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THANKSGIVING DAY.

Canada's National Day of Thanksgiving is over; it was one of the most delightful ever enjoyed. The weather was ideal at the week-end, and, as a result, there was a great procession out of the city to the shores and to the summer camps for a final visit before the winter comes.

With the moving of the day from November to mid-October the character of the national thanksgiving day has changed greatly. No longer is it one when the family gathers at home for a quiet time together and to enjoy turkey and cranberry sauce. The bird has been relegated to the Christmas board and the home day is changing rapidly to one of wandering afield. But with such a glorious day as St. John enjoyed yesterday it would be a strange individual who could sit at home and brood. The weather called all to enjoy nature in its autumnal beauty.

Canada has much for which to give thanks. The post-war readjustments are being made with little inconvenience or clash of classes; the bitterness between the classes that marks so many overseas lands is fortunately absent from the Dominion; the labor difficulties that were so numerous a year ago are much fewer; the cost of living is showing a downward tendency; business is good and prospects are bright.

Canada is happy. True, there are many whose hearts will never be so light again because of the hero who sleeps in the shrine soil of France or Belgium, but the war clouds have passed and brightness is filling the Dominion once more. Even those whose hearts are heaviest find in Thanksgiving Day a period of intense satisfaction as they recall the damnable heroism of the one who counted not his own life dear unto himself and whose name liveth forever.

THE NEW GENERAL.

When Sir Arthur Currie, commander-in-chief of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, was appointed head of McGill University there were many who doubted the wisdom of the choice. For the General they had the greatest respect as a military leader, but field operations and the direction of a great educational institution are so far apart that they can be forgiven for fearing the brilliant warrior might be accepting an impossible task.

Recently, however, several Canadian cities have had a glimpse of the new Sir Arthur. He is touring Canada in the interests of his University, and from every city he has visited there is coming the highest praise of his work. He is revealing the fact that the hard schools of business and war have taught him a thorough appreciation of the real problems of education and the needs of a vigorous nation like Canada. As an educationalist he is rapidly assuming leadership even as he did in France.

The campaign is showing a new side of the sturdy character of the General who leads McGill.

THE BORDERS OF RUSSIA.

A rather preposterous state of affairs has been created by the occupation of Vilna. Whether Vilna is in or out of Lithuania seems to rest on a basis of military occupation. It was occupied first by Russia, then by the Poles, who evacuated it and have now again occupied it. The territory all along the border between Poland and Lithuania is in dispute. In July last Russia signed a treaty with Lithuania, but was subsequently charged with breaking the terms of it and playing the masters in Vilna.

It is announced that the case will be considered by the Council of the League of Nations at Brussels on October 20th. In the meantime General Zeligowski has hoisted a flag of a new state of Vilna and complies with this arbitrary action the statement that he has no intention of entering into a conflict with Lithuania. It is asserted that the Polish Government was entirely ignorant of Zeligowski's plan to seize Vilna.

All round, things seem to be badly mixed. The peace between Soviet Russia, negotiated at Riga, a few miles from the Lithuanian border, has not been concluded, and fighting continues as a sort of everyday occupation. Little Lithuania is making a mass levy to recapture Vilna. A cabined despatch on Tuesday informed the world that the peace treaty between the Poles and Soviet Russia had been signed, but the forces of the two nations are allowed to go on fighting until last night, when the armistice became effective.

It is doubtful, however, whether the Soviet Government can ever have peace. It represents a mere fraction of the people of Russia; all others are anti-Bolshevik.

ON BEING DISAPPOINTED.

Disappointment doesn't have to be defined—we all know what it is.

Disappointment comes to us. But it never fails to leave—in times. That is the encouraging thing about it.

There are ways to handle disappointment. In a rough sort of a statement, the best way to handle it is to "grin and bear it" while it lasts—then it won't last long.

But when disappointment comes to us and is as fresh as early dew, we are not apt to welcome happy words of counsel. We are very much alone when disappointment comes.

There are things to remember, however, in connection with being disappointed.

Disappointment is a problem. And you will have to solve it, or you will have a problem in mathematics.

