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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 19.

### The Farmer Should Get a Good Price for His Wheat.

Information trickles slowly from the Canada Wheat Board. But it is now said, on the authority of Mr. Lincoln, an Ontario member of the wheat board, that the great bulk of the 1919 crop has been sold for export to Europe around \$2.27 per bushel. This will make a small surplus to divide among the farmers, who received a hand payment of \$2.15 per bushel from the board.

This is not much of a showing in view of the fact that the whole exportable surplus could have been sold to the United States government for cash at \$2.28 per bushel some months ago. Fortunately, there is still left in the country some wheat which has not been sold to Europe by the wheat board, and which may now be sold at a high price in the American market. Mr. Goldie is quoted as saying that the farmers still have 40,000,000 bushels, which can be sold in the United States at from \$2 to \$2.45 per bushel.

Before exporting, however, our millers must be supplied with wheat. From a national standpoint, it is important that we grind all the wheat we can in our own country, exporting flour, not wheat, to the greatest possible extent. But ought the miller to get wheat for \$2.30 which is worth \$2.30 or \$2.45 on the other side? Should not the miller pay the market price? The farmer had only one customer—the wheat board. The wheat board paid him \$2.15 down and undertook to get more for him by selling to advantage. Up to date, the extra profit is negligible. Not unnaturally, therefore, the farmer wants the wheat board either to sell the wheat that is left to the United States or make the Canadian miller pay the market price.

Heretofore, the miller has only been charged \$2.30 per bushel. If the wheat is worth a dollar more, why should not the miller pay it? The fear of bread becoming expensive is not well grounded, for even with wheat at \$3.30 per bushel, bread will still be the cheapest thing that anybody can buy. Moreover, we must never forget that we can only have good times in towns and cities when the farmers have lots of money to spend. And we haven't heard yet that the Canadian miller was gassed or boycotted in the trenches. He had a good time during the war.

### Cheap Rates, Not Flat Rates.

Some people, certainly not friends either of the Hydro-Electric system or of the provincial government, are suggesting that Premier Drury use the government authority to "break the municipal contracts under which the Hydro system operates and take the price of electric power equal all over the province."

To do so it would be necessary to charge as much at Niagara as at any other point in the province, however distant, and the result would be that the rates would be so high at Niagara and Toronto and other centres where large blocks of power were used that the consumers would turn to cheaper sources of power, and the market for electric power would be narrowed and the prices would have to be raised still higher. The plan would in fact kill the Hydro project. Perhaps that is what its authors desire.

The municipalities all knew what price they would be charged and they voted on the terms and accepted them. Prices have been reduced as consumption of power increased. It is on the wide distribution and steady consumption of power that the success of the scheme is possible and the cheap rates depend. To raise the rates now on the largest consumers would be fatal, both to Hydro and to the government.

### Part of Our Egyptian Burden?

The filling of places high and low causes infinite trouble in all public services. It is an important element in every sort of imperialism, which is not to think that the more the jobs the better the imperialism.

Everybody has met the little Jack-in-office who feels himself bigger than the office building in which he operates. When a junior clerk is puffed up he is insufferable indeed—the ultra-paragon of arrogance.

The "subject races," which Canada is invited to help govern because they dwell in "less advanced territories," always find the "side" of the less exalted officials less tolerable than the dignity of the highly-placed men. When, as was the case after Lord Milner became ruler of the former Boer republic in 1902, inexperienced young gentlemen from the universities are put in administrative posts the goodness they produce becomes very sore indeed.

