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EDITORIAL

Happy Tomorrow, if you are careful, New Year you will write it 1920. Before you, will stretch away three hundred and sixty-six days to be used for good or ill.

The year ahead will have its ups and downs, its pleasure and its pain. May you enjoy the former even in anticipation and recognize the cheerful philosophy that after the dark days, bright ones must follow. And best of all, while looking after yourself and yours, may you at the end of the coming year, be able to say that the world and your friends are a little better off because of your service in the year 1920. Happy New Year.

Another War Mr. Thos. MacInnes, in a full front page article in Saturday Night, discusses the probability of a war with Japan, and the causes for it.

He states that the excuses for the conflict will be Shan Tung and Korea, but that the reason will be commercial rivalry. Japan is becoming a serious rival of the United States and Great Britain for the trade of China, Manchuria and Siberia, says Mr. MacInnes, and already the predatory business interests of the western nations are conducting a propaganda for her destruction.

Greed The gold deposits of Siberia and Cause Kamchatka are far richer than those of the Klondike ever were, and the men of Wall Street are determined to possess them. It seems almost impossible to believe that, after the slaughter and suffering of the last five years, men can be already plotting the death of millions more of their fellow-men for the sake of gain. Yet Mr. MacInnes goes on to say:

"So far then as one may give credence to current international gossip of the Orient, and draw fair inference from sounds and sights and atmosphere about him, there is one American group, rich and cleverly directed, which wants war for profit, and there is another group which wants war because Hearst wants it, and both groups carry on direct propaganda to the end. And behind these two groups is a mass of British and American merchants who would rather welcome a war for trade benefit, or for race supremacy, or for a square deal, or for righteousness' sake. The phrasing would vary according to candor and temperament, but they would all have the same thing in mind.

"How to get the common people of Great Britain and the United States to not only approve of such a war but to be worked up to the fighting pitch—that is the question. Or at least how to get the common American worked up. There is no yellow peril unless led by Japan; Canada needs no fleet now in the Pacific unless against Japan. Why do some men suggest trouble in such a way as to arouse the fear of an allied nation, tending to bring about the very trouble they point guard us against? Unmistakably they point to Japan as the coming enemy. We show continual mistrust and publish continual criticism of our ally, of a nation which, if it had not been true to its alliance, if it had sided with Germany might have turned the issue against us."

What Is Thus, after a conflict the most The Remedy? terrible in the history of the human race—a conflict that was to end war, it must be discouraging to note the preparations already being made by the bleeding nations for war on a still greater scale.

The heart of man is unchanged. It is greedy, suspicious and desperately wicked as of old. And the men who make wars are not the ones who suffer and bear the burdens.

There is only one remedy. It is individual and not national. It is practical appreciation by the individual, that there is in fact such a thing as the Brotherhood of Man.

COMMENT

May 1920 spell prosperity.

Once again the days are lengthening.

If you don't win, smile and try again next year.

The men who have given their services in council deserve your first consideration for Mayor.

Probabilities for to-morrow, from Montreal westward: "Wet."

We make the prediction that the Hon. Mr. Raney, Attorney General, will never occupy a seat in the Ontario Legislature.

Henry Ford is about to institute a profit-sharing plan with his employees by which they will receive next year ten million dollars. Of late a very considerable tendency in the direction of profit-sharing has developed in large industrial enterprises.

Buffalo is absolutely assured of a new Hotel Statler from 16 to 18 stories high, with 2000 guest rooms, a gigantic theatre, garage and business block, covering an entire block of 75,000 square feet, with a total investment of approximately \$10,000,000, according to an announcement made recently by E. M. Statler, president of the Hotel Statler Company.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Public Announcer.

(Hamilton Herald.)

"Jimmy" Simpson, of Toronto, Ontario's most eloquent exponent and advocate of Marxian Socialism, is not yet the Hon. James Simpson, cabinet minister; but he appears to have been chosen for the honorary post of public announcer for the Drury government. Last Sunday, in Hamilton, he announced that property qualification for candidates in municipal elections is to be abolished. Last evening he announced in Toronto that the government will introduce a measure for the abolition of compulsory vaccination.

Such a post as that of public announcer, held by somebody outside the cabinet and legislature, is a convenient and useful one. The public announcer might announce that a certain government measure is to be introduced; the premier and his colleagues can watch the effects of the announcement; if it seems to be popular, they can go ahead with confidence; if it proves unpopular, they can repudiate the announcement and point to the fact that the announcer is not a responsible party and was not authorized to speak for the government.

Some weeks ago Mayor MacBride of Brantford made public objection to the selection of Mr. Simpson as "spokesman" for Premier Drury. Evidently there was more ground for his objection than there seemed to be at the time.

Supervision of Cellars.
(Sentinel-Review.)

