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THE ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

There is a strong likelihood of the vision of a deep waterway from Montreal to the Great Lakes being realized. Antedating 1914, the size of the project, itself and its cost caused Canadian government, to approach the subject very cautiously.

In fact the chimeras of the Georgian Bay Canal seemed to have a firmer grip on their minds. This scheme, though in essence a glorified Trent Canal, and a contractor's bonanza, held the floor. Because it promised a shorter route and one wholly within Canadian territory. It was openly stated that in case of war between the United States and Canada, the Dominion would not witness its waterway blocked.

The Georgian Bay Canal scheme had a fatal weakness. At one section it would have been necessary to pump water to float vessels over the height of land. Banking on the proposal to have an All-Canadian waterway, the promoters nearly persuaded the Ottawa government to proceed with the adventure. However, publicly heeded the scheme and the war has removed the dread that Canada has anything to fear from United States aggression.

To-day the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes Waterway is viewed as a necessity in which both countries may join and construct it to their mutual advantage. Both nations see in it a great heritage, whose potentialities have for the most part lain dormant. Under existing treaties, the waterway may be used by either nation. To convert it a waterway for ocean vessels then appears to be a duty in which both countries should share. When it is recalled that more freight would pass through it than goes through the St. Lawrence and Panama Canals or both combined, its undertaking is warranted.

American cities on the great lakes have awakened to its possibilities. Duluth recently called its neighbors together to discuss it and arranged for a conference of the states of Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. Their lake cities envision the day when they will be ocean ports.

At the inauguration of Detroit's nine-member council on Tuesday, Mayor Couzens endorsed the project, saying:

"I am heartily in favor of the establishment of a Port of Detroit when we shall have first determined the volume of business we may anticipate, from what source we may expect our tonnage, and the character of it. We are peculiarly located in that our river runs on the extreme southern border of our city, which prevents its being as greatly used as it is through the center of the city."

"One great object to which we may properly devote our attention, however, is to doing everything possible to get a connection with the sea. The International Joint Commission of Canada and the United States has already considered plans for developing falls along the St. Lawrence River, so that vessels from the sea may proceed to the Welland Canal and through to the Great Lakes. Duluth is already considering a movement of this kind and has asked Detroit to aid. The matter is of great importance, and we should take active interest in bringing to a conference the states of Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am sure that you are interested and will assist in every way this great movement."

The steps being taken on part of the border states to further the St. Lawrence waterway will be welcomed by the band of Canadians who have been promoting it. Their interest in the project will, no doubt, rekindle the flame in Ontario and lead our principal lake cities to take decided action. Montreal may desire to remain as Canada's principal ocean gateway but its parochial views will be brushed aside, now that future warlike entanglements have been relegated to limbo.

The project can now be viewed without intervening screens, while its comparatively moderate cost need scarcely be given a second thought by the peoples and governments concerned.

THE ONTARIO TEMPERANCE ACT

It has been announced that the Ontario cabinet will at the forthcoming session introduce legislation, giving the government the sole authority to dispense liquor in the province.

While the influenza epidemic was raging the demand for liquor reached an unprecedented height. This gave rise to certain abuses and a deal of profiteering in hard stuff. One vending firm is said to have made between \$40,000 and \$50,000 profit last year.

To void this, it is now proposed to abolish altogether the sale of liquor by private vendors and to provide for the handling of this business by the government direct. The plan drawn provides for the setting up of governmental dispensing depots in the principal centers. Involved in this proposal are the following points: to prevent unnecessary inconvenience to those requiring liquor for medicinal purposes; to curtail abuses in filling prescriptions; to eliminate all private gain and insure a supply of pure liquor to those entitled to purchase it.

With respect to a vote being taken on the Ontario Temperance Act, it is also announced that this will be deferred until all Ontario men who are now overseas, have returned. It was arranged that this test of public opinion should be taken in June of this year, to determine whether this legislation should become the law of the province. It is obvious that the soldiers will not all be back by that time. Hence the taking of a referendum will be postponed. When the amendment is introduced in the house, the date of taking the vote may be set.

