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Social and Personal

Mr. McArthur of Midland is taking a position in Lattimer's drug store in place of Mr. Madill who has enlisted in Cobourg Heavy Battery.

Mrs. John J. Kearns Jr. and baby Vincent, of Toronto, are spending a few days in town the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Foster, Albert St.

The remains of the late Mrs. Geo. McCoy of Foxboro who died in Belleville on Monday evening were this morning taken by C. N. O. R. Eldorado for interment. Mr. McCoy accompanied the body.

A covered Phaeton in splendid condition, and a Covered Surrey, Rubber Tires, also good condition and cheap. C. S. Scantlebury, Store 18-2nd-27w.

OSHAWA HAS A GRIEVANCE

Objects to Prices Being Charged by Hydro Commission

The Oshawa Reformer says: The new rates of the Hydro-Electric Commission's local office put into effect in Oshawa at the beginning of the year, were announced with loud acclaim as being very low and favorable to the town. Undoubtedly they were quite an advantage over former rates. But on making enquiries regarding rates in other places where the Hydro Commission is operating we were surprised to find how much lower they were than what Ashawa is paying. In Toronto, for instance, the rate given on the rate card is 2 cents per kilowatt hour, while the rate appearing on our current bills in Oshawa is 3 cents per k.h. While Toronto gas is sold at 70 cents per 1,000 feet, we are paying \$1.40 per 1,000 cubic feet here. Just double the price. It would appear very much as if the competition of the Toronto Electric Light Co. has a very healthy effect on the Hydro rates in that city so far as the customers are concerned, and with a little competition here the Commission might find that they could furnish light and gas for a good deal less than they are doing now.

We have written to a householder in Toronto who has a reasonable sized house and asked him how his electric light and gas bills compare with ours. In reply, he says: "Have been using Toronto Electric Light and no month during the winter has the account exceeded \$1.66, after the discount had been allowed. This is an average sized house, but we use the electric current not only for lighting but for washing clothes, ironing them, cooking, toasting, sweeping and in addition have a couple of electric fire places.

The price of gas is 70 cents per 1,000 cubic feet."

Of course the Hydro Commission rates must be the same as the Toronto Electric Light Co.'s rates there or they could not compete. How do these figures compare with what we are paying in Oshawa? We will venture to say that there are very few families could afford to pay the bills they would be charged here if they used electricity the way this man speaks of using it. We would like to know why it is the Hydro Commission, which is supposed to be operating for the people's plants for the benefit of the whole people, double the price in places where there is no competition, and are able to cut it almost in two where here is competition? It is a matter which will require some explaining to make it look right to the average citizen.

OF COURSE THE HYDRO COMMISSION RATES MUST BE THE SAME AS THE TORONTO ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.'S RATES THERE OR THEY COULD NOT COMPETE. HOW DO THESE FIGURES COMPARE WITH WHAT WE ARE PAYING IN OSHAWA? WE WILL VENTURE TO SAY THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW FAMILIES COULD AFFORD TO PAY THE BILLS THEY WOULD BE CHARGED HERE IF THEY USED ELECTRICITY THE WAY THIS MAN SPEAKS OF USING IT. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY IT IS THE HYDRO COMMISSION, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE OPERATING FOR THE PEOPLE'S PLANTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE, DOUBLE THE PRICE IN PLACES WHERE THERE IS NO COMPETITION, AND ARE ABLE TO CUT IT ALMOST IN TWO WHERE HERE IS COMPETITION? IT IS A MATTER WHICH WILL REQUIRE SOME EXPLAINING TO MAKE IT LOOK RIGHT TO THE AVERAGE CITIZEN.

RUSSELLISM BARRED

Hon. T. W. McGarry has cancelled the moving picture license of the International Bible Students' Association, as the direct result of the visit to Toronto, of Judge Rutherford of New York, and an address he made to the Bible Students' convention at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. The films produced by the association have been shown from time to time on Sundays at local theatres.

Judge Rutherford said, among other things in his address, that the teaching of the Bible Students' Association was entirely opposed to enlistment.

