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An authority on immigration, apparently, is a man who has an axe to grind.

The chief difference between antiques and junk is about \$36.85 a pound.

Our prayer for 1924 is that there will be no shortage to celebrate in song.

If a man has sunshine in his soul, he doesn't need moonshine in his stomach.

Backbone is most impressive when but little of it is concentrated in the knot at the top.

Conan Doyle says he wishes he hadn't written Sherlock Holmes, but nobody else does.

Boredom is the state in which you can't think of anything to do except light another cigarette.

Modernists may take away part of the creed, but they will leave the good old collection plate.

Culture is what makes you think it wonderful if it is a genuine Rembrandt and rotten if it isn't.

About the only thing that looks more forlorn at this season than a ball park is a sleeping porch.

Turkey is trying to drive out all Christian influences, and now it is hard to get a drink down there.

The first part of January should be a good time for the publishers to sell those books on will power.

Almost every town now has a show place built by some man who made great sacrifices for his country.

"Who is my neighbor?" asked the man in the Bible. Apparently nobody had tried to borrow anything from him.

It is easier for children to honor their parents if they are not required to honor a new set every year or two.

If he has a fool wife, rest assured her idocy appealed to some imperfect quality in himself. Mates usually are mates.

The Czars are taking up a collection to win back the throne, and you can try that if you are tired of buying oil stocks.

Correct this sentence: "I need a new overcoat," said he, "but I'd much rather have a new rug for the living room."

They are talking now of simplifying the income tax blank, but simplifying the tax itself would be just as satisfactory.—Winnipeg Free Press.

"A man makes a great mistake when he does not let it be understood immediately after the marriage that he is the master," a Toronto magistrate avers. It might indicate discretion not to raise the issue.

BIBLE THOUGHT
THE WORK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.—Isaiah 32:17, 18.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.

Mayor Angrove's inaugural address to the city council today will be read with a good deal of satisfaction by the people. His announcement that, despite the increased uncontrollable expenditure this year through the addition of provincial highway, hospital and fire pump bonds, it will not be necessary to raise the tax rate is good news indeed. Additional revenue from assessment and other sources will yield sufficient to cover the extra expenditure. With regard to taxation, Kingston is much better off than the large majority of cities and towns. The rate here is very moderate and our assessment is low. The mayor advocates doing as much road paving this year as in 1923 when two miles of permanent work was done. The retiring of the bonded debt and permits of new work without adding to the city's indebtedness. On the whole the people have cause to be thankful that Kingston occupies such a high position financially and otherwise among the cities and towns of Canada. The new year gives promise of big things. A modern hotel, some new industries, the beginning of the harbor development and railway centralization are among the things the municipal leaders look to with hope.

THE BOK PEACE PLAN.

Some time ago, it will be recalled, Edward W. Bok, late editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, offered a prize of \$100,000 for the best practicable plan by which the United States might co-operate with other nations, looking toward the prevention of war. The jury of award, of which Hon. Elihu Root was chairman, has announced its decision, but has not as yet divulged the name of the successful competitor. News dispatches a day or so ago told of the payment of an installment of \$25,000 to the winner as a sort of Christmas present. In all 22,165 plans were submitted, the award going to No. 1469.

In a statement just made public Mr. Bok states that the plans came from every group in American life. Some were obviously from life-long students of history and international law. Some were from persons who had studied little, but who had themselves seen and felt the horror of war—or who were even now living out its tragedy. However unlike they almost all express or imply the same conviction: That this is the time for the nations of the earth to admit frankly that war is a crime and thus withdraw the legal and moral sanction too long permitted to it as a method of settling disputes. Some of the plans labor with the problem of changing the hearts of men and disposing them toward peace and good will; some labor to find a practicable means of dealing with the economic causes of war; some labor with adjusting racial animosities, with producing a finer conception of nationalism, etc.

The plan that won the prize urges that the United States should support the League of Nations, though not as an active member. To quote the opening paragraphs of the plan: "That the United States adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice for the reasons and under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

"That without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States government should extend its present co-operation with the league and propose participation in the work of its Assembly and Council under certain reservations."

The reservations are as regards Articles X and XVI for the most part, the articles against which so much criticism was levelled by the United States congress. Other recommendations involve the following:

- 1. Substitute moral force and public opinion for the military and economic force originally implied in Articles X and XVI.
- 2. Safeguard the Monroe doctrine.
- 3. Accept the fact that the United States will assume no obligations under the Versailles Treaty except by act of congress.
- 4. Propose that membership in the League of Nations should be open to all nations.
- 5. Provide for the continuing development of international law.

