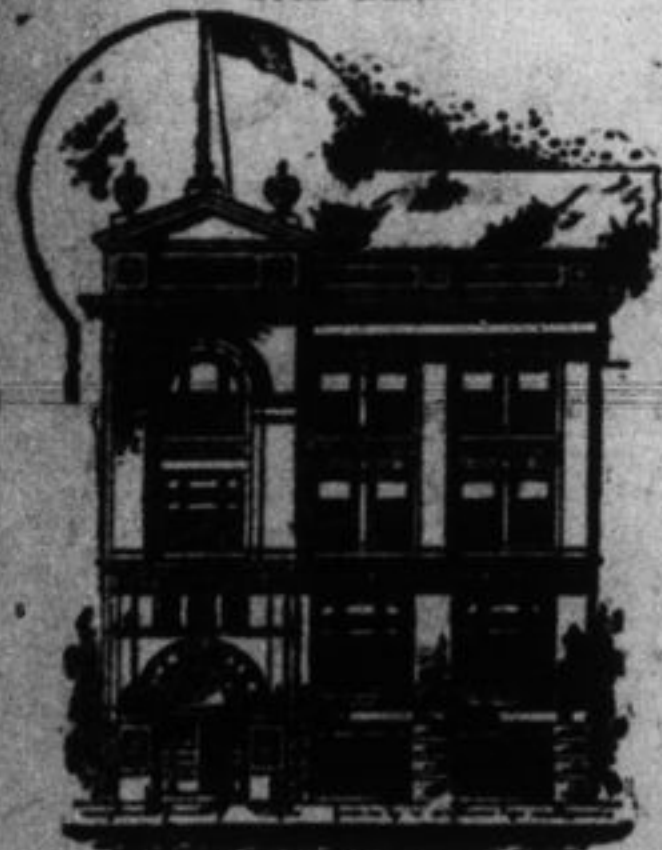


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The safety razor manufacturers are not making any klick because barbers have raised prices.

Herbert Hoover has issued an appeal for constructive common sense. We are afraid that he made his appeal in the wrong country.

"Food prices are beginning to drop," says a newspaper headline. Onions are the first to come down in price. It is too bad that we can't use onions as freely as we did potatoes.

Mexico is having another revolution. The changes of government in that country are even more confusing than the changes in Europe. We'd hate to be the president of Mexico, even for a day.

Tenants in New York and Chicago who refused to leave their houses on May 1st and who won't pay higher rents are being upheld by the courts. Which shows that even a judge has a heart sometimes.

Germany looks upon the granting of the Spa conference as another diplomatic victory. It looks as if Germany's diplomatic victories are going to gain more for that country than the military victories gained for the Allies.

Silk has dropped fifty cents to two dollars a yard in price. Unfortunately we poor men folk can't attire ourselves in silk as the ladies can. We will feel like cheering when other more substantial goods begin to come down.

The Halifax Herald says that Canada is the only democratic country left in North America. Apparently our contemporary has recognized how little the people of the country to the south have to say in governing themselves.

Newsprint is due for another jump in price, according to the makers. The day is past when a newspaper can sell at the pre-war price and come out on the right side of the balance sheet. Even at five cents a copy, the newspaper would be the biggest nickel's worth anyone could wish for.

The United States is once again having trouble with Mexico. It is not surprising, then, that some of the Republican senators want to pass a resolution declaring peace with Germany. A war with Mexico would be a tremendous strain on her resources, judging from past experiences.

A STUDENTS' STRIKE IN THE EAST.

A students' strike, brought on by the refusal of the Pekin government to reply to a demand that there be no negotiations with Japan over Shantung, is the latest thing in the line of Chinese popular protest. Fourteen provinces are said to be participating in the strike, with thirty thousand student strikers out in the city of Shanghai alone.

Even allowing for a probable discrepancy between estimate and fact, an allowance which must always be made in respect to things Oriental, a students' strike is something to give the Pekin government great concern. In China the schools are centres of political activity; in them the spirit of new China lives and thrives; the student is universally recognized as the hope of the land.

For months popular resistance to Japan's overtures for direct negotiations over Shantung has grown. The military party, dominant at Pekin, has been willing enough to treat with Japan, but public sentiment against

such negotiations has been too strong. The view of the patriotic Chinese who are making things uncomfortable for both Pekin and Tokio is that there shall be no negotiations between Japan and China over Shantung, because there is nothing to negotiate. Evidently the Chinese people have no faith or confidence in the Pekin government. It is believed to be pro-Japanese, and with some reason. At any rate, it is not trusted by the people, who fear their country would be sold out in any negotiations with the Japanese.