Asthma Cannot Last when the greatest of all asthma specifics is used. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy assuredly deserves this exalted title. It has countless cures to its credit which other preparations had failed to benefit. It brings help to even the most severe cases and eases the patient to a condition of blessed relief. Surely suffering from asthma is needless when a remedy like this is so easily secured.

GETTING IT OUT OF HIS SYSTEM

A friend across the border has sent us a clipping from the Syracuse Post-Standard, being an open letter written by Harold McGrath of that city to Herr Ahlborn, of Boston. Ahlborn has been sending German propaganda stuff to Irishmen in the United States, and some of it reached Mr. McGrath, on the assumption that he was a sympathizer. How greatly Herr Ahlborn was mistaken is shown by the concluding portion of Mr. McGrath's letter, which is quoted below:

"Before the war broke out I had great admiration for the British Government, but I wasn't particularly fond of the Englishman as an individual. I rather preferred the German. I always sailed on German ships when I could. But things have changed; and I am finding myself in love with the Englishman. He and the Frenchman are my blood-brothers. Today the Englishman stands between me and the eternal damnation of democracy. And shamefully I must stand aloof and watch him fight for me!"

"Herr Ahlborn, I take it that because there's an Irish tinkle to my name you sent your propaganda stuff to me on the basis that I might hate the English so thoroughly that it would not matter how much your German Government kicked me so long as it kicked England a little harder. Am I right? You took a chance, anyway, that I might be one of those wild and woolly Hibernians of the James K. McGuire type, who never follow up a gas attack, who are willing to fight bravely for Ireland—a few thousand miles behind the guns, and willing to be further, as my friend Doyle says. Well, your gun-cotton fell into enemy hands."

"The blood in me is Irish and English. And written in this blood is a single word you might do well to ponder over—Loyalty."

"Now I am going to tell you what I think of your government. It is natural that I should infer from the nature of your communication that the German Government is your Government. It doesn't matter that you may have naturalization papers in your pocket, or that you might have been born in this country. You are patently serving the Imperial German Government."

"Which, fights crookedly, acts crookedly, writes crookedly, and thinks crookedly. To which murder and rape and arson are articles of war. Which sinks unarmed ships and fights shy of those armed. Which professes friendship with one hand and sharpens the assassin's knife with the other. Which whines continually that it is misjudged. Which tearfully talks about human rights and observes none. Which blames Belgium, France, England, Russia, China, Japan, China, Montenegro, Italy, and the United States for a war it began. Which will, if the war goes much further, blame it on the Esquimaux. A mad-dog Government which has infected the whole of civilization with its rabies. Which emulates Attila and charges the account to God. That is what I think of your Government, Herr Ahlborn. And thank you for giving me this opportunity to rid my system of the accumulated bile of two years and a half."

W. McCONACHIE FELL IN ACTION

Pte. William McConachie, a well known Belleville boy about eighteen or nineteen years of age has fallen in battle. The sad news reached his parents Mr. and Mrs. John McConachie Great St. James Street at noon today. He went overseas with the 155th Battalion. He was a highly respected young man and his death is deeply mourned. Besides his parents a family survives to mourn the loss of a kind brother. It is thought, he was one of the heroes who died at the taking of Vimy Ridge.

A Cure for Rheumatism.—A painful and persistent form of rheumatism is caused by impurities in the blood, the result of defective action of the liver and kidneys. The blood becomes tainted by the introduction of uric acid, which causes much pain in the tissues and in the joints.

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This only goes to show how utterly incapable the Huns are of recognizing anything that is free, except their own freedom to be a law unto themselves. Free Masonry teaches brotherhood and all that can make for the highest good and the inoculation of high ideals. Everything should be done on the square. No wonder the Huns don't understand it. They wish and are trying to uproot all the blessed doctrines of the Great Architect of the universe. They will find that not only all Free Masons, but all free men will prevent them doing so.—Kington Standard.

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REASON TO FEEL PROUD

Hastings has reason to feel very proud of those who are serving the King overseas. Nursing sister Helen K. Powells was lately decorated by the King in Buckingham Palace, with the Royal Red Cross, which is the highest award given to nurses for general services. Sergt. Tom Learmonth of the Princess Pats won his stripes on the field. Staff Sergt. Bert Plant of the Field Ambulance was given his last promotion on the field on Christmas day, and last week came the news that Sergt. Reg Ruppels who left Canada a private in the C.M.R. has been recommended for a commission. Many sincere congratulations to all of them. Hastings is proud that their services are recognized.—Star.

