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Some folks may try to overcome ignorance, but more advertise it.

If a TNT drink could be concocted, there probably would be some who would sample it.

When Henry Ford said that history is "bunk," did he mean the kind he is making?

When it comes to salaries, movies will have a slight edge on baseball, but the latter show form.

Germany, planning to reduce the volume of currency, seems to think the unlimited can be limited.

Germany probably hopes that deferring of the January reparations payment will be a precedent.

Poincare has taken a firm stand on the "right" of France to reparation from Germany. But can she collect?

France's safety is the key to the whole European situation, says Ex-Premier Briand. What of France's ambitions?

An odorless onion is announced as the latest triumph of agricultural science. Next: A colorless and fragranceless rose.

Members of the Ku Klux Klan are now fighting among themselves. There are times when it is best to let nature take its course.

The powers now insisting on submarines should look over their old files and see what they said about them during the war.

Tire chains help some, but the menace of reckless driving won't be removed until there are ball-bearing chains for the drivers.

Table: Once upon a time there was a driver who delivered a whole ton of coal without breaking any glass in the basement window.

While he doesn't exactly know the amount of his bank balance, Henry Ford says he can guess within ten million dollars. So can we.

There are signs of life on the moon, says a scientist. The increased demand for moonshine has lividated up a lot of dead communities.

The protests against "modern" dancing need not be surprising. They used to be heard in the old days when dancing was done with the feet.

The thief who stole a hearse and took a ride in it is not superstitious. Neither are we, but a hearse is the best thing in which we want to take a ride.

France, insisting on a more military attitude toward Germany, seems to have overlooked the possibilities of appointing Foch as inspector general.

People are hard to please. Those who have to pay the most income tax wish they had to pay less, and those who pay the least wish they had to pay more.

Objections to the new American silver dollars have been raised by bankers and poker players because they will not stack. However, there are others who will take them without objection being offered.

1914 PRICES.  
Do we really want 1914 prices to return, or, more correctly, ought we to wish them back?

At the outbreak of war the dollar was worth, say, one and one quarter bushels of wheat which is probably the real standard of value in Canada. From 1917 to 1919, when the government did its heaviest borrowing, the dollar was the equivalent of only half a bushel. To-day the dollar buys one bushel of No. 1 Northern—and the government has still to pay back its borrowings. To return dollar for dollar sounds fair enough, but one and one quarter bushels for half a bushel seems ruinous. And so, the lower the cost of living falls the harder shall we have to tax ourselves to pay our war debts. Are reduced prices, then, really so desirable?

During inflation the people with money in the bank lost steadily, while debtors had their liabilities cut in half. But now, under deflation, the soap is in the other eye. The debtor pays twice what he borrowed in 1918, and you who are groaning because the Victory Bonds which you bought at par are listed at 97, should remember that it has, on a commodity basis, almost doubled in value. And so, though the government may have to tax you twice as heavily you will reap the advantage when the bonds are redeemed.

Unfortunately, when rapid fluctuations in price are taking place, the movement is not uniform as between one commodity and another, and here or there almost everybody gets pinched or favored. Stability seems, therefore, of much more importance than the return to the 1914 or any other scale of values. For only when the dollar has a comparatively steady purchasing power can the exchange of goods for money and money for goods, by which we all live, take place with a minimum of friction and loss.

THE ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY.

It is probably half a century since it was first pointed out that the great inland waterway of Canada from the sea to the head of the lakes should be developed. But it has only lately come within the region of practical politics. This is primarily due, we think, to that small body of ardent engineers who have never failed to see its enormous economic possibilities.

The report of the International Commission looks like a fair proposition and it has the sanction and support of the president of the United States who thinks that the estimated cost borne by the two countries is not too great to be undertaken for so worthy an object. The whole project is now for the first time serious and it will in due course engage the attention of our own Canadian government.

