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PAYING THE PIPER.

The reason given for the recent advance in the price of Canadian wheat was that with the removal of the American embargo there had come a big demand from the United States for wheat at high prices. But it is barely three weeks since Mr. Hoover was declaring that there was "a great surplus" of wheat and flour in the United States. He was then urging the United States to provide credits to enable American foodstuffs to be sent to Europe. He had already supervised the distribution of \$100,000,000 worth of provisions in Europe, but he declared that between 15 and 20 millions of people in Finland, Poland, Austria and other portions of Central Europe outside of Germany were facing starvation unless some quick means were discovered for their assistance. Mr. Hoover is the man who predicted \$5.00 American wheat, but he is regarded as an authority on the food question in his own country. And if, as he says, the United States had a "great surplus" of wheat and flour at the middle of December, the great demand for Canadian wheat is probably confined to the hard varieties suitable for mixing with American wheat of inferior grades. Unless the United States extends credits to Europe enabling the American millers to dispose of their "great surplus," they are likely to find themselves in a position obliging them to drastically cut prices, and there may well be a reaction in Canada. At any rate there appears to be a speculative element in the present situation, and Canadians are indirectly helping to pay for what may be an American gamble with European necessities.

It is worth noting that on December 1 the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome issued a statement showing a wheat crop for Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Roumania, Switzerland, Canada, the United States, British India, Japan and Tunis of 2,040,599,000 bushels—which is practically the same as the average for the five years 1913 to 1917.

EDUCATION OF THE SEAS.

Americans are not ready for private operation of shipping on a great scale, according to John, Baron Payne, chairman of the United States Shipping Board. He believes it is necessary for the Government to continue the operation of the huge taxpayer-built fleet as an educational medium for the nation. Later when the nation has acquired the ship habit, and learned to think in the language of shipping it will be proper to turn over the Government's ships to private firms.

The Shipping Board now has 1,300 ships, operating on 41 trade routes. By the end of 1920 the Board will control 2,250 ships. Sales of ships are being made to American firms, but they do not keep pace with the launchings. The Shipping Board was urged to reduce the sales price from \$200 to \$225 per ton to \$175 to \$140 per ton. But even at the reduced prices private American shipping interests were only prepared to buy 300 ships.

Mr. Payne says it is necessary for the United States to have a large merchant marine to carry her large surplus production to foreign markets. At present the question is not between Government and private ownership, but between American and foreign ownership. The United States has only a few successful shipping companies, and to establish the merchant marine on a firm basis will require time, habit, growth of individual capacity, initiative and enterprise.

Mr. Payne's conclusion is that it is not possible to have a successful American merchant marine till the country grows into the ship habit, and he affirms that newspapers and magazines must arouse the thinking men among manufacturers, investment bankers, farmers and labor to the necessity for a merchant marine and must teach the people to think and act in the language of shipping. Such an educational process may teach the United States to step out of her splendid but decaying isolation, and by going down to the sea in ships, unite the Americas, the Orient and the Occident in friendly trade, and lend her aid towards an enduring peace.

BRITISH TRADE.

In the first eleven months of 1919 Great Britain's foreign trade was 54 per cent. greater than during the corresponding period in 1918, and for November, 1919, was more than double November, 1918. For the eleven months of 1919 the total foreign trade was valued at £2,170,000,000; whereas the total for the year of 1913—the last complete year before the war—was only £1,404,000,000. While these figures seem to indicate a fairly rapid rate of recovery of Britain's

overseas business, they are not as gratifying as they might be. Smaller price enhances values; measured by quantities, the trade is not up to pre-war dimensions, exports in quantity being hardly more than 50 per cent. of the pre-war trade. Measured by value imports have been much greater than exports. What is regarded as a satisfactory feature is that while importation of raw materials have been increasing, manufactured articles, as an item of import, have declined.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

The question of providing education for boys intending to follow the sea is discussed by W. W. Inkster, Secretary of the Lakes section of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild in Marine Engineering.

"We hear a great deal about education and technical schools for various branches of business," says the writer, "but what about our boys and young men starting out on a seafaring career?" In the majority of cases they leave school with a very elementary education, and according to our present law they must serve on board ship two or four years in the lowest ranks of their professions and mix with all classes of humanity before they are eligible to qualify for the higher ranks. Is it then any cause for surprise that long before this time expires they have drifted away to such an extent that the interest they may have had has no longer the power to stimulate them?"

Captain Inkster advocates establishment of institutes where boys may receive theoretical and practical instruction in navigation and seamanship. The Navy League of Canada has already made a start in this direction in Toronto and Montreal by organizing The Boys' Naval Brigade, and providing evening classes.

