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### UNTHINKING PEOPLE.

A citizen said to the Times yesterday that there seemed to be great numbers of people who are still unaware that we are at war, and that our whole future is at stake. He came to this conclusion from observing their way of life and listening to their conversation. They were quick to criticize, and very slow to seize opportunities to do things that would help to win the war.

It is to be feared there is too much ground for this citizen's remark. We have been so prosperous, the war is so far away, and it is so lamentably easy to be selfish that we fail to grasp in its fullness the terrible nature of the world-tragedy that is being enacted in Europe. Many people, who do grasp the situation, are over-worked and are making a daily sacrifice. Many others live much as they lived before the war, and are perhaps resentful when it is suggested that they, too, should sacrifice and serve. They are not the only slackers who try to dodge military service. There are others who give too little of their means and less of themselves in the greatest crisis human civilization has ever endured. Unfortunately it is not easy to reach the conscience of such persons. If they could be transported to France or Belgium, or even to England, for a short time, they would come back in an entirely different frame of mind. Since that cannot be done the next best thing is to make them as uncomfortable as possible by precept and example.

### THE ROTARY CLUB.

Two important matters were before the Rotary Club yesterday. The need of a maternity hospital for free cases is an urgent need. It could prove a great blessing in saving the lives of children and through its nursing system teach mothers such lessons as would make for the healthy growth of the little ones. The Rotary Club could not be expected to provide what should be a municipal institution, but it could exert a powerful influence in educating public sentiment and paving the way for municipal action.

The other matter was that of playgrounds. The club could do a great deal in this direction, and it is a work that should be more appraised to the club because the International Rotary Convention last year decided to specialize on work for boys. The St. John boy who seeks a place where it is safe to play baseball has no prospect whatever. He must choose between the risk of breaking windows and twiddling his thumbs for exercise on some doorstep. That is the best St. John can do for its boys—and girls. Surely it is not a record to regard with pride. If the Rotary Club can do anything to arouse public sentiment to the pitch where the big Allison playground will be leveled and equipped, and neighborhood playgrounds for small children provided here and there about the city, it will have rendered the community a great and lasting service. St. John is still a city without community spirit. That is not a desirable or creditable, and certainly not a profitable state of affairs.

Accepting as accurate a report that congress will appropriate a billion dollars for airplane construction, the Bangor Commercial says: "The discouragements that have attended aeroplane construction in this country have not altered the fact that our aeroplanes will probably be a very decisive factor in concluding the war and bringing victory. Perhaps we expected too speedy results from air craft construction—the fact that after a year we see little results of such construction is certainly disappointing, but the results cannot be much longer delayed and with the standardization of machines that has been adopted, the construction will be very speedy, once it gets under way."

Halifax Chronicle: "The response to the premier's urgent call should be instantaneous and universal. All specious pleading, every coward tongue should be silenced in face of the great peril. The harvest of Canada are sure. Every material need of ours will be supplied, as in the past, should many more of our sons than have now been called to the colors be summoned. A little more sacrifice, a little more effort and energy, is all that is required from the seven and a half million Canadian men and women who will stay at home, to maintain adequate in the field the half million soldiers which honor, duty and self-interest alike demand that we should maintain there."

The Social Service Council, which is in session today, has before it a number of matters of great importance to the welfare of the community. It is difficult to find time to deal with them during the war period, but at least some progress may be made.

New Brunswick raised the required \$100,000 for the Red Triangle Fund and about \$20,000 more. That is a splendid record, and an effective answer to those who said that the making of appeals of this sort was being overdone.

### NEED OF HEALTH LAWS.

There is a sermon of grave importance in the following recent despatch from Ottawa:

"Out of 373,184 men who registered in Class I under the Military Service Act, 118,772 were found to be medically unfit for active service in the trenches and were placed in a medical category lower than A."

Nearly one-third of the young men examined were unfit for service in the trenches. What stronger argument could be presented in favor of better health laws, and of medical inspection in all the schools? Health is essential to efficiency, and it is a paying proposition to promote public health. Of course that means better housing, playgrounds and exercise, properly cooked food, good sanitation, and other things; but medical inspection of schools, with a proper nursing staff, means improvement of home conditions; while proper health laws control epidemics, improve sanitation, and make for better health conditions in every community. It is a very serious reflection upon our regard for this vital matter that so large a proportion of young men are unfit to be registered in Class A for military service. The war will give us back great numbers of disabled men, and men with shattered nerves. It is a plain and urgent duty to rear as healthy a generation as possible to repair the ravages of war. The cost should not be considered. The people have given freely and frequently for war purposes, when the destruction of life was involved; and surely the conservation of life should appeal to them even more strongly as soon as the war is over.