The plan is being submitted to a referendum of the nation through means of a ballot in the press in order to test the feeling of the people concerning it. It goes farther than leading politicians would go, but not as far as educationalists and religious leaders, as well as many of the greatest newspapers, such as the New York World and Times, would have the United States go. These favor membership in the league and an active, sincere and prompt effort to help Europe out of its present plight. That the plan will be acceptable to congress is almost too much to be hoped for. It will, however, provoke discussion, and study, and that in the end should be beneficial to the cause at heart.

WHOLE TRUTHS BY EDISON.

What one man's opinions are matters little, but that a man has opinions matters much if they are self-thought-out opinions. Thomas Edison, who is so busy that he works two "shifts" each of eight hours every day, was interviewed for a New York newspaper on the mere important questions of the day. An opinion expressed by the great inventor naturally bears weight, but that this busiest of near-octogenarians has the time to think and read about the day's news is of absorbing interest.

Edison is one of the few who have demonstrated that one is never too old to think, and to think about everything. Truly this versatile wizard is not as mentally dead as he finds many of his fellow men and women. Without a doubt Edison finds it easier to think, in the profound and analytical sense of the word, than the average man or woman of one-half or one-quarter his age. Edison is but one of many employers who have found that the employer is a super-worker with little mental initiative.

The observant and perceptive reader will read a great deal of the man and the thinker in Edison's answers to his latest "questionnaire" interview. There is food for thought on topics of the day and on Edison the thinker in these answers: "I think 1924 will be a moderately prosperous year. To explain why I work two shifts a day to 'preserve my health.'"

Edison is not a genius. He is just an extraordinary man endowed with the divine spark of creation and an uncommon will to work and think.

WHO WAS HE?

Here is mystery. In 1832 an artist took a block of marble and sculptured a bust of one of the great men of that period in the world's history. Since then this marble bust has been on exhibition in the museum of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in England. Accompanying this memorial is a picture of the bust. Some time ago a visitor to the museum asked: "Who was this great man?" No one knew.

Now the London newspapers are printing pictures of the marble bust, trying to find out who this man was and what he did.

Isn't that irony? Great enough in his generation to be honored by a marble bust in a museum! To-day no one knows who he was.

What do you make of all this, Watson?

Well, Sherlock, it's safe to say this:

The Unknown Man has had his personality and identity swallowed in the quicksands of time. But, his work must live on, influencing people of to-day in undetected ways, for he must have contributed a great service or thought to have his bust placed in a leading medical museum.

His life's work is what counts, so it doesn't matter much that no one can identify him. We don't know who he was. Neither do we know thousands of humanity's greatest benefactors—for instance, the inventor of the needle, the hammer, the trowel, the button, the wheel, etc.

People have been too busy erecting monuments and busts of military destroyers to remember the really great.

As long as people admire and fawn over the destroyers, the constructors will be quickly forgotten and the destroyers will be permitted to continue their destruction. What a rotten indictment of humanity it is, that Napoleon will be remembered when men like Gladstone and Edison will be forgotten!

"RED" RYAN.

Once more the notorious "Red" Ryan is in the custody of the Canadian authorities. During the time of his stolen freedom he accomplished a lot of harm and, among other things, was the indirect cause of the death of Sullivan, one of his associates.

How he and his companions escaped, or why, is up to the Department of Justice and the superintendent of penitentiaries. But a word here regarding all the publicity that has been given him might be timely. A prominent Kingstonian was heard to arraign the newspapers recently for publishing the exploits of this bandit. He claimed that it was injurious to public welfare. Perhaps he is right.

poor sheet he was running were the news suppressed.

And, looking at it from another angle, it is questionable as to whether this publicity is harmful. Will the fact that the words "Our Hero" were erased from Leo Rogers' tombstone make such a career as his more popular? Decidedly not. Will the sordid details of death, disgrace, hardship, deceit and lies which go with such stories as that of the "Red" Ryan gang be any attraction? One would not think so. Nor will the main note of all the newspaper reports on the Ryan case be an incentive to a following of his example for it has been: "Those who offend the law must pay. They get them all in the end. Truth will out."

PRESS COMMENT

Sell That Thou Hast.....

The duchess and the other titled women who have been singing in London streets for the benefit of a Dockland Settlement must not think us ungenerous if we suggest to them that this is not the way to show genuine sympathy with the inhabitants of slums. . . . The duchess' string of pearls and ermine wraps would have been, not round her neck, but among the contributions, if she really felt deeply the sufferings of those whose toll keeps her and the other rich masqueraders in ease and luxury—London Daily Herald.

The Purpose of Taxation.