PORK STOCKS

With peace on the threshold, Great Britain finds itself in possession of more pork stocks than it can presently dispose of. When the submarine menace was present it became necessary to build a large reserve. With this danger gone and more shipping available, the supply exceeds the demand. In fact the London food authorities have asked Canadian contractors to defer shipments for a time.

Canadian packers find a disposition on the part of farmers to sell their hogs while the price is high. It is now about \$17.00 a hundred. With the inlet choked with live hog offerings and the outlet closed for pork products, something is bound to happen. The packers, who have British contracts, believe that none of these will be broken yet the conception exists that the price of hogs will from now, until they reach a stable level, be steadily lowered. That hogs will go back to the price prevailing prior to 1914 is not expected.

BY THE WAY

The report that a \$30,000,000 London lumber contract had been let in Canada is said to be premature. Norway and Sweden are after it keenly and it may go their way.

A young burglar of New York, who had in seven years only made \$500 at his nefarious calling, has decided to follow an honest vocation. There is a sermon in his record.

A Detroit who has been visiting friends here, said while discussing the moderateness of the present winter, that the coal shortage in 1918 was so acute at one time in 1918, that he sent a couple of bags of coal home in a taxi.

The Imperial Munitions Board donated 137,000 shell boxes to the city of Ottawa. It was proposed to give them to Ottawa citizens for use as ash boxes but the I. M. Board directs that they must be broken, and given to the poor to utilize as fuel. Clauses in most fire insurance policies preclude the use of wooden ash containers.

WAIT A MINUTE

Today's Anniversaries
1706—Benjamin Franklin born in Boston. Died in Philadelphia, April 17, 1790.
1780—Birth of Dr. Felix Robertson, the first male child born in Nashville, Tenn. Died in Nashville Sept. 10, 1866.
1803—Charles G. Menninger, secretary of the Confederate States treasury, born in Germany. Died at Charleston, S.C. March 7, 1888.
1815—The King of Spain issued an edict against Freemasonry.
1863—Horsee Vernet, the celebrated painter of Napoleon and his army, died in Paris. Born there, June 30, 1789.
1915—Russians stormed southern Carpathian passes and entered Transylvania.
1916—British shelled enemy lines with considerable effect at Givensby and Ypres.
1917—British captured the Sire forts on the Somme.

One Year Ago Today in the War
Italians repulsed severe attack on river front nearest Venice.
President Wilson summoned House and Senate leaders on Russian situation.

Today's Birthdays
David Lloyd George, Britain's premier who scored a victory almost without precedent in the recent elections, born at Manchester, 56 years ago today.
Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, Britain's famous "sea-dog", whose ceaseless vigilance rendered the German fleet powerless, born in Ireland, 48 years ago today.
Dr. Palmer C. Ricketts, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, born at Elkhart Md., 63 years ago today.
Francis Sayre, grandson of President Woodrow Wilson, born in the White House, 4 years ago today.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Thirty Canadian soldiers have won the Victoria Cross.

More than half the cost of building a battleship goes in wages.

In Brazil there is no "middle-class." The people are either rich or poor.

For each fatality in the British Naval Airship Service during the late war 42,548 miles were flown.

The name "asphire" is usually restricted to the blue variety, but there are also red, green, white, violet and yellow asphires.

The German navy had its beginning just fifty years ago, in 1869, when Prussia established her first naval base on the North Sea.

King George possesses an interesting collection of relics from every war in which British soldiers have fought since the early days of Queen Victoria.

The records of the great war show that only one wound in ten was the result of a direct hit. Most casualties were from shrapnel, splinters, and spent shots.

Mackintosh, lynch, macadam, shrapnel, maxim, guillotine, brougham, and victoria are all examples of surnames becoming dictionary words of the commonest kind.

Sir Walter Scott threw the first draft of "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" into the fire, and was only persuaded to re-write it from memory by two friends to whom he had formerly read it.

Investigation by medical scientists has established the fact that very few of man's disease microbes infect animals, while, on the other hand, the diseases of animals are rarely communicable to man.

From 1339 to 1471 England knew only nine years of peace. Yet the total casualties in this long period of conflict was probably exceeded in a single one of the gigantic battles of the past four years.

The largest grand total of children borne by one wife seems to be sixty-two. This record is set to the credit of the wife of a poor weaver in Scotland, who bore her husband forty-six boys and four girls who grew to manhood and womanhood, and a dozen others who died ere reaching their prime.

