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THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Another conference has been held on the subject of harbor improvements at St. John, and Hon. Mr. Wignmore will take with him to Ottawa an expression of the views of the city council and business organizations. The citizens of middle age can hardly remember the time when the views of St. John in regard to harbor development and the discarded claims of this national port were not being pressed at Ottawa. It is a story as old as confederation, and the assurances given by the fathers of confederation have never been fulfilled. Always a great deal of the trade that should have moved through Canadian channels has been going to foreign ports and there has grown up in the west, or come into it by immigration a generation which knows little and cares less about what the maritime provinces did to make possible the development of the west and the formation of a great Dominion. The task of getting recognition of our rights is harder now, and we are fed from year to year with promises which habit of long duration causes us to accept with the meekness of a people whose spirit has somehow been weakened with the passage of the years. And so there has been another conference and more assurances, and a satisfied community resumes its customary attitude of patient humility pending the next conference, while the diverting farce will be reproduced. Meanwhile the federal government has a signed agreement with the city to provide needed facilities at West St. John, and the success of the business of its own railway and steamship lines on the east side of the harbor, and Premier Meighen declares Canada can never be commercially independent until her own transportation services are complete. Canada needs St. John more than St. John needs Canada. The people of St. John do not go to Ottawa as mendicants.

VALUE OF NURSING.

It was asserted at a recent convention in New York that there are 250,000 needless deaths of infants in the United States every year. A report of the convention says further:—
"Dr. Richard Bolt, director of the American Child Hygiene Association declared that it was the business of the nation to protect maternity and prevent an appalling and needless loss of babies. He said more mothers die from child birth disasters in this country than from all other cause except consumption. Mrs. Beard, a delegate from Boston, reported progress made in Massachusetts. She said 665 mothers out of 10,000 died who were not properly cared for, while the ratio of deaths from this cause of those who received the care of district nurses was but 105 per 10,000."
Such testimony as this emphasizes in the strongest manner the need and the value of public health nursing, which is now attracting attention in New Brunswick as a result of the activity of the provincial public health department, the Red Cross and the Victorian Order. It is essential that the better informed people in every locality spread the gospel of community health, arouse interest in the value of public health nursing, and cultivate the spirit of co-operation. When there are district nurses everywhere, with cottage hospitals available in all communities large enough to call for such an institution, the death rate will be reduced, the people will be healthier and more efficient, and the general benefit will be incalculable.

Moncton Transcript:—"All the provincial legislatures have been dissolved within a short time, and the results of the provincial elections afford a better indication of the state of political feeling in the country than the composition of the present House of Commons elected as it was under the peculiar conditions of war. According to the Parliamentary Guide, recently issued, the provincial legislatures have over 300 Liberal members as against 100 Conservative members. Then there are over 100 Farmer, Labor or Independent members. On the basis of representation in the legislatures there is only one Conservative to every four persons who are not Conservatives. Hence, Mr. Meighen and his friends will find scant comfort in that fact."

The Halifax Recorder for the one hundred and eighth time wishes its readers a happy new year. A newspaper with such a retrospect is worthy of sincere congratulations. Momentous changes have occurred in Halifax and throughout the world since the Recorder first extended to its readers the compliments of the new year season. Venerable, and still printed in the old four-page form, the Recorder still has its face to the morning, and declares that despite some clouds the world's outlook is bright and promising.

Halifax Chronicle:—"Standing at the edge of another year, and peering at the unknown road that lies ahead with innumerable windings in its course, there is one very simple and distinct rule that we can lay down for ourselves, and that is, to do the good that lies before us, and to leave the evil which is beyond our control to take care of itself."

TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION.

