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The early lawn mower gets the neighbor's goat.

Raising the duty on liquor won't help much in a bone-dry land.

Once the prospect was Berlin-to-Bagdad. Now it is Armageddon-to-bag holding.

Heinie may not call it a victory, but in certain rich colonies it served as an evictory.

This house shortage may have been caused by emptying the jails due to the wove shortage.

When a woman buys a wash-skirt now she doesn't demand assurance that it won't shrink.

The next step after beating swords into plow shares is to change heroes into bill collectors.

The Japanese Diet doesn't cause so much uneasiness in the United States as the Japanese appetite.

A change of climate isn't annoying except when it changes so many times in the same day.

An optimist is one who thinks it might be worse; a pessimist is one who suspects that it will be.

There is something soothing in the rhythmic click of the barber's razor as he plays, "Hone, sweet hone."

A casual study of the mess the world is in will help you to understand why brain fever is very rare.

War: The business of killing off private citizens to punish the impudence of an arrogant statesman.

Great Britain's standing in the big League must depend largely on her standing with the miners.

It appears that they wronged Greece who accused her of setting forth on a campaign of conquest.

A lot of householders are so economical that they won't wash the windows for fear of wearing out the glass.

When a man says he feels like a two-year-old, he should explain whether he is thinking of a horse or a poney.

An army travels on its stomach, and this accounts for the flat feeling the world has in the neighborhood of the belt.

We do not know much. But we do know that nagging has broken up more homes than booze and infidelity combined.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Labor, says the Montreal Star, was inflated precisely as currency was; and the process of deflation is exceedingly painful, but unavoidable.

Marcus Leow says we shall soon be wearing dress suits to the movies. Not until somebody invents a chewing gum that won't stick to pants.

A French scientist claims that the stomach is a superfluous organ, but probably hasn't any small boys in his family, and so perhaps can't be expected to know any better.—Toronto Star.

The stealing of automobiles will be a serious offense if legislation introduced in the house of commons is carried. The new bill provides a penalty of not less than one year's imprisonment for a first offense.

COMPETITION IN BUSINESS.

Reviewing the general trade situation that has set in it becomes more and more apparent that we have entered upon a long period of keen competition not only in respect to foreign trade but also in domestic trade as well. This is due to the credit situation brought about by the stagnation that set in with deflation. The extension of credit by the banks to carry money through depression had the effect of shutting off the supply of funds formerly available for short term loans, thereby restricting accommodation.

The natural result follows. Business men alive to the situation, and who do not see any possibility of holding up the market, are going to make every effort to turn-over their goods as quickly as possible. This means keen competition, and once the public begins to realize that it has set in business will become active. This competition must be looked to as the only remedy for the timid state of mind that the public suffers from. Its effect will be far-reaching too, and will be reflected in a loosening up of money, for it is evident that the business which is turning over and meeting its temporary borrowings is not going to be denied accommodation.

After all it is the ability to do business that counts, and business cannot revive until some stable basis has been established for the price schedule, when the merchant will not be continually haunted with the fear of lower prices in the following day or week or month. Then only will business begin to show some signs of aggressiveness that is now conspicuously absent. The individual merchant who recognizes the complex problems affecting business and can see his way to make the most rapid turn-over will get the most business and his credit account at the bank will be better in consequence.

THE SITUATION IN SILESIA.

The new situation which has arisen in Silesia, cannot but be embarrassing to the Allies. During the past week a state of almost open warfare has existed, and the Allies are in the peculiar position of having to take sides against a nation which they themselves created at the peace conference. The Poles, having risen to override the result of the plebiscite in Silesia, have placed themselves in a position of antagonism to the nations which returned to them their national liberty and independence, and the result to them is not likely to be at all satisfactory.

According to the agreement reached at the Paris peace conference, several provinces in Europe were to have their ownership decided by a popular vote. This was the application of the principle of President Wilson that people must have the right to say by whom and how they should be governed, and Silesia, being a state in which there was a mixed German and Polish population, was named as one of the provinces in which a plebiscite was to be taken. An Allied commission was appointed to supervise the taking of the vote, and endowed with powers to put into effect the popular decision.

