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### THE NEW YEAR.

Before another issue of the Times-Star appears a new year will have dawned. It will not dawn upon a tranquil world, for there are causes of disquiet in the relations between nations, and in the state of society even in countries where no fear of trouble from without exists. Indeed the whole commercial and social fabric of the world is so interlocked that Russia is doing more to affect the world on this side of the Atlantic, and what transpires in Central Europe may affect the farmers on the prairies of America.

The New Year finds the whole world looking to Lausanne, to Paris, to London, to Washington, to Moscow, with a keen anxiety because a settlement of Europe's financial troubles and of the Near East problem are matters that concern the world's welfare in a supreme degree. There is no more isolation, there cannot be. The United States, regarding itself as the most self-sufficient of countries, has come to a realization of this fact. Its influence must be exerted in Europe or it must share in a common disaster. The spread of the consciousness that the welfare of each is the concern of all, and that calamity cannot be isolated and overcome without organization is a great gain to the world.

The year now closing has not fulfilled expectations in the matter of international good-will and the will to peace, but progress has been made. The outlook may still seem threatening, but it cannot be that prejudice or ambition is to thwart the universal desire of the people for disarmament and the settlement of international differences without resort to arms. Undoubtedly this is the desire of the great masses of the people everywhere, and ultimately their will must prevail. Neither the ambitions of the Turkish Nationalists nor any unreasonable claims put forward by any other nation can do more than delay the ultimate just settlement of matters at issue.

The peoples in Central Europe who were freed in the Great War had a grave task in adjusting themselves to the new conditions, but they are performing it well. Even in Russia the Soviet rulers have sobered down and to some extent applied sound principles to the solution of their problems. A great experiment is being carried on in Russia, as the future of Communism in the world will be determined by the outcome in that country. The question of Germany and reparations looms large at the moment chiefly because of the uncompromising attitude of France, and this problem can best be solved by the co-operation of the United States, which in some form seems now to be reasonably assured.

It is very gratifying to Canadians to know that Great Britain, while her burdens are still enormous, has been steadily winning back during the past year to a sounder financial position and extending her trade throughout the world. Her attitude towards the problems of Europe is marked by a keen desire to be helpful, and even to be generous, meeting her own obligations with characteristic energy and a high sense of honor. Her relations with the United States have been improved during the past year, and in this fact lies great hope for the future. The establishment of the Irish Free State as a member of the Commonwealth of British Nations has relieved her of a serious problem, and gained for her a larger degree of American sympathy. In India and Egypt there are still sources of anxiety, but these present no insurmountable difficulty. The Empire was never so strong and united as now, or ever so well assured of a growing American sympathy.

No people have greater reason to look forward with cheerful confidence on New Year's Day than the people of Canada. The past year has witnessed a gradual revival of business, and the outlook is much brighter than a year ago. There is the promise of greater industrial activity and a larger trade in 1923 than in 1922. The railway situation has improved. The Canadian National Railway make a better financial showing, and with Sir Henry Thornton at the head of the system the coming year is expected to show still more satisfactory results. The year should also see the adoption of an immigration policy which will bring to Canada a considerable number of the much needed settlers for the land, and pave the way for much better results in the next few years. If during the year a better understanding of each other's problems is arrived at by the people of the East and the West, so much the better for national unity, and if this results in western recognition of the justice of the claim of the Maritime Provinces for the policy of Canadian trade through Canadian channels, so much the better for national sentiment in this part of the Dominion.

The year 1922 will undoubtedly be marked by important developments in the industrial world. The struggle between labor and capital will go on. The need of an adjustment of differences is emphasized by the activity of the Reds, who would abolish capital. There is a Workers' Party now in the United States which seeks to effect a revolution and bring about a system like that in Russia, which its leaders regard as ideal. Some labor leaders have no use for these people, but their existence makes more urgent the need of co-operation in industry. Good feeling between business and labor is more than ever essential, the more so that competition in the world's markets grows more keen as the nations sink back toward normal conditions of production.

In 1923, as always, there will come to every individual the call to serve in the cause of human welfare. New Year resolutions may be commonplace, but they are still worth while. The Times-Star wishes all success to every worthy resolution of its readers for the year 1923.