That there will be strong opposition to it goes without saying, but so far as we can see the opposition in both countries will be based on purely selfish interests. In the United States the chief support for it will come from the central and middle states with Chicago as the dynamic centre. The opposition from New England and the Atlantic seaboard controlled by New York will probably be a solid opposition. The Pacific states have the Panama Canal, and their interest in the inland waterway, except on national grounds, will be negligible. In Canada outside Montreal, and possibly the Maritime provinces, we suspect the scheme will have general and adequate support. Montreal cannot bear to think of anything bigger than a coal barge passing its door. Its financial interests are allied with it not controlled by New York; naturally it can hope to see no good come from the project. International big game will be raised to defeat the scheme.

But there has always been, and there always will be, good will between these two countries. The advantages to both of the inland waterway are incalculable, the benefits to navigation and the amount of cheap power made available will amply justify the money expended, and the fact that the opposition is based on selfish rather than national grounds should rouse a generous support of the project throughout the whole country.

Incidentally Kingston stands greatly to benefit by such a deep waterway past its door. Mr. J. M. Campbell has already done yeoman service in keeping the project before the minds of the public and we have yet to hear any criticism or objection to the scheme from any well informed citizen of Kingston.

ELLIOTT FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Robert F. Elliott, who has been nominated as Liberal candidate in the provincial by-election made necessary by the resignation of Dr. A. E. Ross, should be elected by a substantial majority. His candidature will receive the approval of all citizens who desire the welfare of the city of Kingston and who appreciate the overwhelming defeat of the Conservative governments in the last provincial and Dominion general elections.

THE RAIN CARRIER.

Where'er I go it starts to rain before I've been there long; the water soaks the long parched plain and drowns the human throng. The Kansas drought was once renowned; I went there to go dry, and presently the state was drowned, and turns went floating by. Old watercourses that had lain for ages dry as dust, became wide rivers in the rain, to everyone's disgust. All bottomless was Kansas land, to husbandmen's despair; Niagara on every hand, Nyazas here and there. So to a country then I went where rain is seldom known, whose arid wastes, of wide extent, are drier than a bone. And so this bright and sunny clime I brought the word of doom; it's raining, raising all the time, and creeks and rivers boom. The big black clouds roll up and melt in rain and splatter me; I know just how Dad Noah felt when he was out at sea. It's wetter than the law allows, the laws are sobbing sons, the streets are full of swimming cows, and floating cribs, and trees. And people weep and wonder why the climate thus has changed, traditions burnt themselves and die, and records

The Conservative party is no longer an influential factor in either the legislature or the federal parliament, and it would be utterly futile for the electors of Kingston to return W. F. Nickle, who in the present by-election, is merely pursuing a course dictated by personal ambition and partisan advantage.

Mr. Nickle's nomination address failed to reveal any motive that commends him to favorable consideration. His position is a difficult one in view of the record of the Hearst government while in office and the condemnation of his present leader, Hon. G. H. Ferguson, by the court that investigated the timber deals by which the province sustained heavy losses running into millions of dollars, part of which has been paid back to the province as a result of the investigation. Whether the election of Mr. Nickle may or may not be an advantage to his party that is destined to remain obscure for some years to come, we are not at all concerned. The paramount question before the electors of Kingston just now is the part we are to take in promoting our own welfare.

Mr. Elliott is a practical business man, with a record of over twenty-five years honorable public service in this city. He has been actively identified with the progress of the city, has given unstintingly of his time and ability, and we feel that at the present time a man of his practical business experience, keen insight and public spirit would be able to render service of far greater magnitude than Mr. Nickle, whose special abilities are engaged in the legal profession.

We have come upon times that are fraught with tremendous possibilities, and we have to look to the men who are engaged in practical business for guidance and leadership, for the professional politician does not invite our fullest confidence in the face of problems now confronting us. The country has got to recover from the state of depression and bad times that made the fall of the Meighen administration a certainty, and we are not going to look to the men associated with the late Meighen government, or who deserted it in its evil hours, to help us find our way back to prosperity.

Mr. Elliott brings with him the freshness, buoyancy and energy of the optimist, while his wonderful enthusiasm and capacity are qualities that spell success. His election will mean much to Kingston, for there should be the greatest co-operation between the representatives at Toronto and the Dominion government's representative here, J. M. Campbell, in order to secure the greatest good for Kingston. The citizens have nothing to gain by electing Mr. Nickle, but they stand to lose, as he would be absolutely powerless outside of the little coterie of Tory members in the legislature.

