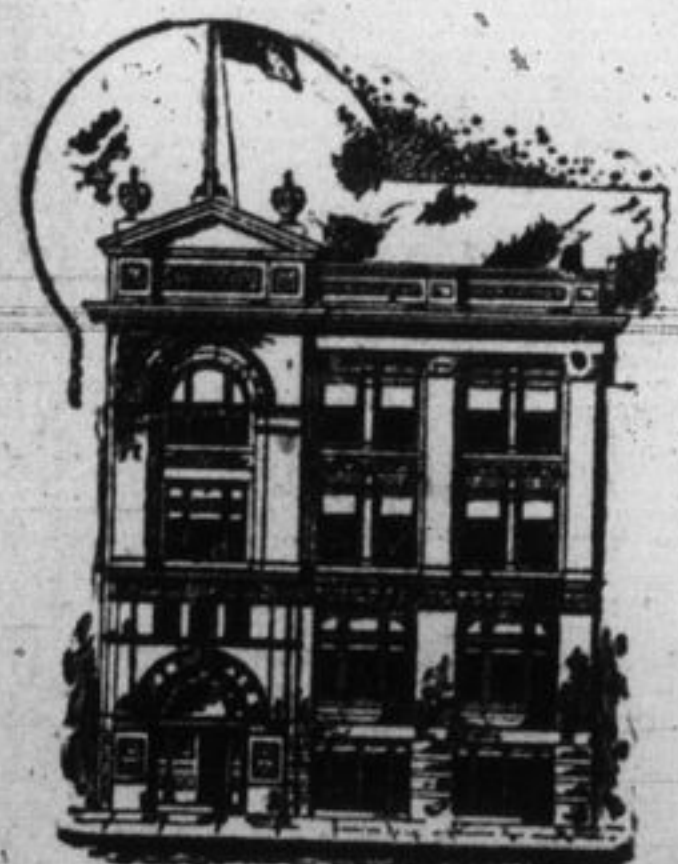


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GERMANY COMING BACK.

What has become of the poor mouth Germany made before the reparation settlements became an actual fact? Then the country would go to the bow-wows if the Allies would settle on the basis of the indemnity levied. But now little is heard from the old empire along that line. Everything one sees these days is about how Germany is preparing to regain her lost trade, the extent to which her manufacturing establishments are being developed and the immense earnings some of her industrial concerns report.

Writing in the current number of a national magazine, F. C. Chappell, its London correspondent, points out how some of Germany's industries are growing. He says Germany is largely controlled by a dozen combines, the "Stinnes Trust" of which employ 250,000 men in the coal business. It has a capital of 1,208,000,000 marks, and there are a dozen others almost as formidable. Before the war Germany exported 850,000 tons of pig iron; she is now importer. The war cost her 40 per cent. of her iron ore; but the gap is being rapidly filled up.

The Krupp Company, with its capital of 500,000,000 marks, has for two years been very busy putting its house in order and in turning a loss of 36,000,000 marks in 1918-19 into a profit of 79,500,000 marks in 1919-20. The transformation of Krupp's is said to be the most remarkable feat in Germany's industrial history. In less than two years this vast arsenal-city has been turned into a highly successful concern for making machines of peace. Its permanent staff at Essen and its other works numbers 50,000; the factory covers over 500 acres, and it makes all sorts of things. The operatives who formerly made gigantic cannon now produce farm machinery and enamelware. It can turn out six-hundred a week and 36,000 cars a year.

Truly, Germany seems to be "coming back" and setting an example of industry for some other countries.

SMOKING ROOMS FOR WOMEN.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has announced that in future sleeping cars on their trains will have smoking rooms for women in the same way as they are now provided for men. As might have been expected, this announcement has met with a great deal of censure from the officials of the W.C.T.U., who see in it something which they characterize as an insult to women. Of course, if this organization can speak with authority for the majority of the women of this dominion, then some notice may be taken of their protest, but once having made the announcement, it isn't at all likely that the C.P.R. will change the order and back down on their proposal.