There is no reason why they should not. Indeed, it is of the utmost importance that no time be lost.

The enthusiasm which marked the announcement in parliament yesterday that Hon. Dr. Beland had been released, after being for nearly four years a prisoner in Germany, is shared by all the people of Canada. Dr. Beland might have got away from Belgium when the German drive began in 1914, but remained to give his services to the wounded. He had the great sorrow, about a year ago, of losing his wife, whom he was not permitted by the brutal German to visit, even when she lay dying. His own health is broken, but now he is free to return to his native land. He is still a member of parliament, having been re-elected in his absence, and a royal welcome awaits him.

Yesterday's tributes to Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier expressed the feelings of the Canadian people. The venerable statesman's fine tribute to his wife makes us all regard him with a still more kindly feeling. Fifty happy years have but mellowed the affection with which each of them regards the other, and both can look back upon half a century of high service for their country's good.

Anthracite coal shipments for April from the American mines were 776,100 tons in excess of those in April of last year. That is good news.

The principle that civic work in excess of a very moderate sum should all be done by tender is thoroughly sound. It is equally sound when applied to the purchase of supplies of all kinds.

Boys are not too eager to go on farms and farmers are not wild with joy over the prospect of getting boys. Meanwhile starvation famine through Belgium and threatens France and England.

Dr. Melvin, medical health officer, lays emphasis upon the fact that not one smallpox patient or suspect removed to the isolation hospital in St. John during the past year had ever been vaccinated.

An infantry sergeant in a Massachusetts military camp who was found guilty of unpatriotic utterances was sent to prison for thirty years. That should be a salutary lesson. The man was of German descent.

### FORCED BELGIAN TO ENLIST GETS AWAY

Paris, May 14—A Belgian subject, born of Belgian parents at Tervuren, was forcibly enlisted in the German army on January 21, 1918, and he deserted on March 4, reporting to Belgian representatives in a neutral country, says a Havas despatch. The man was forced into the first Ersatz battalion of regiment No. 161, at Duren, Rhineland Prussia.

### HEARD OF NO MORE AT THIS SESSION

London, May 14—The proposal to make an experiment of proportional representation in 100 selected parliamentary constituencies was rejected by the House of Commons last night, 166 to 110. This finally disposes of proportional representation so far as the present parliament is concerned.

Kaiser Karl lies very poorly for a Teutonic monarch, but one must remember that he is still a fairly young man—Chicago Herald.

### LIGHTER VEIN

The Report Irritating.

He—I was a fool when I married you. She—Well, don't you think it's about time you got over being one? We've been married fifteen years.

The Uniform.

Knicker—A bond is the khaki of cash. Bocker—And wears liberty buttons.

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Another Matter.

"I would trust him with my life." "I know, but would you lend him fifteen dollars without security?"

### WILL HENCEFORTH FORM ONE FAMILY

France and America United Under Fundamental Principles of Democracy

Paris, May 14—The members of the American labor delegation were officially received in the City Hall by M. Reiss, vice-president of the City Council, who acted for M. Mathouard, the president, who was ill.

Standing under the coat-of-arms of Paris, which the French and American flags were entwined, M. Reiss thanked Wm. Graves Sharp, the American Ambassador, for the presence of the American delegates and eulogized President Wilson.

"American collaboration on the war," said M. Reiss, "will make certain its successful termination."

M. Armand, head of the French delegation, who assumed his post today, said: "My assumption of the functions of Prefect of Paris could not begin more auspiciously for me than to have as my first official act the reception of this splendid delegation of the United States, the same fundamental principles of democracy, the French and Americans henceforth will form one family."

M. Roux, former Prefect of Paris, and M. De Landre, president of the general council, also spoke.

James Wilson, head of the delegation, assured the French people of the unalterable decision of the United States to push the war with all possible speed.

"We leave France," said Mr. Wilson, "with more than ever before. We French people for their cordial welcome. The party then went to the Chamber of Deputies where the Americans departed from the City Hall Square where the United States cheering and cries of 'Long live America!'"

In their two days' visit to the front, the American delegation visited Verdun and Rheims, and talked with General Haig, the American Commander-in-Chief.

"We were tremendously impressed and awed when we saw the front lines," said Mr. Wilson. "The chiefs and the soldiers all told us that everything was going well, and that they were waiting for the final attack. They know what they are talking about, and we can be sure they will make good."