### HYDRO IN MAINE.

Our neighbor, Maine, is becoming aroused on the question of utilizing the water-powers of the State for the benefit of the people, and not of corporations. Ere long the State will probably follow the example of New Brunswick, as water power development is to be the big issue at the legislative session to open on Jan. 8. There will be great local interest in the following despatch from Augusta, reviewing the whole situation—

"From a small beginning several sessions ago the question of state ownership of these powers in Maine has become one of the biggest questions in the state. It has been the great problem around which has revolved all other matters before the State Legislature at its past three sessions. As a member of the House of Representatives in 1917, Percival P. Baxter of Portland, now Governor of Maine, set the ball rolling when he introduced a bill providing that the state acquire all undeveloped powers and develop them. The fight that session was bitter, and the measure went down to defeat. Two years later, in the same session, Gov. Baxter presented a similar bill. It had been somewhat modified, but was essentially the same. This, too, was defeated, but Baxter succeeded in calling through a measure which called for the appointment of a water power commission to investigate such resources."

In 1921, Senator P. Baxter introduced a new water power ownership and control bill, but the death of Gov. Parkhurst early in February called Baxter to the executive chamber and he was not in a position to fight the bill through in the Legislature. It was again defeated.

Known as the Governor, who was re-elected, will not offer an administration water power bill, but such a bill will be presented and it will have the endorsement of Gov. Baxter. This bill, it is understood, will be presented by Senator Ralph O. Brewster of Portland, who will have charge of it in the Legislature. Mr. Brewster, then a member of the House, led the fight for the water power bill of 1921. This year's bill will provide for a constitutional amendment giving the state the right to create and finance water storage districts, build dams and establish reservoirs, so as to insure ample water at all seasons for industries of the state."

All over America the development of water powers by the people for the people is gaining favor, and objections to public ownership of hydro are met by the record of the province of Ontario, and by similar success achieved elsewhere. The Government of New Brunswick took a great forward step in the interests of the people when it adopted its hydro policy and began the initial development at Musquash.

News of an important extension of the hydro policy of the Provincial Government will be heard with great satisfaction throughout the Province. The development of Grand Falls power would benefit a very large section, and the benefit would be shared by the farming communities as well as by the towns and villages.

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The year 1922 will be remembered in St. John as the one in which the citizens freed themselves from the clutches of a greedy corporation and made a wider application of the principle of public ownership.

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The Province of New Brunswick enters upon the new year with good prospects and the hope that Maritime Province claims will receive some recognition hitherto withheld.

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There should be no unemployment for a few days for the man who can swing a shovel. Com. Frink's hopes of a snug cash balance have gone a-glimmering.

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We know now why a locality is sometimes described as "these diggings."

### NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1923.

Another year and war-swept lands. Where thousands fell still wanted life, and helpless children raise their hands in mute appeal, or hunger-cry.

Thou, whom the helpless lean upon, We trust, and hope—if hope there be— That fairer, brighter days may dawn O'er stricken lands in Twenty-three.

Say, brother, do you realize Your luck in living in this land? No clouds of war obscure our skies, No foes menace our peaceful strand.

Time's healing hand moves very slow, Too slow, old Time, it seems to me; Wake up! and make these elbow go To higher strains in Twenty-three.

### HOPE A. THOMSON.

TO THE NEW YEAR.

(By Agnes Joyney.)

New Year's home a pretty, pink faced child, Wide eyed and wondering you look on earth. Grow strong and swiftly; reach a giant's height! Aye, more than that—the stature of a God!

The strength and wisdom of a God be yours!— Colossal issues wait your fresh young hand! Yours is the work to heal the sores of earth, Which faster still, to help erase the scars Of racial hatreds; to induce the Creeds To cast aside their ugly, threadbare cloaks Of self-esteem and vanity, and show, Each one, the self same shining Truth within;

To make of men who now are enemies, Brothers in soul; order to Chaos bring— Then, may the greatest intellects of earth, Possessed by every color, race and creed, Lend to your mind their beauty and their strength! Breathe Wisdom from its Source with every breath! And let the blocks with which your hands build Be corner stones of nations ruled now!

The exercise which shall develop and sustain your arm, be forging links to bind, In solid unity, a broken earth.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

No Opening.

"I'd like to tell that fellow Bragson what I think of him."

"You'd never get a chance; he's forever telling what he thinks of himself."

To Be Demonstrated.

"Now that you two are one," began "Which one?" asked the demure bride.

"I," said the bride, who was a married man, "You must find that out for yourselves."

Reconstructed Nature.

They stood in an art gallery in front of a cubist painting said to represent a human figure.

"What do you think of it?" one asked.

"It's a horrible example," said the other, "of how nature would look if some people had their way about it."

Essential.

The novice was not enjoying his first trip through the air and his more experienced companion regarded him in some amusement.

"I say, Bill, what's on your mind?"

