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OVER THE TOP.

The action taken by the Commercial Club last evening, and that which will follow as a result of its action and that of the city council and board of trade, will not only make it clear to the management of the Canadian National Railways that the citizens are aroused because they have a real grievance; but it will bring the just claims of this port to the attention of the people of all Canada.

the farm would greatly increase the cost of all farm products. It will thus be seen that whatever legislation the government proposes will be the subject of keen controversy. Not only will the advocates of labor and the employers of labor be heard, but we may assume that the third party, the consuming public, will not be without a voice in the discussion when the question is before parliament.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

A review of local trade conditions which The Times-Star prints today does not offer any encouragement to those who would like to see a lower range of commodity prices. Indeed there have been advances in quite a number of staple articles during the past week. One cause of the high prices is the scarcity of supplies. Until production over-takes demand the markets will be firm.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

As was expected, the labor delegation which waited on the government at Ottawa on Thursday requested the eight-hour day for Canada, with a Saturday half-holiday, making a forty-four hour week. They pointed out that the eight-hour day had been recognized by the peace conference, and by the international labor conference at Washington; and contended that Canada was better able to carry out this plan than some of the other countries represented at both conferences.

The adoption of the eight-hour day will be vigorously resisted on two grounds. One of these is the vital need of increased production. On this point the Montreal Gazette, which is opposed to the eight-hour day, says: "The question of the hours of labor and their relation to production was discussed at the national industrial conference, held in Ottawa last September."

Sir William Price, the paper king, goes farther than the American magnate who said: "The people be damned." Sir William says: "The government be damned," and he resists the order fixing the price of newspaper. "Price on price" promises to be an interesting story.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, who may be regarded as the leader of the farmers, has again declared himself against the existing tariff system and in favor of direct taxation. Between the farmers and the Liberals the high tariff advocates will be driven out of the trenches.

The world may well be disturbed by the report of the success of the Bolsheviks in the near east and even toward Afghanistan, but the British Empire has greatest cause for uneasiness because of the threat against India.

The Board of Commerce regards all building materials as necessities of life and will insist upon no more than a fair profit. So the board says. Now let us see what it does.

British industries are gradually getting back to normal. The export of woolen and worsted goods show a steady increase, and the like is true of other lines.

The farmer's wagon is being converted into a steam-roller to flatten out the grits and tories.

The Commercial Club did a good night's work. Today it is doing a good day's work.

Sounds With Sound Waves. By sounding with sound waves instead of a steel cable, a Frenchman has been able to determine the depth of the ocean in a few seconds, where the ordinary process requires minutes and hours.

The Gazette adds: "The observations credited to the British Prime Minister have been substantiated by experience not only in Great Britain, but in the United States, and wherever the application of the eight-hour day has been tried."

The other ground for opposition to the eight-hour day is that what is a suitable period for labor in one class of work is not suitable in another, and in this connection a leader of the farmers has declared that an eight-hour day on



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THE WEED.

Tobacco pieces, too, have soared, in keeping with the price of board, of clothing, books and boots; and now we feel some mental jars when we dig up for punk cigars and cauliflower cheroots. There was an olden, golden time when I could take a hard-earned dime, and buy a royal smoke; a torch that drove away my care, restored the color of my hair, and made grief seem a joke. But now the torch that costs a dime would drive the purchaser to crime, to arson and the like; it's made of rhubarb leaves and sage, and of the smoker, in a rage, invokes the shade of Mike.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST.

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

CARDINAL BEGIN.

His Eminence Cardinal Louis Nazaire Begin, the head of the Catholic church in Canada, was born in the town of Levis, opposite the city of Quebec on January 10, 1840. After completing his education at the Seminary in Quebec he went to Rome to continue his studies. In that city when he was twenty-five years of age, he was ordained, but after that he continued a special course of studies in the Oriental languages and in church history. As a result, upon his return to Quebec he was appointed a professor in Laval University; then he was prefect of studies at the Little Seminary and later principal of the Laval Normal School. In 1888 he was honored with the appointment of Bishop of Chicoutimi, while three years later he was chosen co-adjutor to Cardinal Taschereau at Quebec and the Holy Land. In his career he has attended many of the largest gatherings of the Catholic Church held in the world; at the unveiling of the Irish monument at Grosse Isle in 1909 he was one of the chief speakers.

A SEAPLANE CARRIER.

Many a strange vessel called the sea under the British flag between 1914 and 1919, but few stranger than H. M. Seaplane-Carrying Ship Argus. With a jolly abandon between the century-old houses which floated on it, and under the stern, she looked like a portion of a dock wall, which had floated out to sea. The absence of funnels, masts, and rigging, the upper works, combined with "dazzle" painting of the hull, rendered her anything like a thing of beauty. She began existence as a first-class passenger and cargo steamer, but before her hull was finished the war broke out, and the Admiralty decided to raise the seaplane carrier.

Mistaken Deference.

"Married couples should yield to one another's opinion as to get along," said the sober-faced man. "I don't understand the other. 'It didn't work in our case. I told my wife I wasn't worthy of her and she declared I was. For the sake of harmony I yielded my opinion and said I was worthy of her. And she, not to be outdone in generosity, I suppose, yielded her opinion to me.'"

Two and Two.

"That 2 and 2 make 4" said Professor Pate, "is as unalterable as were the laws of the Pedes and Persians—mean, of course, the Medes and Persians—that is, the Medes and Persians—there—er—him—"

More Water Needed.

