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## THE WAR SITUATION.

The Polish counter-stroke has given the war situation a curious and unexpected turn which provides good grounds for hoping conditions ahead will be much better than could reasonably have been hoped for two weeks ago. At that time the Russian menace seemed about to be carried into western Europe on Russian bayonets, and it was thought that nothing except an armed force of considerable size sent by the British and French could stay the rush. Such a force was not immediately available, largely because of unfortunate differences of opinion as to the wisdom of making war upon Russia which had the excuse of defending itself against invasion by Poland. The Poles, on the other hand, contended that their early attacks, although made on enemy ground, were in the nature of defensive war. In other words, it was thought wise to carry the war to the enemy rather than await invasion themselves.

Curiously enough the hope of a settlement appears now to lie in restraining the Poles from taking too much advantage of their military successes and in getting both sides to agree upon the establishment of the boundary fixed by the League of Nations. The Polish victory has been compared by military critics with the first battle of the Marne, but they do not anticipate that the parallel will hold in the sense that years of warfare will follow the present Polish successes. Britain and France are allied, pledged to see that Poland is not destroyed, and heavy as are their commitments the Russians know that the chief allies could not remain inactive should terms destructive of Polish nationality be insisted upon.

Unquestionably the Polish campaign of late has given a visible sense of relief to the Allied world, though it is clearly recognized that the tension and the trouble are not yet at an end. Events in the war zone are still causing intense anxiety in Great Britain, not only because of the complicated nature of the issue between Poland and Russia but because of Britain's heavy responsibilities elsewhere, chiefly in Mesopotamia and Egypt where things have been going far from well.

A welcome feature of the recent news is the indication that the threatened escaramade between Britain and France is disappearing, and a point has been reached where it may be taken for granted that the Entente will hold. British and French co-operation was the key-stone of Allied success during the great war, and its continuation is necessary in order that Poland may live and that no effective combination by Germany and Russia shall be permitted to endanger civilization.

## STILL WAITING.

It may be that the civic tax rate has given a chill to the enthusiasm of those who have long been insisting that the old court house should give way to a new building, practically on the old site but of a character fitted to meet the needs of a real civic centre. At all events little has been heard lately of the building upon which thousands gaze from week to week.

Apparently most citizens have ceased to wonder how long the wreck will stand untouched. The city is facing the need for greater expenditures for schools, for hospital accommodation, for streets, and for other purposes, and with the tax rate where it stands now there is no doubt that the cost of a new civic building on the old court house sites presents a serious problem. Nevertheless the time has come when lack of a definite line of action can scarcely improve matters. Nor will delay improve the argument that an attempt at restoration or repair of the present building would satisfactorily meet the issue. Autumn is almost here, and perhaps the best now to be expected is that the municipality will evolve before next spring a plan for rebuilding the court house in accordance with municipal needs. As matters stand the damaged building daily confronts the citizens as a striking example of unfinished municipal business.

## MEIGHEN AND HARDING.

Hon. Mr. Meighen's difficulty in attempting to persuade the country that his party really embraced the real Conservatives and the real Liberals of Canada has attracted the attention of the New York Times, which discovers an "intellectual kinship" between Mr. Meighen and Senator Harding, the Republican candidate for the presidency. The Times regards Mr. Meighen as bolder than Senator Harding, but it finds in his speeches much of the Harding touch. It might well have been Senator Harding, the Times suggests, who said as Mr. Meighen recently did to an audience: "I put the question to you, are you going to be a nation-builder or a nation wrecker?" This is merely Mr. Meighen's way of begging the question. He thus seeks to give the impression that by giving the Conservative party a new name he has gathered all the earnest and sound Canadians under his banner and that all the dangerous and destructive forces are in the ranks of his opponents. He recently described the new party as Conservative,

Liberal and National, which leads the Times to observe:— "One hears the envious sighs of those who are trying to rebuild at the factory a Republican party that shall be both conservative and liberal, radical and reactionary; that shall have a home for Borah as well as one for Barnes; that shall be both for the League and against it at the same time, with an appeal equally irresistible to Herbert Hoover and Hiram Johnson. Both these great conservative-liberal two-ringed moral shows are rooted in the same principle, the protective tariff."

