

What the World is Saying

Women and Democracy

Women are coming into politics to-day to the completion of democracy.—London Nation.

Production and Distribution

Our problems are first and last economic—that is, straight business problems—concerned with production and distribution.—Lethbridge Herald.

A Thing To Be Remembered

In their day of suffering and tribulation, Germany and Austria should remember that nobody forced them to start the war.—Kingston Whig.

A Different Way Altogether

Germany's war vessels are going to all parts of the world, but they are not going the way Germany once expected they would.—Halifax Herald.

En Eruptive Era

Cable despatches state that Mount Vesuvius is in a state of eruption again. It appears to be becoming a habit over there.—Vancouver Sun.

One of the Many Rumors

Hungary favors a Hapsburg as King. Her people may discover that there is no great virtue in a hair of the dog that bit them.—Turner's Weekly, Saskatoon.

It Strains the Imagination

The Allies are granting modifications of peace terms, but imagine a victorious Germany making concessions to a defeated enemy!—Victoria Colonist.

Sir George's Mixed Genders

Sir George Foster announces that "Canada is the master of her own fortunes." One could sometimes wish that Sir George would endeavor to be mistress of his own rhetoric.—Ottawa Citizen.

She Is Still a Cause of Trouble

After all these centuries Cleopatra is the cause of a lawsuit arising out of motion picture rights. It's enough to make the Sphinx smile.—Duluth Herald.

Staunch John Bull!

John Bull continues to live up to his reputation for weathering the roughest storms. There is no blow so severe but that he makes a rapid recovery.—Philadelphia Record.

The Best of Investments

The government of Prince Edward Island is to impose additional taxation to provide higher salaries for teachers. Education pays. And it is worth paying for.—Edmonton Journal.

A Follaged Monarch

After a look at the whiskers of the new King of Syria the impression is that the barber shop is purely an abstract proposition with the latest monarch.—Regina Post.

One M.P.'s Point of View

Prohibition is the work of the Devil, according to Mr. Burnham, M.P. There are some people who have a habit of mixing up outsiders in every controversy that crops up.—Brockville Recorder-Times.

There Would Have Been No War

Count Bernstorff declares that if it hadn't been for the German military element, America would never have been in the war. Neither would Britain or France or Italy or Belgium.—Winnipeg Telegram.

He Is Awake to Realities

Sometimes it looks as if the radical leaders in Britain are becoming a little bit conservative. Old John Bull is not quick in dropping the substance to grasp at the shadow.—Vancouver Province.

Is This the Cow with Crumpled Horn?

The ministry of food are trying to develop new sources of milk supply, and for the purpose intend to make use of the motor lorries the military authorities are about to release.—Manchester Guardian.

Remarkable, if True

An exchange states that in China eggs are three for five cents, coal fifty cents a ton, and wheat thirty cents a bushel. But who wants to go and live in China?—Minneapolis Journal.

The Senate's Cost, and Value

The cost of the Senate to the country in 1919 was \$365,299—about \$1,000 a day, counting every day a working day. That was the cost; the value—well, that is another story.—Saskatoon Phoenix.

An Essential of Democracy

One of the first duties of those people who are firm believers in the principles of democracy is to have their names put in the voters' lists. Otherwise there is no democracy.—Brandon Sun.

A Barbarous Sport

The bull-fighting business is reported on the decline in Madrid on account of the scarcity of bulls, and up to date no one has come along with a substitute labelled "just as good."—Chicago Tribune.

A Kultur-paved Roadway

Ten thousand German army helmets have been crushed by tanks to make a roadway for heavy traffic at Croydon, England. What more appropriate use for the spiked headgear of the Hun?—Peterboro Review.

One of Our Country's Problems

The Canadianizing of our alien population is one of the urgent problems before the country, and education seems to be the most effective and surest way of teaching them how to become good citizens.—Halifax Chronicle.

A Thing To Be Remembered

It will make for international good-will to remember that the forces in the United States friendly to the British Empire are more powerful than the Empire's enemies, except in the vocal organs.—Winnipeg Tribune

Mixed Farming

An Ontario man received \$169 for the logs in an elm tree, plus a family of coons that he found in the top of it. This is the kind of farming that should make an appeal to the city man.—St. John (N.B.) Telegraph.

Doggedness and Horse Sense

An American writer says that Europe may be able to weather the crisis by a dogged effort and the use of a little bit of horse sense. Why not call a veterinary surgeon into consultation?—Toronto World.

Historic Ground for Canada

The site of Bourlon Wood has been presented by France to the Canadian government as a memorial to the deeds of the Canadian army in that area. The story of Canadian valor will not die lightly.—Topeka Capitol.

Germ Tanks?

"The next war will be fought with bacteriologists," says Captain Wedgewood Benn. The report that the army council has already ordered the Royal Engineers to construct a couple for experimental purposes is declared to be premature.—Punch.

The Good Time Coming

A United States doctor has discovered a memory serum. If the world had an injection or two it might be able to remember the name of the man who told it everything would be lovely when the war was over.—Toronto Telegram.