In these days when women are claiming and securing equal rights and privileges with men, it may well be said that this innovation is simply in keeping with modern movements. It has become an accepted custom in most places for women to smoke openly, and the sight of women indulging in a quiet puff of a fragrant cigarette has long since ceased to cause any comment. Why, then, should those women who desire to do so be debarred from smoking in order to break the monotony of a long train journey? There has been no protest against the men being granted that privilege. Why should not the women, in accordance with their demands for equal rights, be

granted exactly the same accommodation?

From the railway's point of view, the installation of smoking rooms for women is a perfectly logical step. They find that there is a demand for this service, and they are prepared to satisfy it. A woman pays exactly the same amount for a railway ticket as does a man, and can therefore fairly be said to have a perfect right to exactly the same privileges. The protest of the W.C.T.U. will therefore probably fall on deaf ears, for even although the smoking rooms are placed in the sleeping cars, it is not compulsory for any woman to use them unless she desires to do so. That is a matter of free choice, but for the benefit of those who have a desire for this service, the innovation should be accepted in the spirit in which it is being made, that of a desire to serve the public.

PROHIBITION OF SMOKING FOR WOMEN.

While the right of women to smoke is generally recognized, and while the Canadian Pacific Railway is preparing to afford facilities by which ladies may enjoy their favorite brand of cigarette while travelling, it is interesting to note that a definite movement has started in the United States to make it a criminal offense for women to smoke, just as it is a criminal offense to drink in public. This is no movement which is yet in the visionary stage. It has taken on concrete and practical form, for Representative Johnson has introduced a bill into the United States Congress prohibiting women from smoking.

The representative deserves to be commended for his courage. There are not many men in his position who would introduce such a bill, in view of the fact that it is but a year since the women of the United States were given full powers in that country. It is not that women generally approve of the habit of smoking. We cannot believe that smoking is indulged in except by a small minority of the women of either this country or the United States. But it is more than probable that the women, with their newly gained equality of rights, will strongly resent any attempt on the part of a mere man to rob them of any particle of that equality. If a woman were to introduce the bill, it would probably be all right, but for a man to attempt to cut down the rights and privileges of the now emancipated sex seems like a courageous proceeding.

The bill, of course, has very little chance of ever becoming law, although it will create a keen controversy. The very name of prohibition has fallen into disfavor in the United States, and further restrictive legislation of any kind will receive a very cold reception. In this case, it is recognized that smoking amongst women is on the increase, not only in America, but in Europe and Great Britain. Women are finding the same enjoyment in a quiet puff as men have always done, and to pass laws making it prohibitive would doubtless have the effect of adding to the pleasure of indulging in the habit. It cannot very well be stopped by law, since with their usual dear contrariness, the women might turn to smoking just for the pleasure of doing something which the law prohibits. If there is ever to be an end to smoking by women, it will be brought about, not by legislation, but by a realization of the general sentiment which prevails against it, and by an awakening amongst the women to the fact that the opinion of most men is against it, and that it does not add to the charm or the dignity of womanhood.

ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE?

Rev. Dr. J. F. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Blenheim, in preaching to a joint Presbyterian and Methodist congregation, put the question "Are Youth Safe?" He gave the answer to this question in the negative, and remarked that the young people of today are not safe, that they are not walking in the way of truth, because they are forming bad habits, because of the company they are keeping, and because of the way they are spending their time. By speaking on these three heads, the minister tried to show that the young people of today are in grave danger, and that they are forsaking the ways of truth and righteousness.

There has, for some time past, been a strong tendency on the part of ministers of most denominations to speak strongly against the things which they consider to be harmful to the life of the young people of today. This is very commendable. It is one of the duties of a minister of the gospel to point out to his flock the temptations which are likely to beset them, and to warn them to take heed lest they fall. In this no one will find any fault with them. But there is likely to be considerable resentment at the oft-repeated assertion that the young people of today are on the downward path, that they are so beset with evil that they are in grave danger. The agencies of evil are held up to the light as if they were the most potent forces in the world, and this has been done so repeatedly, and with so much repetition, that some of the clergy are find-

ing harm where none exists, and, what is more important, are forgetting that, while the sources of sin may have increased during the past generation, the agencies of good have also multiplied to an even greater extent, especially amongst the young people.