THE SUBLIME PORTE.

It is reported that the Allies have entrusted the business of making the first draft of the Peace Treaty with Turkey to M. Berthelot, who a year ago succeeded the veteran Jules Cambon as Director of Political and Commercial Affairs at the French Foreign Office. He is credited with holding the view that a distinction should be made between the temporal and spiritual powers of the Sultan; that while as Khalif of Constantinople the Sultan should be allowed to retain an ecclesiastical palace in the ancient city, his temporal powers on the European side of the Bosphorus should be advocated. M. Briand, who originally brought M. Berthelot to the forefront, holds the same views. It is a curious fact that a protégé of M. Briand should now be the right-hand man of Clemenceau in dealing with the thorny problems of the Near East.

The British Labor Party are sending a delegation to Ireland to investigate the threatening situation there. It is an interesting departure, which may have good results. The Labor Party is free from extreme views on the Irish question, and its delegates are perhaps more likely than those of any other party to win the confidence of the opposing factions and form an unbiased judgment on the position of affairs. The broadening of the outlook of the Labor Party which hitherto has been occupied with purely labor questions, indicates a deepening sense of its responsibilities.

According to report from Mexico, the various insurgent forces are trying to pool their issues against the Carranza administration with Villa as commander-in-chief. They will set up a de facto government and try to extend their areas of control. This looks like civil war on a considerable scale, with further possibilities of foreign trouble.

WHAT THEY SAY

Fat Job Gone. (Hamilton Herald.) Some criticism of the appointment of Miss Walker as registrar of Mid-Devon is based on the facts that she is a woman and has no dependents, and the alleged fact that \$2,500 is too big a salary for a woman with no dependents. If the lady discharges the duties of the office as well as a man could, she is entitled to the salary which her predecessor received. If the fact that she has no dependents is a valid reason for cutting down her salary, it must be an equally valid reason for reducing the salaries of unmarried male officials without dependents.

Bar the Slackers. (Kingston Whig.) The amnesty issued last September under the Military Service Act will permit thousands of slackers to return to their homes without fear of punishment. They have so far escaped, but they should not be allowed to have any part in the exercise of citizenship in Canada.

Keep It Going. (Exchange.) Keep the Christmas spirit going—

don't let it die out with the passing of the great festival. Get square with the world and all in it. If you are at "outs" with anyone, make up again. If you have had a kindness shown you pass it along. Bring as much sunshine into as many lives as you can during 1920.

W. F. MacLean and Sir Robert. (Hamilton Herald, Ind.)

The Toronto World continues to eject venom at Sir Robert Borden, and suggests a conspiracy of silence as to the true position of affairs on the part of the press. Can the true offense of the press consist in a failure to recognize the superlative fitness of "Hon." Billy to occupy the Premier's position?

Without Plutoocracy. (The Public.)

The rise in food prices in New Zealand during the war is said to have been only 25 per cent. as compared to the 100 per cent. in most countries. The Dominion has according to the latest figures, a private capital of \$1,668.98 per capita, one of the highest figures for per capita wealth in the world.

From Past Experience.

During the training of militia in a North British town a company were ordered off for ball-drill. The company included a man named Macphee, noted for his simplicity, who was singled out as a "marker."

Before the firing began the sergeant took up his glasses to see if all were ready, when, to his horror, he saw Macphee coolly standing in front of the target. Thinking the man insane, the sergeant at once hastened to the rescue.

"In no such fool as you think," said Jack: "I ken the safest place wael enech. I ance marked for your company afore."

A BIT OF VERSE

ROAD OF LOVING HEARTS.

"Oh, what is this pathway white, with
 parquets of light,
 Whose slender links go up, go up, and
 meet in Heaven high?
 'Tis the Road of the Loving Heart
 From earth to sky."

Who made the beautiful road? It was
 the Son of God.
 Of Mary, born in Bethlehem, He planned
 it first, and then
 Up the Road of Loving Heart He led
 all men.

"Was it not hard to build? Yes, all
 his years were filled
 With labor, but He counted not the
 cost nor was afraid:
 No Road of the Loving Heart is cheaply
 made."

A BIT OF FUN

Spare Her Blushes.

"Why does that pretty blunderer blush
 every time she sees you?"
 "I got her laundry last week by
 mistake."

A New Incentive.

"Is it my money he is after?"
 a woman used to murmur when a man
 came around whispering fine things."
 "Well?"
 "Now she says 'Is he after my
 vote?'"

What Would Happen?