The vote in Silesia, when taken a few weeks ago, gave a majority in favour of Germany. The Germans concentrated all their energies on securing every German entitled to vote, and to bring as many as possible of them to Silesia to cast their ballots. The Poles were greatly outnumbered, and the country voted for German rule. The duty of the Allied Commission was then plain. They had no other course left to them but to put the voice of the majority into effect, and since the plebiscite was taken they have been working to have this done as soon as possible.

The population of Silesia, however, is divided into sections, and in one part the Poles predominate, while in the other the Germans have a numerical superiority. It is in the Polish section that the trouble has occurred. The Poles, evidently determined that they will not submit to German rule, have taken up arms to prevent the enforcement of the plebiscite, but, unfortunately, the object of their attack was the Allied commission which was at work on the problem. The Poles, because of their numbers, drove the small Allied party out of several sections of the province, but were met with resistance from the Germans, and so the matters stand.

The Allies have a clear duty in this matter. It was by their decision that the plebiscite was taken. They were pledged to put the result of the vote into effect, and while they may not relish the task of having to aid the Germans against the Poles, their duty seems to be in that direction. For the sake of peace in Europe, it is to be hoped that the Poles will yield to wiser counsels, will agree to accept the decision of the majority, and will make the best of what they no doubt consider a bad bargain.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

BLESSINGS OF POVERTY. Men should be thankful to be poor and have no hefty roll; for men of substance must endure the griefs that rack the soul. When I go forth, all tired and spent, my income tax to pay, I envy much the busted gent who gambols on his way. He is as happy as the bird that roosts in yonder oak

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—or, if he's not, he is absurd, for he is stony broke. Oh, all the nations are in debt, our own among the rest, and thrifty delegates must get the treasure from their chest; that government may function still, must produce his wad, must pony up the greenbacked bill for which he scratched and clawed. And even patriots get sore, and raise a doleful sound, when they must shell out half their store to make the wheels go round. And while they feel taxation's sting, and say that life is mean, the merry paupers form a ring and dance upon the green. They're flush if they have fifty cents, and such sums are not taxed, and so they jeer the thrifty gents who have so wealthy other plan to pay the nation's debts, for taxes penalize the man who in the vineyard sweats.

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Foey! Cold storage egg, you make me sigh! I find I have been stung. But, though you may have fooled my eye, You cannot fool my tongue.

Retiring. "Your husband seems to have a retiring disposition," remarked the New Boarder. "Yes," replied the Lady who ran the Boarding House. "The lazy loafer spends half of his time in bed, if that is what you mean."

Ouch! A man named Button who lived in Tennessee, owned a lot in the 12th cemetery. He died and his wife notified the grave digger to open a space in the family lot. This was done. A week or two after the burial Mrs. Button received this bill from the grave digger: "One Button hole—\$3.00."

The Optimist. He doesn't curse, The book merely grins, It might be worse, If Volstead were twins!

Police! "I saw Frank hooking his watch this morning in order to get money to take his girl to that dance to-night," said Charley. "Huh!" said Charley. "That's a case of going to three balls in order to go to one, isn't it?"

Notice! If A. Wurm, of Giddings, Texas, has no objection, we'll take him and go fishing some day this summer.

Haw, Haw! He is a crabby cuss for fair, I speak of bald-domed Mr. Grim; He is so grouchy that his hair Has had a falling out with him.

In That So! "I let a golden opportunity pass this morning," said Jones. "How was that?" asked Smith. "I had a chance to flirt with a blonde but I didn't take it," replied Jones.

Raise. The counterfeiter's never broke, You may think this is funny; But I assure you it's no joke, He's able to raise money.

Aw, Have a Hear! It may be that the authorities have created a new department because of the prevailing styles in feminine attire, or it may be that they are getting tired of seeing the City Police exhibit signs of seeing the City Police exhibit signs, calves when they get on street cars. Anyway, we find this item in the Louisville (Ky.) Times: "The City Leg Department has been notified by the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals at Cincinnati that the Court has accepted the supplemental briefs filed in the street car case."