Too little attention is paid to the good influences which are exerted over the youthful minds by the institutions which exist for their moral, physical and spiritual betterment. During the past decade these institutions have become a potent factor in the life of the young people of our country. Take, for instance, the Y.M.C.A., with all its varied activities of interest to boys, and the Y.W.C.A., which performs a like service for the girls. These institutions have grown in influence and power, and today stand in the forefront of the agencies for good in Canada. The moral and physical training which they now give are as far ahead of anything which existed ten years ago as the electric light is ahead of the tallow candle. The various classes of training for boys, the Four-squares, the Tuhis Boys, the Trail Rangers, and other organizations, are new organizations and they are wielding a tremendous influence on the lives of the young men who are growing up in our midst. They provide boys with healthy and beneficial recreation at the receptive age, and their influence is such as to offset much of the degrading effects of any of the agencies of evil of which our ministers are so apt to speak. The Canadian-Girls-in-Training Clubs, now being formed throughout the whole Dominion, are performing a like service for the girls, and, hand-in-hand, these organizations are working for the betterment of youth, and towards the removal of the danger of which the Blenheim minister speaks.

It seems apparent that it would be far better, from the point of view of results, if the ministers, instead of drawing so much attention to the things which create danger, would work more earnestly for the promotion of these organizations which are working to make the young people safe, and by boosting them from the pulpit, help to make them even stronger than they are.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

THE LAW.

Some recent laws don't suit me, quite, they seem to me too drastic; the statute that would hit me right should be a bit elastic. But while I criticize the laws, and eloquently flay them, and daily ply protesting jaws, I none the less obey them. I used to drink Hostetter's Balm of Gingseng and Cucumbers; it made my troubled spirit calm, and soothed my fevered slumbers. And often now I'd have a bowl of that inspiring tonic, when life has jarred my weary soul with troubles that seem chronic. But I must violate a law, if I would quaff a flagon; and so the line I sternly draw, and ride the water wagon. From half a mile of garden hose I drink the limpid fluid, then sink me down to my repose, majestic as a Druid. The water slops in my inside, and sloshes through my vitals, and often to the gods I've cried, by all their storied titles, and asked them why I am condemned by water mains to languish; alas, they only howled and hemmed, and chortled at my anguish. The law is written in the books, and I shall not defy it, and I'll consume the babbling brooks, nor raise unseemly riot. If we defy the laws we make through statesmen by us chosen, our government's an empty fake, and Order's feet are frozen. —WALT MASON.

Drink More Milk on Farm.

(Farmers Sun, Toronto) Farmers should set a good example to city people in the matter of milk consumption. As a class farmers do not use enough milk, butter and cheese—the best foods in the world. Some time ago a survey was made in connection with the rural schools of Wisconsin in order to learn just how many children drank milk. Out of 1,613 children questioned it was found that 890 drank tea and coffee regularly, averaging a cup and a half a day; 248 drank no milk at all, 365 drank milk occasionally, while only 980 drank milk regularly, and they averaged about two cups each per day. There were 241 who used no butter at all. Conditions in rural Ontario may not be as bad as in rural Wisconsin, but the fact remains that our farm children drink too little milk. There is no food so good for growing children, or for adults either, and with milk as cheap as it is, children should be given all they can drink. Butter and cheese and ice cream also possess the highest possible food value. "Drink more milk," is a good slogan for the rural people to adopt.

How It Worked Out.

Mrs. Brown was tired of the borrowing propensities of her neighbor, Mrs. Smith. First it was some household utensil she wanted, then some small article of grocery. The other day a knock came to Mrs. Brown's door. It was Mrs. Smith's little girl. "Please mother wants to know," she said, "if you will lend her some pepper and the big fat iron?" Mrs. Brown was determined to stop her neighbor's borrowing. "Tell your mother I've got other fish to fry," she snapped, and the little girl went away. It was not long before she came back. "Please, mother wants to know if you'll lend her some of the fried fish."

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

And They Love Him. A happy man is William Penn. He always loves His fellow-men.

Box, Page the Sob Squad! Oh, Boo, Hoo! Johnny Goff Thought Choo Choo Farther Off.

Their Love Must Have Been Blind. "Were they married in church?" inquired Bolt. "No," replied Nutt, "in ignorance."

Asking Too Much of Them. Here is an ad from the want column of the Ft. Meyer (Fla.) press: WANTED—White girl as maid or man and wife as groom and maid. Inquire Mrs. De Lyale, Crescent Beach.