BOUNTY ON WOLVES

Legislation increasing the bounty upon wolves may be introduced at the present session of the Ontario Legislature. The Fish & Game Committee of the house seriously discussed the need for a more vigorous campaign against wolves. Dr. Robb, of Algoma, pointed out that about ten deer were killed by each wolf in a year, and unless something was done to keep down the packs, the deer would in time be wiped out. He thought that the increase of the bounty would encourage hunters to set more traps and poison for wolves. The members of the committee agreed with him.

SEVEN MERCHANTS WERE FINED

Seven Lindsay merchants received somewhat of a surprise a short time ago, when they were summoned to appear before the magistrate for a violation of the Pure Foods Act. The merchants in question were charged with selling an adulterated maple syrup for the real article, and on getting their summons to appear in court, pleaded guilty to the offense. The fine and costs in each instance amounted to \$46.50.

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RANK OF MARSHAL

A Military Honor Instituted by a King of France.

THE TITLE AN ANCIENT ONE.

It Was First Conferred by Philip Augustus in 1191, at the Time of the Third Crusade—The Baton Is Its Distinctive Badge of Office.

It is only in France that the military dignity of marshal is a very ancient one. It was King Philip Augustus who first instituted it as a military office in 1191, at the time of the third crusade. St. Louis invested two of his commanders with the rank on the eve of his ill fated expedition to northern Africa. Francis I. created three, and by the time that Louis XIV. had completed his long reign there were no less than twenty of them.

The office was abolished by the first republic, but restored by Napoleon I. when he proclaimed himself emperor. He limited the number to six. They were known as marshals of the empire. The Bourbon monarchy on its restoration in 1815 maintained them in office, but changed their title back to that of marshals of France. By the law of 1830, bearing the sign manual of King Louis Philippe, their number was limited to six in time of peace and twelve in time of war.

The baton, as provided for by existing military regulations in France, consists of a staff about two feet long, an inch and a half in diameter, covered with dark blue velvet, decked with gold stars and tipped at either end with silver gilt, on the borders of which are engraved the Latin words, "Terror belli, decus pacis." It is carried in the right hand at all great military or state functions and is used in lieu of the saber for saluting. The baton of the field marshal of Great Britain is tipped at either end with crowns and lions; those of Germany, Austria and Russia with single headed or double headed eagles.

In England the dignity of field marshal was unknown until the reign of George II, who in 1735 bestowed it upon the second Duke of Argyll, one of the greatest commanders and statesmen of his day and of whom Pope wrote:

Argyll, the state's whole thunder born to wield
And shake alike the senate and the field.

The first Duke of Marlborough, the victor of Blenheim, of Ramillies and of Malplaquet, bore the title of captain general to indicate his rank as generalissimo, a title undoubtedly originating in Spain, where it is still retained. It is regarded there as the equivalent of the grade of field marshal in other countries.

There are no field marshals at present in Russia. The last two commanders to hold that rank were the late Field Marshal Gorko, governor general of Poland, and the late Grand Duke Michael Nikolaevitch, who when he died was the patriarch of the imperial house of Romanoff.

In Austria-Hungary there is but one field marshal—namely, Archduke Frederick. He is a brother of the queen mother of Spain and heir to all the colossal fortune of his uncle, the late Archduke Albert, who had won his marshal's baton on the battlefield of Custoza.

The full generals in Austria bear the title of "feldzeugmeister" (master of the ordnance) when they belong to the artillery, while all lieutenant generals are known as "feldmarschal lieutenant," a title which is being continually mistranslated abroad as that of field marshal.

In Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and Holland and in the armies of the Balkan states the rank of field marshal is unknown, although the late King Charles of Roumania had received batons from Czar Nicholas II, and from the Kaiser. Portugal, too, has dispensed with field marshals.

