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BREAD AND MILK.

After being handed around from Ottawa to Fredericton, to City Hall, to the Board of Health, to Doctor Roberts, to Commissioner Fisher, to Doctor Brown and back again over the same route, the bread-wrapping question seems to have passed into the discard. The last official pronouncement on this question was at the meeting in City Hall some months ago, at which the city might have taken action had it not been for the attitude of the District Health Officer, who intimated that the Department of Public Health would in the very near future adopt a policy in accordance with the wishes expressed at that meeting. After this pronouncement the commissioners took no action, nor has any action been taken by the Provincial Department of Public Health or by the local Board of Health. The latter organization has held several meetings since that time, but the question of wrappers on bread has never been brought up, nor has there been any intimation that it will be brought up, although a few members are desirous of having the matter settled in the right way. Meantime the spring is well advanced and the summer with its clouds of dust is at hand, with the resultant exposure of unwrapped bread to all the filth flying about the streets, to the danger from constant handling in delivery teams and in stores. This is merely another indication of the lack of energy so characteristic of the department of public health, which is never ready and which seems afraid to take any action whatever.

Intimation is also made that regulations governing the distribution and sale of milk are to be brought into effect at some time during the present year. These regulations, it is said, have been formulated and call for a much higher standard of milk than has been permitted to be sold in the past, but it is felt that these regulations to be made immediately effective so many milk producers would be shut out of the St. John market, on account of the inferior quality they are handing, that something in the nature of a milk famine would occur. In consequence of this belief regarding a condition which might be corrected within a month or two months at least, the application of these regulations has been suspended for six months, and perhaps longer, with the view of enabling milk producers to bring about the necessary improvements. All of these dealers have been notified of the impending change, so that it is the hope that before the snow flies again we may be able to purchase real milk in St. John. This is, however, only a hope, for if the matter rests with the present Department of Health St. John may be doomed to disappointment.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

In its comparatively brief career the Workmen's Compensation Board has been called upon to deal with some seven hundred applications for compensation due to accidents. It is really amazing how many employers are now making use of this legislation, who under previous conditions swallowed their losses through injuries to employees without comment. It is surprising, too, how many employers, who before the introduction of this Act were under the impression that no accidents ever happened in their plants, are now gliding that accidents are of more or less frequent occurrence. In the past if a workman was slightly injured and lost a few days' time his wages were paid without remark. If the injury proved more serious and the man was laid off for a few weeks an allowance was made for medical expenses, etc., even though his wages were not paid him in full. But nowadays, no matter how unimportant the accident may appear, the employer is inclined to shift the entire responsibility to the Compensation Board, which of course is the proper policy for him to pursue. Yet people generally have not come to realize the necessity of making accurate reports. There is on all sides an inclination to treat the Compensation Board as an institution which it is no harm to deceive. Consequently claims presented very frequently bear evidence of careless preparation and a desire to obtain a larger compensation than the injured party is entitled to receive. In this, too, it is found that practicing physicians are not wholly without blame, for while possibly actuated by a desire to see their patients fairly remunerated for loss of time, in many instances physicians' certificates grant the injured party a longer period of disability than the victim himself has already claimed. In such instances the diversity of statements presented necessitates the adjustment of reports, often resulting in delay which would be unnecessary were physicians, employers and claimants to exercise sufficient care in making their individual reports.

WINNIPEG'S TROUBLE.

The policy of Lenin and Trotsky in Russia included the suppression of individual newspapers and the establishment of journals devoted to their

own cause. In the city of Winnipeg daily newspapers have been compelled to cease operation and in their place is issued a sheet controlled by the Bolshevik element for the presentation of its own principles, a publication which plainly sets forth that the object of certain leaders in the present movement is the establishment of a Soviet government similar to that which destroyed Russia.

No news coming from Winnipeg will occasion surprise, but there will be widespread uneasiness if it is found that the moderate element, and law-abiding citizens not connected with either party to this disagreement, are unable to prevent disorder. It is extremely unfortunate that unionized labor which during years of activity in Canada has earned the respect of all classes should become involved in the scheme of a few revolutionaryaries who appear to be wielding an extraordinary influence in Winnipeg affairs. Almost unconsciously one union after another has been led into participation in a movement which is not now in reality a movement for the betterment of labor, but is clearly a direct assault by a few enemies of labor on established government, leading to the creation of conditions which labor as a whole does not desire. It is intimated that a voluntary military force has been organized for the purpose of maintaining order in the Manitoba capital, and it may readily be expected that the very existence of such a force will prove an incentive to violence on the part of those irresponsible ones who are always prepared to make trouble and who, lacking the approval of other parties to the dispute, frequently succeed in involving all in undesirable complications.