Now Her Husband Is Short. "Yes, indeed, this is my long suit." Explained the poor Missus DeBong, "Of course the skirt's very short, but I've worn it entirely too long. And must have a new one that's cute."

They Get There. From duty he Will never swerve. For he is one Who has real nerve.

From hard tasks he Never refrains. For he is one Who has real brains.

Pool Question, 71144. R. S. V. P. sends us this one: "I have heard of a square mile, but has any one ever heard of a round mile?" We do not know, but we often have driven round a square mile.

Now Will Those Gay Girls Behave? "I have been instructed by the Village Council to enforce the ordinance against chickens running at large and riding bicycles on the sidewalk."

A Vain Wish. "I wish," murmured Mr. Meekton. "What do you wish?" inquired his friend. "I wish Maria would learn to cut her conversation as short as she does her skirts," he replied, glancing at the abbreviated costume his wife was wearing.

Would Give Them the Acid Test. British experimenters have solved many of the problems of connecting ordinary and radio telephones. —Scraps. Now, if they will solve the problem of getting the exchange to connect us with the number we have called we'll admit they will have a right to boast.

Cruel and Usual. Says J. H. Reed: "The only satisfactory way to kill a thirt is to 'rown it.'" But J. H., we know a lot of fellows with thirats that they would like to kill, but they think too much of them to try drowning them in plain water, so they use other liquids what make drowning such a pleasant death are getting to be.

Daily Sentence Sermon. The man who does things "gets there," but the fellow who does the public eventually laps in the hoose-gow.

News of the Names Club. We do not know where he gets it, but we have just heard that Paul Souze lives at McGonigles, Ohio.

Harry Satchell has just been chosen by the new baseball club organized at Fort Meyer, Fla., to look after the club's uniforms for the rest of the season. Well, what better man could you get to keep the uniforms? Ah! We have discovered one farmer who never can be accused of being a profiteer. He is Mr. Rightsell, of Georgesville, Ohio.

Making Himself His Equal. She goes around half dressed. Her head? There's nothing there. Her's nothing on her chest. Even her knees are bare! —Cincinnati Enquirer.

She looked at man, my sake. And then with purpose grim. She said, "Now I shall make myself to match with him." —Newark (Ohio) Advocate.

Why They Were There. The governor of the prison was escorting a party of women visitors through the building. They entered a room where three women were busy sewing. As they turned to leave, one of the visitors said: "What vicious looking creatures! What are they in for? They really look capable of committing any crime."

"Well," slowly replied the governor, "you see, they have no other home, and they are my wife and two daughters."

Shunt's Duty on Mother. (Marion Star) True, vacation comes as a relief to teacher, but just think what it shunts back onto mother.

Thirsty?

Adanac Water, Poland Water, Radnor, White Rock, Adanac Dry Ginger Ale, Gurd's Ginger Ale, Gurd's Dry Ginger Ale, Gurd's Ginger Beer, Gurd's Soda Water. Jas. REDDEN & Co. Phone 20 and 990. The House of Satisfaction.

Advertisement for BIBBY'S Men's and Boys' Wear. Features: Men's Soft Hats new \$3.75; Men's New Hats The \$5, \$6.00 value for \$3.75; Men's and Boys' Wear; Men's SPORT TROUSER; Men's Palm Beach TROUSERS; Men's White Flannel TROUSERS; Men's Fine Quality SHIRTS; Men's Pure Silk Shirts; Men's Outing Shirts. Also includes a list of suits and their prices.

Advertisement for McClary's Gas Ranges and Bunt's Hardware. Text: The finest finished Gas Ranges made in Canada. 7 different styles carried in stock to choose from. BUNT'S HARDWARE.

Advertisement for MOORE'S SPECIAL TIRE SALE. Text: NOW IN FULL SWING. A sale without equal anywhere. All goods, absolutely first quality, and at prices that will move our large stock fast. Compare our prices and quality with any in the whole Dominion. Includes a table of tire prices.

Advertisement for MOORE'S tires. Text: 30x3 1/2 Tires \$13.55. SEE OUR WINDOWS. Mail Orders promptly attended to. Cash with order. MOORE'S 206 Wellington Street.

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