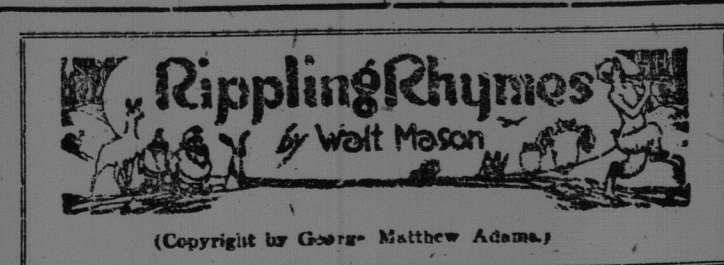
The New Jersey legislature will have before it, at its next session, a measure providing for a joint industrial relations conference, in which capital and labor and the general public would all be represented, and which would have considerable power in the investigation and adjustment of labor disputes. An attempt was made in 1919 to get a voluntary conference representing the three interests, the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce taking the initiative, with the approval of the state Federation of Labor. Because the Manufacturers' Association withdrew their unofficial representatives after the industrial conference at Washington failed to produce results, the voluntary plan failed; and now the Chamber of Commerce will seek results through legislation. It may be met by proposals for a similar strike legislation by groups interested in the open shop, but will endeavor to press its measure. New Jersey is an industrial state, and the subject is one of great importance. Mr. Malcolm W. Davis, in an article on the Chamber of Commerce plan, writes:—"Under the measure as at present proposed, the board would consist of five representatives of employers' organizations, five representatives of workers' organizations, and five representatives of the general public, who would be the State Commissioner of Labor or his designated representative, a member appointed by the Governor who should be specially familiar with industrial problems, a member appointed by the New Jersey League of Municipalities, a member appointed by the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, and a member elected jointly by the representatives of the employers and the wage-earners. The conference board would convene at least once each month. Action would be determined by majority vote. Its staff would gather information and make investigations, as required; and the board would issue recommendations to the various constituencies and arbitrate in industrial controversies when called upon or when its offer might be accepted. "An important provision of the projected measure is that in case of a strike or the imminence of a strike, or on request of the Governor, the conference board would have power to subpoena and examine witnesses, books, records, and other material, and that it would be required to give publicity to any refusal to comply with summons to furnish information regarding questions at issue. This clause providing facilities for the authentic information of public opinion regarding industrial controversies is one of the most progressive and possibly the most useful features of the bill. "Furthermore, any court would be empowered to refer to the industrial conference any matter before it coming within the scope of the interests and powers of the conference for arbitration, and to enter a judgment in accordance with the award of the conference. In such cases the conference would be authorized to exercise its subpoena powers to secure facts; and persons summoned who failed to appear or produce required records would be held in contempt of court and subject to punishment. This purpose to establish co-operation between the courts and a regularly constituted public body for the investigation of industrial disputes is another valuable feature of the measure." Provision is also made for action in case any members of the conference board should at any time refuse or cease to act, so that the board would continue to function. The interesting part of this measure is the participation of the public, which in so many industrial disputes has no voice although its interests are always involved. The fate of this bill in the legislature will be awaited with universal interest.

The emergency tariff bill aimed at Canada is not without bitter opponents in the United States, and some of the comments are rather derisive in their character. For example the New York Evening Post says:—"Members of congress who voted for the emergency tariff bill hope that the senate will refuse to pass it. The great defect in our system of government is the lack of an institution to which all bills got up for political effect can go automatically for quiet burial after both houses of congress have shown that their hearts are in the right place."

Every day brings fresh reports of bank failures in the United States. Canada has reason to be well satisfied with her banking system, which stands the pressure much better.

SPAGHETTI NAMED AFTER DIVA
Rome, Italy, Jan 4.—The names of star baseball players have been bestowed upon everything from cigars to railroad stations, but Miss Luisa Tetrazzini, famous prima donna, has the distinction of being the only celebrity to have a brand of spaghetti named after her.

MANY IDLE HUSBANDS
Laramie, Wyo., Jan 4.—Whittle your own woe out of this one. Meta Young and George Idle were recently married here, making the third match between the Idle and the Young families, three Idle brothers marrying three Young sisters.