If you are considering how soon Canadians will personally assist in protecting Egypt and the Egyptians, it may be well to ponder the significance of an extract or two from the

length of Sir Valentine Chirol's letters to The Times from Cairo:

The lower the scale of the official hierarchy into which a British element is introduced the greater becomes the jealousy with which it is viewed by the Egyptians. They are more or less willing to recognize the need of British advisers and of British experts if they are carefully selected. But when young Englishmen are imported in increasing numbers whose qualifications may not be at once apparent, or if appointments are made in the higher ranks for which, as certainly would seem to have been sometimes the case, it is difficult to make out any prima facie justification, the Egyptian complains bitterly that he is not given a fair chance and that Englishmen are preferred before him simply because they are Englishmen. No information with regard to the actual number of Englishmen employed under the Egyptian government has been made public since Lord Cromer's annual report for 1906. The number of Englishmen in the service of the Egyptian government was 236 in 1896 and 662 in 1906. It is now 1,071. Such an increase gives cause for thought. The number of British officials in Egypt enormously exceeds, in proportion to size and population, the number employed in India. The Egyptians see merely a diminishing and not the increasing share we have repeatedly promised them in the government of their country.

### Limit Appeals.

In the city's success in the case appealed to the privy council on the question of the payment for the Queen street bridge, there is a new reason for ending the unreasonable and unwise attitude allowed for appealing against the decisions of our local courts. Apart from the costs, which are probably much greater in this case than the \$31,000 in question, the possibility of appeal tends to breed contempt for the authority of our own courts, and their intelligent handling and understanding of local cases.

If Mr. Drury and Mr. Raney wish to make a record, do Ontario a kindness, and distinguish themselves, they should abolish the right of appeal in our Ontario courts beyond the highest court of the province.

### A New Steel.

There is talk of a new steel, superior to all others, made out of molybdenum, a scarce metal, mainly to be found in Ontario and Quebec on either side of the Ottawa River. It has no certainty of occurrence—it is in bunched here and there.

Canada also has a monopoly of nickel, the one sure and certain alloy of high-grade steel. But we've let it go out of our country.

How much longer will we let outsiders control our key metals?

### Neither Exploited Nor Exploiters.

Such meetings as the farmers have been holding in Massey Hall are the life of a political movement. Any party that fears to gather its following together in a bad way, and should prepare for dissolution. Abundant vitality has been evinced by the farmers, and their confident tone inspires respect.

Such declarations as that of Premier Drury, echoed and endorsed by the great mass meeting of Wednesday evening, will begot still further respect for the new Ontario government.

"You are farmers," said Mr. Drury, "but first of all you are citizens. You want no class legislation. You want us to give to this province government of the people, by the people, for the people."

It will strengthen the farmers' cause with the people to have this declaration spread abroad. If the Labor party desires a wider popularity a similar declaration should be promulgated. There is a fear in many quarters that the Labor men are not so definitely broad gauge as the farmers in this respect.

A distinction has been made elsewhere than in Winnipeg between the "exploiters and the exploited." The people of Canada are not willing that any part of them should figure as the exploited, and they are determined, therefore, that neither in politics nor in any other form of social order shall there be room for exploiters. This is a reason for the farmers' success.

### OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited they must not be longer than 200 words and written on one side of the paper only.

### DRUGGIST CONTRADICTIONS.

Editor World: We would respectfully draw your attention to the misleading report in the Wednesday, Dec. 17, issue of The World of the burglary which occurred at the 770 East Queen street branch of the Owl Drug Stores, Limited. Your paper states that among other things, 5 gallons of alcohol and 50 oz. of cocaine were stolen. The actual quantity of the two articles taken was half gallon of alcohol and eighth of an ounce cocaine. In view of the publicity press at the present time, it is only fair to us that this (erroneous) statement of these two articles in our chain of seven drug stores never exceeds 5 gallons of the former and 1 oz. of the latter. Kindly give this correction as much prominence as you gave the burglary report and oblige yours very truly, Owl Drug Stores, Limited, A. R. Payne, General Manager.

### APPEAL DISMISSED.

London, Dec. 18.—The privy council has dismissed with costs the appeal of the Toronto Railway Co. the corporation of Toronto concerning the liability of the appellants to contribute towards the cost of the high level bridge.

