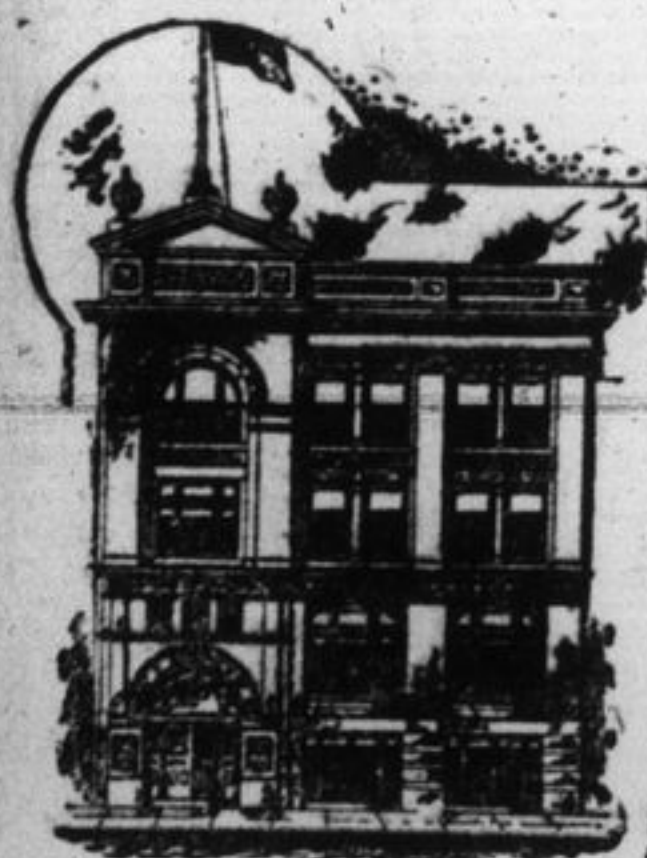


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Whatever crops may fail this year, the tax crop will not be one of them

More oil is one of the world's needs. The greatest need, however, is elbow grease

It is proposed to establish two senates in Ireland. If it would help any, Canada will gladly contribute hers as a starter

The prices of many lines of goods are falling in the United States. Is supply at last catching up with demand?

The farm help problem may be serious, but it does not affect the farmer who has several pretty daughters

The Bolshevik slogan in Russia is "Anything for victuals." Lucky dogs! If they lived over here it would be "Everything for victuals."

The president of France was found with pajamas on, but bareheaded and barefooted. There is nothing to show that he had had a night-cap!

If the sugar shortage and the new sales tax make it impossible to live on the canned stuff all next winter, the public will be a lot healthier

Toronto woman was fined \$5 for prodding a man with a hay fork. In these rural communities the "female of the species is more deadly than the male."

The sultan of Turkey threatens to resign his throne as a protest against the severity of the peace treaty. Well, let him; all the world will be resigned with him

Though the Globe preaches against the evils of the racetrack, the people of Toronto patronize the races in ever increasing numbers. Over 30,000 of them attended the King's Plate races on Saturday

Republicans in America treat their presidents about as roughly as Europe treats its kings. The assassination of Carranza in Mexico is merely the last of a number of such crimes that have been committed in that country and in the United States

During the war France lost 1,400,000 men, and in addition 800,000 maimed and 300,000 wounded. Little wonder she feels anxious over the German menace and disappointed at the failure of the United States to join the League of Nations

No one welcomes additional taxation, but when the future of the country demands a greatly increased revenue we as well pay and smile. If we must blame somebody for the new burden let us place the blame where it belongs—on the Hun

American farmers and settlers are flocking into the Canadian west in large numbers. So far this year it is reported that 45,000 of them have crossed the border, bringing with them at least \$50,000,000. This is the kind of immigration that Canadians are glad to see

The bringing of Viennese children to Britain, says the Toronto World, will be of immense benefit to those who give as well as to those who receive hospitality. When he was asked who should be greatest in the Kingdom, he took a little child and set him in the midst. According to our attitude to the children of our late enemies we may justly be judged as to our worthiness to sit in the high places of earthly dominion

LIVING UP TO WISTER.