A crowd about a rigging attracted the attention of a sad-eyed individual who seemed to be hung-over, affected by the succession of hung-overs that had marked his life before the long dry spell began. "What'sa matter?" he inquired. "Oh, we're just watching the work."

Why For For It?

The recruiting office was having a slow day. Prospect after prospect had been interviewed, but all seemed to have some fundamental objection to joining up. Finally there appeared a long, clean youth who studied the posters with more than the usual degree of interest. The recruiting officer perked up, and inquired, "Like to join the service, buddy?" he inquired. "Like to see the world?" "Sure would."

"Like to get three square meals a day?" "Sure would." "Like to get your clothes and your rent and everything free?" "Sure would." "And have a chance to save your wages?" "Sure would. Say, how much do they pay?" "Thirty dollars a month." "The lean one shuffler away. 'Aw, that's grubbed. I knowed there was a trick in it somewhere. I kin borrow that much."—The Home Sector.

TRAMS DESTROY CHARM OF THE LONDON STREETS.

The tramway menace in London is growing rapidly. A \$40,000,000 scheme for linking up the North and South London tramways is being outlined.

London, the most innately beautiful city in the world, gains most of its charm through its sweeping roads, whose glorious sweep is broken by no line of rails in the middle of the shining wooden pavement. Trams have the strange and horrible power of removing individuality from the street. All main roads with chevron twisting, untrammeled flocks of motor omnibuses only accentuate their mud-puddled loveliness. Place trams in them—fall, glittering, yellow trams—moving in a staid groove, clanging a hideous bell, inelastic, rigidly going forward—and these essentially London streets might be Eighth Avenue in New York, or a Paris boulevard, or Cliftonville High Street.

Trams are essentially an-English. They are very German and rather American. They are exact—they can only go one way, and obey a little flange of steel with humility. The motor omnibus, like a young and unsophisticated motor omnibus, run past their corner, and their red face blushing with shame, back slowly and noisily to their right course again.

SHOULD NOT EMPLOY OPEN FLAME TO THAW FROZEN PIPES.

The careless handling of ashes in paper or wooden boxes or barrels, accumulation of waste paper, and unprotected stoves and furnaces, were the principal causes of fire in the city of Montreal during 1919, according to a report issued by the Bureau of Fire Prevention, and submitted by Chief Inspector Jean Nand to the head of the Fire Department, Chief J. C. Chevalier.

In view of this finding fire inspectors have been instructed to be very strict in violations of a like nature, and to insist that ashes be kept in metal barrels or cans.

A WAITING ROOM FOR PETROGRAD.

Helsingfors, Finland, has attained a remarkable position in the world just now, for it has become what a correspondent describes as the "waiting room for Petrograd." Thousands of Russians who have escaped the misrule of the Bolsheviks help crowd Helsingfors, but the congestion is increased also by men of many nationalities who for one reason or another would like to get into Russia, where nowadays one can practically say that few may enter and none may leave.

THE FIRST SILK HAT.

Pittsburg Dispatch: What is it about a hat that makes it so interesting and exciting out of all proportion? A straw hat worn a week or so earlier in the spring than the date on which they were generally adopted for a "stovepipe" in a frontier community? Why should it make any difference to any one else what a person wears on his head? Every man has, apparently, a matter of public concern, and a small-sized riot can be started almost anywhere by some one wearing an unusual headdress.

Pheasants Caught With Raisins.

Pheasants are devoted to raisins, and poachers knowing this, fasten a baiting hook with a raisin, tie this line to a peg in the hedgerow. Wild ducks are caught in similar fashion, the bait in this case being not raisins but worms. Another fiendish trick is the use of fat balls. These are small balls of suet, in the centre of which is placed a short length of whale-bone or some similar substance with the pointed ends bent together. Almost any game bird will pick up a ball of this sort. When swallowed, the fat melts, and the spring whale-bone is released, the end sticking in the bird's gullet and choking it. Partridges have regular dusting places like poultry. One poacher hit upon the plan of putting a quantity of pepper into one of these dusting places, thereby blinding the unfortunate birds that came to use it. He was then able to pick them up quite easily.—Pearson's Weekly.

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GREATEST LANDLORDS (Philadelphia Ledger.) The most elaborate and the largest map in the world is the "valuation map" of the city of London, which was some twenty years in the making, and which is more than thirty feet wide and twenty feet from top to bottom. The map is of the metropolitan district of London, embracing an area of 115 square miles, and every house, shop and piece of property in that area is shown. Nearly 40,000 separate estates are listed.

AEROPLANING DAY BY DAY. Not so much is heard about it all, to be sure, as in those tremendous days last summer, when the Atlantic was being crossed and recrossed in different kinds of aircraft. Nevertheless, records are still being broken in aeroplaning and new achievements recorded every day. The "warra laytest," as Weidum Sprunt would put it, is a new machine for the London-Paris service capable of carrying a large number of passengers and heavy loads of cargo.

Co-operation Mr. and Mrs. Newbridge had at last obtained a villa in a suburb of London, and Mrs. Newbridge was hanging the pictures. There was a certain photograph of a large number of passengers must go up but which was too small to suspend from the nail by a cord. He thereupon got a substantial nail and hammered it into the wall. There came a knock at the door. "It's Mr. Next-door," said his wife running to the window. "Your hammering has disturbed him." Mr. Newbridge hastened to apologize. "Oh, I don't mind the noise," replied Mr. Next-door cheerily. "I only came to ask if I might hang a picture on the other end of the nail." (The Bills.)

Cone High, But We Must Have 'Em Kiddies. Don't suppose you'd take his weight in gold for your new baby, would you? No; I should hardly like to sell out at cost.