POOR EDUCATION.
I'm sorry for the girls and lads who grow up in these wanton times, for they have learned to blow the suds, have learned that care and thrift are crimes; they've seen their mothers and their dads with wild abandon burn the dimes. They've learned it's folly to provide by saving, for the rainy day, that life is just one gladsome ride along an endless Great White Way; that all sane rules should be defied, that down the time to hit the hay. They've learned that silk alone is fit for gaudy girls and boys to wear, but no one learns to sew or knit, or frame a decent bill of fare; and all must strive to make a hit, though creditors may rear and swear. We've taught them many foolish tricks, we elders, who should be more wise; for we were buying broken bricks, and throwing rubies at the flies; we've got the young folks in a fix—with us the dark dishonor lies. They're starting out on their careers convinced that money grows on trees; and prudence to their view appears a thing that has the scent of knecnes. It was our duty to be sane when younger folk blew in their wads, to rise like sages and explain that waste invites the chattering rods, to prove extravagance is vain, and thrift the offspring of the gods.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days.

GASPE.

One of the least known parts of the great Dominion of Canada is the Gaspé peninsula—that tract of land that juts out into the ocean between the River St. Lawrence and the Baie de Chaleur. It is, in effect, the lower tip of the mighty St. Lawrence river. For beauty and delights of scenery there are few parts of Canada that offer greater attractions and yet it is a comparatively unknown area to most of the citizens of the land. There is the quaint village of Percé and just off the shore the famous Percé Rock—the pierced rock—with the island of Bonaventure lying just off shore. Grand Basin is a part of its coast. It was there that the first contingent of Canadian heroes were held in the transport, when they sailed for the war area in the fall of 1914. The land was known to the French explorers, for Jacques Cartier came to it in 1494, attracted by the rumored wealth of fisheries. Its shores are still the scene of the most numerous numbers of the finest cod in the world in spite of the fact that centuries have lapsed since the first boat came from across the ocean for a cargo of the fish. In 1760 a Jersey fisherman came to the peninsula and in reality laid the foundation for the present prosperity of the settlers and fishermen. He was the agent in inaugurating a fishing company that worked somewhat on the lines of the great fishery of the Bay of Fundy. The Gaspé peninsula is today in signposts and names there are many indications of the settlers of that generation. The Gaspé peninsula is today the home of Jersey willows that are seen in Gaspé, for the newcomers brought these from their old homes in Jersey, and in the new land, they thrived well.

WORDS

(Martha Haskell Clark, in Youth's Companion.)
How I love the mere words, the pictures—Romany and Pateran and Caravan and Chai—
How they lift and sing to me; flare lit, they bring to me a world of life and cheer. Heathered morns and bending skies and gypsy carnival.

The sun-sweet and the wild words I dreamed of as a child, words like Lark and Chaperd, Coyote Pinto, Sagat;
How they bring a dare to me of life without a care to me, How the flying hoofs beat range across the printed page!

The lather-lit, the old words, the scarlet and the gold words, Patry, Jerkin, Yoemen, Falcon, Glee and Glade;
Minstrel, Lance and Tourney—what an age-long journey.

The wind-blown and the sea words, the lawless and the free words, Spindrift, Doubloon, Cutlass, Jib, Corsair, Yardsman, Crew;
Whispering wild tales to me, ah, how each unravels to me.

LIGHTER VEIN.

"Hallo! Is this the garage?" came the voice over the telephone. "My car has broken down and I want you to send a man out at once."
"Where are you?" asked the manager of the garage.
"Ed?" exclaimed the voice. "I'm four miles from the town on the main road to Blankton!"
"I'll send a man along at once. But what exactly has gone wrong with the car?"
"O, that's easily explained. The thing about is the whatever-it-is, and has fouled the what's-its-name."

Pushing his broken-down handcart in front of him, the man made the sweet suburban air hideous with his howls. "Any rags?" he shrieked. "Old iron?" Stopping before the door of a neat little house, he knocked and waited till a careworn man answered his summons. "Go away!" he snapped. "There's nothing for you, my wife is away." The merchant of cast-off property looked at his victim and noted the tired lines around the eyes and mouth and the trembling hands. Then he asked meekly: "Any old bottles, sir?"

A Missouri Welcome.
(Calhoun Courier.)
Messrs. Rufus Harrison and Claude Denley found a nail to fit their hats in the home of Mr. Williams Sunday.

THE PASSING OF WOODROW WILSON.

(The Round Table, London.)

