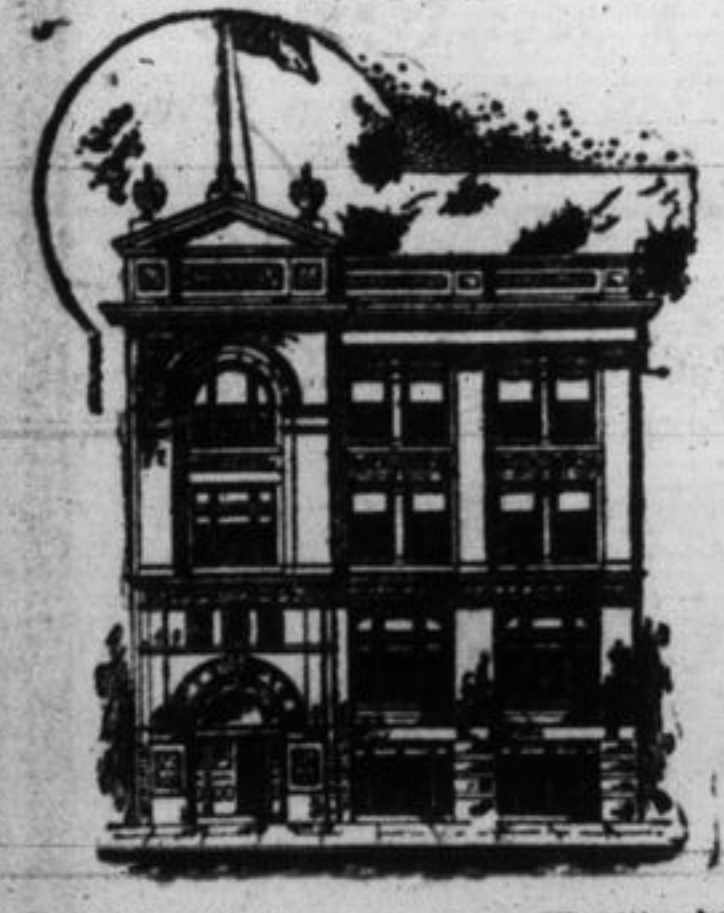


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If Turkey isn't done to a sizzling brown it won't be for lack of Greece.

An elastic currency is the kind that will stretch from one pay-day to another.

If there is any harmony in your system, Paderewski, now is the time to let it out.

This is the logical time for two Ohio publishers to raise their advertising rates.

And once in a while you will find a reformer who is as faultless as he pretends to be.

Any Kingston girl knows that one can accomplish more with a dimple than with a ballot.

Physicians have discovered that the tight collar causes unhappiness. So does the tightwad.

At any rate Poland can't say that Russia jumped on her when she wasn't looking for it.

A great man in a bathing suit seems no more awe-inspiring than something the cat brought in.

If Germany should let the Reds in, she will soon be asking her enemies to save her from her friends.

The father who is afraid his boy won't turn out well, forgets how worthless he was at that age.

The appearance of your front yard is reputation. Character determines the appearance of your back alley.

If the sugar trust should charge a dollar a pound, the government might get desperate and actually scold.

A printer is level-headed sort of chap. Let us hope the next president of the United States will remain true to type.

The Made-in-Germany mark will hardly regain its popularity until the world forgets who invented Bolshevism.

The old town has faults enough, but praise be to Kingston girls have complexions that don't come off when they wash.

Better not get into the habit of calling that other one the Great War until we see what becomes of this affair in Poland.

And to think that in the old days a woman could take ninety-eight cents and spend a delightful afternoon shopping.

If there is anything in this law of supply and demand, the price of sugar should be affected by the large number of Americans who now go to Cuba to raise Cain.

There will be everlasting peace when all countries have a law requiring statesmen to lead the armies in person and march three paces in front of the advance guard.

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE. A correspondent wants to know what is meant by "the year of jubilee." He says he recently read where somebody said the people of this country were acting as if they thought this was "the year of jubilee, but it isn't," and he doesn't understand what was meant.

We recommend the reading of the Bible to our correspondent. It contains a great deal of information, as well as inspiration, and its reading

would save the writing of such letters to the editor. Therein it would find that the year of jubilee was an ancient Hebrew institution, and like all other ancient institutions was founded upon wisdom at the time.

Every fiftieth year all of the land was reapportioned among the people, or to the original owners. All debts were remitted, all persons who had been enslaved because of debt, and they were many, were set free. It was devised to prevent the land from being monopolized by a few families into whose hands it was likely to be found at the end of fifty years.

Then, there was no sowing and reaping during jubilee year. Not even were the grapes gathered from the vines. The lands and orchards were permitted to rest, as it was termed, the theory being that the owners could manage to get along after a fashion for a year while the land was recuperating. Naturally, the year of jubilee was a tremendous event in the lives of the Hebrews, but as society is now organized, and as it now lives from hand to mouth, a year of idleness would be the undoing of the world.

PSYCHOLOGY AND PRICES.