It is in Germany, however, that field marshals flourish, but only since the present Kaiser has been on the throne. Just prior to the death of old Emperor William in 1888 there were but two field marshals in the entire German army—namely, the then Crown Prince (afterward Frederick III.) and Count Moltke, both of whom had received their batons at the close of the Franco-German war of 1870. As soon as the present emperor came to the throne he began to confer the dignity with such liberality that there are now fully a score of them, including Duke Bernhard of Saxe-Meiningen, the Grand Duke of Baden, Prince Henry of Prussia and Baron von Plessen. Besides these there are about a dozen more with the rank of "general oberst," or colonel general, whose rank is assimilated to that of field marshal and who are above the full general.—F. Cunliffe-Owen in New York Sun.

Stopped the Buzzing. Alice (with newspaper)—It says here that yawning will remove that annoying buzzing in one's ears. Edith.—That's true! Last night when Mr. Stanley had been talking steadily to me for three hours I yawned twice, and he went home.—Boston Transcript.

Figure It Out. Mrs. Snobbery—You know that my husband is a retired gentleman farmer? Mrs. Morningcall—Yes, I heard he had retired from something, and I knew he was still farming.—New York Globe.

The heart gets weary, but never gets old.—Montaigne.

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NO TIME TO READ

One of the lamentable signs of the day is the total lack of serious or educational reading that is the keynote of so many young peoples' lives. Unless it be a popular novel, if you ask a young man or girl about some of the noted books, they have never heard of them, still less read them and been enriched by what they read. The young people think very little nowadays except entertainment.

If they would only give half an hour a day to systematic reading the result would in a few years be a comprehensive knowledge of much that is best in our literature and science; all that correspondence schools require of their students is a few minutes' study each day, but pursued with regularity and system.

If the hours wasted were utilized, or even a portion of them, in reading something useful and instructive the gratifying result would be a store of knowledge and acquaintance with good literature that would be its own reward for 'minding the minutes.'

I am afraid that in one respect the movies are detrimental, for to a large extent they must be studied with responsibility for less time spent in reading. Besides that they remove the incentive for closer communion with the authors.—Guelph Herald.

WHY THE CHANGE?

The other evening I heard a wife—and she is a good wife at that—bemoaning the fact that her husband never stays in at nights now and that he rarely asks her to go anywhere with him. She felt that it was too bad and of course, (womanlike), all the blame rested upon her husband. I wonder does it?

The trouble with so many women is that they forget after marriage the sweet ways and charming pleasanties that won their husbands. Even the best of men will lapse into being backsliders when love's chain of roses becomes slackened. A wife may, for economy's sake, think it wise to wear her oldest dress for the evening they pass alone at home, saving her prettier attractive one for times when company is coming, or when they go out together. She thinks it doesn't matter whether she looks attractive or not. Even the most easy-going of husbands—who appears not to take notice—soon becomes aware of the fact that the wife isn't as good looking as she was in their courting days.

One could enumerate a dozen things that women make serious mistakes in regard to—after they are married. Funny, isn't it, that they know enough to avoid them in their courting days, or is it that disillusionment came to the wife as well as the husband, and instead of being the considerate sweetheart she becomes the fault-finding, blustering wife and he the surly, cross-grained husband?

Isn't the unhappy households, however, of which I am now thinking, but of those that get along nicely, only the wife feels the husband doesn't care for her company as much as he used to. Well, I have known wives quite content with their husbands so long as they had a companion of their own sex to go about with, and these were the very ones who would have thrown overboard anyone and anything before marriage if John had telephoned over or come up to the house and said, "Come on to the movies." There are many men who have discovered a difference after marriage, and it results in their becoming gradually indifferent to their wives' company. They would go to the theatre if their wives would accompany them. If the wives refuse to go on short notice they hike off to their clubs and boon companions. Instead of sulking at home, if the wife is in good health and no circumstance prevents her from going out, how much better it would be to make herself an agreeable companion, accompanying him. If a man finds his wife contrary he won't talk over business, which is best for her to know about.

After reading the above, some good wife will rise up and ask, "Oh, and what about us poor women? I suppose we don't meet with failures in husbands?" Of course you do but—oh, what's the use? All I care to add is that if some girls treated men before marriage like they do afterwards, there would be fewer marriages. That's all.—Guelph Herald.

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