soldiers' memorial, four great lamps, appropriately designed, and bearing the names of the fallen

heroes, is being reared in a Pennsylvania town. The purpose of the lamps is to typify the spirit which illuminated the true soldier. A writer says that "lamps which are useful, beautiful and singularly suggestive of their purpose, are certainly a happy choice."

Editor Robinson, of the Toronto Telegram, made a laughing stock of the members of the Cost of Living Committee at Ottawa on Friday. It is a safe bet that the members of parliament who served on the committee are heartily sorry that they required Robinson's presence at the enquiry.

THRIFT STAMPS. Thrift stamps furnish the finest sort of an opportunity for placing quarters where they will not be wasted, but will grow in amount year by year. They are the teachers of thrift. Every child in Canada should be encouraged and helped in the work which the schools have started along this line. The habit thus formed will be of incalculable benefit to them in after years.

DEPLORES NEW MOVE. Ex-Premier Asquith declares that free trade in the days of peace enabled Great Britain to build up credit and a financial ascendancy which no one could dispute, and which had not broken under the strain of the world's greatest war. The great Liberal statesman deplors the movement to introduce protection as a present day policy.

WHAT'S HIS MISSION? The president of the Irish "republic" is now in the United States. Perhaps he has come to insist that the western republic grant the franchise to some 8,000,000 colored citizens who have been deprived of this right although it is guaranteed to them under the constitution. Self-determination might well begin at home.

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. The vote of the senate on the prohibition question emphasizes the need for letting the people decide the matter at the polls as soon as possible. The members of the upper chamber may plead that they acted according to the wishes of the people, unless the country votes solidly for prohibition.

FORTY YEARS ON PAPER. Hal B. Donly, of the Simcoe Recorder, has spent forty years on that paper and made himself and his paper a force among Canadian newspaper men. He has conducted a business with discretion and has aided much in bettering the profession. He early discovered that a newspaper could be run just as well as a drygoods store or a factory, and that giving away his white space was unnecessary. His brethren soon learned that his methods spent money and they speedily adopted plans that brought them good revenues. Hal has always been genial, neighborly and judicious, and long ago the Canadian Press Association recognized his worth and honored him with its highest office. And to-day Hal B. Donly is one of the youngest of the bunch of Canadian editors who began in newspaperdom when he did.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. Oil booms and gold rushes prove the eternal urge in every human breast to get something for nothing. Their trail of wrecked and ruined men is large, but it is made up exclusively of those who hoped to get more out of the world than they were willing to put into it.

It doesn't matter how indignant a man is about the sufferings of the poor and the ill-gotten gains of the rich, when the chance comes to camp down on top of an oil well or stake out ten square feet of gold-bearing gravel, and from the lusing riches to live on the fat of the earth forever and ever without any more work, he takes it. With the same alacrity the most conscientious of men will buy oil stocks whose promoters promise returns as high as 1,000 per cent., and want the law on the salesman when these hundred-to-one shots fail to hit the bull's eye.

It takes will power to want to earn a living, and few will exert will power if an easy way offers to avoid it. Draughty Scotland gives us the Calvinistic will-to-live and will-to-endure hardship, but the Isle of Dreams, where conditions of life are easier, yields the will to lie in a hammock under a yam-yam tree and allow rare exotic fruits to drop morsel by morsel into one's languidly open mouth. And it is some Isle of Dreams, some "ever-receding Italy," some lubbers' paradise, that leaps before our vision when we hear of a new found gold field or a gushing oil well.

We all want to beat the game, and some of us do it. But a distinction needs to be made between the gambler's opportunity to evade the rules and the average man's to get a decent livelihood out of the sweat of his body or the labor of his brain. The first means nothing; the second is the test of progress.

PUBLIC OPINION

So Say We All. (Brantford Expositor) When they are deporting the undesirable aliens, why not take old H. C. of L. and banish him at the same time?

Aids to Steadiness. (Savannah News) If there were thirty million owners of Government bonds in Russia there would be no Bolshevism in that country.

The Veterans' Word. (San Francisco Chronicle) The Canadian soldiers are saying in effect that they did not go to Europe to make Canada safe for the Bolsheviki.

The Preacher's Reason. (Buffalo Courier) St. Catharines' preacher is opposed to daylight saving presumably because he can see too clearly the vacant seats that ought to be filled with adherents away on week-end fishing trips.