## THE GOAT—EXPOSED TO ALL THE WINDS THAT BLOW



## SIR JOHN WILLISON'S NATIONAL POLICY

Advocates Conscription of Science and Concentration on Definite Lines.

Sir John Willison addressed the regular meeting last night of the Royal Canadian Institute on Canada, her natural resources and the national policy. The meeting was held in the physics building of the university. Prof. J. C. Fields acted as chairman.

Sir John said that as a result of the war there had been a better application of science and the scientist had no longer any need to justify himself. He said he would put the best scientists into the government and create a department for them. Referring to economic conditions, he said that the people were fighting still over the problems that had divided them twenty-five years ago, instead of getting together on the war-created problems.

Canada could not possibly impose heavier taxation than is imposed by the United States, for capital, like labor, goes on strike if it is not getting a reasonable return. Immigration is essential to the development of the country. Forty-one new American industries had come into Windsor and towns in the vicinity due to the imperial preferential policy of trade within the empire. One man had said that coal and iron abundance in the district of Edmonton, but nothing is being done to develop it. The trouble in Canada, he said, is that we spend our effort over too much ground. In comparing the great scientific institutions of the United States with Canada's he said that great scientific results will not be obtained until we concentrate on one or two institutions and make them the best, on the continent.

Abuse of Freedom. Science, he said, should be conscripted and scientists well paid. Again referring to economic conditions he said the people should put the differences the war has produced behind and go ahead together. "There are too many people who come to Canada from other countries and bring their grievances with them. They abuse Canadian freedom and are not entitled to the privileges of citizenship. We must unite against the disturbers."

Professor J. C. McLennan, in moving a vote of thanks to the speaker, said that 15 per cent. of the great brains produced by the University of Toronto and from 20 to 25 per cent. of those produced by McGill were lost to the country thru inadequate measures. Chairman Professor Fields announced that this would be the last meeting of the institute this year. The next meeting will be held on January 10, when Dr. W. G. Miller, a member of the imperial commission on mineral resources in the British empire, will lecture.

## The Time Wasters On the Telephone

UNDOUBTEDLY telephone conversations are too long—the duration of a call has increased 25 per cent. in a year. And the Inconsiderate Public is to blame. The business man tells his secretary to get Mr. Bloole on the telephone. But the secretary gets Mr. Bloole's secretary, and the waste is enormous; thus: "Mr. Bloole, please."

"One moment" (Operator switches to Mr. Bloole's exchange.)  
"Mr. Bloole?"  
"Who wants him?"  
"Mr. Gazish on the telephone." (From Bloole's secretary to Bloole.)  
"Which Mr. Gazish?" (Bloole to his secretary.)  
"Which Mr. Gazish?" (Bloole's secretary to Mr. W. K. Gazish.)  
"Mr. W. K. Gazish." (Bloole's secretary to Mr. Gazish.)  
"All right. Tell him to wait a second." Just a moment, please. Here's Mr. Bloole.  
(Thirty seconds elapse.)  
"Hello, Mr. Gazish?" (Bloole to Gazish's secretary.)  
"Just a moment, please. Mr. Gazish, here's Mr. Bloole."  
"Hello, W. K. is this?"  
"This is Bloole. Did you want me?"  
"Yes. Hello, Bloole."  
(The conversation is on.)

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Paris, Dec. 18.—Memorial services for the soldiers, sailors and nurses of France and the allied nations, who gave their lives on the field of honor, were celebrated under the auspices of the French Red Cross in the Church of the Madeleine this morning.

## SIDELIGHTS ON THE ELECTION

By IDA L. WEBSTER.

We understand that A. J. Stubbings will again be a candidate in Ward one. This will make the third or fourth time that the gentleman has tried for municipal honors, but then perhaps he believes in the fallacy that there is luck in numbers. His platform will be housing, and will undoubtedly be outlined at the various meetings as well as thru the advertising columns of the press.

