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PRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 20.

### Colonel Denison, Toronto's First Citizen.

right, and we respect him for his out limit. manliness of opinion. To suggest a The success that has attended the

as a city of testifying in a feeble way nadian effort has been small, and not her appreciation of one who has been her first citizen for many years, by retiring allowance.

and his manliness untarnished.

qualities, but he is not nor ever was

arbitration or by "the good offices" of

# Business Activity Anticipated.

so much concern and apprehension over the possible dislocation of business following the war, the statement recently made by the United States of the laurch recently made by the United States gives it the laugh. Secretary of Labor, who says:

"There is every indication now that instead of an industrial and agricultural depression in 1919 and 1920, the United States enjoy prosperity unlike any it has known before. Half of the civilized world, depleted of its foods, its industrial equipment and its man power, turns to America to supply its enormous needs. And in filling of these orders it is likely that instead of an overplus of labor in America there may be a scar-

The inference drawn by Mr. Wilson would be equally applicable to Canada and probably to a greater degree. There is a big shortage of necessities thruout the Dominion, and it will take manufacturers a long time to catch up to the demand. Labor displaced by the closing of munition plants is the Canadian overseas forces who were Now that I shall be away, she will German National Assembly. gradually being taken care of. It was thought that the returned soldiers who were awarded the Victoria Cross, were termed Canadians in the heading would upset the labor market, but if when as a matter of fact they were all born either in Great Britain or the labor that the canadian overseas forces who were awarded the Victoria Cross, were enjoy herself better. The old dame never has forgiven me for marrying you. I don't blame her for that, but

cracy is a great idea. Making it clean is equally great and is an essential factor in safety. Most of our trouble, and according to some of our philosophers, all of it, comes from ignorance. In the department of health this is unquestionable. The war brought out some facts in relation to the health of the nation that astonished even those most accustomed to dealing with such matters, and when a couple of years ago the, subject began to be ventilated in public, created a profounder impression lic, created a protounder impression What's in your mind than anything that had occurred for Of love and sympathetic kind. several generations. It was the ray of light shining in the darkness that showed the evil.

At all events the advisory committee on venereal diseases for military district No. 2 secured the attention of London, Dec. 19.—The British Labor

The Toronto World ity, its morale and its intellectual

the system of military efficiency to obtain the healthiest subjects for the army. Venereal disease was known to incapacitate a man more completely than almost anything else, while at the same time creating a all departments.

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Inday World—5c per copy, \$2.50 per year, by mail. source of danger thru infection to

A great deal of reactionary feeling was stirred up in some circles, and many even regarded it as indecent to speak of this pregnant source of disease, death, sterility, childless families, blindness and congenital evils

of many kinds. The absolute igno-There is only one honorable way rance of the public on these matters out, only one final settlement of the has led to the idea that while one police strike situation in Toronto, and of these diseases is rather serious in that is for Colonel Denison to resign some phases, the other is no worse because he cannot accept a principle, than a cold in the head. As a matthat of the recognition of trade union- ter of fact the supposedly milder disism, in connection with a police force ease is more widespread and in the and all that it implies. It was done long run its effects are no less deadin London, England. We believe that ly, and the suffering it entails on in-Colonel Denison thinks his view is nocent women and children is with-

compromise is to humiliate a vener- operations of the local committee has able and worthy citizen because of his led to similar action elsewhere, but views. Our own opinion of Colonel there is great need for a Dominion-Denison, and we have learned after wide handling of the question, comany years' acquaintance to respect ordinating the various efforts, civil. him as Toronto's first citizen, is that military and social, that have been he would prefer to resign and keep organized, and making a permanent his colors flying. Not all of us can and active force to fight the spread accept the things that revolutions of this menace by the only effective bring in their train, nor are we called means—education. It is a duty for on to do so. And this idea of police- the government, and has so been remen being in a union is a revolution. cognized in the United States, where But the world will go on, and go for- the revelations of the war have been ward none the less. Leave the colonel so impressive that \$8,000,000 have been set aside for this year's campaign Toronto would then have a chance against the evil. Beside this our Caeven in proportion to our need.