FAKE TOBACCO CURES. The Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal, in a recent editorial, attacks the anti-tobacco propaganda and the campaigns being carried on in the interests of fake cures. It also makes reference to newspapers publishing the advertisements of these fake cures in very scathing terms. Although the Tobacco Journal may feel justified in criticising these papers it should be remembered that a newspaper is an advertising medium which may be used by anyone who is willing to pay for space, provided that the advertising is of a respectable and business-like nature. A newspaper may advertise edible commodities which will eventually give their users a bad attack of indigestion. Is that any reason why the same paper should not be at liberty to advertise a medicine which relieves indigestion? Of course the medicine may not be all that is claimed for it, but how is the paper to know that?

On the other thing there is such a thing as a standard of advertising which most newspapers conform to. This standard is adhered to faithfully by all self-respecting papers. At the point is, each newspaper may to a certain extent interpret this standard itself. As a matter of fact this paper does not accept any advertising from supposed cures for the tobacco, drink habit, or other drug-forming habits. There are very few of them, if any, worthy of attention. Most of them are a menace to the good health of anyone simple enough to buy them. Impressionable women with over-zealous aims for the abolition of everything which makes life a little more enjoyable for their husbands contrive to persuade themselves that they are doing themselves and their husbands a service by using the "put-it-in-his-coffee" kind of slow poison. Meanwhile the men who are the victims of this foolishness are taking tonics for their nerves, all unconscious that the cause of their ailments is supposed to be curing them.

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.

For the past few years the people of Canada have been living in an artificial state of prosperity. The tremendous demand for war commodities and munitions, with a large percentage of our man power on service overseas, placed a premium on labor. Salaries soared to unheard-of figures. The war ended, it was discovered that there was no supply of the essentials of normal, peacetime living to meet the demand. The premium on labor became greater; wages went even higher, and a wave of prosperity swept over the country. Profits reached exorbitant figures without any equivalent effort on the part of the capitalists. Everyone had money to burn, and it has been burnt in no uncertain fashion. Money has been plentiful, and it has been spent liberally in the pursuit of pleasure, fashion and excitement. In spite of appeals for economy, spending has been lavish. But this cannot go on forever. Incomes have not grown because of added effort and greater production. They have simply swollen because of unnatural conditions, and some day the bubble is going to burst. To-day there is an unprecedented demand for brains and brains in this country. The market for these things is at its highest point. But we are in a period of transition. This is true of to-day—but what of to-morrow? What about five years from now? Beginning in five years, Germany is pledged to inaugurate yearly payments to the Allies amounting to more than a billion dollars a year. These payments will continue for at least thirty years, possibly for many more. This indemnity can be paid in only one way. Germany will have to work, will have to manufacture goods which must be sold in other countries. The efforts of Germany will be concentrated on exportable goods, and her workers will come into strenuous competition with those of other countries, including Canada. The result will be an influx of German goods into this country. Our people may resolve not to buy German goods, but when the German goods are cheaper, resolves will be forgotten. Our manufacturers will have to cut the cost of production in order to meet German competition. Meanwhile, Great Britain, France, Belgium and other European countries will feel the need of exporting every dollar's worth of goods they can produce in an effort to pay their war debts and to place themselves in a more secure position in regard to exchange. All this is going to mean keener competition and a necessary cut in the cost of producing Canadian goods. The resultant situation is going to

mean reduction of wages and salaries. The price of labor is the greatest factor in the cost of production, and if production costs are to be cut, wages must be cut to correspond. The pay envelope is fat to-day. It will be thinner to-morrow. The people of this country are prosperous to-day and are spending lavishly. What of to-morrow, when money is not so plentiful? Every sane man and woman to-day will devote his or her energies to preparing for the future. Economy is essential, not because of our national need, but because of the individual need of our people in the future. The man who prepares conditions and saves now is the man who will be on easy street when the change comes. This is not a pessimist's argument, but simply a plain statement of what the future assuredly holds. The wise man is he who prepares for the future.

PUBLIC OPINION

Not Excessive. (Buffalo Courier) New Jersey reports the sale of a cow for \$7,800. Leather prices would indicate that cows should bring at least this much.

Unequal Competition. (Boston Herald) Uneven competitors for sugar—the candy factories buying by the hundred tons and the cupboard pleading for the grocer's dol.

Mis-Named. (New York Evening Sun) South Africa's assembly has voted for the extension of the franchise to women. How can anybody call Africa the "dark continent" after that?

A Quiet Tip. (Brookville Recorder) To the subscriber who wants to know what to do with cats that continually destroy his garden, we can only remind him that cat skins are worth in the neighborhood of \$1.50 each.

Rather One-Sided. (Brantford Expositor) Canadian newspapers continue to suspend while newspaper manufactured from the crown pulp lands is shipped at huge prices across the border, where the pulp lands are practically exhausted. And all to enable a few corporations to make huge profits, while the Dominion, which owns the lands, receives a feeble.

Wouldn't Pay. (Buffalo Courier) An Ottawa dispatch says the Dominion authorities feel that Canada and the United States should work out some friendly policy for the exchange of raw materials, whereby Canada would get coal, etc., and the United States pulpwood, timber, nickel, etc. Neither side could gain anything in the long run by a policy of retaliation.