It is to be hoped that those who are going to try for municipal honors will have the good taste to leave the returned men and Sir Adam Beck out of their campaigns. Both subjects have already been the goat for quite long enough.

Thomas L. Church has not yet made a definite statement as to what he intends to do this year, nor what plank or planks he intends to go to the citizens on, but then, with Tommy's experience one would hardly need to campaign at all.

Alderman Ramsden was in the city hall yesterday and appeared to be enjoying the best of health. In fact the more often we look at him the more we think that he is going to be a wonderful asset to the board of council. He with Alderman Ball and ex-Alderman Gibbons and Controller Maguire should make a nice quartet.

The election of the president of the press gallery in the city hall takes place this afternoon. Tho we have no inside knowledge yet we rather feel that one Paul Redding, a hero of the great war, will be the favorite. Notwithstanding that, the present office holder feels that he has every right to remain in the position while Tommy Church is mayor. But then that is rather delving into the future too far, and life at the best is so short. However, today is the day, and may the best man win.

It is too bad that the telephone operators at the city hall are not elected every year. Perhaps if they were too many people would be able to get good service at least during the month of December.

We also desire to acknowledge the receipt of \$15 for the purpose of buying clothing for the men who are leaving the jail farm. This sum was donated with the suggestion that if 99 others would do likewise the required amount of \$1500 would soon be obtained. We also wish to thank the two five dollar donors who signed themselves, "Widow" and "More Fortunate." All other money sent to this office for the cause will be handed over to the chaplain, Mr. Brydes, at the municipal farm.

## BROOKLYN POLICE AIDING BURGLARS

New York, Dec. 17.—Evidence sufficient to convict at least six policemen who have aided burglars in five recent robberies in Brooklyn and Manhattan of property valued at more than \$200,000 is in possession of District Attorney Harry E. Lewis, of Brooklyn, he announced tonight. Two policemen are already under arrest and the district attorney declared that four other bluecoats belonged to a "gang of burglars" who not only perpetrated several daring robberies but invaded the wholesale clothing district and carted away truckloads of wearing apparel.

### HONORED BY BELGIUM.

St. John, Dec. 18.—The "Medaille de La Reine Elizabeth" has been awarded by King Albert of Belgium to St. John ladies, Mrs. Frank S. White and Mrs. Ethel Smith, in recognition of their generous and devoted service in behalf of the Belgian people during their time of tribulation. Mrs. White was the first St. John woman to organize efforts for the relief of King Albert's subjects and thruout the war she took a leading part in the work.

### GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 18.—Life imprisonment was given to Joseph Labrie, who shot and killed Charles E. Chase, during a melee at Stoke last February. Emile Labrie, a brother, was sentenced to 25 years as an accessory. Francis Mace, who killed Paul Morin during a drunken brawl, received seven years. Morin was living with Mace's wife.

## MOONLIGHT AND MONEY

BY MARION RUBINCAM

### RECONCILIATION

#### CHAPTER 65.

When Louise opened her eyes, she had a vague feeling that she must have slept months. Nothing was clear to her mind except that she was undressed and in bed in her own room.

The cretonne curtains were drawn, but thru a little space between them a warm shaft of sunlight came. Yes, that gave her a better idea; she had run away from home the night before. She had come back to her parents' home, to rest and build up, to patch up her health and such of her illusions as she had left. Anne would come in—

The familiar figure of the nurse walked thru the line of her vision and disturbed her. What was a nurse doing here? Perhaps the baby had already been born! A jumble of ideas and half-thoughts went thru her head. Then she moved to ease the pain in her back and the nurse came over to the bed.

There was a voice in another room which sounded strangely like Harry's. It confused her still more, for what was Harry doing here at her mother's house? She had left him to go to her mother—

Then her mind cleared and she remembered everything perfectly. The days of waiting and of diminishing hope, the death scene the night before, her father's hopeless look as he sat in his study afterwards.