Living conditions in Winnipeg have gone from bad to worse. Interference with the normal routine of a quarter of a million people even for a few days must inevitably result in great inconvenience and suffering, and it may well be believed that the distress now apparent among all classes will not tend to improve the tempers of those whose hands rests the solution of the whole problem. The longer this dispute continues the more bitter will be the feeling, and in such a state of public opinion the unruly element will find ample opportunity to work. There is some hope in the fact that the best men on both sides, with the co-operation of the Dominion government, are endeavoring to reach a settlement of the differences satisfactory to all concerned.

THE COURT-MARTIAL.

The court-martial which has been in progress in St. John for the past ten days came to an end yesterday. Recommendations of the court, which have not yet been made public, have been forwarded to Ottawa for confirmation. In a hearing such as this it is understood that unless the defendant is discharged in open court a verdict of guilty may be presumed. Such being the case, the inference to be drawn from the hearing now ended is that four officers and one non-commissioned officer have been adjudged guilty while two commissioned officers have been discharged. In the trial of two of those found guilty the prisoners offered evidence in defence, two others accepted as correct the statements made by the prosecutors in their particular cases and depended for their defence on the argument of counsel. The non-commissioned officer, the fifth of the group adjudged guilty, pleaded guilty, in the knowledge that the court was thoroughly acquainted with the circumstances leading up to his arrest and was therefore in a position to fairly consider all the facts. Some days may elapse before the military authorities at Ottawa pass upon the findings of the court, and until such time the outcome of the hearing will not be made public. That such a court-martial has been considered necessary is a matter of great regret not only to friends of the men involved, to their associates in this military district, but to all St. John. It is regarded as detrimental to the efficiency of this district and extremely unfortunate in view of the previous record of New Brunswick officers. Whatever the ultimate results may be, people generally will incline to the belief that the most serious phase of the whole affair has been carelessness in administration in accordance with military regulations.

WHAT THEY SAY

The Point is in the Adverb. Chicago Tribune—Lichnowsky and others complain that the treaty annihilates, wipes out, destroys, and otherwise disposes of Germany. This is, of course, absurd. You cannot, unfortunately, destroy a nation like Germany.

Getting Ready to Strike! Springfield Republican—College professors' local No. 1 has been organized at the University of Illinois and granted a charter by the American Federation of Labor. This seems to be recognition of the "intellectual" as a bona fide member of the working class.

Too Much "Het Up." New York World—On Sunday, Gab-

riels d'Annapolis said at a great meeting in Rome that "Italy is a heroine living in the midst of shame" and that opposition to her ambitions "is only hellish rancor against the vigor of her life." On Monday it was reported that the poet had been put to bed with a high fever, which may explain some things.

O Liberty! Liberty!!

New York World—The Munich Communists were considered. They did not decapitate all the hostages they killed before they were driven out. Three were recognizable. Among the unrecognizable, mutilated, headless bodies are three that are believed to be those of a woman, a local benefactor, and a famous college professor. "In the name of the People and their Holy Cause!"

Will the Teachers "Walk Out?" New York World—"The City of New York is facing a walkout of 17,000 women teachers if you veto this bill, Mr. Mayor," said Miss Tupper, principal of Public School 119, to Mayor Hylan. She referred to the Lockwood-Fertig bill, then under consideration. This measure adds some millions—the precise amount is in dispute—to New York's budget. It passed in the last day's scramble in Albany. It is of course an arrogant attack on home rule.

Commandeering That Paid. Philadelphia Record—A few months ago the greater part of the Netherlands merchant marine was tied up in port because German submarines destroyed Dutch vessels as readily as English ones. Yet the Netherlands government was in a state of violent indignation because our government borrowed a lot of these vessels, paying well for them and assuming full responsibility for any that might be lost. The annual report of the Holland-America Line shows net profits of more than \$8,000,000, and the directors will write off reserve funds and extra reserve funds and reserve funds for building purposes and then pay a dividend of 40 per cent.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE SONS OF MARTHA.

