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### TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

Premier Lloyd George believes England should renew trade relations with Russia. A London cable says:—

"The negotiations are apparently confined to the possibility of an exchange of Russian agricultural products for manufactured goods, of which the Bolsheviks are in dire need. Their wants include machinery, boots, and commercial articles. There is skepticism here as to Russia's ability to barter an appreciable quantity of produce, but Krasnaya is apparently planning a London branch of the Moscow Co-operative Union and the establishment of a Soviet embassy."

France is averse to this project, but apparently the British government looks upon the trade proposal with favor, not only on the ground that it would be good business but that it would not involve recognition of the Soviet government.

Mr. Lloyd George observes that it would be a new doctrine that we must approve of the habits and customs of any people before trading with them, and that to rule out any country whose government is large order. He further contends that military operations against Russia would involve an enormous expenditure, and what that country has to offer is great.

view will probably prevail. It is by no means clear that opening up trade with Russia would delay the overthrow of the Bolshevik regime, and if there are great resources of food available there for export the world certainly stands in need of them.

### SCHOOL CENTRES.

What is a school centre? It means the use of a school building for other than day and evening school classes. It means that the building owned by the people is used for community purposes. There are school centres in 107 cities in the United States, and these are scattered over twenty-six states. Many other cities and towns report an occasional evening use of school buildings for community purposes, but in the 107 cities referred to each school centre is in such use at least two evenings per week, while nearly a quarter of the number are in use three evenings, thirty number are in use four, and two of them seven. In eleven instances the centres are open on Sundays.

The Russell Sage Foundation has just issued a School Centre Gazette, prepared by Mr. Clarence Arthur Perry, giving a comprehensive review of the movement. There are, of course, many more than 107 of these centres, as each city has more than one. In New York, with its enormous population, there is one for every 46,655 persons. Chicago does better with one for every 36,421, Cleveland with one for every 40,047, and Pittsburgh with one for every 18,400 persons. In all, there are in the 107 cities 607 of these school centres. A review of the report says:—

"School centres are, of course, ordinarily operated by the local school board, but in 27 instances the management of them was shared with a voluntary association. Very often the school board furnishes the heat, light and janitor service, and the community centre association, parent-teacher group or other voluntary body supplies the workers and the organizing ability. Among the organizations reported as assisting in running school centre activities there were mentioned a neighborhood association, community councils, community service, American Legion, Y. M. C. A., a university, a normal college, a social settlement, a charity foundation and several manufacturing corporations. One-half of the school centres are supported entirely by public taxation. Over a quarter of them have both municipal support and a source of income from admission fees. Less than a quarter of them are helped out by contributions of donations of one sort or another. The report mentions eighty-six centres in which motion pictures are shown, the actual number using films is believed to be much larger."

It is easy to see how great an influence for good these school centres must be in any city. They bring the people together, break down prejudices, develop the community spirit, and care for the young people. In his comments on the subject Mr. Perry says:—

"The existence of a school centre system in a city is a good index to its progressiveness. It means that the taxpayers are getting nearly 100 per cent. utilisation out of a plant into which they have put a lot of good money instead of the 40 per cent return they get when it is used only for the regular day school. If a citizen wants to get a line on how things are done in his school board let him apply for the use of a school auditorium for a parent-teacher's meeting. If the procedure is quick and simple it's a good sign, but if it's expensive and tedious there's a cop slipping somewhere. If his application has to be acted upon at a meeting of the full board or even a committee of it, he can make up his mind that the people running his schools are behind him in the race for letting buildings and school superintendent, whose office is open all the while. In New York City your responsibility is known to you a certain occasion in ten minutes, provided it has not already been taken for the date by some other group."

It has been found that in many cases there is no need of paid attendants at these centres. Organized groups undertake to observe regulations and in turn the school authorities against damage to property, and the results are winter.

found to be satisfactory. The community councils whether their activities are centred in school or other buildings, are doing a notable work. As one illustration we may quote from the New York Evening Post an account of certain activities to be staged in that city next week:—

"Staten Island, The Bronx, Forest Hills, Washington Heights and the Park Avenue districts community councils already have their preparations for Neighbors' Day, June 12, under way, and other councils are rapidly arranging their programmes. There will be pageants, block parties, community dances and playground meetings, as well as other occasions for those who are neighbors to get together on a common ground, somewhat in the fashion of the old-time small-town meetings. The idea, which has been given impetus by Franklin K. Lane, (a native of P. E. Island, formerly secretary of the interior, is that persons who know each other in real neighborhood soon find means to solve their differences and thus obliterate class, racial and religious prejudices. Neighbors' Day is the first of three days of celebration arranged by the Community Councils of the City of New York, the National Social Unit Organization and other co-operating societies for the observance of Three Days for Democracy. The two other occasions will be Community Sunday, June 13; and Flag Day, June 14."