Tuff! The washroom in the Pullman was crowded. Six men were trying to wash at the same time, and eight men were trying to shave in front of the one mirror. One of the eight men trying to shave managed to get into his clothes by the time the train pulled in and was met at the depot by his wife. "John," said she, "you need a shave!" "Need a shave," he exclaimed. "Why, I just got through shaving!" "Well," said his wife, "take a look in this mirror!" John looked in the mirror his wife produced from her bag and then said: "Gosh! There was such a crowd in front of that one glass in the Pullman that I must have shaved another man by mistake!"

Form in Line, Girls! Don't Shave! (A.S. in Wheeling (W. Va.) News) WANTED—Girl for housekeeping; no washing or cooking; must be at least 25 ft. notion counter, built L shape.

Thank! Dear Luke, I enjoy reading your column. It always brings forth a smile and drives away dull care and makes one feel better for having read it.—T. J. Roberts, 208 Eighth avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Pair Enough! The Knoxville Sentinel says that women are now equals in our Government and demands that the faces of some of the noted members of their sex should be placed on our paper money. Well, in view of what has happened to this country, we are in favor of substituting a picture of Carrie Nation for the well-known features of G. Washington.

Names in Names. Hannah May Dye lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Our Daily Special. Slender is Merely Flattery Turned Wrong Side Out.

Entertained in Toronto. Major-General Sir Archibald Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., attending the Royal Military College dinner in Toronto, is the guest of Col. and Mrs. H. J. Lough. Prof. Iva Martin is the guest of Col. and Mrs. W. B. Kingsmill.

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New Budget Reduces List of Staple Foods Formerly Exempt.

Toronto Globe Dispatch. Ottawa, May 12.—It may not be at first apparent to the consumer of foods and foodstuffs that the new budget proposals have considerably reduced the list of staple necessities which are to be exempted from the increased sales taxes levied this year on the manufacturer or producer, the distributor and the importer.

For example, there is exemption for living animals and poultry and fresh meats and poultry, but the tax will be paid on salted, pickled, smoked or canned meats and poultry and on soups. The table of the poorest consumer will be taxed, for it will be hard to find a home into whose beverages one or more of the following commodities do not enter; tea, coffee, condensed milk, condensed coffee with milk, milk foods, milk powder and such milk products. These will now be subject to the increased sales tax.

Among cereals it is difficult to say just how far the tax will go. "Flour and oatmeal in packages weighing not less than 48 pounds" are exempted, but what about buckwheat meal or flour, pot, pearl, rolled, roasted or ground barley, cornmeal, corn flour, rolled oats, rye flour, wheat flour, wheat meal, sago and macaroni, macaroni, vermicelli, split peas, pea meal, cleaned and uncleaned rice, rice flour, sago flour, tapioca flour, rice meal, corn starch, potato starch, potato flour, canned, dried or desiccated vegetables and fruits? If the word "flour" includes all cereals so designated, then many in the above list will be exempted. Otherwise, they will not be.

Other articles to be taxed will be canned or medicated fish and products thereof; maple, corn and sugar cane syrup, and imitations; cattle foods, fibre for binder twine, gold and silver sweepings.

Submitting a Referendum. Montreal, May 12.—The citizens of Montreal on Tuesday next will decide on a new form of municipal government when two schemes, one incorporating the proportional representation and city manager ideas and the other calling for a government virtually by an executive committee of aldermen and a director, will be submitted to them in a referendum.

The present city council and the mayor strongly favor the latter and a number of societies have passed resolutions in favor of number one. The referendum was ordered by the Quebec legislature at its last session as the term for which the present administrative commission was appointed expires in October next. The system chosen will be put into operation at the civic elections which take place in that month.

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Before the world war Russian officers trained the Persian army. Doves of zebra-like animals roam in England in the tertiary period. Snow is an excellent fertilizer, providing nitrogen for the soil. Some of the rock salt deposits of New York are sixty feet thick. Wasps kill other insects with their jaws and not with their stings.