A Smile or Two

Like His Master
"Touchy is always on the borrow."
"Yes, even his dog has a sort of 'I wish I could dig up a bone' expression."

Considerate Cuss
"No," she declared, "I will never marry any man who hasn't grit enough to go and ask papa for me."
"That's all right, but you ought to remember that your father has a weak heart and sudden joy has often been known to prove fatal in such cases."

"Look Up and Not Down."
Her neck has fur.
To stop the breeze;
But she looks cold.
Below the knees.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

ODD AND INTERESTING

Irish stew is almost unknown in Ireland. The ancient Romans considered it effeminate to wear beards.

Horses, giraffes and ostriches have the largest eyes of any members of the animal kingdom.

In paying their streets the Russians use bricks made of a combination of coal-dust, treacle and resin.

Commercial travelers in Sweden are required to take out a license, costing twenty-five dollars a month. In France experiments are being made with a view to utilizing dead leaves in the manufacture of paper.

Danish scientists claim to have discovered a method of manufacturing yeast without using grain as raw material.

"Worth a Hundred Dollars a Bottle"

Missouri Pacific Fireman Praises Tanlac for Wife's Improvement

"My wife has taken three bottles of Tanlac, and says it has been worth a hundred dollars a bottle to her," said J.G. Nichols, a well known railroad man now employed on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and living at 4711 Summit Street, Kansas City, Mo.

"For three years," he continued, "my wife had suffered a great deal on account of the condition of her stomach. Her appetite was poor and the little she forced down disagreed with her and caused gas to form on her stomach, and she would be miserable for hours afterwards. She was very nervous and hardly ever got a good night's sleep and would feel so tired and worn-out in the morning she could hardly get out of bed. I couldn't find any medicine that would help her at all, so she just continued to lose in weight and strength until she was hardly able to keep on her feet."

"I fully agree with her when she says Tanlac has been worth a hundred dollars a bottle to her. I don't think I ever saw anybody improve like she did after she got started taking it. Her appetite came back in a very short time and she can now eat anything she pleases and as much as she wants and it never gives her any trouble at all. Her stomach seems to be in a healthy condition, and she sleeps sound and the nervousness has left her entirely. She goes about her housework now with just old time strength and energy and says she is in better health generally than she has been in along time. We are very glad to have this opportunity to recommend Tanlac."

Tanlac is sold in Kitchener by E.O. Ritz & Co., in Galt by R.W. Meikham, in Hespeler by Jno. R. Phin, in Elmburg by W.H. Bouler, in Milbank by R.B. Hamilton, in West Montrose by A.E. Richert & Co., in Preston by H.L. Frick, in Waterloo by A.B. Learn, in Doon by L.C. Bullock.

Says Acid Stomach Causes Indigestion

Excess of Hydrochloric Acid Sour The Food and Forms Gas

Undigested food delayed in the stomach decays, or rather, ferments the same as food left in the open air, says a noted authority. He also tells us that indigestion is caused by Hyper-acidity, meaning, there is an excess of hydro-chloric acid in the stomach which prevents a complete digestion and starts food fermentation. This everything eaten in the stomach much like garbage sours in a can, forming acid fluids and gases which inflate the stomach like a toy balloon. Then we feel a heavy lumpy misery in the chest, we belch up gas, we eructate sour food or have heartburn, flatulence, water-brash or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead, get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoon in a glass of water before breakfast and drink while it is effervescent and during the day to continue the work. While relief follows the first dose, it is important to neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and sodium phosphate. This harmless salts is used by thousands of people for stomach trouble with excellent results.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Birthday greetings to David Lloyd George, British premier, who is 56 years old to-day.

After more than 40 years of active service, Col. Robert N. Getty, former commander of Camp Dodge, will be placed on the retired list today for age.

The general annual assembly of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada will open at Montreal today and continue in session over to-morrow.

The 213th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, "patriot saint" of the printing craft, will be observed by the fraternity throughout the United States to-day.

An interstate convention of Young Men's Christian Association leaders of the South-western States will begin its sessions to-day at El Paso.