The recent slump in the prices of wheat in the pit at Chicago is regarded by some business men and economists as an index of a condition which will become quite general within the next few months. Already wool, hides, cotton, silk and other raw materials have shown a decided tendency towards reduction in price and other commodities are wavering in the face of depressing factors.

The continued pressure by the Federal Reserve Board upon the member banks in the United States to reduce loans granted for the furtherance of non-essential enterprises as well as the enhancement of the interest rate on rediscounts have resulted in a general caution on the part of business men and widespread refusals to grant loans to certain commercial enterprises.

The effect of reductions in prices of raw materials is not always immediately felt, but when the impression becomes common that prices are on the downward grade the psychological impulses towards a continuance of the slumping movement become powerful. Merchants will no longer hold supplies of goods on their shelves when banks refuse further loans to carry their high inventories and future purchases and when raw materials are being reduced in price.

Before the crash comes these men endeavor to sell out at lower prices in order that they may at least realize something on the goods which were bought at high prices.

Such a movement impelled by psychological causes was seen recently in the many bargain sales of goods in different centres and it is altogether probable that a combination of factors will have a strong influence in the further reduction of prices, both wholesale and retail.

The days before us are dangerous because widespread prosperity in times of rapidly falling prices is practically impossible. Visions of bread lines and unemployment, of violence and bloodshed are not pipe dreams to those men who regard with alarm the present tendencies in the commodity markets.

THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY

"The English-speaking nations of the world are the guardians of the world's peace, they have always been in the van of the world's progress, and nothing we who represent Labor will do will ever effect the desire or the efforts of men who lead all parties. We desire to make the prosperity of the Empire as great as we can make it, and to restrain those forces which would make for disintegration and revolution."

Such was the statement of T. E. Naylor, chairman of the London Labor Party at the civic luncheon to the Empire Press Delegates at St. John. Mr. Naylor is representative in the conference of the printing trades, and he was discussing the status of the overseas dominions, which he declared would suffer no change with the increasing power of the Labor Party in England.

We can well believe the statement of this speaker, for the Labor Party in the British Parliament won the confidence of all of the people during the world crisis. It won that confidence, in the army, in the navy, in shipyards, factories and in mines, no less than in the House of Commons, because the British are British first wherever they are. It is this characteristic that carried the Anglo-Saxon race to the foremost place in the world, a place that has been achieved by industry, fidelity to the highest principles of honor and fair dealing no less than by the heroism that so enriches the pages of history.

The British Labor Party has had men who ranked with the foremost men of other parties, and they may be called upon to assume greater responsibilities in the future. It is when we think of this that we are assured by the gradual process of evolution that has always marked the progress of British political institutions and government, that the men to whom the destiny of the Empire is entrusted will be fitted for the task. No man can attain to the position of leadership of any party without a period of apprenticeship that tests his right to be there, but having attained it, he is more worthy of a

MUSINGS OF THE KHAN

A Fast But Faltering Age. Many people in the land have been shocked and saddened, and more than that, have been vastly amused by a recent occurrence in Chicago. Of course it was staged in Chicago. Where else could it happen? Nevertheless, it should be borne in mind that many things were first staged and rehearsed in Chicago that are now perfectly at home and quite familiar in every cock-robin little town in the country.

A vast gathering, shepherded from every hole and corner of the country that won the war largely with its fluent face, convened in a great hall to bring out a new party, and the proceedings were opened with prayer. It was an extensive prayer. This continent had provided many famous warriors and statesmen, poets and doctors, and of recent years quite a few horny-handed sons of toil who bore most of the work; but no other part of the universe can approach us for thrilling, dramatic and eloquent prayers. The prayer of this particular prayer at Chicago was punctuated with "applause," "renewed applause," "cheers," and loud and continued cheering.

The reading of the description of this fearful United States scene filled many good people with humiliation and shame, and distressed thousands of reverent folk, who wondered what the world was coming to.

The chances are that two-thirds of the delegates at that convention never heard a prayer before. They had never been in a church, and they had never heard a thing. They had a nebulous idea that the prayer was laying down the law to some Divine Trotsky who had failed to make good. He was addressing himself to some Celestial Boss who was too thick with Big Interests, and it tickled the crowd all to pieces. They weren't high church, and didn't know how to chant Amen, but they did the best thing they could; they gave him three cheers and a tiger.

Reverent and pious people need not be distressed about all this. That event in Chicago was quite spontaneous and human. They knew so little about religion and were so ignorant of ritual they thought the harangue was the best electioneering stuff they had heard for years.

When the first white men landed on this continent the first thing they did was to fall upon their knees and pray, and although these were the so-called "Dark Ages," they knew how to pray and whom they were praying to. Then they all chanted the Te Deum Laudamus. To-day there are seventy millions of people on this continent who never heard the Te Deum. They don't know whether it is a temperance drink, a scenario, a disease, or a race horse. There must be sixty millions of people in this part of the earth who thank God daily that they are not as other men, and don't have to carry a prayer book to church.

