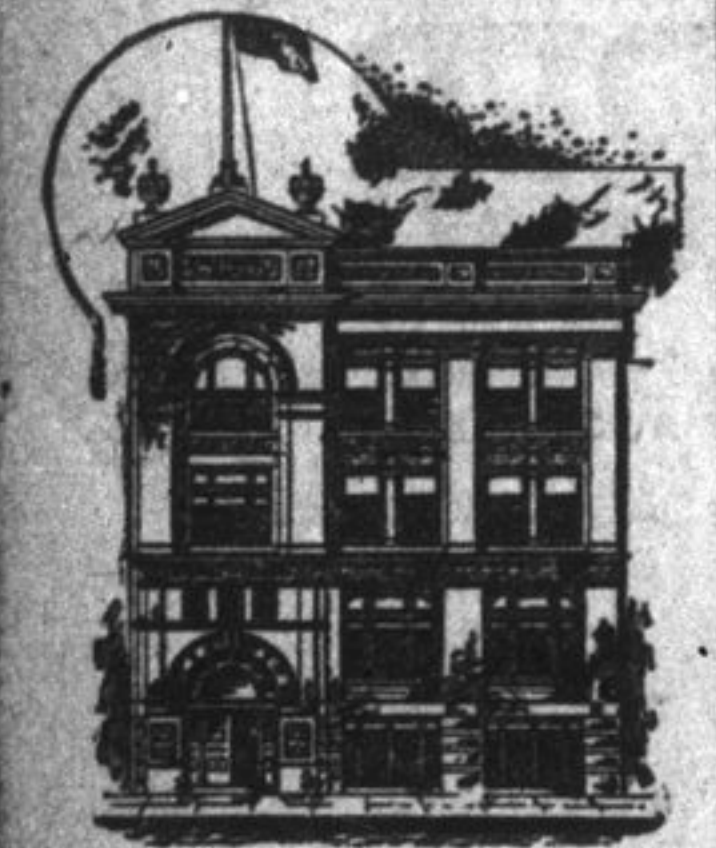


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THE VICTORIAN ORDER. The Victorian Order of Nurses had a decidedly effective year's work in 1925.

CONSOLIDATING SCHOOLS. In Ohio and New York State the single room school has served its day.

LUXURIES AND COLDS. A Chicago physician has expressed the belief that the luxuries of modern living with which civilized man has surrounded himself are in large part to blame for the sickness known as the common cold.

BIBLE THOUGHT. THOU SHALT NOT glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard, thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger.—Lev. 19:10.

sonable clothing and scientific plants for heating had been discovered, perfected and adopted.

The only difference is that more is heard about colds at this time than formerly. People talk more about them, and a great many people who are afflicted with common colds insist that they have the flu, and so increase the publicity.

The common cold of the pre-luxury days was attacked by a hot foot bath, a quart of ginger or pepper tea, a dose of salts, an extra pair of stockings and an additional flannel shirt, and that is all there was to it.

THE USE OF RAYON.

One of the industrial features of the past year has been the growth of the manufacturer of rayon in the United States. Some 50,000,000 pounds were produced. Its growth into a leading place in industrial activities is a romance. It began as a by-product industry and it has now become a major industry and shows no signs of over-production.

The announcement by the U. S. Department of Commerce shows that the output by American plants for the first half of 1925 was over 24,000,000 pounds. As the plants have been working at capacity all the year the annual production should approach 50,000,000 pounds.

"This figure," Secretary Hoover's announcement stated, "shows a remarkable increase over the output of recent years. In 1920 the American plants produced 8,000,000 pounds, almost doubling the output in the following year to 15,000,000. The year 1922 showed a further increase of 24,000,000 and in 1925 this amount was produced from January to June. Figures show that the knit goods industry was the largest consumer of rayon, taking 25 per cent. of the entire American consumption in 1925.

CITY AND COUNTRY.

"Where can one get most out of life—in the country or in the city?" asks B. C. Forbes, a United States economist. "Is a job in the city or a job in the country to be preferred?"

The two questions don't necessarily belong together. For thanks to our modern transportation facilities, especially the automobile, it is possible for many to live in the country and earn their living in the city, and large numbers are doing that very thing.

IS HIGHLY SPOKEN OF.

Senator W. B. Ross, the new Conservative leader in the Senate is, according to report, by training and temperament, well qualified for the position. He brings to the office the advantage of a wide knowledge of public affairs, gained during a long career as a lawyer, legislator and man of business, and he possesses, in addition, a sound and sure judgment, coupled with personal qualities that have won for him the confidence and esteem of his associates in his profession and in parliament.

News and Views.

Little Difference. Hamilton Herald: Strange, that so intelligent a man as Mussolini doesn't realize that Caesarism is as much out of date as Kaiserism.

What Ten Years May Do. Vancouver Province: Preliminary arrangements are being made for the celebration of Ottawa's centenary next August. The first hundred years are the hardest and the next decade should place the Capital in the front rank of the historic cities of the continent.