The mothers' allowances provided for by an act of the Ontario legislature will bring assistance, it is estimated, to ten thousand children in their own homes, and this as a larger number than is found in all the orphanages and charitable institutions in the province. These children, kept in their own homes, under their mothers' care, will be infinitely better off than if forced by poverty into the charitable institutions. They will have a mother's care, and there will be no stigma upon them. The mother in such cases becomes in a sense a civil servant, rendering the highest service to the state in return for her allowance.

Field Marshal Haig sternly criticizes the attitude of trades unions in England toward returned soldiers, and declares that their selfish obtaining denies work to thousands who fought for the very principles for which the unions profess to stand. This is a very serious indictment, and one that should arouse the public sentiment in support of the men whose sacrifices saved the country. While they were getting a mere pittance the men at home were getting higher and higher pay every year, without the daily and hourly danger of wounds or death.

Premier Lloyd George promises a liquor traffic bill, but gives no indication of its nature. Scotland, with its local option possibilities, is, however, the chief centre of interest in regard to liquor laws in the United Kingdom. That the cause of prohibition will make steady gains no one doubts. The decision of the United States supreme court settles absolutely the question of prohibition in that country, and cannot but have a moral effect in European countries. The traffic in intoxicating liquors will steadily diminish. This is an economic necessity.

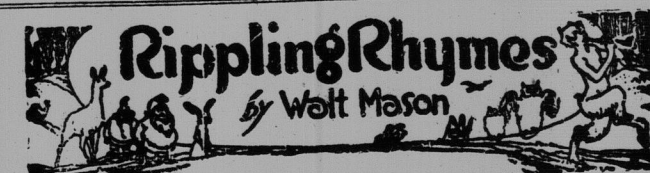
Three of the largest shoe factories in St. Louis have cut the price of shoes of various styles from twenty-five cents to two dollars per pair. This is much more promising than a cut in price by a retailer who might have special reasons for reducing his stock. There is a feeling in the United States that the peak of high prices for commodities generally has been passed, and that the tendency will be gradually downward. An encouraging crop outlook is a cheering factor in the situation.

A belated but terrible proof of German barbarity appears to have been discovered in Cape Breton, where a fishing boat left by the Germans in a dugout in France and brought home by a Canadian soldier as a souvenir exploded and seriously injured a boy who tried to use it. For sheer thoroughness in savagery the Germans made a record the world will not soon forget.

A sub-committee of the Republican national committee on policies and platform has submitted this paragraph in its report:—"The war has revealed three outstanding matters of both local and national concern which in the minds of many people require greater co-operation between local and national authorities: (1) education, (2) public health, and (3) public roads and highways." All political parties should be able to endorse this pronouncement.

The Canadian Merchant Marine is said to be about to institute steamship lines between our Atlantic ports and India, Ceylon and the far east, as well as South Africa, and between Pacific ports and the far east and India. There will be all the more need of a thorough equipment of the Atlantic and Pacific ports of this country.

A return brought down at Ottawa shows that a very large amount of money has been spent in St. John harbor since confederation, but the equipment has not nearly kept pace with the demand, and the work must go on or the trade interests of the country suffer every winter.



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### THE CAMPAIGN.

Let's have a clean campaign, devoid of squabbles vain; to candidates and kindred slates a courteous main maintain. Let's hold no long disputes with eloquent galeots, not fill the air with fur and hair, and bricks and rocks and boots. It's useless to get sore and rant and walk the floor, convulsing jakes of their mistakes—they'll have the same some more. It's useless to see red, and punch your neighbor's head; because that might well be right, when all is done and said. Then let's in statesmen come along and chant the same old songs, if they get in they'll banish sin, and outlaw every wrong. I hear the siren tune smooth old statesmen croon, and much it means to horse marines, and people in the moon. But I have heard it sung since days when I was young; while others scrip, and yammer, yip and yap, I prune my trees and herd my bees, and keep some smiles on tap.

### CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

#### HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

In the early days of June 1920, the Hudson's Bay Company was busy planning its career in the New World. On the second day of the previous month it had obtained its charter to trade from King Charles II largely through the influence of the fiery Prince Rupert who was a friend of the King. The inspiration of the work was received from Ojibwa who had spent a winter with some heavily armed warriors in the frozen wilderness of Canada and had created a little stone fortress called Fort Charles.