On November 3, by a convincing vote, the people of the United States repudiated Woodrow Wilson's personality, his idealism, his Administration, his conduct in and out of office, his Treaty of Versailles, and his league of Nations. The "great and solemn referendum" which he planned and promised has destroyed him. The prophet has been dishonored by his own country. He has been swept by the tide of aversion down from the highest pinnacle ever momentarily attained by a statesman of modern times.

The man who pen splintered the swords of Prussia, the man before whose image the peasants of Italy burned candles, the man who gave form to the latest political ideal that ever captured the conscience of the world, is broken and beaten by the rods of his own people. There is no need to dwell upon this personal tragedy. It is clear, it is complete—and it is as old as time.

There is no need to dwell upon his faults. They have been stated in the past. Woodrow Wilson's egotism, his mistakes of judgment, and his stern inflexibility have been mounded and magnified by spellbinders during the campaign, to the joy of crowds who would seem to have lost even their sense of sportsmanship. They have nodded their heads with approval at the cathedral judgments of Elihu Root; they have laughed to see a sick man flayed by the lashings of Henry Cabot Lodge, and they have secretly chuckled over the personal abuse flung at his head by Corinne Roosevelt Robinson and George Harvey. It has been a famous Roundtable.

"Government is a very simple thing," said Harding. But on the day that the Senate rejected his Treaty, the simple thing became a complex thing. The country was in a state of confusion. The country was in a state of confusion. The country was in a state of confusion.

A GANGSTER'S EXIT.

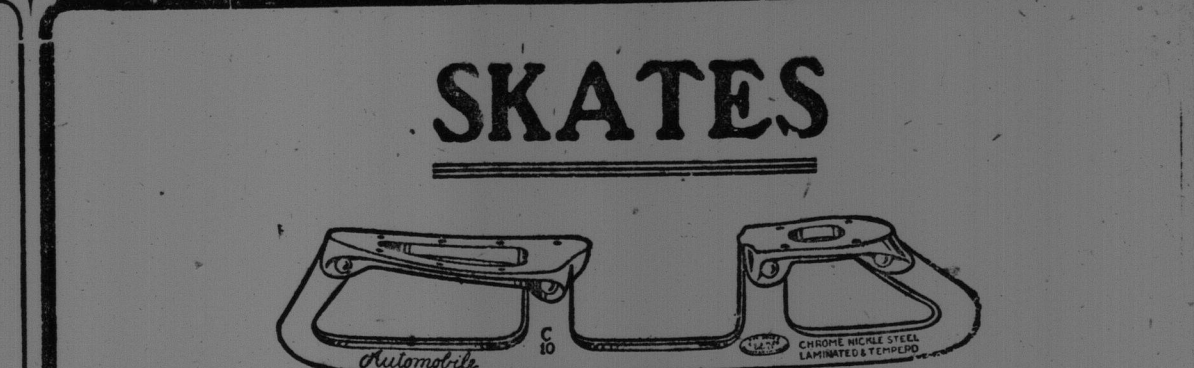
(New York Evening Post.)
Monk Eastman, the notorious hoodlum, was shot dead in a dark corner of a New York City hotel. The shooting was the result of a dispute over a woman. The shooting was the result of a dispute over a woman.

CREATORS OF WEALTH.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
Not long ago an American capitalist came to the conclusion that the money which had been made out of his business did not really belong to him. He decided that he would give only 9 per cent on his investment and resolved to return the surplus to those who had the best claim on it. In fact, however, he gave it back to labor, as is the custom in such cases, he decided that the money really had been earned by his laborers, and he decided to give it back to them.

MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE.

No doubt Maclean's Magazine may get more than it bargained for since it has thrown open its columns for signed articles from Canadian politicians. No doubt also the politicians in their own native way will welcome the opportunity to get his extra slant at the public with campaign ammunition camouflaged as literature. Hon. Arthur Meighen, the premier, starts the ball with a signed article in the January 1st number entitled "Our Plans for Canada." The editor announces coming articles by Crevier and King. Magazines, however, are always on the outlook for the unusual and the introduction of political views from both sides of the fence, fathered by the leaders themselves, should provide some highly interesting reading.



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D'ANNUNZIO AND FIUME.

(New York Evening Post.)