Silly Twaddle. (Brantford Expositor) The Buffalo News in big headlines says "direct diplomatic relations between U. S. and the Dominion relied upon to stop British campaign against American newspaper industry." Any comment more idiotic than this would be hard to find in an intelligent newspaper. The British government has absolutely nothing to do with Canadian regulation requiring that pulp wood cut from crown lands be manufactured into paper in Canada.

Canada-East and West

Domestic Happenings of Other Days.

The Jesuit "Mayflower." It was on the twelfth of March, 1613, that the Jesuit "Mayflower," the little ship "Jonas" sailed from Honfleur for the new world. She carried a crew and passenger list of 48 sailors and colonists including two Jesuits, the Fathers Quentin and Du Thet. She carried horses, too, and goats and was abundantly stored with all things needful for the pious munificence of her patrons. The voyage was the result of the unfortunate outcome of troubles that had arisen in the new colony. Brother Du Thet had made a previous trip to the colony on the Atlantic seaboard and when he returned to France he told a graphic and stirring tale of the religious conditions across the ocean. Madame de Guereville and her Jesuits were strong in favor at the court and they possessed the favor of many wealthy members of the church so it was an easy matter to arrange the finances for a voyage of missionary endeavor. So contributions were asked for the religious campaign that was planned and the money poured in. It was therefore

Rippling Rhymes

SHOES. I priced a pair of shoes to-day; I asked the price, and went away. The dealer begged, in frenzied tones, that I would hand him twenty bones, and clothe my hoofs in shining kid, as other gorgeous spendthrifts did. "Nay, nay," I said; "again, nay, nay! I'd fall for no such graft to-day. I will not pamper my old feet, and make them think they're cute and sweet. I reared them in a frugal galore, and I won't let them get too gay. If they wore shoes at such a price they'd soon be feeling too blamed nice, and they would look with high disdain on feet attired in leather plaid." Then I went home and climbed the stair that leads up to the attic bare, where all the household junk's been strowed, for years whose number is not known. And there I found old shoes galore; a dozen pairs were on the floor, all lying in a straggling heap, throwed there in times when shoes were cheap. I had the cobbler fix the soles and sew a few unsightly holes, and now I've shoes enough, I wot, to last me till at last I'm shot. You see the moral very well: One way to beat the H. C. L.

WALT MASON.

a well equipped expedition that sailed from Honfleur with the priests. A courtier named La Sausaye was chief of the colony; Capt. Fleury commanded the ship. On the 16th of May the vessel touched at La Heve where mass was celebrated, a cross uplifted and a memorial erected bearing the shield of Madame de Guereville. Then the ship passed on to Port Royal where a couple of priests who had remained in the colony were found in much privation. Then the ship sailed on up the Penobscot but grave dangers were encountered through fog and reefs. Finally the anchorage they sought was discovered but not before mutiny had broken out in the little missionary ship. But after that trouble had been righted the company went ashore, said mass and raised the cross in the new land. Everything looked prosperous for the hardy adventurers until a little ship was sighted far out to sea. (Continued Tomorrow.)

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND THEIR ORIGIN

HELL IS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS. Samuel Johnson, who, although a great writer, was of the "rough and ready" type of Englishman, (1709-1784) coined this highly expressive phrase as given above, but in so doing he merely altered slightly a saying that was first used by St. Bernard, (French 1019-1153). St. Bernard, who was the leading theological authority of his time, said: "Hell is full of good intentions and wills."

While St. Bernard lived, no one seems to have had the temerity to question the truth of his statement, but a little later he had the rather unusual spectacle of another saint advising his flock to pay no attention to this doctrine. Many Christians appear to have been worried about it, and St. Francis de Sales (French 1567-1622) whose position was fully as high as that of St. Bernard, advises them in one of his letters, as follows: "Do not be troubled by St. Bernard's saying that hell is full of good intentions and wills." The obvious inference is that St. Francis considered it proper for men to have good intentions, even though they were not always able to act accordingly.

Seven Sentence Sermon. Ah! if men but knew in what a small dwelling joy can live, and how little it costs to furnish it.—Souvestre.

Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.—Confucius. All experience goes to show No mud can soil us but the mud we throw.—Lowell.

There is a day coming in which God will bring to light every little hidden service of His children, and will let assembled worlds see the delight He has had in that which has met no eye, but which has gladdened the heart of our Father in heaven.—J. Hudson Taylor.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.—St. Paul.

For each true deed is worship: it is prayer. And carries its own answer unware.—Edwin Markham.

No great nation can ever survive its own temptations and its own follies that does not indoctrinate its children in the Word of God: for the righteousness of nations, like the righteousness of men, must take its sources from these foundations of inspiration.—Woodrow Wilson.

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