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To Business: As you were!

Uneasy lies the Greek that wears a crown.

The knell of radicalism is rung by the dinner bell.

And just a few years ago people thought Jesse James a bad guy.

If a man talks of duty instead of rewards everybody says he is a crank.

The honeymoon is over when she asks if he loves her and he answers "Sure, Mike."

Work will never be popular among simpletons until the word is changed to something ending in "ism."

Good breeding makes one polite to a woman; prudence makes him even more polite to a bull dog.

Some men who think they are inspired by a great moral principle are merely actuated by stubbornness.

The stunken cheeks and hollow eyes of Europe's starving children are the last chapter in the story of glorious war.

The science of medicine made great strides during the war. It even discovered that the germ of war is diplomacy.

Bootleg booze will never be satisfactory until some surgeon invents a way to put in a new inner tube after each blowout.

This new style of walking, with one foot directly in front of the other, didn't become popular until prohibition made it safe.

The girls once burned the edges of pictures and called it art, but they don't call it art when Dad's cigar burns the table edge.

It's a sad world. By the time a man gets smart enough to teach men something, he uses such big words that they can't understand him.

Babe Ruth, the famous home-run walloper, now carries a gun. Why doesn't he depend upon his ability to get home safe? asks the Brockville Recorder.

of degrees which are the 360th part of a circle. But Dr. Michelson had a happy thought. Instead of trying to measure the visible image of the star, even in a telescope, he devised a method of spreading the image out to a known degree of enlargement on a mirror, and then measuring it. The actual process is not as simple as it sounds, but that is what it really is. Having found this angular measurement, it was easy to get the surface measurement by mathematical formulae long ago established and used in connection with the previously ascertained distance of the star from the earth.

THE COPPER COIN. Men wise in the art of keeping money will always tell you—like the treasurer of King George III.—to "take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves." Care for the copper coins, the little units of life, is a precious maxim for the unthrifty, but as men grow in wisdom and affairs they do well to remember that, just as large payments are not to be made readily in copper coin, so obligations of wide interest and heavy importance should be met and discharged with the nobler metals of human nature.

Too many men incline to hold their copper coin of a darling interest or personal ideal so close to their eyes as to shut out all the world beside. Many of these men, of many different minds and prepossessions, live in the same country, perhaps in the same town. How can they hope to avoid misunderstanding, surly mutual obstructionism, barren delay and mischief bred in mutual distrust if each one will not be persuaded to hold his own penny of preferential policy further from his own eyes?

His shortened sight is blocked by the copper coin. His conception of the single reform which must precede all others cannot be shared by everyone. Why not hold his penny farther from his own eyes? There are so very few foundation principles not covered by the Ten Commandments plus the new commandment, "that ye love one another." And it is necessary for everybody to recognize this and determine for himself to look around the small circumference of his own penny and see what else is in the world that should not be done.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT. Coming at the close of a year fallowed by Sir John Aird "one of surprises," the addresses of the president and the general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce are interesting. Sir John Aird dealt very largely with the figures of his bank's statement, from which we may gather that the year has been one of marking time rather than of any notable advance. The shareholders are to be congratulated on receiving a bonus of one per cent. in addition to their usual dividend, a slight recognition of the high cost of living that must have proved acceptable.

Sir John Aird foresees the possibility of a slight easing in the demand for money as one result of the present liquidation. There is also a gratifying evidence of a reduction of floating debt by the governments of Canada and Great Britain. A reduction of almost \$42,000,000 in securities held is due "to the payment of war obligations by these governments."

He also points out the injury to business latent in the proposal that the farmer should hold his grain for higher prices. The effect is an adverse one all along the line—farmer, retailer, wholesaler, and manufacturer—with the farmer taking the risk. It is a question how far the slowing up of business of late may have been due to this cause. Speculation on the New York stock market also comes in for condemnation as one of the reasons for the high premium on New York exchange. After pointing out the difficulties in the way of extension of foreign trade by reason of adverse exchanges and unstable financial conditions, Sir John quotes an English authority: "Only a country in which prices are comparatively low can have an export balance in its favor."

Perhaps this throws some light on the conditions referred to by the president, Sir Edmund Walker. He finds that Canada's favorable balance of trade is vanishing at a rapid pace, exports declining and imports increasing alarmingly. Sir Edmund's address is not, however, of a pessimistic tone throughout. He points out that our field crops and mineral products both exceed the figures of 1919, in spite of the fall in price of most agricultural products. He gives some interesting information as to the work of the Soldiers' Settlement Board and approves of their efforts to carry out a plan of land settlement.

Taxation also comes in for a goodly share of his attention. He asserts that taxation that takes too large a share of the national income is a drag on the wheels of prosperity. This is surely an important enough matter for the attention of those who frame our state budgets. Sir Edmund's own preference is for a turnover tax on sales. He sees many objections to the excess profits tax, one of which is its unreliability now that so many profits are being turned into losses as the scale of prices goes downwards.

Both the president and the general manager of the Bank of Commerce

look forward with a spirit of hopefulness to the time when a stable basis of values shall again have been reached, as the foundation for the future prosperity of this country and of the whole world.

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Strange! "It worries me to see," said Spark. "A paradox like this is: Though Cupid always hits his mark, He's always making Mrs."