She opened her eyes wide as the nurse put a practised hand on her wrist to feel her pulse.

"I have a nice surprise for you, and then you must eat breakfast," she told Louise.

"Have I been asleep long?" Louise asked, still trying to get her bearings. "You fainted early this morning, don't you remember?" the nurse asked. And when Louise shook her head she went on: "Then we put you to bed, and you've slept a long time. It's noon now. Feel of your pulse."

"Very much," Louise answered, wishing the pain in her back would stop and that she would feel less suffocated.

The nurse left her alone and she lay there staring across the room, trying to adjust her mind to the new

order of things. She was head of the house now, her father would depend on her. There was consolation in that, at least. For he had been unhappy in his marriage and so had she. And now they had only each other, and between them a very real affection and friendship was growing.

The door opened and she turned her head. And there before her unbelieving eyes stood Harry. He was the surprise the nurse had mentioned so casually.

Louise gave a little cry of amazement, and held out her arms to him. "Harry! Oh, Harry!" was all she could say for a time, while heaving her tightly in his arms, murmuring over and over again, "My dear, my dear, my dear."

After a little she lay back on the pillows to look at him, but holding his hand.

"How did you know about it—about mother?" she asked, presently.

"Your father phoned me this morning as soon as I reached my office. I'm so sorry, poor little girl. You've had everything to bear with this last year."

"After all, it was a good thing I did leave—that I came here," Louise said. "Mother was ill almost from the day I came. In any case she would have sent for me weeks and weeks ago. As it was, it made her a lot happier to have me with her."

"And to know you'd given me up, too," Harry said, with a rueful little smile. "She never liked me. I don't blame her. I didn't take care of you as I should."

"Hush, we won't talk about it," Louise said gently, and put her arms around his neck. "I didn't give you up, even though she thought so."

"I thought so, however, when you did not answer my second letter," Harry told her. "I knew you had turned it, and that seemed like a farewell, even though you had said you would come back sometime."

"I can't tell you about it now," Louise begged. "I'm so happy to have you again."

And with his kiss she forgot for the moment the sorrows of the past and the uncertainties of the future.

Tomorrow—Would Love Triumph?

## Frederick Mooney of Ottawa Faces a Charge of "Killing"

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Frederick Mooney, baggage clerk, employed by the G. T. R., was arraigned in the police court today, charged with "killing and slaying" Wesley Clayton, aged 19 years. Clayton was seen by the accused climbing over a picket fence on the property of the Patton Dye and Cleaning Works. Securing a rifle, he accosted the victim of the affair and commanded him to halt. Clayton attempted to escape and was shot.

Mooney was remanded for a week without plea. Bail of \$10,000 was required.

## Quebec Military Police Chief Faces Charge of Embezzlement

Quebec, Dec. 18.—Col. Whitehead, chief of the military police at Quebec, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement in the sum of \$300 in the administration of the Quebec branch of the service.

He pleaded guilty before Judge Charles Langelier of the police court. Sentence will be passed Saturday.

## Ottawa Crossing Crash Injures Four Children and One Man

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Four children and one man were severely injured this morning, when the Pembroke local running from Pembroke to Ottawa crashed into a dairy rig at a level crossing in West Ottawa. The occupants of the dairy van were John Wagoner, employed by the Ottawa Railway Company; his three children, Olga, aged six years; Karl, aged nine; and Certina, aged eight. Karl Wagoner, the son of the injured man, sustained extremely painful injuries, and may not recover. "One of the horses was instantly killed."

## KINGSTON HARBOR FREEZES

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—As a result of the severe weather, the ice is forming rapidly in the harbor. The steamer Wolfe Islander was caught in an ice jam on her trip from Wolfe Island and delayed several hours. It was 12 below zero this morning and this will probably be the last day the vessel will be able to operate.



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