Now that the public have got over voting him his salary for life as a the first shock of knowing that the unspeakable thing must be faced; that Colonel Grasett should have re- affected ignorance does not save chilsigned when The World suggested dren at very early ages having conthat course to him some two months taminated information conveyed to tasty supper. ago. He is of a type that has good them by companions in shameful ways, which only the careful earlier in accord with the democratic idea. instruction of parents can nullify; I had my dinner rather late." He was a militarist administrator of a that these diseases are deadly and civil office. Not that a chief of police sooner or later wake up in the bodies one too; but I am as hungry as a ought not to be strict, a disciplinar- of those who have contracted them bear. I wish I could be sure of someought not to be strict, a disciplinar-ian. But a democrat can be such and exact a terrible penalty of pain one like Rachel to cook my meals for the next few months. I expect !t will still be a civilian. A militarist auto- and premature death; that they are be some change, all right. But what's

It is interesting and pleasing to note, streets refuses to give the town any think you would care to take it." especially at this time, when there is passenger service, altho directed so to

commission, when that official testi- extreme feeling on her part. fied before the committee of the municipality may suffer tomorrow a:

# THOSE CANADIAN CROSSES.

A World subscriber has written would upset the labor market, but if the government provides a sufficient post-discharge pay or bonus the returned men will fit into normal life without providing any industrial jolt.

Altogether the outlook in Canada is promising, and certainly not one mak—

of canada and will, when living promising, and certainly not one mak—

of canada and will, when living here, be content to be called Canadians, as also will their children. As all are Britishers towards the wire as torgiven me for marrying you. I don't blame her for that, but you. I don't blame her for that, but you. I don't blame her for that, but she will be glad to have me away."

If don't want her or anybody! I only want you," Ruth had given way at last. Her body shook with sobs and her tears fell without thought of soldiers and work—

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## A Line of Cheer Each Day of the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE UNIVERSAL TONGUE. You may be weak French and Greek, But Love's a language all can speak.

Your English may Not be au fait.
Your Latin fill you with dismay. But you will find

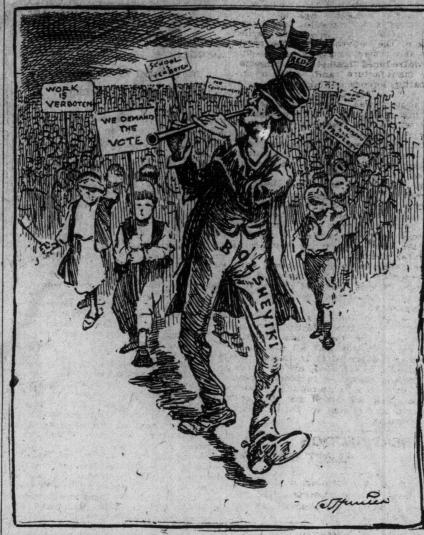
You can impart With surest art

# In silences of eye and heart.

BRITISH LABOR INVITES WILSON. for it, as she almost worships you. She isn't the only one either."

Someway, that last sentence warm-

## THE PIED PIPER OF BERLIN



THE WIFE By JANE PHELPS

Brian Leaves Ruth. Heartbroken. CHAPTER CXVI.

Ruth was glad of the interruption, and hurried Brian out to the table where, in the incredibly short time given her, Rachel had managed a

"Aren't you going to have some too?" Brian asked, his mouth full. "No-dear-I'm not a bit hungry. "Well, I had mine early, and a good

The people of this country will be had taken before we were married.

rushed from the room and, while she The whole trouble lies in the fail- wrapped the picture Brian wanted, ure of the federal government to en- she again exercised her self-control force federal law. This weakness in he did not notice that, for just a partake of a toothsome champagne the Railway Act was brought out by moment or two, her emotion had supper, while

His supper finished, he came in to to the goose! Eh, what? house of commons, charged with the fasten his bags. That done, he lookduty of redrafting the Railway Act.