We cannot afford at this time to ignore such important considerations. Every workingman, every business man, and all who are looking to governments, as never before, for initiative in constructive policies made necessary by the inadequacy, inefficiency and corruption of the Conservative governments swept from power by an indignant and outraged people, will vote for Robert F. Elliott. He carries into public life no private piques and quarrels with other men in public life that make co-operation impossible and stigmatize him as an egotist seeking personal glory at the expense of his constituency. Mr. Elliott is, in every sense of the word, a man of the people, whose interests are bound up in their welfare, who stands four square and whose word is his bond.

The announcement of his selection as Liberal candidate has aroused intense enthusiasm in Liberal ranks throughout the city because it is felt that his unanimous nomination carries with it a recognition of his splendid service in the past as well as his special fitness as a representative for Kingston.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

Service Few You. That's an up-to-date sporting goods store for you. "What about them?" "They give a man who buys a fishing tackle a list of all the fish markets mind.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY  
SELF-PRAISE.—Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.—Proverbs 27: 2.

are deranged, I am the hoodoo, I'm the gent who brought the change about; wherever I may pitch my tent the cloudbursts do their worst.  
—WALT MASON.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner

Q.—Where does Canada rank as a pulp and paper producer?  
A.—Canada is the second largest producer of paper and pulp products in the world, amounting to \$163,000,000 in 1920. The industry employs over 30,000.  
Q.—To what extent are new comers becoming naturalized in Canada?  
A.—10,507 people were naturalized and thus became Canadian citizens in 1920, representing no less than 42 nationalities, including 3,693 Americans; 1,697 Poles, 1,505 Russians, 577 Roumanians, 443 Swedes, 357 Norwegians, 214 Germans, 213 Italians.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

But Where You Gonna Move? Said I, to my haughty landlord. "Of these high rents I don't approve." Then with a scornful smile he growled, "St'hat so? Then why don't you move?"

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant I kin remember when folks wore "electric" rings of aluminum that were supposed to cure rheumatism.

Who Was Given the Mitten and Then Lost It? (Trenton, Mo. Times) Found—Large mitten. Owner may have same by describing and paying for this notice. Call at office.

Seb Squad, Do Your Duty! The saddest words that ever sprang from pen or law, Were those the authors wrote into the Volstead Law!

Invitation to Pay Up. "Pa, what does R. S. V. P. mean at the end of an invitation?" asked Willie. "It means 'please remit' on all the invitations I ever got," growled his Dad.

Fool Questions. "Jan," asks "can a ball player make good without ever batting an eye?" Of course, you boob. He is supposed to have a batting eye, but he only bats the ball.

Knew His Master's Voice. Hiram Peck, recently made widower, against his wishes and better judgment had been persuaded to attend a spiritualistic meeting.

"We have Mrs. Hiram Peck on the wireless," announced the Medium. "W-h-a-t w-h-a-t does she want?" quavered Hiram, while his teeth chattered and his knees smote together.

"She wants to know why you have quit wearing your rubbers; why you rubber at every fool little chicken you pass; why you have let the rubber plant die from neglect; why—"

"That's Maria, alright; let me out of here quick," cried Hiram as he made for the nearest door.

It's a Hard Life. It fills my heart With grief and pain To know that I Am broke again. —Hastings (Neb.) Tribune.

A sadder tale. Now I will croak, I groan because I'm always broke.

Daily Sentences Sermon. Watch your own step and you won't have time to watch the silk hose the girls display as they step along.

News of the Names Club. J. H. Lippa, of Bacutans, Miss., ought to be mighty popular with the girls down there. But we hope he never uses a Lipp stick on the little Lippa.

Fast Friendship. His friendship's true; I crave to win it. For he can do A smile a minute. —Columbus Dispatch.

His friendship's true; I am glad I have it. He lends me coin When I have not a "jit".

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