This outside comment is quite in line with much that has been said concerning Hon. Mr. Meighen's recent speeches by Liberal newspapers in Canada. "The Toronto Star, for example, finds the prime minister revealing himself as a standard-bearer who is pledging himself to stick to the old Conservative policies. The Star says:—

"In the last years Sir Robert Borden has, as occasion required, adopted the policy of the Liberal party by advocating or announcing reforms. Hon. Arthur Meighen at Stirling intimated to those who, in the past, have constituted the strength of the Tory party, that the uncertainties and waywardness of recent years are ended, and he has pitched his headquarters on the party ramparts of 1911. Those who are opposed to change and reform will hear the call gladly. Those who are Liberal in principle, belief, and impulse will be equally glad to hear clear-cut issues placed before them. It will become necessary for the Liberal party to advocate policies which are truly Liberal in the broad light of the year 1920."

## POP BOTTLES BARRED.

FROM EBELT'S FIELD.  
New York, Aug. 25.—(By Canadian Press)—A new form of prohibition has gone into effect at Ebel's Field, the Brooklyn-Bushfield Club grounds. President Ebelt has issued an edict prohibiting the sale of soft drinks in bottles at the grounds, that if the fans must have cooling drinks served during the hot days of the season they must be served in paper cups, instead of bottles, in order to protect the umpires, players and patrons of the club from injury.

During the game between the Chicago and Brooklyn teams on August 15, umpire Quigley aroused the ire of the home-owners by one of his decisions. Instantly a shower of "pop" bottles directed at the official came from the upper and lower stands. In order to prevent a recurrence this disorderly and dangerous manifestation by some of the fans, President Ebelt decided to deprive them of their handy weapons.

## ALBERTA TO PUBLISH.

LABOR PAPER.  
Calgary, Alta., Aug. 25.—Commencing with a special Labor Day edition, the Alberta Federation of Labor will publish its own newspaper, which will be known as the Alberta Labor News.

The new venture is the result of an insistent demand for a labor paper, which has expressed itself at the last three conventions of the federation, when the executive board of that body was instructed to procure an official organ for Alberta labor.

Henry J. Roche, a well known newspaper man of Edmonton, will be the manager and Elmer E. Roper, representative of the International Printing Pressmen's Union, the editor of the new paper.

## 50,000 JEWS WISH.

TO MOVE TO STATES.  
London, Aug. 25.—(By Jewish Telegraphic Agency)—There are at least 50,000 Jews in Danzig, nearly all of them awaiting the chance to emigrate to the United States, says a dispatch from Danzig.

In an effort to alleviate the misery created by the lack of accommodations, the joint distribution committee for the distribution of American Jewish relief has opened offices in Danzig and is rendering all possible aid.

## JEWS WILL CAMPAIGN FOR SEAT IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Paris, Aug. 25.—(By Jewish Telegraphic Agency)—The committee of Jewish delegations meeting here announced that it will wage a campaign to obtain a seat in the League of Nations for representatives of the Jewish people. The committee, on which are represented the Jews of nearly every country in the world, also stated that it was prepared to launch a world-wide movement among Jews in support of the league.

Plans are being perfected by the committee for the election of Jewish national councils early next winter in all countries where Jews live. From these councils, it is proposed to create a new committee of Jewish delegations.

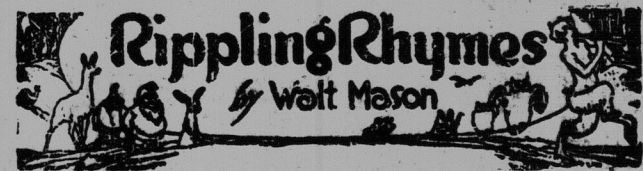
## AROUND THE WORLD.