(Rudyard Kipling.)
The Sons of Mary seldom bother, for they have inherited that good part.
But the Sons of Martha favor their Mother of the careful soul and the troubled heart;
And because she lost her temper once, and because she was rude to the Lord her Guest,
Her Sons must wait upon Mary's Sons, without end, and relieve or rest.
It is their care, in all the ages, to be their buffet and cushion the shock,
It is their care that the gear engages it is their care that the wheels turn truly—it is their care to embark and entrain.
Tally, transport and deliver duly the Sons of Mary by land and main.
They say to mountains, "Be ye removed." They say to the lesser floods, "Be dry."
Under their rods are the rocks re-proved—they are not afraid of that which is high.
Then do the hill-tops shake to the summit—then is the bed of the desert laid bare.
That the Sons of Mary may overcome it, pleasantly sleeping and unaware.
They finger Death at their glove's end where they piece and re-piece the living wires.
He roars against the gates they tend; they feed hungry behind their fires.
Early at dawn, ere men see clear, they stumble into his terrible snare.
And hale him forth like a haltered steer, and goad and turn him till he fall.
To those from birth is Belief forbidden; from these till death is belief after.
They are concerned with matters hidden—under the earthenline their altars are.
The secret fountains to follow up, waters withdrawn to restore to the mouth,
And gather the floods as in a cup, and pour them again at a city's drouth.
They do not teach that their God will rouse them a little before the nuts work loose;
They do not preach that His pity allows them to leave their work when they find it dam-well choose.
As in the thronged and the lighted ways, so in the dark and the desert watchful all their days, and their brethren's days may be long in the land.
Raise ye the stone or cleave the wood to make a path more fair or flat;
Lo, it is black already with blood some Son of Martha spilled for that!
Not as a ladder from earth to Heaven, not as a witness to any creed, but simple service simply given to his own kind in their common need.
And the Sons of Mary smile and are blessed—they know the Angels are on their side.
They know in them is the Grace confessed, and for them are the Mercies multiplied.
They sit at the Feet—they hear the Word—they see how truly The Promise runs;
They have cast their burden upon the Lord, and—the Lord He lays it on Martha's Son!

A BIT OF FUN

Real gratitude is never ashamed of humble benefactors.
If a friend comes to your office to borrow money and finds you in, you'll be out, but if he finds you out you'll be in.
Domestic Relief.
Wise—I hear a burglar got in your house while your wife was away.
Gossip—Yes, I'm so glad. My wife

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Pop was in the sitting room smoking with satisfied looks, and I sed, Pop, are you good at taking notes out of strings?
Im good at whatever I attempt, so if I attempted to divorce a string from its nott, I have no doubt that I should meet with my customary success, sed pop.
Well heers one in one, I sed. Meaning a nott in a string. And I handed it to pop, saying, Will you see if you can undo it, pop?
We aim to please, sed pop. Meaning he would try, and he took the string and started to begin to try to undo the nott, saying, Owch, my thumb nall, this must be like the famous Gordian nott that Napoleon or somebody had sutch a tussel with.
No sir, its jest a nott, I sed.
Allow me to contradict you, a nott a nott for all that, but this nott is not jest a nott, its a sun of a gun, sed pop. And he kept on trying to get it out, making fierce faces and saying, Owch every time he hert his finger nall, being pritty swift, me saying, Its pritty hard, aint it, pop?
Hards not the word for it, its downwits, difficult, owch, darn it, sed pop.
Do you give it up, pop? I sed.
On the contrary, sed pop. Meaning he didnt, and he kept on trying to undo it and getting madder and madder at it as if it was the nott fawit, and after a while he got it undid, saying, 3 cheers for perseverance, heers your string, wat do you want it for?
I dont want it, I was jest trying to see if I could make sutch a fierce nott nobody couldnt get it undid, do you want to try another one, pop? I sed.
Come heer with that string, sed pop, Wich I did, and pop tied it around my rist with about 8 notts, saying, Now wen you get that undone with your other hand you can go out and play.
Wich it took me about a hour to do wile the fellows was wisecracking for me outside.

PICTURES FORD AN ANARCHIST

He of Automobile Fame Severely Denounced in Tribune Libel Suit.

Mount Clemens, Mich., May 21.—Henry Ford was attacked as an instigator, by propaganda, of the preparedness day parade bomb throwing at San Francisco, of inspiring resistance to government decrees during the war and similar offences, by Attorney Stevenson, in addressing Judge Tucker today, on behalf of the Chicago Tribune, which is being sued by Mr. Ford for one million dollars damages on a charge of libel.
He compared the alleged Ford propaganda to the anarchistic literature which inflamed the assassin of President McKinley. "If these men are anarchists," shouted the lawyer, "Henry Ford is no less an anarchist, and this we intend to prove—to prove that he was not only an anarchist, but a dangerous anarchist."

CANADIAN AFTER FLIGHT HONORS

Toronto, Ont., May 21.—Dorval Haines, a local aviator, plans a flight over the Atlantic for the Daily Mail prize and may use a machine designed by Victor Carlstrom, who flew from Chicago to New York in 1917.

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