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A BRIGHT OUTLOOK

From the industrial standpoint the year opens well in St. John. The announcement that tenders will soon be asked for the erection of a large part of the great plant to be established by T. McAvity and Sons just beyond the Marsh Bridge is one of great importance. The movement of industrial plants in that direction is significant of other changes that must take place. At a conference with members of the Municipal Council yesterday, Mr. Harry Gilbert said that a mill factory is to be erected at Coldbrook and possibly a shoe factory. This year will see the completion of the great sugar refinery, and no doubt some other industrial concerns will locate in St. John. This is very important, as nothing contributes so much to the prosperity of a city as a variety of industries affording profitable employment to many people.

This should also be a year of extensive house building operations. The extension of the street car line to Coldbrook and to Little River, and the completion of the bridge at the Falls, giving a through service between East and West St. John, ought to give a great stimulus to home-building in the outskirts, and so relieve the congestion in some parts of the city proper. It is only a question of time when much of the area on which the present city is built will be given over to factories, warehouses, stores, and for other business purposes, making it necessary to extend the boundaries of the city to the east, north and west. The present year will no doubt see more building of homes in the outskirts of the city than any previous year, and if the value of building permits should not be as great as that of the past year, the number of buildings erected will be very much larger. The citizens have every reason to look forward with confidence and satisfaction, and to anticipate a year of continued expansion.

FINANCE AND POLITICS

There has been and is a vigorous discussion in the press of the United States concerning the causes of the halt in business which has been apparent for some time past. The Republican leaders of course ascribe the halt to the Democratic policy, and that as a result of downward revision of the tariff and attacks upon the great vested interests of the period of depression has come and will become more pronounced.

On the other hand, the friends of the Wilson administration vigorously deny that Democratic policy is responsible for the change that has taken place, and Senator Simmons, who was chairman of the finance committee when the tariff bill was before the senate, boldly attacks the Republican leaders and declares that the halt in business and anything approaching panicky conditions that have been developed is entirely due to "the efforts of a little coterie of moneyed men who control big finances." He says that, "a big concern like that which J. P. Morgan & Company of New York dominate: would not mind losing \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 in a financial crash if it could block certain legislation." Secretary Redfield expresses the same view, and declares that the financial interests have gone to the extreme in trying to bring on a panic. Secretary Redfield is able to show that the flooding of the markets which was to prove disastrous to American manufacturers has not taken place, and quotations from several financial journals show that sentiment in financial circles does not indicate that the country is in a bad way, or the conditions nearly as bad as some men profess to believe. It is pointed out that the Christmas season money orders issued by the New York post office in December, for transmission to foreign countries, amounted to nearly \$8,000,000, or at least a million and a quarter more than for the corresponding period last year. The New York Evening Post has a letter from Pittsburgh which predicts that as stocks of merchandise on hand are getting low there must very soon be a fresh buying movement and a general business recovery.

The news which came over the wires yesterday and today shows that the money trust is breaking up, and an international banker is quoted as saying that the action taken by J. P. Morgan & Company in withdrawing from the directorates of a score or more of great corporations is only the forerunner of many such announcements, and that the change indicates a decision on the part of the big financiers to get more in line with public sentiment. The news will be very welcome to President Wilson and his colleagues, and will tend to strengthen public confidence in the policy of the Democratic party.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

The National Liquor Dealers' Journal of the United States recently had a remarkable article on the liquor traffic, in which it is practically declared that the traffic must soon go. Among other things it says:

"When the people decide that it (the traffic) must go, it will be banished. To us there is the hand writing on the wall, and its interpretation spells doom."

The writer goes on to say that henceforth the prohibition fight in the United

States will be nation-wide, and over the question whether there shall be a constitutional amendment to prohibit the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors. It is pointed out that thirty-six states must unite to secure such an amendment, but that there are already nine prohibition states, and eighteen in which the majority of the people in each live under local option.

It is interesting to note that this writer, who says he "believes that prohibition is theoretically wrong," takes no stock in the argument against prohibition that it is not effective, or in other words that prohibition does not prohibit.

"This," he says, "is not basic or moral. The fact of failure to enforce is no argument against even the expediency, much less against the moral issue involved. Ultimately all questions must be settled by moral standards. Only in this way can mankind be saved from self-effacement. When the people decide that the liquor traffic must go it will be banished."

In seeking a reason for the position in which the liquor traffic finds itself, this writer in the National Liquor Dealers' Journal says that the business is itself to blame because "it has formed an alliance with the slums, deliberately aids the most corrupt political powers, and backs with all its resources the most unworthy men, the most corrupt and recreant officials; while it does not aid the purification of municipal, state or national administration, because it has to ask immunity for its own lawlessness." Summing up the whole situation he says to those interested in the liquor traffic: "Prepare the defence, friends, make your case ready for court; the trial cannot be postponed."

This is certainly a remarkable article to be found in a journal of the trade, and it indicates how vigorously and with what success the friends of temperance in the United States have been pressing their campaign for some years past.

Travelers who come down the Intercolonial from the north and have to stay over at Moncton, while more fortunate passengers for Halifax are able to continue their journey, have a just cause for complaint. St. John should not be treated as if it were a small town on a branch line. Mr. Hazen should say so at Ottawa.