BY DIRIGIBLE FLIGHT.  
New York, Aug. 25.—(By Canadian Press)—A non-stop, dirigible flight around the world will be attempted by the Zeppelin dirigible balloon builders in Germany within the next twelve months, according to a statement made here by Major Charles J. Glidden, an official of the Aero Club of America, who recently returned from a trip around the world organizing an international dirigible race.

Major Glidden said that the Zeppelin firm has long planned to win the distinction of accomplishing the first circumnavigation of the world by air and would make the attempt soon unless prevented by the Allies.

## LETTER'S LONG JOURNEY.

London, Eng., Aug. 25.—A Christmas card posted at Fernham on December 25, 1905, has just been delivered at Ivychurch Rectory, Kent. Another card was just delivered to Mrs. Fagan which was posted by her son, about three miles away, over 15 years ago.



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## JOACHIM.

A prince of stately pedigree, whose medals were a sight to see, observed with weariness and pain how at his house the world's disdain was leveled, and he cried: "Shoot me! My noble name I'll vindicate: I'll show men that the Kaiser's sons are not all worthless sons of guns. I've had in mind, for quite a time, some action splendid and sublime: our reputation to retrieve, and knocking enemies to pieces. Now, watch my curves! Observe my foam! Good night, pink world, I'm going home!" And then he took his trusty gun, and shot himself below the hat. And when I heard the ghastly news I had a season of the blues. For I had long regarded Jo as one too fond of empty show, who trived with hat-trifling chaps, and spent his evenings shooting craps. I could not see that in him dwelt one virtue worth a lion's pelt. I often held him up to scorn as showing that the nobly born are worse than useless if they lack a spinal column down the back. But now, by one great splendid act, by one sublime display of tact, this prince has shown where I was wrong; he had one virtue, true and strong. Convinced he'd never make a hit, he knew when it was time to quit.

## CANADA—EAST AND WEST.

Domestic Happenings of Other Days.

## CAPTURING THE ARGUS.

In the month of August, 1918, when the United States and Britain were at war, a naval engagement took place in the waters between the United States and Britain. The Argus was the American vessel, for months she had been hovering the seas off the English and French coasts. She had landed the United States minister of Brittany and had received orders to prey on commerce as long as possible before returning to American waters. It was too hazardous an attempt to carry all his prizes—about twenty in number—into French ports so all but five the Argus took were destroyed. Two she gave up to her prisoners, one reached a French port and two were recaptured in their attempt to arrive in France.

The British brig "Pelican" arrived in Cork after a cruise on August 12; the next day she was ordered to sea again in quest of the Argus whose depredations were known by the time. On this day the American had taken a prize on Milford Haven and had set in afloat as usual. The "Pelican" saw the blase steamer, it thinking it was probably the work of the American brig. At four o'clock on the morning of the fourth the Argus was located. She made no attempt to avoid battle thinking she was sailing under a light brig. The United States' captain said afterwards he expected to capture the fighting ship in ten minutes at the longest.

At six o'clock the two ships opened fire. It continued for three-quarters of an hour when the English ship succeeded in manœuvring so that she could board the stranger in European waters. Then the American hauled down her flag and surrendered. The British ship had seven casualties in the fight while the American had twenty-four men killed and wounded. Each vessel carried a crew of about 125 men but the English brig's weight of metal at each discharge was slightly heavier than the American's.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

A Fine Comeback.  
Husband—Didn't you throw your hat in the ring for the presidency?  
Wife (sneakily)—I couldn't dear, it was out of style.

Usually the Way of It.  
Scandalizing She—"Everybody knows about it. Some people take her part and some her husband's."  
Mere Man—"And a few eccentric individuals mind their own business."

"This poor fellow is in a terrible condition," said the visitor. "Yes," replied the asylum attendant. "He's the most violent patient we have in the ward."  
"What caused him to lose his mind?"  
"He tried to figure out some way to harness the energy that was going to waste in tango parlors."

One of Few Things.  
A woman went into a New York drug store the other day and said she would like to buy washbasins.  
"What may sound strange, but the strangest, the almost unbelievable part of it is that the drug storekeeper said: 'I can very sorry, ma'am, but I do not keep washbasins.'"