What Really Counts. Hamilton Herald: In the hope that holiday elections would bring to the polls a larger percentage of voters, St. Catharines on New Year's day held its municipal elections on New Year's day. Result: Only 27 per cent. of the qualified voters went to the polls.

Chief Service Commission Costly. Alliston Herald: Among all the government appointments that have

The Watertown, N.Y., Standard

THE MYSTERY OF SLEEP.

Scientists at the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research at Pittsburgh are trying to find out what sleep is.

You say that's ridiculous — that everyone knows what sleep is? Very well. Just what is sleep? A little hard to define off-hand, to be sure, says the Oswego, N.Y., Balladum-Times. Where's that dictionary?

"A state of general marked quiescence of voluntary and conscious (as well as many involuntary and unconscious) functions, alternating more or less regularly with periods of activity."

That's the Standard Dictionary definition. It doesn't help much. The Encyclopedia Britannica explains:

"It may be regarded as the condition of rest of the nervous system during which there is a renewal of the energy that has been expended in the hours of wakefulness."

This sounds like a positive contribution to the discussion. Sleep recharges the human battery.

But it is far from telling the whole story. Sleep, the psychologists are beginning to say, is very far from being merely passive state of rest or a merely mechanical charging of batteries. They suggest that sleep may not be a negative state at all, but a positive state of life, just as much worth studying as the waking state.

Poets and philosophers, guessed that before the psychologists, Byron said: "Sleep hath its own world, And a wide realm of wild reality,"

Mr. Mellon's scientists will do a service if they can tell us more about it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In Heligoland they have beaten their sea mines into lobster pots, as peace progresses.

Milk, says an English authority on food, is not good for men. One by one our sustenance is reduced.

The Standard fly is dead. It sampled the bald spot on the head of one of the editors. That settled it!

Twenty years ago a man couldn't understand his wife. Now life is more complex and he can't understand his wife or his auto.

Women of United States smoked nine billion cigarettes in 1925. Chances are they borrowed nearly that many matches, too.

Great chemists have conquered pain, remarks the Toronto Telegram, but they cannot conquer the people who give other people a pain.

The deaf, dumb and blind should fare well in Italy, argues The Straitsford Beacon-Herald. They come close to the dictator's ideal of citizenship.

A barber shop proprietor in New York has become a millionaire through his earnings. Every shave adds to the savings making up the millionaire.

The New York Red Cross has found a way of disposing of old silk stockings and might now tell us what to do with used safety razor blades, asks a Mail and Empire bewhiskered writer.

There is a definite movement on foot in Germany to confiscate the estates of the Hohenzollerns. Though it is being fostered by the communist party, it is meeting with a great deal of favor among all classes.

The Attorney-General of Ontario will receive general support for his contention that conditions in this province do not call for the bringing of party nominations under the provisions of the Elections Act relating to corrupt practices.

Misouri and Illinois passed a Widows' Pension Act in 1918. In a short time other States followed until to-day there is not a State in the Union nor a Province in Canada that has not made some provision for widows and children. New South Wales is the latest convert.

"We shall credit Mr. Hoover with greater sincerity," says the New Republic, "when he demands the smashing of the anthracite monopoly in the United States, or with greater wisdom when he becomes as excited over controlling it as he does over controlling British rubber."

The Chicago steal of water is seriously affecting the water supply for hydro. If any more water is diverted the great electrical development of Niagara will become almost valueless. The very industrial life of Ontario is at stake. Canada should stand firmly on her rights.

It will be pleasing to the consumers of electricity to learn that there are prospects of a reduction in the rates. This is as good as a reduction in taxes. It puts money in the pockets of the users. If the rate on gas could also come down, Kingston residents could regard themselves as fortunate.

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lands the Sunday schools in the little white churches over the land, for out of them have come some of the most successful men of the nation. How many public benefactions could be traced back to a seed sown in a little crossroads church no man can tell.

The people in the Maritime Provinces have discovered that they are not the only portions of Canada with problems, and they have learned that they are meeting them in many cases by a courageous attempt to overcome them. It has forced the people down by the sea to ask the question as to whether they are making the most of their opportunities or are developing their own natural resources as they should.

Premier Ferguson is to again take up the township school board bill and pass it on to a second reading. Then he will withdraw it for another year for renewed attention to and consideration of a plan which he regards as of highest importance to the improvement of rural education. This year the rural trustees will notice the premier is in earnest and constructive amendments will likely be suggested. The measure is a good one.

More good news for the kids of Kingston; another ice cream manufacturing company is moving here.

It is good to hear from the missionaries who are doing such splendid work at the outposts of civilization. The clergyman from far northwestern Keewatin told a vivid story of what is being done by those who so truly love their fellowmen that they give up positions of comfort to administer to those in need.

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At last the man of the house has had a chance to exercise himself with the shovel after an interval of nearly three weeks. He will feel the better of it too. And those fellows who are always riding around in automobiles should have been provided with shovels this morning to live them up a bit. They might have cleaned off the walks of their neighbors too. Yes, winter lingers with us and is liable to continue lingering for three months more.

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LOOKING AROUND

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