Many of the happenings of life, which at the time seem to bring gloom and cloud, in reality are forerunners of hope and encouragement. We have no visible assurance of anything. We fondle our features as we would an unread book which we hope is going to bring us both pleasure and knowledge.

The commonest happening in life is disappointment. But one of the uncommon acts of a human being is to walk right past disappointment—without even speaking to it! On being disappointed—look UP at it!

BONE DRY LAW STANDS.

The Supreme Court of the United States has refused to reconsider its decision of June last sustaining the validity of the prohibition amendment to the National Constitution. There does not seem much chance of the dry law being legally broken in the United States.

BRITAIN'S "MOST SACRED SPOT."

(London Morning Post.)
 The "most sacred spot" in Britain, according to the judgment of John Richard Green, has passed under the hammer. For Cliffe End, Ebbw Vale, is located at the spot where Henry and Horsa landed in 449 A. D. But the place is doubly sacred by reason of the fact that it was here, a hundred and fifty years later, that Augustine and his forty monks arrived on that mission to the Saxon Ethelbert which was to be fraught with such momentous consequences. The spot where Augustine first met the King and his Christian wife, Bertha, is marked by a handsome Runic Cross.

"Ontario's Desperate Plight."

(Quebec Chronicle.)
 The more one learns of industrial conditions in Ontario, the more surprising it is that there has not been already a decided movement to Quebec of Canadian and American factories. Such movement is certainly but a matter of time provided that we can command effective and sufficient public publicity for the attractions that we have to offer.

At the moment the Ontario manufacturers are short of power and struggling desperately for relief, no matter how or from where. While it may be possible to tide over this present need the future outlook is not bright if new plants are brought into the province to increase the demand made upon an already over-taxed power supply.

Just how acute the situation is can be judged from an article in the Financial Post of Toronto which complains that, with an increased power consumption during the year and no provision made to increase the supply, Ontario manufacturers are facing the winter season with serious apprehension.

The plan conveyed by the article cited above furnishes a stark picture to conditions that obtain in this city and district where there is not only an abundance of power for every present need, but a reserve supply sufficient to meet the heaviest demands that can be made upon it for some time to come, at least. Surely there should be some means by which this truth can be brought home to the manufacturing world to the mutual benefit of prospective industries and of Quebec itself.

Keep Your War Bonds.

(Vancouver Sun.)

Why do people with small quantities of war bonds persist in selling them while the market is unfavorable? Why will they refuse to recognize that they are themselves largely to blame if they receive less than par? War bonds are a commodity and their price in the market is governed by the same laws as any other commodity. If a lot of people want to sell and few want to buy, the price goes down correspondingly. To blame the Government for this result is foolishness, as a matter of fact, the Government is doing its best to keep the price up by itself buying bonds, with whatever loose money it has on hand and by exerting pressure on large holders not to unload. But these processes are only available within narrow limits. The thing to do with your bonds is to put them away and forget about them except once every six months when the interest is due. If you do this you may be quite sure you will finally get a hundred cents on the dollar for them.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

The Appeal Direct.

(Port Arthur Chronicle.)

It will come with somewhat of a shock to the glom that is decrying the newspapers as a "kept press" that the railway association and manufacturers' associations are publishing advertisements over the sign and seal of their organizations in which those organizations speak direct to the people of Canada. Naturally if those interests "kept the press," they would order the newspapers to publish the facts and statements they desire to impress the public with and to do it under the guise of editorials or news stories. The newspapers have through a long course of slander at the hands of irresponsible agitators and intellectual nincompoops sustained a dignified silence, knowing well that the time would come when the ravings of the radicals would be refuted by indisputable evidence.

Following Meighen's Trail.

(Sydney Post.)

The Toronto Globe is making a rare spectacle of itself these days. Figuratively speaking, it is following the trail of the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, dancing a savage waltz dance of necessity and necessity. It is determined to have the Prime Minister's scalp the first time it catches him asleep, or to perish in the attempt. Convinced that those speeches Mr. Meighen delivered in the Eastern Townships were vile distortions of the facts, the sometime seditious and sanctimonious Globe has declared war on him to the knife. And firm in the righteous conviction that all is fair in war, it has become a sturdy distortionist of the Prime Minister's discussions of public affairs, and a beligerent denouncer of him, for sentences he never expressed and speeches he never uttered.