It is reported that the Ontario Government has in contemplation an amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act, limiting the quantity of liquor which any person may have in his home at any time. There is nothing in the Ontario Temperance Act to prevent the importation of liquor, and with the ban imposed by the Federal Order in Council removed, it will be permissible for the Ontario householder to import for his own use as much as he thinks he needs and as he can secure and pay for. The Ontario Government apparently believes, however, that it is a better judge of what a man should have in his cellar than the man himself.

Assuming, for the sake of argument, that it is the right or the duty of a Government to go nosing and spying around homes of private citizens—an extraordinary assumption, it must be admitted—how is any Government to determine what are the needs in each individual case? The needs may vary with the individuals. Many of those who believe they require extensive stocks of liquor, because they entertain extensively, are models of moderation in their personal habits. A bottle of whiskey in one man's home may do more harm than a barrel in another man's. The present King is known to be very temperate in his habits, yet he has a very fine wine cellar. If he lived in Canada he might find himself threatened with the confiscation of everything over and above the amount the Ontario Government thought to be good for him.

Assuming, again, that the Ontario Government were to attempt anything so absurd as the regulation of private homes, how could the law be enforced? Presumably by a system of regular visitation and inspection, involving an army of spies and peeper-jacks. How long would the people of Ontario stand for such a system?

The whole proposal is so absurd and incredible that even the Ontario Government will probably think twice about going on with it.

The Siberian Expedition.

(Canadian Railroader.)

Take the case of our Siberian expedition. We undertook it at the request of the War Office and though the casualties were small the expense was great. The avowed object was to suppress the Bolsheviks and put those great democrats Denikin and Kolchak in control. It is now proven by an overwhelming mass of evidence that Kolchak and Denikin represent the worst form of reaction. Prince Kropotkin, one of the greatest minds in Europe and a strong anti-Bolshevik Russian, two months ago wrote pleading with the Western powers to abandon intervention and Col. Lester Malone, a British Coalition M.P., after a visit to Russia took the same line.

CONCRETE ROAD PROPOSED FOR GALT TO GUELPH

From the Galt Reporter: "So well pleased is the Waterloo County Council with its stretch of two miles of concrete road between St. Jacobs and Elmira that Waterloo township representatives, Reeve Jensen in particular, favors the use of that material in building the road from Galt to Guelph, as part of the Provincial-County Highway System. There is one mile of larva-bound macadam in use at present on this road, near Galt, and it is standing up well. But County Councillors are taken with the appearance and smoothness of concrete and Waterloo township representatives are strongly for that class of roadway for the remaining miles to be built. In a phone conversation The Reporter had with ex-Warden Panabaker, Reeve of Hespeler, it was learned that the agitation for such a roadway was gaining headway, and also that the outlook is for a completed highway through Hespeler to the Guelph boundary line within two years. In the Royal City the Motor League is taking up the question with the Wellington Council to produce results at the Guelph end. Attached to this proposition is the West-Waterloo Provincial County Highway, which has about reached the engineering stage, and which the present Minister of Public Works looks upon with much favor, so The Reporter is informed. If there is not a great change in sentiment among Waterloo County Councillors the projected roadway will be started early next year. It will serve Guelph, Hespeler, and Hamilton—and the motor traffic is likely to be very heavy, with much of it of a business and farming character."

Letter to News Record

THE RADIAL BY-LAW

Editor, News Record:

It appears to me that every thinking taxpayer of the City of Kitchener must vote against the Hydro-Radial By-law for the following reasons, briefly stated:

(a) Referring to the proposed agreement between the City and the Hydro Electric Commission, Section 2 Clause (b) The City is to issue cash value securities and deposit them with the Commission before anything is done. These securities are held against the City and can be sold by the Commission at any time if the Commission thinks it has cause, at its sole discretion, without consent of the City.

(c) The City can make no arrangement of any kind with any other railway or transportation company, or grant any license, without the written consent of the Commission. This will prevent the City from agreeing to any sidings or extensions of tracks of existing or future railways to any manufacturing industry, without the consent of the Commission. It will prevent giving rights of way of any kind to any motor truck company or passenger carrying company. It may even be construed to prevent the City from licensing taxicabs.

(d) Manufacturing industries are the life blood of our City. We are here asked to transfer to the Commission the right to give manufacturers local railway connection, without which large manufactures cannot exist.

(e) The City shall furnish free right of way over any of its property and shall execute Conveyance thereof or agreement with regard thereto, to the Commission. (For Parks, etc., it will be Conveyance, and for Streets, Agreement). The legal advisers of the City hold that this will include any City Streets. The Commission admits that it includes parks and other lands of the City, and for such they could ask for Conveyance. This latter alone is a preposterous right to ask for from a city of the importance of Kitchener.

The agreement is to continue for a period of 50 years. The cost of the City to the extent of \$1,053,080.00 is asked for to enable the Commission to parallel, all along, what will shortly be a government owned railway, viz., the G.T.R.