Taxation is not properly a means of punishing wealth. It is not intended to divert from private enterprise money not needed by genuine national operations. It is not intended to create a great mass of non-taxpaying citizenship. Such a class is a direct encouragement to dissipated politics and reckless, irresponsible government. The citizenship of a sound republic is not treated to free cakes and free circus tickets. Taxation properly weighs most heavily on people with the most money, but it is not intended to equalize wealth and spread it uniformly throughout the country.—Chicago Tribune.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

Is Nose Bleed Serious?

You have been doing some heavy work and your nose starts to bleed. Perhaps you have been blowing your nose very hard, and the bleeding starts.

Sometimes you have a heavy feeling in the head, almost an ache, your nose starts to bleed, and the heaviness departs.

And again this bleeding from the nose may be something peculiar to your family.

Now in any of the above cases there is really nothing to worry about. The cause is evident and it is not serious.

But nose bleed may be one of the first symptoms of some serious illness, and where you cannot locate the cause, as one of the above mentioned, it would be well to be careful.

It is often a symptom of heart or kidney trouble.

The first thing to do is to lie down and be quiet for awhile. Don't blow your nose if you can possibly avoid it.

You can then await developments. However, if the nose bleed occurs often and you are a thin individual, you would be wise to consult your doctor.

Don't wait until you have become weak from loss of blood. If there is a feeling of being tired all the time, your pulse weak, and a feeling of dizziness at times, the loss of blood is making serious inroads on your health.

Frequently there is condition in the nose itself that requires attention. Thus many people with bleeding from the back part of the nose allow the blood to go down into the stomach. This is then vomited and they have an idea that they have serious stomach trouble, even cancer.

The usual methods of stopping the bleeding, cold applications to the bridge is often effective. The application of adrenalin in the proportion usually sold by the druggist, 1 to 1,000, is likewise a good method. Where the bleeding is obstinate, pushing a rubber finger stall with the open end outward up into the nostril and plugging the stall up with absorbent cotton will press against the small bleeding point and stop the bleeding.

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HOW RUSSIA'S RED ARMY WAS MADE

The Bolshevik government of Soviet Russia has one of the strongest and best trained fighting machines on the European continent today. In an article, "Russia's Red Army," D. Petrovsky, head of the Soviet Military Schools, tells in "Our World" how this organization was built up and trained. In spite of the fact that Soviet Russia desired peace, says the author of the article, her only hope of self-preservation was in the building up of a fighting unit which should protect her against the attacks of the enemy.

"Soviet Russia has inherited from the autocracy its old military schools, which were thoroughly permeated with the spirit of caste. These strongholds of power had to be converted, with lightning speed, into foundries in which the safeguards for the triumph of revolutionary arms were to be cast.

"The bold watch-word was broadcast. Every corner of Soviet Russia resounded with the call of the government: 'Prepare revolutionary commanders for the revolutionary army.' Thus the feverish work began. The old military schools were converted into commandants' training courses.

"Even in 1910 all Russia was covered by a network of these Soviet military schools, which were established by a special department created for the purpose—the Chief Committee on Military Schools—aided by the various armies and other local agencies. In spite of all the hardships of civil war, these military educational activities never ceased for a moment. Some of our Commandants' Schools had to move innumerable times during the first three years of the Revolution. The present Poltava infantry school for example, was originally established at Moscow, moved thence to Uraisk, next to Kiev, then to Cherkassk, then Poltava. These wanderings were not all pleasure trips.

"The military schools generally participated in all engagements, both of attack and retreat. But they always preserved their military educational function, mindful of the command to furnish the revolutionary army a new Communist higher staff. These schools were and are not only institutions for training Red army officers; they perform also another highly honored duty. Being model military units, they head the Red army in its most difficult advances.

"The real nature of these training courses was fully demonstrated in the early part of 1920, when it seemed as if Soviet Russia were going to have a breathing spell. All Russia was then seized with the passion for creative activity along the line of peaceful reconstruction. A network of labor articles covered all the Commandants' Schools. Naturally, their students, who in their time distinguished themselves in the advanced firing lines, took the first place among the moulders of a new, happy and peaceful life of labor. On every front of reconstruction activity these Red cadets were indefatigable workers."

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Montreal, Jan. 7.—"Do I believe women can farm successfully on their own account? I do, but they won't do it long. The men won't let them. I once counted how many eligible bachelors there were within a radius of five miles from the town near which I live, and there were forty, and only two or three eligible spinsters. We can never keep a school teacher."

Interviewed here, Mrs. G. H. Williams, formerly of this city, who has been farming for the past six years three-quarters of a section about thirty miles from Winnipeg, expressed the above opinion.

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