It is to be hoped that the custom of applauding prayers will not spread. Fancy the effect it would have upon the Litany! "From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence and famine, from battle and murder, and from sudden death—Good Lord deliver us!" (Tremendous cheering.) "We sinners do beseech thee to free Ireland"—(frantic cheering and singing "There's Nothing Too Good for the Irish" and "Down Went McGinty.")

"That it may please Thee to make Quebec bone dry"—terrific cheering, with the congregation singing "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes.") "Some of our divines are always asking for a 'hearty' service. Cheer up, brother, she's a-coming this way!"

THE KHAN. The Wigwam, Rushton Farm, Rockton, Ont.

FIRST VERDIOT DUE SEPT. 13TH

"Solemn Referendum" on Wilson Covenant to Get Early Decision.

Bangor, Me., Aug. 4.—Once more rugged Maine is the outpost of presidential conflict. The only member of the Union family to hold an election in advance of the November contest, it will choose its state officers and four representatives in congress on September 13th.

Before other states have nominated Maine will have elected. Already candidates are on the stump from Kittery to Fort Kent. The two national committees, conscious of the supposed effect on outside minds of victory or defeat here, will send their heaviest artillery to Maine for the last three weeks of the campaign.

There are no state issues to speak of. It is agreed by all hands that the battle will be fought on national lines, with the league of nations as the main object of assault and defense. It will be the Wilson league against a league with America projected, the league of the national Democratic platform against the league of the national Republican platform. The president's "solemn referendum" appears to be welcomed by both sides.

Favor Grey-haired Drivers. Grey-haired men as drivers are preferred by a big American motor transport firm, while another firm chooses married men, since these two classes are supposed to possess more judgment and sense of responsibility than the young and unmarried.

Wholesale Price of Beef Down. Chicago, Aug. 4.—The wholesale price of beef declined throughout the east an average of ten to fifteen per cent. between June 23rd and July 24th, the American Institute of Meat Packers announces.

Rippling Rhymes

THE CHANGEFUL SEA.

One day the sea's a brilliant blue, and gayly it goes skidding; the next it has a sombre hue, it's motion slow, forbidding. One day I camp upon the shore and watch it as it goes, and there's such paths in its roar I feel like crooning dirges. Next day it's message is so glad it asks no mortal's pity, and I produce a pen and pad, and spring a buoy and foam they're boiling; the next they have a dismal whine, as though they needed gilling. One day they're green, and everywhere the note of mirth's prevailing; the next they're darker than despair, and every wave is wailing. Old Neptune has a wondrous lyre, that touches all emotions, and on it, like a house fire, among all smokes, now sweeter than the lullabies of mothers, in the gloaming; and now the notes like thunder rise, along the octaves roaring. Old Neptune, in his solitudes, his mighty harp is thrashing; he has a song for all our moods, a note for every passion.

—WALT MASON.

PUBLIC OPINION

No Chance to Remember. (Bay City Times Tribune) Wheat may drop in price, but by the time it gets into bread and is spread with butter, the eater forgets about it.

A Short, Complete Sermon. (Guelph Herald) The late W. K. Vanderbilt "left" an estate of \$100,000,000. There's a whole sermon in the fact that he couldn't take his wealth with him.

Costly Wives. (Buffalo News) Woman Marries Three Men—Headline. That's just about the number it does take to support one, anyway.

Caused for Wonder. (Guelph Herald) The wonder is that the impulses towards generosity are so rarely obeyed that a public bequest elicits comment.

In Need of Education. (Columbia (S. C.) Record) De Valera says he is going to spend \$15,000,000 educating America about Ireland. The fact that he collected that much over here proves that we need educating.

Only Patience Needed. (Exchange) A society in England would have people discard clothing and return to nature. All there is needed to accomplish that result with present prices, is a little patience.

The World Needs Him. (New York Evening Sun) Americans will trust that the disposition of the British premier will not prove serious, and that he may continue actively in office. At the present critical juncture Great Britain and the world can ill afford to lose the benefit of his experience and his statesmanlike leadership.

Value Lost Sight Of. (Stratford Beacon) The man who buys a cigar or goes to a "movie" pays the equivalent of a goodly number of newspapers, yet because the newspaper has always been cheap, its proportional value has been lost sight of in many cases.

MID-SUMMER.

Helen Minton Seymour. When the grainfield lies like a lake of glass, When the strawberries dry in the longest grass, When black-eyed Susans are all ablaze, When host of the firewood flush the clearing, The height of summer, the fierce blue days, When the night breathes deep, like a worn-out sleeper, When shadows of great white clouds fall deeper, A sharper fall for the glaring sun, When out of the hush a bird sings rarely, When winds blow fitfully, brooks run sparsely, You may know that the youth of the year is done.

A Hero. "Who was the bravest man you ever saw in color?" "Phil Miggs, they called him." "And what was his most courageous action?" "He married a widow whose first three husbands had each committed suicide."

"Shoehing an anchor" means covering its flukes or points with wood to make them grip better in soft ground.

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