Who Can Tell?

The optimistic Canadian may be justified in saying that before another 250 years elapses a large number of the trading posts of the Hudson's Bay Company in the far north may have grown to good sized cities. Who knows?—Dundee Courier.

An Unfulfilled Prediction

Speaking of the shortage of houses in Winnipeg, what has become of all those buildings used as hotels in the anti-prohibition days and which, according to the claims of some people, would remain as empty monuments to a decadent city?—Winnipeg Free Press.

There Has Been a Great Change

The former Kaiser expresses annoyance at being watched by a sentry. Yet in his palmy days he was fond of having his armed guards always in attendance on his person. No one loved military show better. Things have changed.—London Daily Mail.

The Well-Worn Leap Year Joke

The official figures from the Toronto city hall show that the marriages thus far in 1920 are almost double those of the same period in 1919. We wonder if the fact that this is leap year has anything to do with this remarkable increase?—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Wireless Talk

A 700-mile wireless talk between a point in Spain and Chelmsford, England, has been successfully carried on. By and by the scientific knowledge may be so put into practice that a man may be able to shout out so strong a sound wave as to make it go right around the world and come back to his own ear.—Washington Star.

Belongs to a Bad Family

Alcohol comes from a bad family stock. Nearly all its young brothers and sisters, both older and younger, from fusil oil to wood alcohol, are dangerous poisons of swift action and evil odor. We are beginning to suspect that it differs from the other members of its family chiefly in its slower action and more agreeable flavor.—Toronto Globe.

Humane Progress

A bill for the total prohibition of importation into Britain of the plumage of birds is now before the British House of Commons and is expected to pass by a large majority. The new law will put an end to the barbarous business of killing birds for their plumes. It is estimated that the number of birds killed for the British trade alone has amounted to as high as 25,000,000 a year.—Christian Guardian.

Why, Oh Why!

Why is it, it is often asked, that people in small towns can find no better business than prying into other people's business, and exaggerating the truth in regard to the same. While they would not steal from them worldly goods, yet they rob him or her of what is more precious than gold—a good reputation. Why can't people "do unto others, as you would have do unto you?"—Kerobert Citizen.

Wooden Footwear

Those Dutch manufacturers who are planning to introduce wooden shoes into the U.S. and Canada may have to send over Dutchmen to wear them. Sabots were worn in this province, in parts, at certain times of the year as recently as a score of years ago, and there may be some in use yet. Hand-made wooden shoes were a common sight in the Bonsecours market in those days.—Montreal Gazette.

Rural Depopulation in the U. S.

Preliminary estimates of the United States census for the year 1920 are said to indicate that the farming population of that nation has dropped to 35 per cent. of the total. Forty years ago 70 per cent. of the people of the United States lived in the country. A decade ago 55 per cent. of the population was rural, but now it is estimated that only 35 per cent. live in the country.—Philadelphia Ledger.

We Should Have Nickel Coins

Canada, which produces 80 per cent. of the world's supply of metallic nickel, has no nickel coins in her currency, but seventy other countries use nickel or nickel alloys for that purpose, and eleven of them use pure nickel. Aside from the patriotic feature of a nickel coinage in Canada the Government could make a profit of hundreds of thousands of dollars by calling in the present silver coins and substituting nickel for them.—Canadian Finance.

A Frieze at Berlin

When William II., ex-Emperor, found the stately "White Hall" of the Palace insufficiently gorgeous to accord with his megalomania, he called in the architect Ihne, and gave directions for a new frieze round the hall representing "victorious warfare fostering art, science, trade and industry." I imagine that William in his Dutch retreat at Amerongen may occasionally reflect on the consequence of warfare when it is "not" victorious. Trained in such an atmosphere from their childhood, drinking in militarism with their earliest breath, can it be wondered at that Prussians worshipped brute-force, and brute-force alone?—Edinburgh Review

Some Automobile!

England is still the land of great wealth, it appears from the columns of some of its advertising mediums. A recent issue of "Motor," of London, contains under the head of "Second-hand Cars for Sale" several offers of such cars for over ten thousand dollars each! One car, which dates as far back as 1913, is described thus: "Magnificent open sporting body, leather cover for hood, tapered bonnet, electric installation, Warland rims, 2 spares, 1 each side, very fast and in perfect condition throughout, price 3,000 guineas" (\$15,000!)—New York Times.

We Speak Now of "The West"

Hereafter the initials "R.N.W.M.P." will have only a historical significance. The new force, which is to include the Dominion police, will be known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In view of the extension of the field which is to be covered, the elimination of "Northwest" was inevitable. The word is heard less and less all the time in Canada. Up till the time of the establishment of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan fifteen years ago, this coming autumn, when a person started off in this direction from the East it was always said that he was going to "the Northwest." But with the disappearance of the Northwest Territories the habit grew rapidly of referring to the country on this side of Lake Superior simply as "the West," which is much to be preferred on every account.—Edmonton Journal.