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The January thaw arrived in March this year.

Life in the United States is one reservation after another.—Toronto Globe.

It is enough for a man to understand his own business, and not to interfere with other people's.—Charles Dickens.

In order to sell goods to the smart set, you have to raise prices instead of lowering them. Any merchant will confirm this statement.

The Brockville Recorder professes to understand why some people in Canada want a navy—they are already on the water-wagon.

The motorization of the fire department has been dropped for another year, at least. Had the matter been pressed, the ratepayers would have snored it under.

Telling what the Union Government has done is not such a strain on the newspaper supply as telling what it has not done.—Peterboro Examiner.

The Bell Telephone Company insists upon a two-party line. It may mean a saving for the company, but think what a restriction it imposes on family gossip!

The failure of the federal government in appointing permanent officials at the local penitentiary is very evident. The vacant positions should have been filled long ago.

This promise to be the best year in Kingston's history. The city is doing its part. Will the government do its share by inaugurating the much-needed harbor improvements?

Some time or other a warden and a deputy warden must be chosen for the Portsmouth penitentiary. Why should the Ottawa government allow this matter to remain in abeyance month after month?

The proposal to sell the West Indies to the United States, as advocated by Mr. McAdoo, a presidential candidate, finds no support anywhere in the British Empire. Britain does not regard her subjects as chattels that can be bought and sold without their consent.

The United States senate has refused to endorse President Wilson's choice of Bainbridge Colby as secretary of state. Inasmuch as it turned down the president's peace proposals, its present action is not without significance.

Newspapers and real estate offices are flooded with enquiries for houses to let, but are unable to satisfy the demand. The situation is a serious one, and can only be met by a united effort on the part of the municipality.

The United States was three years in getting into the great war, and it now seems that it will be three years or more late in making peace. The people of that great nation must be mightily disgusted at the game of party politics being played at Washington.

RUSSIA'S OFFER. The new peace proposal made to the great powers by the Soviet government at Moscow embodies the first concrete move on a reasonable basis that has yet been made by Russia toward a resumption of poli-

tical as well as economic relations with the rest of the world.

In this offer the Soviet government proposes constructive concessions of the most far-reaching character and scope.

One of these concessions is a pledge for the establishment of democratic principles in Russia by the calling of a constituent assembly.

Another concession is the promise to withdraw the decree annulling Russia's foreign debt and to pay the arrears of interest.

These two pledges, even though the Soviet government undertakes to recognize only sixty per cent. of its liabilities to foreign countries, constitute indubitable proof of the return of sanity to the councils of the Soviet republic, of the desire of Soviet Russia to deal reasonably with its own people as well as with the rest of the world.

The offer of raw materials in exchange for financial assistance from American and British sources place the entire Russian plan for a resumption of economic relations with the great powers on the tangible basis of mutual advantage.

Having definitely reached the conclusion that their efforts to reorganize Russia's political life by pressure from outside have ended in complete failure, and having admitted that the economic rehabilitation of Russia is essential to the economic rehabilitation of the world, the logical course for the Allies now to pursue is to accept Russia's offer and enter into negotiations with the Moscow government.

ALL'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD.

While the world has not yet passed very far into the period of reconstruction following upon the war, there are indications on all sides that the worst has been passed. We may look forward to a more rapid rate of recovery and to a speedy resumption of normal conditions. In this opinion Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, former head of the United States War Industries Board, apparently concurs.

The zenith of scarcity of world supplies has been reached," he told the Graham war investigating committee, "and 125,000,000 people directly and indirectly engaged in making war have been returned to the work of production and distribution."

Few perhaps have realized how stupendous has been this task of restoring a war habituated world to a peace basis. It has necessitated the demobilization of vast armies, the transfer of workers from war to peace industries, the dismantling of munition factories, the restoration of depleted rolling stocks, the importation of needed raw stuffs, the repairing of ruined districts, the firing of exhausted peoples with new spirit and new aspirations, the setting up of new governments, the settling of international disputes, the repression or radical revolutionists, the recasting of currency systems.

It requires but the reciting of the work which had to be done to understand why the world has recovered so slowly. It is true there have been mistakes. National ambitions, and clashes of interests have brought disputes and delays, the desending hand of Socialism has clogged the wheels of industry and limited the output of factories and mines, the excessive issues of paper money have complicated foreign exchange and retarded trade. But when all has been said, a vast deal has been accomplished in the fifteen months since the signing of the armistice. As Mr. Baruch says, "the situation is curing itself day by day. We are emerging from our troubles."

Seven Sentence Sermon.

Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger, but in meeting it with the eyes open.—Richter.

Religion is the most economical police service rendered in the state.—William Jennings Bryan.

Stroke ye here an' stroke ye there, Folk will stan' a deal o' strokin'; A wee bit' crumb that's swallowed wrong, Gars ye do a deal o' chokin'.—Anon.

And as they were affrighted and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee.—Luke 24: 5, 6.

The highest service of love is not to console but to inspire; not to comfort but to stimulate.—Hamilton M. Mable.

Rest is not quitting; The busy career; Rest is the fitting; Of self to its sphere; 'Tis loving and serving; The highest and best; 'Tis onward, unswerving; And that is true rest.—John S. Dwight.

There are evil thoughts in all men's hearts; but the devising, the fabricating of them, thus making the heart into a devil's workshop, is the mark of utter depravity and wickedness, and is abhorrent to God.—Pulpit Commentary.

A Fairly Wide Margin. Father John A. Ryan, of New York, gives it as his opinion that \$10,000 a year is enough for a Christian. The good priest gives most of us a fairly wide margin.