Stripped of complexities, what is the outcome of the tragedy-comedy from which has had such a sensational run at Fiume for sixteen months and upon which the curtain has now been rung down? President Wilson wanted Fiume a free state under the League of Nations. By the terms of the Rapallo settlement between Italy and Jugoslavia, to which D'Annunzio has been compelled to bow, Fiume is a free city, but not under the League of Nations. The difference is important. Under the Wilson plan Fiume could not have annexed herself to Italy without the consent of the League. Under the present settlement the free city of Fiume is presumably at liberty to surrender its sovereignty and vote itself into the Italian Kingdom. Such an outcome is highly probable. The result, therefore, is not an injury to Italy but to the post-dictator. He has just said that Italy is no worth fighting for. Actually it is Italy that has declared that D'Annunzio's personal vanity is not worth fighting for.

Italy's insistence upon Fiume has been explained as arising from no need of Italy, but from a desire to injure Jugoslavia. The latter country is largely dependent upon Fiume as a commercial outlet. Italy's supposed intention is ultimately to kill off Fiume as a port in favor of Trieste. If that policy is seriously maintained the Treaty of Rapallo will not prevent a conflict between two nations. That the policy will probably not be maintained is argued by two considerations. In the first place, Italy cannot face the prospect of a war in which world sentiment will be against her. A second consideration is Fiume itself. We may take it for granted that the people of that port will not consent to have themselves ruined for the sake of fostering Trieste or spilling Jugoslavia. Before Fiume votes itself into Italy we may be sure that she will insist upon sufficient guarantees.

D'Annunzio's sixteen months in Fiume are a symptom of Europe's ailing health. The episode illustrates both the aftermath weariness and the violence of the war. The two are connected. Given a vast majority exhausted by suffering, and a minority unscrupulous in pursuit of its aims, and it is within the power of the minority by sheer audacity to capture the majority. But there is the other side. High though passions were stirred up in Italy and Jugoslavia by D'Annunzio's coup, they were nevertheless checked by the fresh memory of the five years before September, 1919. D'Annunzio's exploit showed how disastrous a precedent must be the liquidation of the war into peace. It is a commentary upon criticisms directed against the Peace Conference for failing to bring about a complete payment to Europe in a few months. And yet there is a lesson of hope in the story of Fiume. If Europe has managed to survive a Fiume complication following upon a devastating war, the indications are that the forces of health are asserting themselves over the forces of dissolution.

TWO KIDS, BIG HEARTED MAN.

(Buffalo Courier.)
This is the story of two boys—two kids—and a man with a whole of a heart. That is Ed. Newton, Buffalo's assistant chief of detectives. Recently a detective brought two very unhappy youths before the assistant chief. The chief's keen glance did not fail to take in the details. In the boys' hands tightly clenched, were two small bricks. He told them to let them go. The boys were there, only waiting to be blown up by a boy with a pair of very small lungs, a very red face and a happy smile. Jumping jacks, gurgles and blue toys, shoestrings, everything it seemed that tiny hands could hold. All these things the chief's eye beheld and, in addition, the downcast look of each boy's face.

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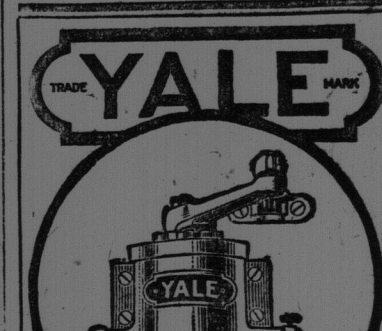
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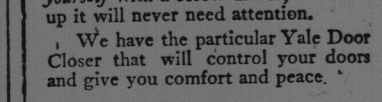
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JEWELER'S VESTS WITH GEMS WORTH \$100,000.

"Jeweler's Vests for Sale." The sign hits you in the eyes as you walk along John street. You ask the merchant tailor. He tells you the vests are for sale. The chief drew forth two round, shiny half dollars and pressed one in each dirty fist. "See, the kids in chours, 'ain't he the goods, though?" In the meantime, the spirit of giving had become contagious and some one across the hat around Headquarters. A little later, with fists clenched tightly and all that wouldn't fit into the hands stuffed into their pockets, the boys left before they left they promised Capt. Newton not to steal any more.

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