Mr. A. R. Gould says that the bridges across the St. John and Kennebec rivers, for the Valley Railway, will cost in the vicinity of \$2,000,000. He says also that the entire line will be ready for use in two years. If the bridges are to cost as much as Mr. Gould believes, some further financial provision must be made by the federal or provincial government or both of them, and if the work is to be completed in two years somebody must soon get busy.

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Miss Keller, when told of the incident wrote on the typewriter: "To the man in the hospital, who must begin life over again heavily handicapped: Your friend Helen Keller." She enclosed a \$20 bill.

Some suitable employment is to be found for Edwards when he recovers.

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"Pop, what's an 'idle jest'?"

"There are no idle jests, my son, they are all working all the time."

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

The Right Rev. W. D. Reeve, assistant Bishop of Toronto, who observes his seventieth birthday today, was formerly Bishop of Mackenzie River, and as such was wont to call himself facetiously the Bishop of the North Pole. His northern diocese covered 600,000 square miles, and extended far into the Arctic regions. With headquarters at Fort Simpson, it required a journey of three months to reach Winnipeg. On one of his journeys into civilization he had the narrowest escape of his life. With an Indian guide he became stormbound at the head of some rapids and had to remain there nearly four days without food. The chances are he would have starved to death had it not been for the fortunate arrival of another party of travelers, who succored the pair.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

The Hon. Featherston Osler, ex-judge of the Court of Appeals of Ontario, who reaches his seventy-fifth birthday today, is the eldest son of one of the most remarkable families ever born in Canada. His father was a Church of England clergyman, a graduate of Cambridge University, who, in his youth, had served in the royal navy. He came out to Canada in 1837 and settled in a backwoods parish, where his four famous sons were born. Judge Osler being the eldest; the late B. B. Osler, the second; Sir Edmund Osler, the youngest. The judge is one of the most modest and retiring of men, but a jurist of wide repute and distinguished attainments.

VARIED PROGRAMME PLEASES GEM PATRONS.

Two Part Vitaphone Feature "The Lost Millionaire," a Comedy and Musical Numbers Are The Attractions.

A two part Vitaphone feature entitled, "The Lost Millionaire" was given yesterday at the Gem Theatre and was well received by those who saw it. It was an interesting drama strongly tinged with romance, being the story of a millionaire, pleasing and attractive, seeking the love of a girl who did not want him for his money. The manner in which he found out that she loved him "for himself alone" was novel and the many scenes built about the theme were charming indeed. Several Vitaphone favorites were in the cast. This feature will be repeated this evening.

There was also a very rollicking comedy entitled "Locked Out of Wedlock" which provoked roars of hearty laughter. Miss Edith Wood sang a new vocal hit with her usual ease and grace and the orchestra was heard in several delightful numbers under direction of H. W. Burnham. Altogether it was a nicely varied programme and the audience seemed greatly pleased.

LIGHTER VEIN

Time to Quit

"You are drinking too much at this ball."

"That is because my girl is flirting with other fellows. But I'll make her jealous. Did you see me talking to yonder tall dame?"

"I saw you talking to a piano lamp."

Habits of Girls

When a girl is snuffed at a young man she sits on the piano stool where there isn't room enough for two.

Not Wasting Sentiment

Uncle Harry—So you are going to school now, eh? And do you love your teacher?

Bobbie (aged seven)—Now she's too old for me.

A Sure Thing

Willie—Paw, what is a sure thing?

Paw—Anything that has already happened, my son.

Easy For Him

She: "Mr. Sick always manages to say the right thing at the right time."

He: "Yes, he is one of the most accomplished liars I know of."

An Endless Interest

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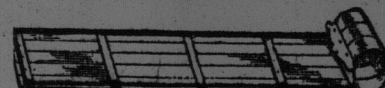
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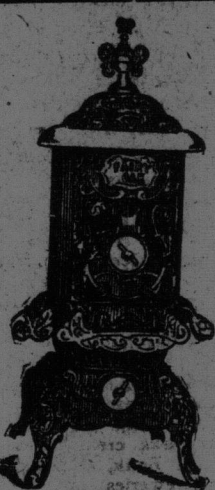
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The World Assurance Company with head office at Vancouver is applying for Dominion incorporation.

The water famine in Montreal which has lasted since Christmas was ended last night. Millions of gallons of water were again set in motion through the mains leading to the dry district.

The withdrawal of J. P. Morgan & Co from twenty-seven corporations is followed by the announcement of George F. Baker, another dominant financial fac-

tor, that his firm would soon do likewise. It is believed by bankers and others in the "street" that the retirement of the Morgan concern and Mr. Baker from these corporations is but the forerunner of others in recognition of the trend of public opinion.

Dr. N. S. Ferry, of Detroit, at the meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists in Montreal yesterday, gave details of his discovery of the scarlet fever germ.

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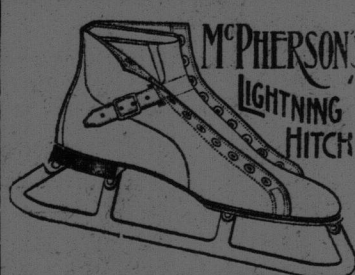
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