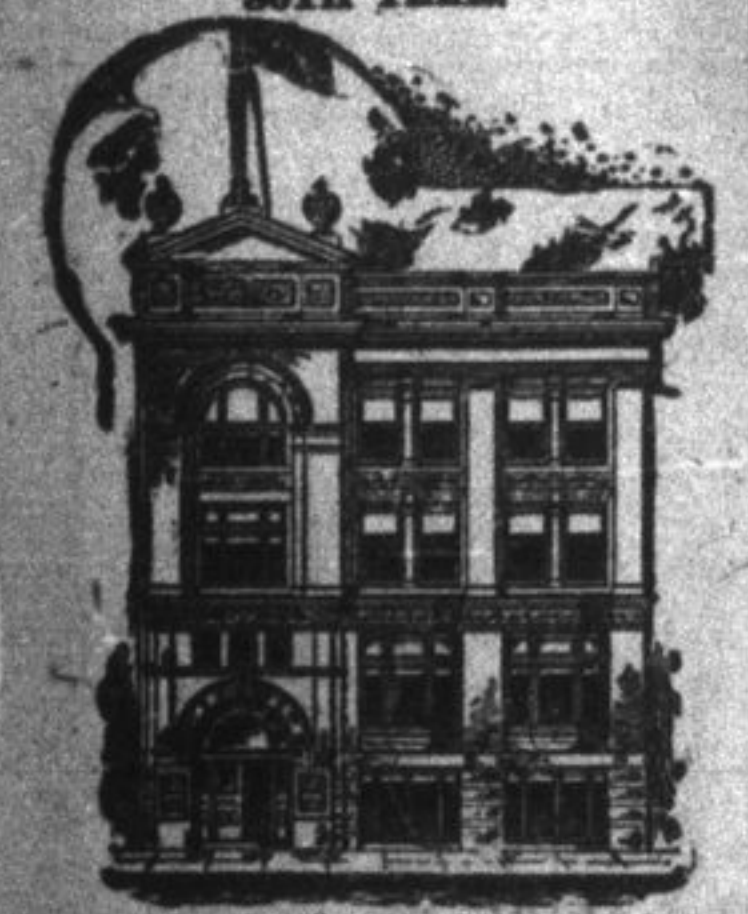


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A cable from France states that the Germans are sure to obey the peace terms. Yes, but for how long?

The high cost of living committee has brought many scandals to light, but so far no reduction in prices has resulted from its investigations.

"See America first," was once a popular catch-crier. The Wheeling Register has cleverly paraphrased it to read: "See America thirst."

The Richardson bathing house is filling a long felt want. To complete the scheme the city should construct a suitable wharf in front of the pavilion.

Kingston ranks as the second city in the dominion in the matter of providing suitable employment for the returned soldiers. That is, indeed something to her credit.

The G.W.V.A. proposal that all land held by undesirable aliens should be handed over for settlement by the veterans is one of the most sane that has yet been made.

The total French killed in the war amounted to 1,346,000. The Yanks killed amounted to slightly over 50,000. And get we hear the question, "Who won the war?"

Lloyd George promises that the ex-Kaiser will be brought to trial in London. The Allies have agreed upon that course. It will be a bitter pill for William, but he must swallow it.

Sir Thomas White's remedy for the high cost of living is "Do more work and spend less money." With prices still soaring, it will be hard to fall in line with the last part of his advice.

The people of Kingston have a long time to prepare for the visit of the Prince of Wales. We suggest that it be spent in giving their lungs lots of practice and in learning how to cheer.

The G.W.V.A. convention at Vancouver refused the offer of D. D. McKenzie to send delegates to the national Liberal convention. The veterans are wise not to tie themselves to any political party.

Von Hindenburg is reported to have said that the Allies are welcome to shoot him if they wish to. When he feels like that about it, it will be quite convenient for the Allies to accommodate him as soon as possible, unless this is another of his famous pieces of bluff.

Kingston may not cheer very loudly when the boys come marching home, but the figures issued by the employment bureau show that the city is second in the dominion for finding employment for the returned men. Which demonstrates that the hearts of the citizens are surely in the right place.

The Ontario Journal, Kitchener, comes out with a bitter criticism of the new naturalization laws because it bars those of German birth from becoming Canadian citizens for ten years. Surely Canadians have seen enough of the Germans to realize that even ten years cannot wipe out the memories of what crimes they have committed. And it is still true that a man who is once a German is always a German.

OUR LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY.

There is something radically wrong in the methods of stock raising in this country that calls for a vast improvement. The standard of beef placed on the market for sale is low, suggesting that the raising of beef cattle as a part of the farm industry is sadly neglected. Much financial loss is the direct result. Dr. Toimie, M.P., in a recent address in the House of Commons, said that only ten per cent. of the cattle going through our inspected abattoirs in this country are fit for export to the Old Country, or are in finished condition. That is one reason why we cannot successfully compete with the Argentine on the British side. Dr. Toimie showed that the loss was \$75 on a steer of 900 pounds that had not been properly prepared for market. The loss on 500,000 steers going through the abattoirs was a tremendous one. This is bad for the farmers and bad for the country, and the consumers have to be contented with inferior beef. The cause for this seems to be the desire of the farmers to obtain quick returns with the least possible outlay and the prevalence of too many butcher's grades. The evil could be lessened by cutting out many of the intermediate grades, thus compelling the farmers to put their stock in better condition. The strange thing about this whole question is that the consumer is compelled to pay the highest price for his beef without regard to quality, and he will welcome any improvements that might be brought about. With the prevailing prices for dressed beef it cannot be contended that it does not pay to raise beef. It does pay, but an improved system of grading and inspection should discourage the practice of placing inferior cattle on the markets.