The company attained a power that the charter people never thought of. From the Arctic sea to the United States border it held sway in later years; its posts extended from the upper Ottawa and Fraser rivers in the Pacific coast; its power was felt in the far distance taken on the borders of what was then Russian America and from 1870 to 1889 it held the sceptre of government having one twentieth of the land of the vast area of North America.

In its quest of furs the Company, under the leadership of Samuel Hearne one of its traders, penetrated to the interior in 1769 and the two survived the hardships of the Copper Mine River; he entered the Saskatchewan in 1774 and founded Cumberland House. His work was duplicated by scores of other hardy adventurers who risked life and limb and endured the hardships of roving into unknown lands and waters because of their devotion to the company and their love of the wild, untamed land they lived in.

From the beginning the company was unusually successful in its venture and great wealth came to the heads of the organization. But as the years passed the company's power had to be instituted and finally its governmental duties were taken over by the government of Canada. Yet the company remains to this day and carries on a huge business annually in the fur trade and its fur and trading posts still exist.

**JUNE NIGHT.**

This is the perfect night of June! The universal harmony of the night. The mighty spheres that climb the templed heavens and the full orbed moon.

Lead on the stately chorus. Fancy with orchestras, the galaxy keeps time. And rolls in unison and rhythmic cadence.

One grand, triumphant, million-chorded tune.

—Frederick Oakes Sylvester.

#### IN LIGHTER VEIN.

No, Hazel, family jars are not used for preserving domestic peace.

Easy going men are apt to spend too much time up in the clouds looking for the silver lining.

A professor of mathematics may not get a big salary, but at least he can make out his own income tax.

**Sock Dull Work.**

The trouble with most of us is not so much that we are dull, but that we are so much that we dislike being—Boston Transcript.

**Unsavory Mess, Though.**

Columbia Record—Whatever food conditions are in other parts of the world, England will always have her Irish stew.

**Sounds Like a Poet's Layout.**

For Sale—Cows, piano, dresser, bookcase and desk combined, folding couch and baby's bed. W. F. O'Keefe, Glen Rock Sta.—Asheville Citizen.

**Extravagant.**

"Are they extravagant people?" "Very they have breakfast and potatoes at the same meal."—Detroit Free Press.

**Harder to Learn.**

"My wife is learning to play the piano, and my eldest boy is struggling with the violin."

"And who are you learning?" "Oh, I'm learning to get used to it."—Boston Transcript.

**Yo-Heave-Oh!**

"Where did you get these cigars?" "A friend of mine sent them up from Cuba."

"Your friend certainly knows the ropes down there, doesn't he?"

**True Kindness.**

The clergyman of a poor parish was showing a rich lady around, hoping to touch her heart and so receive a big cheque for his people.

"We are now passing through the poorest slums," he said, as the car turned into a side street. "These people have little to brighten their lives."

"I must do something for them," sighed the lady, adding to the chauffeur, "James, drive the car slowly and turn on the big lamps."

"Were you annoyed because I sharpened a pencil with my razor?" "Twice," replied the patient husband. "After I had given up trying to shave I tried to write with the pencil."

## AGREEMENTS ON TARIFFS AND SHIPPING

Reported Progress at Conference re West Indies

Cable Matter Next and General Resume on Next Tuesday — Visitors Guests of Dominion at Rideau Dinner.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Ont., June 9.—Delegates and commercial advisers attending the Canada-West Indies conference were guests of the Dominion Government at the Rideau Club, at dinner last night.

Suggested agreements on reciprocal tariffs and increased shipping facilities have, it is understood, already been drafted, and there now remains the question of better cable facilities. Today the conference will further pursue its labors and, before the West Indian delegates leave for Toronto on Thursday evening, it is expected all the proposals will be in the hands of the dominion government for consideration.

On next Tuesday the conference is due further to consider the raft agreement with any changes suggested in the interval.

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Cardiff, Wales, May 27.—(By Mail.)—Morgan Watkins who fifteen years ago was working as a mason in his native village of Clydach, Swansea, Wales, has been appointed professor of French at the University College of South Wales. At present he occupies the French chair at Johannesburg University, and is one of the best known British-French scholars.

**FOR BIG SUM.**

Jersey City, N. J., June 9.—The trial of joint suits brought by Great Britain, France and the Aetna Explosives Company, aggregating \$2,313,176, against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, to recover the value of munitions destroyed in the Black Tom explosion four years ago, was begun here yesterday. Several precedents of like character have been won by plaintiffs and the judge's verdict will be a landmark in the history of the United States Supreme Court.