The weakness is there and that "Well I must be off, Ruth," he said,

TRANSFERRED CONTROL The weakness is there and there drawing her into his arms. "Be good seems no disposition to cure it. What to yourself, dear. If I didn't know-Burlington suffers today some other what a fine little business woman you

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"Oh, yes I shall. A bad egg, you demanding the complete elimination know, and also only the good die of the bourgeoise class from the govfamed for, it never has been good-So don't order widow's weeds Enormous Value of Property expecting any chance to wear them. I only hope I may do what it is up to me to do," his voice suddenly grown grave, "and then it doesn't really make any difference what hap- Bois, in the chamber of deputies, to

you know," she reiterated. "Yes-it is always easier to be the one to go." then: "but cheer up. Ruth. We'll have those Huns licked before you know it. I must go now. I'll run out and say good-bye to Rachel and tell her to take good care priority.

with a smile—which she managed to what wonderful brains they poss do, altho it was an effort.

"I'll send you a letter every steamer," she replied. steamer." she replied.
"The be watching for them. Goodbye darling!" and he was gone. For a long time she sat by the window, where she had watched him go down the street with a long, swinging cannot say that it was much of a success. In the first place, he was altogether too sure of himself, and made it rather strong that he did not care a rap about newspapers. We could mention towns where the gentleman reported by three British officers who have arrived here. The American

### OTHER PEOPLE'S **OPINIONS**

## Detroit, Montreal, Toronto.

Editor World: A number of citithe local government is a mistake. It company can violate its agreement with a municipality and refuse to run lieve anyone of the boys will have ordered them that a municipality and refuse to run lieve anyone of the boys will have ordered them the connected with to the front with him.

Surprised to learn that company can violate its agreement with a municipality and refuse to run lieve anyone of the boys will have ordered them the connected with to the front with him.

The potential mayor did not state Railway Commission. Yet today the Town of Burlington is isolated and the railway company that occupies its streets refuses to give the town any streets refuses to give the town any streets refuses to give the town any scheme are not newsboys at all the research of the same are not newsboys at all the remarks regarding it. He, like of France.

Colchester, Dec. 19.—The senate today to connected with to the front with him. adopted the bill, recently passed by the chamber, renewing for twenty-five years the privileges of the Bank the gang of boys operating on the scheme are not newsboys at all the remarks regarding it. He, like of France. scheme are not newsboys at all, but merely beggars collecting money by for their own benefit Harry Roher, president.

# DIFFERENT COUNTRIES,

Editor World: I notice, per newsthe member for South York, W. F. Maclean, M.P., when he examined Mr. Blair, law clerk of the railway commission, when that official testi. but this is a grand and glorious haven what is food to the gander is poison

# TO EBERT GOVERNMENT

were I should feel guilty to leave you. Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—The congress Eut you are worth two of me when of German soldiers' and workmen's the hands of an arrogant corporation. Eut you are worth two of the hands of an arrogant corporation. Eut you are worth two of the hands of an arrogant corporation. It comes to making money, so I know councils on Wednesday passed a resoyou will not suffer."

"Money isn't everything, Brian. I lution according to a Bernin telegram, transferring legislative and executive power to the people's commissioners (the Flowt government). until some

be selected from the two Social Demo-The congress rejected a resolution

# Destroyed by Germans in France

Paris, Dec. 19 .- Deputy Louis Du-"I suppose not—but it is hard, dealing with reconstruction and war day during a discussion Brian, awfully hard. Harder than damages, said that the estimated value of French houses destroyed was 20,-000,000,000 francs; furniture at 5,000,-

# NOTED ALASKAN DIES.

the public to an extent never before attained on a question that is of the most radical importance to the health of the nation, its growth, its prosper.

London, Dec. 19.—The British Labor party has invited President Wilson to attend a national gathering of British labor, to be held in the president's overheard telephone conversation from her mind, and was only absorbed in duty of sending Brian away years ago as a missionary.

## IDA IN HAMILTON

BY IDA L. WEBSTER.

Certainly we all have our dull days, and every city has its dull hours of pre-election. Usually they are night-mares to the candidates and minutes of bliss to the citizens who are hoping and expecting to benefit should their special "favorite" get elected to office. For instance, in the City of Hamil ton there are only two men applying for the job of mayor, but the contest is being looked upon just as warmly as tho there were half a dozen, as is the case in Toronto. Not only are there but two of them, but one hapto be the present mayor, who has alre dy had two terms.

tacit agreement with the chief magis-trates in Hamilton that they would not make a bid for more than two terms, that being sufficient honor, it is supposed, for any man. But as there must always be a precedent, the present mayor proposes to make a try for a third year.