A SATISFACTORY PEACE.

By royal proclamation Sunday last was named as the day of national thanksgiving for the conclusion of peace. The local civic celebration took place on the previous Sunday after word of the signing of peace had been received, but at this time, owing to the world-wide significance of the event, it will not be out of place to make reference to the memorable occasion. Seldom, in the long history of wars, have the victors gained all that they sought, and there are many outstanding instances where diplomats failed to secure the fruits of sacrifice and suffering. But the present peace treaty, so far as the Allies themselves are directly concerned, expresses the will of the people regarding Germany and Austria. There are some people who think the terms too severe and others who think they were not severe enough, but all will agree that in the main it is a satisfactory peace, and that the object sought has been attained.

When considered in relation to the sacrifices in men, money and materials, this is a cause for real thanksgiving, and the Allied statesmen have proven worthy of the confidence reposed in them. They have accomplished a task of great magnitude that calls for expressions of deep and abiding gratitude, and this will ever be a consolation to all who have suffered or have been bereaved by the death of dear ones in the conflict. Had the diplomats failed it is difficult to think what the political results might have been in British overseas dominions, but we can now join in national thanksgiving not only for the success of our arms but also for the strength of the bonds of union throughout the Empire and the closer kinship with our American brothers.

Canada now returns to peace, and she will not again be called upon to take up arms within another generation. The Socialistic strife in Russia and Hungary will die down in time. Western Europe is too wide awake for it to get a footing there. As for the United States and Canada, the people of both countries would support their governments in rigorous, repressive measures before they would permit a Socialistic revolution, and there is absolutely no hope for the Socialist without a revolution. The government of the two countries would be bound to co-operate in the suppression of any propaganda directed toward the overthrow of the existing order of society, for the success of any agitation in one country would be a menace to the other, a fact that should not be lost sight of. The United States government has instituted an active campaign against anarchists and Bolsheviks in that country. Attorney-General Palmer has asked for an immense appropriation to carry on a hunt for "anarchists, bomb throwers and enemies of law and order." The American Security Society and the National Security League consider it one of their most important functions to stamp out Bolshevism wherever it may be found. Governors, generals, mayors and publicists of high and low degree have uttered their solemn warnings. The publications that favor the spread of the doctrine in the United States are Soviet Russia, Liberator, the Revolutionary Age, the Class Struggle, Rebel Worker and the Weekly People. Several writers consider industrial democracy as the best antidote for Bolshevism, and

President Wilson is reported as sounding the same note in his last message to congress. "The object of all reform in this essential matter," he said, "must be the genuine democratization of industry, based upon a full recognition of the right of those who work, in whatever rank, to participate in some organic way in every decision which directly affects their welfare or the part they are to play in industry."

Public Opinion

Mighty Easy. (London Advertiser) Lives of heavyweights remind us how to get the easy coin.

The Fool and His Folly.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer) Wilhelm, the man that used to be a Kaiser, says his attitude is unchanged. The fool and his folly are proverbially inseparable.

Has Some Way To Go.

(Rochester Herald) The chief concession to Germany lies in the provision that she will be admitted to decent society when she proves her claim to decency. That's fair enough.

Which Should Know?

(Kitchener Telegraph) The people who have seen the devastation wrought by the Germans in France think the peace terms are not severe enough, while they are called outrageous by those who have remained at home reading Socialistic books.

Home To Roost.

(Philadelphia Record) There is a whole corn full of German chickens returning to roost. The Germans can't see why the Allies should be oppressive to the German people who have forced the abdication of William II. But after the deposition of Napoleon III. the French people made a like appeal to the Prussians, and without avail. The Prussians were fighting France, and whether it was an empire or a republic did not matter to them.

Your Newspaper.

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There is always hope for the fool who minds his own business.

An Empire Calendar.

Commonwealth Act, July 9th, 1900. Eighteen years ago to-day the British Parliament passed the act which brought the six original states of Australia into one federation to be known henceforth as the Commonwealth of Australia. The Bill which was brought to Westminster at the request of the Australian authorities was the culmination of a long series of negotiations and the fulfilment of the dream of men of vision who for years had fought to see the different states knit together as a self-governing unit under the British flag. Under the act the king is represented by a Governor-General. The Parliament consists of thirty-six members, six for each of the original states which are chosen by the people of that state for a period of six years. The Senate has no power over money bills. The House of Representatives consists of senators five, the members directly elected for three years by the people of the Commonwealth. New South Wales having twenty-seven members and the other states in proportion to their population. No amendment to the constitution can be effected until after passing Parliament it has been submitted to the people by referendum and approved not only by a majority of the Commonwealth but by a majority of state. Although Australia to-day has a population of barely 5,000,000, more than 426,000 or considerably over eight per cent. of the population have enlisted to fight in Europe. In the war Australia has already lost over one per cent. of her male population and in addition more than 135,000 have been wounded on the field of battle.

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Rippling Rhymes

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