Cause For Gratitude. (Ottawa Journal) Think heaven the end has not come without an official and historic judgment of the German Government and the German people being written into the records for the Germans and for all succeeding generations to read!

NEXT MOVE UP TO CITY. Says Chairman McIntyre of Ontario Railway Board.

Toronto, June 24.—"The next move is up to the city," said D. M. McIntyre, chairman of the board, who would give no intimation as to the probable course of action to be taken by that body. He pointed out that such action would be determined by the city's next application.

"Has the board power to operate the railway?" "Yes, we have that authority." "Are you prepared to do so?" "I cannot say as to that," replied the chairman. "We will do our duty as we see it." He would express no opinion as to the form the city's next request would take. "Did the board's order to the railway company give it authority to raise its fares in order to resume operation?" "No," replied Mr. McIntyre. "On the contrary, it called on the company to resume service under the conditions laid down in its contract, with the city, which defines the fares to be paid."

Welded at Brockville. Juneteenth, June 23.—On Thursday, June 12th, the marriage took place in Brockville of the Westley Hodge, son of Thomas Hodge, and Miss Leona Dowsley, daughter of Sherman Dowsley, the service being conducted by Rev. Dr. Richardson. They were unattended, and will reside near Brockville, where Mr. Hodge is employed at A. C. Hardy's farm.

An Empire Calendar.

Viscount Kitchener, Born June 24th, 1850.

It is just three years ago this month since a thrill of horror went round the British Empire when the news was flashed over the wires that Kitchener, first, Viscount Kitchener, and one of the most brilliant of modern British generals had met his death when the vessel in which he was proceeding to Russia was sent to the bottom by an enemy torpedo. Many persons, in fact, refused to credit the dire news and for many months there were numbers of people in Great Britain who refused to believe that the vessel in which he was travelling had foundered, circulating the rumor that he had been taken prisoner by the Germans and being held by them. What concealing a fact, which would have given them considerable prestige, it is difficult to imagine, but the myth persisted. It is sixty-nine years ago since Horatio Kitchener was born. He entered the army in 1871 and did admirable work as an officer of the Royal Engineers in survey work in Palestine, where his power of organization, his ability and his thoroughness, soon made him a marked man. He served in the Nile Expedition, 1884 and in Suakin campaign; four years later he commanded a brigade with conspicuous success. Two years before this he had been named as governor of Suakin and at the close of the campaign he began a four year term as adjutant-general of the Egyptian army, and later as Secretary of State for Egypt. His work in Egypt was invaluable. He set himself to study the natives and their customs with the result that he won the confidence of the better element of them as well as of the authorities at home. Promoted to major-general in 1896 he commanded the Khartoum expedition in 1898 in which he completely defeated the Arabs and recovered the Sudan for Egypt and for the Empire. This brought him the title of Baron Kitchener of Khartoum and the thanks of parliament. He went with Lord Roberts to South Africa at the darkest hour of the South African war and when the former returned to England, Lord Kitchener took command and brought about a victorious peace. At the outbreak of the Great War he was at once sent for, and made Secretary of State for War, a position which he held until his tragic death.

Time Has Not Come. Brantford Expositor. So far as the Dominion arena is concerned, the Expositor does not believe that the time has come for a return to the old party lines, but in the provincial arena there is no reason why all Liberals should not unite in an effort to restore to the party the prestige which it held in the days of Sir Oliver Mowat, and to enlarge and re-empower the splendid program of social reforms which Hon. N. W. Rowell put forward while leader of the Ontario opposition.

Rippling Rhymes

FLIES They say that everything on earth was made for purpose wise; there's nothing that's devoid of worth—but what's the good of flies? They keep their merit so concealed we can't discern the same, the while our swatting stick we wield, and cuss the endless game. Ah, happy thought—perhaps the flies were dumped upon the land that we might have some exercise, a swatter in each hand. That may explain it, in which case, let's make the combat hot; enjoy the pleasures of the chase, and swat, and swat! Now is the time to swat them hard, before they get too thick, pursue them through the house and yard, and soak them with a brick. The fly that now escapes its doom will rear a countless brood; so let no fly sidestep the tomb—on with this, from lounge and then, O sluggard, from your chair, from lounge and downy coil! Go forth, all brave and dromonair, gird up your loins and swat! Let no foul fly escape your raise ten million more. So take your headdress and your helm, and like a knight arise; put on your greaves and overhelm about ten thousand flies.

—WALT MASON.

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