A BIT OF VERSE

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Paying you forevermore—go and make a friend.

Looking for investment? There are many things.

Golden opportunities that the morning brings.

Show a little kindness, spread a little cheer.

Give a little of your time to a fellow near.

Lend a hand to help him where true need is laid.

Come with honest sympathy when his heart is sad.

Money isn't always all we have to spend.

Dividends to real go and make a friend.

Looking for investment? Well, you needn't buy.

Someone's heart and someone's help—couldn't if you try.

There are bonds that pay you, pay and pay you well.

But the bonds of brotherhood bankers never sell.

There are earned with Service, there are won with Love.

Paid in golden currency 'round a bank above.

Gold will never buy them—Love you have to love.

If you want a dividend, if you want a friend.

You will gather riches, gather if you're wise.

But the world has other things, other things to prize.

Life will have its moments cold will forsake.

When the thing you want the most is a friend or two.

Then the friend of kindness, then the friend of love.

Will return a dividend in your heart's need.

Pay your golden dividends—if you have a friend.

THE LAUGH LINE

Pests We Have Met.

"I would advise you to take them all. They are going out."

Dietetic.

If Edward Everett Hale, I really do not know; But Henrietta Crossman, And Harriet Beecher Stowe.

—Life.

Legible Enough.

"The prescriptions of a doctor 'May be hard to read,' said Hill, 'But one has a hard time in deciphering his bill.'"

Other Times.

"I can remember when a dollar would buy a married basket."

"Yes. But you can also remember when a man had to work as much as a couple of horses for the dollar."—Washington Star.

Psychological Advantage.

"Don't you object to all this talk about the high cost of everything?"

"Not at all," replied the professor. "It prepares the mind of a customer for what he may expect and saves argument."—Washington Star.

Hard to Blend.

Mr. Peavie says that although he would be the last man on earth to criticize any lady of his acquaintance, nevertheless he has never met one who could successfully combine the High school grade with the middle-aged spread.—Detroit News.

Why Girls Leave Home. Or Can You Blame Her?

The father of the girl reported her disappearance to the police this morning. He said she left home about 11 o'clock last night, soon after the family retired in her night attire.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAGE

Pop was smoking with his feet up and I was sitting on the floor looking at the advertisements in the paper to keep my mind off my homework, and I saw one saying, Be a Draftsman, Earn Good Money With Little Work.

Me thinking, G. I wonder what a draftsman is? I bet it's a man that goes around putting windows up and down for millions of dollars so they will get snuff air without getting in too big of a draft.

Sounding like a good easy job without needing much study or experience, and I started to practice on pop, walking around the room and opening all the windows about 6 inches and then I walked around again and opened them about 4 more inches and then put them all down again about 3 inches on account of the air starting to come in too fast, with feet then pop gave a fierce sneeze, saying, Confound it, I feel hot and cold and hear I am sneezing again.

Me thinking, Holy sneezes, draftsman to the rescue.

And I quick started to go around putting all the windows down again, and pop sneezed 4 more sneezes without stopping, saying, Wait in the name of ventilation are you doing with those windows?

Sir? I'm putting them down, I said, and pop said, Putting them down, well who and why and when were they put up?

Sir? I put them up to practice being a draftsman and earn good money with little work, I said.

You're the only one in the world knows what you're talking about, shut those windows, said pop.

G. pop, that was I'm doing, I said, which I was and pop kept on sneezing, and said, young man, you'll rue this day.

Well G. pop, goah, what is a draftsman?

Shut up, said pop.

Which I did, and pop kept on sneezing.

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ORITARY.

George Murray

The friends of George Murray learn with regret of his death occurred at his home, 206 St. street late Saturday night. He ceased was 67 years of age and of the late Edward Murray, a pupil had been in the employ of the John Iron Works for many years was popular with his fellow players. He was ill only three days and his death proved a shock to friends. The funeral will take place from the late residence this noon at 2.30 o'clock.

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