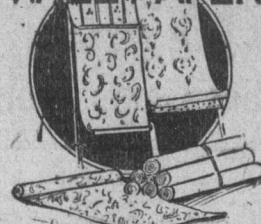
Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield is to be the principal speaker tonight at the annual meeting of the Albany (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce.

Arrangements for the proposed world cotton conference are to be developed at a meeting of United States cotton men to be held to-day in Washington, D.C.

A great patriotic mass meeting is to be held to-night in Madison Square Garden to show New York's appreciation of the work done by

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OWING TO SITUATION IN EUROPE IT IS SAID.

London, Jan. 15.—The Central News declares that as a result of the allied discussions in Paris the whole aspect of demobilization has undergone a sudden and vital change, this being shown in the drastic conditions demanded of Germany for a renewal of the armistice.

"On authority of an unimpeachable character," says the Central News, "it is stated that a situation exists in Europe under which war may break out at any moment. The allied war council has arrived at a decision which means that the British people have mistaken the appearance of peace for reality. This decision means that the new British ministry must revise the whole scheme of army demobilization."

"The decision is that Great Britain, in proportion to its military strength, must maintain an army of occupation on the Rhine front for many months. If the rapid increase in demobilization recently announced were continued there would in a few months be no army in France to undertake the obligations which, by common decision of the allies, have been placed upon British shoulders."

The New Terms.

London, Jan. 15.—The new armistice terms to be presented to Germany by Marshal Foch are unofficially stated here to include the following:

First—Retribution upon the Germans for the murder and ill treatment of allied prisoners.

Second—The machinery and goods stolen by Germany from France and Belgium is to be at once given up. It is pointed out that France alone has 500,000 men who will be out of work until this machinery is returned.

Third—German gold, amounting to more than 100,000,000,000, lbs. to be moved from Berlin to a safe place, probably Frankfurt, and protected from Bolshevism in Germany en route. Certain other property to be surrendered.

Fourth—Germany to give over her shipping, of which she is believed to have four million tons, to carry food supplies to countries in Europe in need of them.

Fifth—Any U-boats on docks to be handed to the allies for their disposal, or to be destroyed and no more submarines should be built.

Commenting on the reported conditions regarding submarines, the Daily Mail characterizes this condition as a vital one.

"Some 170 boats have been discovered on hand at German yards," says the paper, "and these must obviously be dealt with. Making would not be safe if they were left in German hands intact. We may hope, however, that the peace conference will prohibit submarine war and submarine construction in future."

"Submarines are valueless for commercial work and are capable of such criminal use in war that they ought not to be tolerated. The British navy has provided appliances which rob them of their sting, and the British submarines are by far the most powerful in the world. Nevertheless, the submarine ought to be banned."

TODAY'S CALENDAR OF SPORTS.

RACING: Winter meeting at New Orleans.

Winter meeting at Havana, Cuba.

BASEBALL: Executive committee

COCOANUT OIL MAKES A SPLENDID SHAMPOO

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain multifid cocoanut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless) is much better than anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonsful will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dust, dirt dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get multifid cocoanut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.

of National Baseball Federation meets at Cleveland.

GOLF: Annual meeting of Massachusetts Golf Association, at Boston.

ATHLETICS: Annual indoor meet of Seventy-first Regiment A.A., at New York.

MAYOR MOVES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

Brantford, Jan. 16.—A comprehensive plan for taking advantage of the Government assistance available for housing plans is outlined by Mayor McBride, who will shortly call a meeting of builders, lot owners and residents who are desirous of becoming house owners. He expects the City Council appointing a committee to assist, and announce

es the granting of fixed assessments, or even merely collection of the present land tax, to all who erect new homes, the homes, the fixed assessment to run from three to five years.

FACILITIES OF BRITISH SHIPPING MINISTER CONGESTED.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—From inquiries made here it would appear that the embargo placed by the railway board upon exports for the British ministry of shipping involves flour and certain other foodstuffs, but does not relate to the ordinary commercial shipments overseas.

The action taken has resulted from the British Minister of Shipping finding his facilities congested, and taking the necessary steps by way of relief until distribution takes place.

The impression is that the embargo is of only temporary character and will be lifted in the near future.

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