We are asked to jeopardize the value of our present Kitchener-Waterloo Railway, for its size the third best street railway property in Ontario, and an asset of the City which promises to be a substantial factor in reducing taxes.

The autocratic powers asked for by the Commission are without a parallel in Canadian history or that of any other country under democratic institutions.

I recognize that it is late in the day to talk of what will be voted on to-morrow and have therefore limited my argument to what is obvious and admitted.

Yours truly,
W. H. Breithaupt, C.E.
Dec. 31, 1919.

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS."

Alexandre Millerand, who is mentioned as likely to succeed Clemenceau as French premier, is now filling the post of commissary general in Alsace and Lorraine. In the early part of the great war he held the war portfolio in the Viviani cabinet and was known as one of the greatest war ministers in the history of the republic, which is somewhat surprising in view of the fact that, like Clemenceau, M. Millerand is a reconstructed Socialist. He is a Parisian by birth, and early gained distinction as a lawyer and as a writer. In 1884 he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies, as a Radical Socialist, and for years he led the extreme left wing of the Socialist party. But he has never been a pacifist or internationalist and has always emphasized the precept that military service and loyalty to France were the highest duties of every citizen.

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THE END OF 1919

We stand at the threshold of the New Year. With great satisfaction we look over the year that is gone—with its wonderful prosperity, success and progress in which this store shared beyond our highest expectation.

Believing that business is sensitive, goes only where it is invited and stays only where it is well treated—our efforts in the future as in the past—shall be the best service to the greatest number, a bigger and better store for this ever growing city.

That the New Year may bring abundant prosperity and happiness to all citizens, is the sincere wish of

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December 31, 1919



Barney Leborita, alias "Battling Levinsky," is the busiest fighter in fifteen states. He makes a one-armed letter carrier at Christmas-time look like a statue, having fought over three hundred bouts in eight years.

Born in Philadelphia 28 years ago, he has grown to be a bouncing youth of 5 ft. 11 in. and 175 lbs. displacement, which he brings to his weight for corned beef and cabbage.

Graduating from newboy to travelling salesman, then to real estate

agent, the Battler donned the gloves for the first time at Tamaqua, Pa., back in 1910 and has been very busy ever since.

"Jack Dillon gave him his toughest fight."

The hardest punch I ever got? Say Frank Mantel hit me so hard in the second stanza of a ten-round match at Brown's Gym, in New York City once, that my memory was a vacant lot with a "for rent" sign on it during the rest of the eight rounds, although I'm married."

I won the decision," says this fighter. During the war Levinsky was a box-graph by ear.

ing instructor at Camp Devens for ten months and since his discharge has fought in over 75 bouts, gratis, for the boys. He has taken many trips at his own expense to help entertain the soldiers, and intends to be on the job as long as his services are asked for.

"I expect to keep right on fighting for many years," says Bat. "You know the rest of the eight rounds, although I'm married."

ELMIRA

Miss Vera Appel, formerly of the R.P.S. staff and who is now teaching in St. Catharines, was the guest of Miss Alma Stewart over the week-end.

Mr. Kilborn Schafer, of Toronto, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Winn and Miss Edith Winn are spending New Year's with relatives in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammond and children, of Glenallen, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Quickfall over the holiday.

Mr. Charlie Schroder, of London, spent the holidays at his home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harper and family, of Waterloo, are spending the holiday with relatives in town.

Mr. Charlie Zillax, of Elwood, visited his mother over the week-end.

Mr. Charlie Boehmer, of Waterloo, was a business visitor to town on Monday.

Miss Emily Schmidt, of Stratford, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Zillax.

Miss Kathleen Reiter spent the week-end in Waterloo.

Mrs. Jack Schafer entertained a few of her lady friends at "Afternoon Tea" on Tuesday.

Mr. Otto Christman, of Orillia, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Christman.

Mr. Roy Zillax, of Gravenhurst, visited his mother over the week-end.

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Mr. Douglas Erb, of Toronto, and Mr. Arch Baird, of St. Catharines, are spending the New Year holiday at the former's home in town.

Mrs. Isaac Hilborn has returned from spending a week with her son in Toronto.

Mr. James Uttley, of Toronto, visited at his home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Prodie were in Toronto for several days this week.

Master Nelson Amy is visiting his aunt at Linwood.

Mr. J. Collins, of Linwood, was in town on Tuesday.

We understand the Phonola Company intend moving their Head Office to Elmira and for that purpose have rented Mr. M. L. Weber's block on Arthur St.

A number of Hamilton dealers have turkeys left on their hands, owing to the excessively high prices demanded.

Lawrence Tye of Glen Walter, aged fourteen, was accidentally and fatally shot by a companion while rabbit hunting Christmas Day.

R.B. Russell, Winnipeg strike leader, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for sedition conspiracy.

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