PUBLIC OPINION

Real World News. (Ottawa Journal). What with "Our Mary's" divorce, Carpenter's marriage, the idol Fairbanks' fractured finger, and Mr. Dempsey's trial for evasion of the draft, all in a single week, who has got time to bother about a president's concern for the Jugo-Slavs?

Wild Buying. (London Free Press). On every working day of 1913-13 Canada bought \$1,500,000 worth of goods from the United States, and sold \$500,000. Canada's exports have increased, but her imports have augmented in a like ratio—1920 finds her still buying wildly at the same old stand.

Soldiers' Land Settlement. (Calgary Herald). Thus far the Dominion government has loaned to returned soldiers under the soldiers' land settlement scheme some fifty-four millions, and applications are still pouring in. It is evident that whatever others may think about this scheme, the soldiers themselves are taking to it.

Poison All Round. (Woodstock Sentinel Review). Facility in phrase-making is sometimes a dangerous thing. There is that man Ives, for instance, on trial at Winnipeg. He was inspired a short time ago to speak of "a poisoned judge, a poisoned jury and a poisoned sentence," and now in Winnipeg they speak of himself as "Poison Ivy."

The Only Salvation. (Buffalo News). All would be well if production increased with the increase in wages. If more of everything was produced in a given time now than in the same time before the war, wage increases would be justified. That would be coming back to the old-fashioned idea of the measure of worth being the measure of service. But there has been an easing up of everything but demands. This can't go on forever. The only thing that will save the situation is work—an increase of it. For it is not as if there is any scarcity of that; the supply of it is inexhaustible.

ENTERTAIN CHILDREN Who Attend the Home Mission on Patrick Street. On Tuesday afternoon the members of the King's Daughters of Sydenham street Methodist church entertained about sixty boys and girls who attend the Kingston home mission on Patrick street to a supper in the lecture hall of Sydenham street church. The mission, which is undenominational, is conducted by Rev. B. Pierce, a retired Methodist preacher. The services, which are held in a room in a private dwelling on Patrick street, are well attended by the children, who range from five to fourteen years of age.

Mr. Pierce stated that he had realized the need of getting the children off the streets on Sunday afternoons, and had organized the mission for that purpose.

The Missing Cylinder. Many times a troublesome skip in a cylinder is due to an unsuspected leak in high tension wire. When hunting for such trouble go over the wires carefully, raising them slightly from any place where there might be a leak. When found, the place must be covered with tape, or a new wire installed.

LATE T. C. ROBINETTE, K.C. One of the greatest Canadian criminal lawyers, who died of heart failure at his home in Toronto.

Chose the Wrong One. A certain drunk, taken to the Police Station recently, was never booked because he gave the night squad the best laugh they've had for a long time. "How did you happen to be lying there in the gutter?" demanded the sergeant, severely. "Sallright, boss. I jus' happened to walk between two lamp posts and leaned against the wrong one," was the candid reply.

Engines in Tug of War. A tug-of-war between the latest and most powerful electric locomotive and two steam engines, which took place recently on one of the railroads of the middle west, resulted in an overwhelming victory for the electric motor.

Canada—East and West

Rebellion in the West. On the 19th of March, 1885, Major Crozier who was stationed at Fort Carlton in command of a small corps of the North-West Mounted Police, received word that the half-breeds of the west, acting under Louis Riel, their leader, had raided and carried off some Government stores. For a long time there had been rumblings of an impending outbreak but this was the first overt act. At once he went to Prince Albert, a distance of forty miles, for more men with which to cope with the situation. There was a hurried meeting of officers in that place and at ten o'clock the next night a force of forty volunteers arrived in Fort Carlton. They found a curious state of affairs existing.

Already a messenger from Louis Riel had arrived at the fort, demanding its immediate surrender. But as it was known that 100 men of the Mounted Police were on their way to their assistance under Lieut. Col. Irvine, Major Crozier delayed his reply. Col. Irvine arrived at Prince Albert on the 24th of March but in the meantime Major Crozier's position had become so bad that he decided to remove from Duck Lake, a small half-breed settlement near Fort Carlton, the provisions and supplies stored there. This he attempted to do on the 26th of the month. A small detachment with a dozen sleighs were sent for the stores.

They were attacked by Indians and half-breeds under Gabriel Dumont. Then Major Crozier went to the assistance of the party. The fight was sharp, ending in the enforced retirement of the troops after a dozen men had been killed. Perhaps two days later, when Fort Carlton had been set on fire, Major Crozier was forced to retire to Prince Albert, leaving the wreck of the fort in the hands of the rebels.

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DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. RHEUMATISM, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, BACKACHE, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, URIC ACID, URIC ACID, URIC ACID. 23 THE PROSPECT

Rippling Rhymes

NO AUDIENCE. My neighbors all have had the flu, its fiercest pangs they claim to know; and so there is no man in view who'll listen to my tale of woe. Oh, none will hearken to the tale of all the agony I know, or pay attention to my wall—my neighbors all have had the flu. I'd like to have some chaotic disease that no one else has ever tried; some new affection of the knees, or an eruption of the hide; then I could talk of living-day of aches original and new, and no cheap skate could rise and say, "I've had that ailment worse than you." Then I could look with high disdain on all the people of this grad, who wrestle with old-fashioned pain, the chestnut ill that Adam had. Then if my joy I know I'd make the welkin echo with my song; alas, one cannot choose his ache, he has to take what comes along. Oh, sickness makes the spirit sag, and all the anguish is in vain, if one can't stand around and brag, and show some diagrams of pain. And none will listen to my spiel of gaudy suffering I knew; men care no hoot how tough I feel, for all the boys have had the flu.

—WALT MASON.

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