Grow your own supply of vegetable seeds for next year. The Dominion department of agriculture has issued a tract to tell you how.

### Colds Settled In the Kidneys

Lumbago, Backache and Rheumatism Was the Result—Now Enthusiastic Over Cure Obtained

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### ANOTHER WAY FOR HANDLING DIVORCE. URGED IN SENATE

Several Senators Declare Change Is Needed

Divorce Court Favored—Argued That Under Method Now Followed Divorces Too Easily For Persons of Moderate Means

Ottawa, May 14—The senate spent most of a recent sitting discussing the dominion method of handling divorce. The matter was brought up by Senator Willoughby, of Saskatchewan, who, in the course of a speech advocating change from the system of granting divorces by act of parliament, inquired of Sir James Loughheed whether the government intended asking the imperial parliament to amend the British North America Act so as to confer on the provinces the sole jurisdiction over marriage and divorce; whether, in the event of this course not having been considered, the government contemplated prescribing uniform statutory grounds of divorce, leaving to the provincial courts the procedure to be followed with the right to bring all powers; or whether, in the case of this second alternative not having been considered, there was any intention of establishing dominion divorce courts.

Sir James Loughheed replied that, so far as he was aware, the provincial governments had never asked for changes in the British North America Act giving them sole jurisdiction over marriage and divorce, and that unless and until such a request is made, the government could not be expected to impose such a condition upon the provinces. So far as the establishment of dominion divorce courts is concerned, Sir James said that the present government had never given the matter serious consideration, as public opinion had never been sufficiently concrete to impose upon it responsibility for such a step.

Only for Rich.

Senator Willoughby, who traced the growth of divorce in Canada, said that there was a growing sentiment of hostility throughout the country toward the present method of granting divorces. There was a feeling that the granting of divorces by act of parliament was, in a sense, class legislation, as the expense connected with the proceedings entailed a divorce possible only for the rich. Moreover, there was grave doubt as to the wisdom of permitting a parliamentary committee to deal finally with matters involving legal rights.

Willoughby, held that there was absolute necessity for a divorce court in Canada. Under the present system divorces were being administered in favor of the rich and against the poor. The expense involved in bringing witnesses to Ottawa made it practically impossible for persons of moderate means to take advantage of an act of parliament. Senator McMeans went on to say that now was the time to bring about desired reforms. When the soldiers returned—he was sorry to have to say it—there would undoubtedly be a great increase in the number of applications for divorce.

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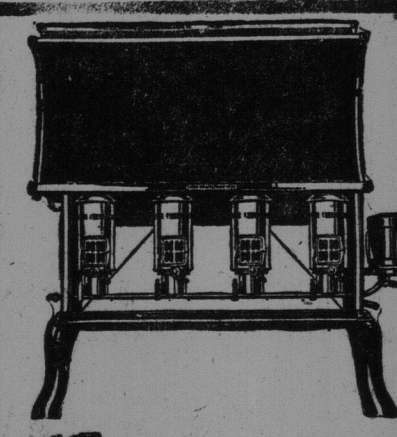
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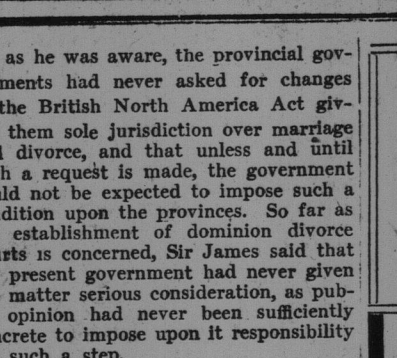
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quadruple divorce, and that was not a desirable condition. In England at the present time there was one divorce for every twelve marriages. He did not think that the Canadian people desired that the condition should be duplicated in Canada.

### BOURASSA'S REFORM.

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

In looking over Bourassa's daily newspaper, Le Devoir, of Montreal, these days, it is interesting to note how skillfully Bourassa is steering his course. For the present, he is contenting himself with quoting the strongest utterances made by his liege henchmen from Quebec on the floor of the House at Ottawa, which are, of course, privileged.

In Great Britain the government found it necessary to take action in regard to certain publications tainted with "pacifism," and, of course, there were protests in certain quarters. Bourassa is making the most of what he can find and make use of as "British protests against interference with the liberty of the press."

He is feeling his way, being careful, like Sir Andrew Agnew, in Twelfth Night, to "keep off the windy establishment of divorce courts would."

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