Spring house-cleaning seems to have been the order of the day at Jackson, Wyoming

A new despatch a few days ago reported that the spring elections in Jackson resulted in a two-to-one victory for the all-woman ticket over the opposing all-man ticket

Jackson's population is estimated at 300. It is seventy-five miles from the railroad. The despatches are indefinite as to the issue, but the figures would seem to indicate that the voting was not restricted to sex lines, or there would have been no two-to-one vote for women

The census shows a small percentage of feminine population in the state—only six women to every ten men. Yet Mrs. Henry Crabtree defeated her husband

Jackson was the town which Owen Wister immortalized in "The Virginian." Readers will recall that it was a wild, rough, frontier town, with gambling halls, bad men, gamblers, cow men and bar rooms

Wister's hero, Steve ("The Virginian"), will be recalled as a type representing the finest ideals of the chivalry that grows where good women are scarce

Perhaps the most plausible explanation of Jackson's election is that the present citizens are trying to live up to the ideal which Owen Wister set. Every man wants to impersonate the admirable Steve. The negative votes were cast by the women who did not get on the feminine ticket

THE WHIRLIGIG OF TIME. Time works wondrous changes, declares the Toronto Telegram in referring to the canonization of Joan of Arc. A popular novelist summed up this truth very aptly when she exclaimed: "Oh, instability of human compassion. To-day at the tumultuous flood, we weep for Caesar slain; to-morrow in the ebb, we vote a monument to Brutus." On May 30th, 1430, Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in France as a sorceress and a heretic. She hypnotized the French army and performed a great service for her country by driving back the English forces, which were then invading France. She won a crown for the Dauphin Charles, and tried to secure Burgundy to add to his kingdom. But it was a case of the pitcher going one too often to the well. She was captured by the Burgundians and sold to the English. After a mockery of a trial engineered by Pierre Cochon, bishop of Beauvais, she was condemned and burned to death "in Rouen's cruel market place"

On April 18th, 1909, Joan of Arc was canonized at Rome in the presence of 40,000 pilgrims from France

In 1920 she is canonized. Joan of Arc's martyrdom is an eternal disgrace to the English people. It is an equally lasting disgrace to the French, who delivered her up to the enemies of her country as a reward for singularly pure and patriotic services. Well may the gallant French revere Joan as a saint

CHEAPER LIVING. At last the hope for change in the cost of living that every family has earnestly looked for is gradually coming and two things are mainly responsible for it. These two things are wheat and wool, although few people are aware of their influence. Just as these things are involved in the smash that is taking place will the effect be felt in the cost of living, and it can be predicted with a fair degree of accuracy to what extent the cost of living will decline and how rapidly it will take place. For the present it is possible to see a great reduction in all articles of clothing and woolen fabrics, but the downward trend in the cost of food stuffs will be much slower and for a time will be hardly perceptible. Taking wool as a basis, we find the Commercial Bulletin saying: "Prices are difficult to quote because of lack of business and uncertainty. Prices have already declined from ten to twenty per cent. on fine wools offered at auction, while buying in the west is practically at a standstill. The reports from the goods markets are anything but encouraging, with cancellations more or less general. The worsted mills have not felt these cancellations so much as the woolen plants." In cotton a violent fall of quotations carried the May option down nearly \$200 a bale, while other contracts were severely depressed. Despatches from New York state: "The evidence that liquidation was reaching out in widening circles from textile and allied lines was vividly presented in these markets, and news of the day denoted that corresponding processes were becoming increasingly active in other countries. In England for instance the cables told of declines of articles which figure most prominently in the cost of living and the break in cotton quotations seemed to find much of its insistence from an early decline at Liverpool, the market there being effected by falling prices for the Egyptian staple on the Alexandria market. Clearly the world is moving toward a new basis for doing business."

At Chicago grain fell rapidly, corn futures receding heavily and provisions were unsettled. Wild selling overwhelmed the grain markets on

Saturday and broke the back of prices. The report says "Fever to unload holdings appeared to be largely due to widespread belief that the end of the railroad traffic jam was in sight, and that distributing centres might soon be staggering under inordinate supplies."

With regard to articles of food there is no likelihood of any scarcity, but in view of the strong demand for foods in Europe, especially wheat, the prices are not likely to drop appreciably for some little time yet. Outside of food stuffs there is a downward trend in prices that is affecting all lines, but particularly cotton and woolen goods. This is due in no small measure to the public demand for deflation and a practical attempt to bring it about by withholding the purchasing power. There is no doubt about the spread of the idea that it was better to go without an article than pay war prices and the knowledge that such an idea carried out would inevitably result in deflation, precipitated the movement

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