Oil Promoter—Do you know what would
 happen if we struck oil in this
 well?
 Friend—You'd be the most surprised
 man in the world.

Puzzled.

"Eyes tested while you wait," sign
 read in a downtown window. The
 optometrist's window was heard to
 say: "I don't know what to do—
 either I have them tested while I wait,
 or I have them here and call for
 them later."

Terrible.

Father (sternly)—Young man, I
 saw you put your arm around my
 daughter last night.
 Youth—I suppose you noticed how
 she struggled, too.

Convicting Speech.

First Lawyer—"Did his speech carry
 conviction?"
 Second Lawyer—"It did. His client
 got five years."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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 and the concert was proclaimed a
 decided success in all and in every
 respect. Mr. Eastwood, superintendent
 of the Sunday school, presided, and
 had charge of the program, which was
 carried out in an able manner by the
 participants and reflected much credit
 on the instructor and children. After
 the concert Santa Claus appeared, and
 in a very creditable manner gave presents
 to the Sunday school scholars, also
 to all those taking part in the

concert.

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Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Extort! New Candy Store Going to Open! A big new candy store is going to open next week, according to the line in the window, but there won't be any samples given out free the first day, among those who went in and asked about it being Benny

Potts, Skinny Martin, Leroy Shooter and Sid Hunt. Sports. Puds Simkins and Sam Cross was in the Crosses house last Thursday, and they had a contest to see how near they could come to a Chinese vase by throwing pillows at it without hitting it. Puds Simkins coming so near that the vase fell over and a piece broke off of the top, Sam Cross sticking it back again so good that nobody hasn't noticed it yet.

Intriguing Packs About Intriguing People. Ed Wernick has a little red note book with a caller in the back with all the dates in it, and he's always pulling it out of his pocket and telling people what date it is whether they want to know or not.

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People Will Think You're Crazy. Always go around laughing. And when you feel panellit, smile. And you'll never notice your troubles before or after or while.

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concert. After the presents were distributed from the tree a pie sale was held, and the amount of \$96.00 was realized. The program as presented follows:

Short address by—S. S. Superintendent.

Recitation—Pearl Merseaux.

Chorus—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Recitation—Thelma Eastwood.

Exercise—"Christmas Bells."

Duet—"Till We Meet Again," by Margaret Parsons and Charles Underwood.

Recitation—Harrison Grass.

Violin and accordion selections—By William Flannagan and Harry Harris.

Dialogue—Dr. Cure All.

Recitation—Ann Eastwood.

Solo—"It Pays to Serve Jesus," by Doss Kirkpatrick.

Recitation—Dorothy Lunnin.

Exercise—"Christmas in Naughty Land."

Recitation—Mabel Grass.

Chorus—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night."

Recitation—Doss Kirkpatrick.

Exercise—"Bringing In The Sheaves."

Solo—"Star of the East," Charles Underwood.

Recitation—Margaret Lamblen.

Exercise—"Christmas."

Violin and accordion selection—By William Flannagan and Harry Harris.

Dialogue—"Looking Around For a Wife."

Recitation—Jean De Grass.

Recitation—Eva Eastwood.

Flag Drill.

Chorus—"Silent Night."

Recitation—Valedictory, by Rudman Larsons.

Ruby H. Kirkpatrick was accompanist for the evening.

OBITUARY

Charles W. Mayall

The death of Charles W. Mayall took place Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. Sudebury, 60 St. Patrick street. He leaves to mourn one son, Alfred W. Mayall of Somerville, Mass., and four daughters, Mrs. E. W. Chase, Hawthorne Ave., Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, London, England, Mrs. H. Sudebury, of this city and Mrs. R. W. Lobb, Ben Lomond, N. B.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his daughter, 60 St. Patrick street, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at St. Mary's church. The deceased was a prominent citizen while residing in the city and for the past fourteen years was proprietor of the Coronation House at Ben Lomond. He was in the 81st year of his age and extremely popular with a wide circle of friends.

He was born at Athlone, Ireland, on February 8th, 1840. When a young man he joined the Imperial Army and saw service with the 76th and 44th

regiments and fought in the Afghan-

istan and Chinese wars. He came to

St. John with the old 15th Regiment

and was a most interesting talker on

military matters. In politics he was a

staunch Conservative and a member of

the Church of England. He was well

known to the travelling public, having

for twenty years acted as a porter in

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CONSTIPATION

or COSTIVENESS

Constipation, although generally de-

scribed as a disease, can never exist

unless some of the organs are dan-

gered, which is generally found to be

the liver.

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general ill health than constipation of

the bowels, and a regular action is

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