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LOSING TIME

The value of the time lost by the dilatory methods of the federal department of marine and fisheries in dealing with the St. John harbor commission project cannot be estimated either in days or months or in dollars and cents. If the port is to be prepared to care for its share of the world's traffic this is not the time for delays, but for action.

man who is making a start for himself, and it is evident that the soldiers recognize this and are not undertaking more than they can expect to carry. The soldier farmer is guarded against failure as much as it is possible to guarantee success by the regulations which govern the board's operations.

On his return from Ottawa yesterday, Mr. S. E. Elkin, M. P., brought the cheering news that the deputy minister of marine soon would go to Montreal to confer with the minister of that department regarding an amendment to the act to make provision for the ferry approaches which, apparently through an oversight, were included in the properties which were to be transferred to the government.

Throughout the British Empire Admiral Lord Charles Bessborough will be mourned. He was one of the men who maintained the best of the old traditions of the navy but who looked constantly to the future rather than to the past and who had more regard for progress than for tradition.

ECONOMY AND PRODUCTION.

When Premier Lloyd George declared that the motto of Great Britain must be "economy and production," critics of the government suggested that the government departments offered an excellent field for the first application of the policy of economy.

SOLDIERS AS FARMERS.

The humorous query of the popular song which asks "How are you going to keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen France?" seems to have received its answer in the results secured by the Soldiers' Land Settlement Board.

FOUR FRENCH SOLDIERS BURNED TO DEATH

Paris, Sept. 8.—(Havas)—Four French soldiers have been burned to death and one seriously injured in a fire near Mayence, according to a Wolff Agency despatch from Berlin.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

THE TREES

The trees have music of their own, a soft and soothing monotone, that lulls a man to rest. I have a volume to peruse, but under them, I snore and snore, my chin upon my breast.

LIGHTER VEIN

"So you're still carrying a mortgage on your house, are you?" "Yes, and strange to say, I'm carrying it because I cannot lift it."

The Weather Man.

Perhaps there is nothing that comes nearer—which is not to say near, by any means—excusing or explaining why people of a certain sort so often say, "You can't believe what you see in the papers," as does the occasional inaccuracy of the Weather Bureau's "local forecasts."

A God's War Service.

(London Times.) The National Canadian Defense League has awarded its silver medal to "Bob," a fox terrier, for saving ten lives in the following circumstances, which, for obvious reasons, have not been disclosed hitherto.

Good Roads.

Gait Reporter: It is the part of prudence as the Toronto Globe says, to prepare for an enormously increased motor traffic (we cannot now hurt the feelings of farmers by giving the subject prominence) in the early future.

Eager Minds Needed.

(London Chronicle.) No era ever demanded more of its young than this. Will the young be able to lift the old questions out of the old grooves, to introduce fresh light by suggesting new dimensions, to inspire painful exploration to an occasional leap?

Meaning of the Crescent.

(New York Sun.) The Turkish crescent, although now regarded as essentially Mohammedan in significance, is it appears, of Christian origin. A crescent moon was the emblem of the Byzantine Empire and of the Eastern Church.

A Pertinent Query.

Woodstock Sentinel Review: Hon. Robert Rogers has issued an urgent call to "all faithful and loyal Conservatives of Canada" to get together for the purpose of saving the country before it is too late.

NURSES STUCK TO POST.

Constantinople, Aug. 12. (Correspondence of Associated Press.)—Two American nurses, Miss Margaret Mack of Hillburn, N. Y., and Miss Ruth Stuart of New York City, working for the American Commission for Relief in the Near East, declined to abandon the sick and wounded at Sinshas Armenia, after having survived a massacre by Tartars of 700 of the Christian inhabitants of the town according to a letter just received here by Major David G. Arnold of Providence, R. I., Director of the commission. The letter read:

GET BIG SUM IN AN ATTACK ON MOSCOW BANK

Stockholm, Sept. 8.—A gang of robbers recently attacked the state bank at Moscow, according to a Helmsingor despatch. They abstracted valuables to the amount of 2,000,000 rubles. Several policemen and one of the robbers were mortally wounded. This was the third attack on the bank.

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RE-OPEN AMUSEMENT PLACES IN PARIS

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