"I was just thinking about Abraham Lincoln," replied Bill thoughtfully.

"Yes, I was thinking how truthfully he spoke when he said a man's legs ought to be just long enough to reach the ground."

He Helped.

(From "As The World Wags") In The Boston Herald.

"During the recent railroad strike a freight engineer on one of the stiff grades of the Rocky Mountains foothills had a green and very fresh brakeman in charge of the rear brakes of his train, which pulled and tugged up the long incline, puffing, screeching, making an unusual rumbling. The top was finally reached and the train rested for a moment to cool off. The rear brakeman walked up to the engineer who said sociably, 'She took it hard, didn't she?'"

"You bet," said the verdant one, "and if I hadn't had the rear breaks on, she'd have slid backwards."

## MOTORS And Their Care



Practical Suggestions For Insuring Longevity of the Car

Mufflers for Floor Boards.

A floor board edged with felt or aluminum strips will seldom squeak. Strips of cloth can be used also.

Easy to Remember.

The positive side of a battery is always marked with a plus sign, while the negative side is always marked with a minus sign.

To Rejuvenate Spring Leaves.

A few minutes' work with a squirt gun filled with kerosene and motor oil will cut the rust and leave a film of lubricant between the spring leaves.

A Help in a Cold Garage.

Cars that are kept in an unheated garage and from which the cooling water is drained at night should be filled with hot water in the morning before trying to start the engine.

Temperature Affects Oil.

A motorist should not overlook the fact that oil which stays liquid in summer will probably freeze in winter, while the oil which stays liquid in winter will become too thick in summer.

Causes of Ignition Troubles.

Ignition sometimes fails because of the battery; other reasons are: burned-out or wet coils, ignition points pitted or stuck, motor burned out, fouled plugs or broken porcelain, loose con-

## MR. DOOLEY On New Year's Resolutions

By FINLEY PETER DUNNE

Mr. Hennessy looked out at the rain dripping down in Archway Road, and sighed. "A-ha, 'tis a bad spell iv weather we're havin'!"

"Faith, it is," said Mr. Dooley, "or else we mind it more than we did. I can't remember wan day fr'm another, when I was young I never thought iv rain or snow, cold or heat. But now th' heat stings an' th' cold wrenches me bones; an' if I go out in th' rain with less on me than a ton iv rubber, I'll pay dear fr it in achin' joints, so I will."

"That's what old age means; an' now another year has been put on to what we had before, an' we're expected to be gay."

"Ring out th' old, ring in a guy at th' Brothers' School. 'Ring out th' old, ring in a guy at th' Brothers' School."



"I'm Somethin' Iv an Amashoor Shot With a Half-Brick Measlin'."

me to go to th' divil, so I put hit him in th' eye.

"I hadn't gone half a block before I spied Dorsey across th' street. I picked up a half a brick an' put it in me pocket, an' Dorsey done th' same."

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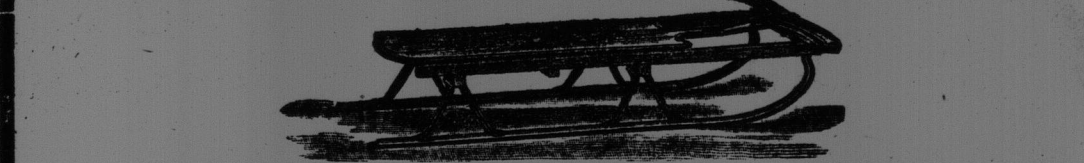
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A TRIBUTE FROM BRAZIL

(Correspondence Philadelphia Ledger.)

The opening of the British Pavilion at the Brazilian Centenary Exhibition furnishing the occasion to Dr. Carlos Sampaio, Prefect of Rio de Janeiro, of bearing witness to his country's indebtedness to England.

"It is from England," he said, "that in time of difficulty we have drawn the sap without which our growth must have been stunted and we are so accustomed to the justice and integrity with which you have always treated us that we should find it extremely difficult to give preference to anyone else so long as domestic conditions in your own country allow you to come to our help."

It, through the war, you have lost something in your material wealth, you have gained immeasurably in moral strength since August 4, 1914, when the English people, unjustly considered by many to be scorned, rose to the occasion with a courage which surpassed anything hitherto recorded.

"This exhibition has come as a revelation to many Brazilians. It has achieved still more in bringing together the people of Brazil and the nations here represented. If from among all these countries any one be singled out, it is beyond doubt the one which can never be forgotten for all that it has done and is doing for us—dear old England."

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