Life's Tragic Moments.  
When you take your best girl to the show and find your seats are separated by the aisle.  
When you get your groceries today, said the butcher to his wife, "don't go to that little drug store on the corner. Why not?" she demanded. "Because he sent in yesterday and borrowed an oil lamp of my son."

Times Change.  
The man who used to go out between acts to get a drink now goes out to see if his motor car is still there.—Indianapolis News.

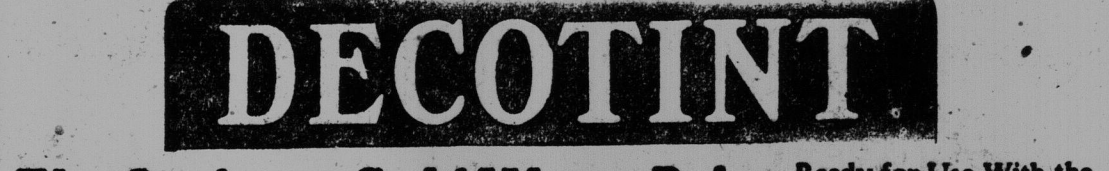
"Close Your Eyes!" Says Burglar, Steals Nearly \$1,000.  
Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 25.—"Go back to bed and close your eyes!" was the command given by a burglar to Rex J. Cleland, a prominent real estate broker. The order was obeyed, and after the intruder left it was found that he had taken with him nearly \$1,000 in cash and jewelry.

## BACK TO BED IS ORDER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
Victoria, B. C., Aug. 25.—"Director of patriotic and educational picture service" is the title which has been conferred upon Dr. W. Baker, chairman of the Game Conservation Board, by order-in-council passed by the provincial cabinet. The picture service, authorized by the legislature, will produce moving pictures of scenes and events in British Columbia, to be exchanged with other provinces and shown abroad.

## SENSATIONAL DECLINE IN PRICES OF SILK SHIRTS.

Silk shirts are surely on the bargain counter at Oak Hall. A late shipment of the latest patterns and designs is being placed on sale for three days only for a quick turn-over at prices that will attract the attention of those who appreciate a real bargain. Regular \$7.50 values for \$5.25; regular \$9 and \$10 values for \$7.25; regular \$10.50 and \$12 values for \$8.40. See window display.



## DECOTINT

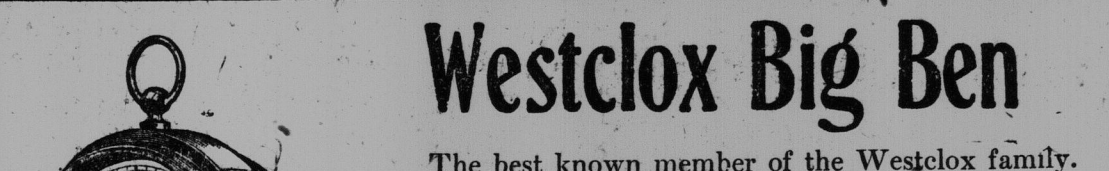
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Protecting Prisoners' Families.  
Columbus, O., Aug. 25.—Warden P. E. Thomas, of the state penitentiary here, is strongly in favor of a law providing that families of criminals receive the proceeds of the prisoners' labors while a ward of the state. "The state of Ohio has no right," he says, "to punish the families of criminals by depriving them of support by the family head."

The state, he says, should put every prisoner to work. He says the state should have five brick plants instead of one to keep the vast number of prisoners confined in the penitentiary employed.

"Work, religion and education bring about growth in prisoners," he says. "Idleness is a curse. Ignorance is a curse. Folks like to talk about the college graduates in the penitentiary, but they are the exception; ignorance is the rule."

## REVIVES REPORT OF HEADQUARTERS OF THE C. N. R. IN TORONTO

Toronto, Aug. 25.—"I believe the announcement will be forthcoming in a few days that the headquarters of the Canadian National Railways would be located in Toronto," said Mayor Church yesterday. "I understood that the G. T. R. offices will be brought to Toronto from Montreal."

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