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NINETY-FIVE DAYS

This is the ninety-fifth day since Hon. P. G. Mahoney was appointed Minister of Public Works. He is still Minister of Public Works—the big spending department—though rejected by the people.

BRITISH PREPAREDNESS

A correspondent of the Associated Press writes of the amazing thoroughness of the British preparation for the recent drive on the Somme. Every contingency was foreseen and provided for.

AFTER THE WAR PREPAREDNESS

In an appeal for civic preparedness in Canada the Canadian Municipal Journal says: "When this war is over, Canada will be face to face with the greatest opportunity of her national life, now made possible by the extreme sacrifice of so many of her sons and daughters."

THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE

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This ought to be a good-day for the Patriotic Fund.

What will the faithful get out of this Marsh Road job?

Mr. A. R. Gould is still doing his bit in Valley Railway affairs.

The Marsh Road is a hard road to travel, but it is as nothing to the road over which the provincial government goes bumping along to its fate.

The government has met again, and Hon. P. G. Mahoney is still minister of public works.

If the Standard thinks the government's exhibition of wisdom and skill in the matter of the repairs to the road between St. John and Rothesay proves it to be a government of road-makers, why should anybody be so cruel as to disturb that simple and child-like faith?

The week ends with news of further important victories by the Russians and Italians, while the French and British have gained minor successes and there is evidence of renewed activity by the Allies at Saloniki.

One of the Liberal speakers at a political meeting in British Columbia last week described a state of affairs which is not confined to that province.

One of the problems to be solved will be the assimilation into civilian life again, and into the industry and commerce of the country, of the great army of returned soldiers.

To meet the conditions that will arise it would seem to be necessary not only for the federal but the provincial and municipal authorities to make provision for extensive public works.

The burden of the debt incurred would be placed upon later generations, but that would be perfectly justified by the fact that this generation has fought their battle for freedom and suffered that they might enjoy permanent peace.

A nation-wide programme of public works of a necessary character would furnish employment, place money in circulation, and give time for the country to right itself after the great economic disturbance caused by the war.

The preparedness of which the Canadian Municipal Journal speaks involves the planning for development work of this nature, and it is well worthy of the immediate consideration of representative bodies.

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lating to the war, but has not told the people what he would have done had he been president. The people are still in the dark as to whether he would have taken action when Belgium was violated, the Lusitania sunk, or other German crimes against humanity were committed.

Since he is afraid of the by-gone there is very little choice between him and Wilson.

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The great mass of the people were and are in sympathy with the Allies, and with a man like Roosevelt at their head they would have taken up the challenge of Germany regardless of cost.

They can never quite remove the stain that Wilson's weakness has left upon the reputation of the republic. It is true the Allies have been enormously benefited by the supplies received from the United States, but that was with the latter merely a matter of dollars and cents; and the trade has made the country far more prosperous than it was before the war began.

British people would have liked to see the United States stand with them in the war, and so earn the right to participate in the peace negotiations in a manner that is now impossible.

The countries whose people have bled and suffered in the cause of liberty and righteousness would resent nothing more than they would resent the interference of a country which had fattened itself while they offered up their sons and daughters in the name of justice and of civilization.

The Canadian people rejoice that the sympathy of the great majority of their neighbors to the south is with them in this war, and they are grateful for the American Legion; but they would have rejoiced far more if they could see the American and British flags floating side by side on sea and on land for the preservation of those principles dear to the people of both countries, but now threatened by the butchers of Berlin.

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Mrs. Willis—Yes, but I'm afraid that I must discharge her.

Willis—What's the matter?

Mrs. Willis—I'm suspicious of her. I went to the library this afternoon and spent three hours in the reference room and couldn't find any of hers.

"There ought to be only one head to any family," shouted the orator.

"That's true," replied a married looking man in the audience.

"You agree with me?" shouted the speaker.

"I do," replied the married looking man. "I've just bought sugar bats for nine daughters."

The saying that a woman doesn't like to tell her age may be a cruel slander on the sex, but it was true of Mrs. Thompson. She never missed a chance of letting her friends know she was years younger than her husband.

"Yes, George is fifty years old," she remarked to a visitor one day, "and there are ten years between us." But the visitor was an elderly spinster with a sour disposition.

"Is that so?" she exclaimed, in well-assumed surprise. "Now, really, you look quite as young as he does."

One of the clerks at the Weather Bureau recently took unto himself a wife, and it has been his endeavor to interest her in his work at the office.

The other evening on coming home he said: "It was a terrible storm that swept through Jersey. The wind blew sixty miles an hour for thirty minutes."

"Well, dearie," said the wife, anxious to show an intelligent interest in the matter, "it's lucky, isn't it, that it blew only half an hour?"

"Why?"

"Well, thirty miles isn't nearly so bad."

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