Duck! "Who was it that coined the expression 'Money Talks'?" asked the Old Fogey. "Some poor devil who married an heiress, I guess," replied the Grouch.

No Joke. When at your lot you cuss and roar, You have your nerve; The truth is that you get much more Than you deserve.

Help! "I do hope that you keep your cows in a pasture," said Mrs. Newlywed, as she paid the Milkman. "Yes, sir," replied the Milkman. "Of course we keep them in a pasture."

Go-By! A fellow climbed in a canoe For a ride when he had quite a store. Now the place where he's laid Has plenty of shade, And the sky is a beautiful blue.

Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is a barnacle? Paw—A barnacle is a hobo who sleeps in barns, my son. Now do your right work and don't bother me. I'm busy.

Wad! He got four punctures in one day, Then he got mad, did Hector; And to the tire he heard him say: "You are a tack collector!"

What's the Fare to New Philadelphia? (New Philadelphia (Ohio) Times) Fresh cut bone for children. Cox Meat Market. Phone 393.

Goah! But that isn't the worst of it. You can also find the Best Meat Market in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Famous Salads. Sun. Shoe. Monkey. Moon. —R. J. S.

Ho, Hum! Isn't it strange how a thing can turn out so sweet and wind up so sour? For instance, we found this advertisement in the Louisville Post:

WE BUY AND SELL WHISKY and all other kinds of bottles. Ninth and Jefferson.

Fast. "Although for praise we'd like to fall," Said Slettery. "Live women and dead men get all the flattery." —Luke McLuke.

Although we're fond of roses red," Said Powers. "Only cute women and the dead Get flowers." —Detroit Free Press.

Merey! Do not associate Christian Girl with the Y. W. C. A. or the W. C. T. U. Christian Girl is a regular he man, and is President of the Standard Paris Company, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Haw, Haw! Jay Edie now addresses his mail: "P. S. A." instead of U. S. A. Meaning, of course: "Prohibition States of America."

Thank! Dear Luke: It must be a Happy New Year for a man like yourself who makes thousands happy each day in the year.—E. E. Corn, Ironton, Ohio.

Atta Boy! A few weeks ago John Hummel and Merle Hummel, of Findlay, Ohio, were fined \$125 and costs each for selling liquor. And the other day this advertisement appeared in the Findlay (Ohio) Republican: "FRESH BEEF AND FORK for the 1-4

or as much as you want. I have changed my business from booze to meat. Inquire of the same John Hummel, the father of Merle Hummel, 1916 Broad Avenue.

Things To Worry About. Whiskey has a bad habit of fixing your feet so they won't behave when you walk. But what we started to tell you was that Stambowski is Premier of Bulgaria.

Our Daily Special. Plain Talk Means Unpleasant Talk.

PUBLIC OPINION A Delusion. (Chicago Tribune) The mind of man is subject to many strange delusions, and one of these is that the stock market has a bottom.

Some Noise. (Little Rock Ark. Gazette) Merle bolts of riveting in our ship-yard makes it impossible for Japan to hear the talk at Geneva about disarmament.

Daylight Saving. At the recent elections the question of daylight saving was voted on at Toronto, Kingston and Welland. The vote was favorable to the proposal in all three cities. Still it is very doubtful whether it will be very widely adopted this year as it results in endless confusion unless all places and the railroads fall in line. Of course the "Farmers' Government" at Queen's Park is not likely to make it a provincial issue. There is the dew on the hay in the early morning, you know.

An Eye to the Future. (Cleveland Plain Dealer) Uncle Sam has added from time to time to his collection of islands until he has assembled under the flag a quite imposing array. Some of them he is thinking of getting rid of at the first opportunity. But he is still in the market for an occasional pick-up, if it be well located and fair to his strategic eye. Fifty miles off the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal lie the Pearl Islands, thrusting their heads high above the sea. Washington thinks that for the safety of the canal America should possess the group and the coming congress is likely to see a measure offered for their purchase. Strategically and intrinsically, the isthmian waterway is too important to carry without adequate insurance.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER CITY AND COUNTRY. It seems a ghastly pity that all the girls and boys are thronging to the city, grown tired of village joys. The city bids them enter, grant them the cordial hand; and down in old Hay Center the empty buildings stand. "Aw, chee," the kids are saying, "the old town is a frost; we'll go where bands are playing, regardless of the cost." The country town "is shrinking," it's known a dismal slump, with only graybeards drinking around the village pump. The sad-eyed merchant princes gaze down the dusty street, and brushing shelf worn quinces, invoke the name of Pete. The young folks all are leaving, they go on every train, to search for joys deceiving, and pleasures all in vain. Adventure is the mentor that counsels them to go; and down in old Hay Center the life is pretty slow. Hay Center's ways are quiet, she's calm, without, within; she has no midnight riot, or garish brands of sin. Her people all are sleeping when village clocks strike ten, and no cheap sports are keeping high wassail in a den. They go to church on Sunday to hear the pastor about and all the dames on Monday still hang the washing out. Hay Center has no pink uns to chronicle life's game; but from such towns our Lincolns and other great men came. It's sad to see her dying, abandoned, dusty, gray; but all the kids are sighing to tread the Great White Way.

Two departments of the colonial office in London are to be formed under one ministerial chief.

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The Wm. Davies Co., Ltd. PHONE 597

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