Just why Mr. Booker should seek re-election is set forth in a pamphlet, which would require the best part of an hour for anyone to read. So far as we can see, his chief reason for thinking that he should be mayor again lies in the fact that he has sworn in about 7000 soldiers. That he doubt in about 7,000 soldiers. That no doubt is a rather strenuous stunt, but it cannot be said that it is one which makes Hamilton. While the truth of the matter is that every mayor in Canada has been folliwing in the footsteps or his neighbor, they have had nothing to do but cater to the warts of the soldiers and their families. There have the confident that he will be quite as good soldiers and their families. There has not been a chance for them to show because the city has not been spena-"I'll write every chance I get," he ing money, as is customary in times

of peace.
We interviewed Mr. Booker, but we where she had watched him go down the street with a long, swinging stride. She wondered casually if she wouldn't have felt happier if he had planned for her, a little. Of course it was nice to be thought capable, but—

Tomorow—Ruth Asks Her Aunt to Visit Her.

Tomorow—Ruth Asks Her Aunt to the thing had been been that we could not help think—

Tomorow—Ruth Asks Her Aunt to the thing had been the words "Your mayor." Not for an instant did he forget that he was chief magistrate; indeed, so anxious was he to lay that fact before us that he became almost a hore, and we could not help think—

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> The citizens must get fearfully tired of hearing a man shouting from day to day that he is the mayor. Particularly would this be annoying when you remember that it was the people

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# CONTROLLER JOHN O'NEILL MAYORALTY CANDIDATE

confident that he will be quite as good as the best mayor who ever sat in the Attended Only by Band and

### AIRMAN WAS SHOT DEAD IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP

fact before us that he became almost a bore, and we could not help thinking how very much nicer it would have been had he left that to our im-

### 6,000,000 DEAD OF "FLU" IN PAST TWELVE WEEKS

erat can't be anything but an autocrat.

Again we say the only way out is
for Colonel Denison to stick to his
guns and retire with the respect of
everyone. He is the lasts man that we
of everyone. He is the lasts man that we
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The people of this country will be

Same change of the population of the state itself as the population of the p very sort of man who would make a success at the helm of a city which wanted to expand. Of course, if this is not the policy in Hamilton then it would be very foolish for the folks to

# RENEW BANK'S PRIVILEGES.

# KING OF ITALY **VISITS PARIS**

Six Cuirassiers of His

Bodyguard. Paris, Dec. 19.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy arrived here today and was welcomed by President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and other minis-

Premier Clemenceau and other ministers. The king was accompanied by his son, the Prince of Piedmont.

A luncheon was given by President Poincare at the Palace of the Elysce in honor of the Italian king and prince. The guests included Premier Orlando, Foreign Minister Sonnino and Food The guests included Premier Orlando, Foreign Minister Sonnino and Food Minister Crespi of the Italian cabinet; Count Macchi de Cellere, Italian ambassador to the United States; former President Loubet, former President Fallieres, Marshal Joffre, Marshal Foch, Marshal Petain and the ministers and ambassadors. ters and ambassadors accredited to

No Italian troops were brought to Paris for the visit, except a band of sixty pieces. King Victor Emmanuel

# LAKE ERIE NAVIGATION.

Colchester, Dec. 19.-Navigation can



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board or communication knowledge be definite action Captain F. H organization ur "camouflaged, houses," and adand report of an taken by the cit Controller Mc report was carr A communic dren's Aid Soc stated that the

able to keep its with the counci 1919, to provide connection with Financial aid w The recomme of control that housing commit-not favorably re cortrol recommode adopted as amendment of much discussion only one disse was as follows:

"That the red board of contro ing question be the board, havin recommend that presentatives of Women." Controller Mc in many cases houses could Not W

Ald. Gibbons: the manufacture ployers built the vould have to in every respect of this council lator." Ald. Gib cil to wait and ment's proposition Controller Mo cize Alderman after cheap pol-turned soldiers." Gibbons: "Ta

You can't scare McBride: "Th is not worth the Finance Com one of the mer committee, was situation. He s ment of five cit building of ho and requested t the matter over The long-dela health departm ing. All of th know at once ju held over until Ald. Johnston so