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THE NEW YEAR.

We have entered upon a new year, a year fraught with great possibilities for good, but bearing as well such problems as probably never before confronted civilization. It will be a year very different from the four or five which preceded it, inasmuch as the whole aim of humanity is entirely contrary to that which has been the impelling motive since August 1914. In these few years now ended the nations have sought only one object, victory by force of arms. The twelve-month now at hand sees this struggle as a thing of the past and the efforts of all directed to the accomplishment of peace. This is itself, while in all respects a most desirable occupation, forms a problem almost as difficult of solution as did the actual clash of arms. The fact of peace itself, on terms laid down by the victors, is only an incident in the graver questions of world-wide readjustment, of demobilization, of reparation, and of reconstruction which must be brought about in a comparatively brief period. These various undertakings, together with the reconciliation of the smaller races involved on one side or the other in the recent hostilities will engage the best minds of the civilized world. And yet, despite the fact that all are working toward one goal, there is an undercurrent of feeling, that much confusion will ensue before the world turns back to its normal manner of life. In addition to the problems in which all peoples are involved, each nation has questions of its own arising out of or resulting from the war as well as internal difficulties due to changing economic conditions. Society as generally constituted now takes a somewhat different view of life; the vision of the people is broader, and scant attention will henceforth be paid to immaterial things. Instead of diverse individuals clamoring for particular rights, we are apt to see only consideration of the well-being of humanity in the mass.

PROTECTION NEEDED.

During the past week or so, a number of people in St. John have been pleasantly surprised in the receipt of dividend cheques from fox companies operating in Prince Edward Island. Others, as opposed to this, have read with interest as well as disappointment the sale of the assets of the Dalton Company for some twelve thousand dollars, which represents a loss in four or five years of more than six hundred thousand dollars. It is presumed that actually more than a half million of cash was put into that company, much of it by small investors who had little to lose, but who were possessed of the gambling spirit and were prepared to take a chance. The fox business generally has not been in the very best of condition for some time. With the advent of war the demand for pelts fell off, prices dropped and the ranching game as a promotion feature found itself in sore straits. A few of the more sensible organized companies have managed to pull through, and in certain cases there is a prospect that when conditions again become normal these will be able to do business as straight live-stock propositions, carrying on their breeding on the pelt basis and without regard to the stock promotion feature which has resulted so disastrously for many. In this connection, it would perhaps be well to warn the public that there is a prospect that when conditions again become normal these will be able to do business as straight live-stock propositions, carrying on their breeding on the pelt basis and without regard to the stock promotion feature which has resulted so disastrously for many. In this connection, it would perhaps be well to warn the public that there is a prospect that when conditions again become normal these will be able to do business as straight live-stock propositions, carrying on their breeding on the pelt basis and without regard to the stock promotion feature which has resulted so disastrously for many.

INFLUENZA.

The best medical opinion now seems to be turning to the belief that the bacilli responsible for the prevailing influenza epidemic has not yet been located. There is a growing feeling that the germ of influenza which is present in this disease is merely associated with something else about which nothing definite has so far been learned. It is, however, generally accepted that as is found with other bacilli the responsible organism in this disease loses much of its potency through time, and that as the epidemic continues the cases on the whole are of a milder type. This may be due to a weakening of the disease germ itself or partially to the natural erosion of a barricade of immunity among

those exposed to infection. However, this may be, it is clear that just much influenza prevails in this community, and in most others, as at any time during the epidemic. True, the doctors are not reporting the cases, seeing no great advantage in doing so, and realizing, too, that the type of disease now prevalent is not as serious as was found a couple of months ago. Medical men here are just as busy as at any time, but the death rate has fallen, and the trouble with which so many are now afflicted seems to be more of the nature of the old-fashioned Grippe, with certain undesirable additions, than the first dreaded influenza.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. Fred M. Sprout recently resigned the position of Registrar of Deeds for Kings County. By the vacancy thus created an excellent opportunity is afforded the local government for the appointment of a returned soldier. Will such an appointment be made or will the position go to some of those party hacks who, for the past year or more, have been clamoring for everything in sight? Premier Foster is going about the country telling the returned men what wonderful fellows they are, and how pleased he is to help them in every way possible. Here is one little opportunity for him to make good. Will he take it?

WHAT THEY SAY

A Thorn in Our Side.

The presence of the Allied Fleet in the Black Sea has been the subject of much discussion in the press. The Russian Government is going about the country telling the returned men what wonderful fellows they are, and how pleased he is to help them in every way possible. Here is one little opportunity for him to make good. Will he take it?

The Russian Enigma.

Lenine wants to toss the architect in the wastebasket and out. Trotsky wants to tarry and see what happens. The German soldiers, far from throwing the double eagle into the discard and adopting the crimson standard, are ignoring the soviets and supporting what they conceive to be no less a semblance of warm clothing, unguiled and unhelped, to find their way from Germany to the Allies' lines in the piercing cold of the Rhine winter. Many succumbed to their sufferings. It is easy to picture the feelings with which the relatives of these men will learn of the agonies while, not only during the war, but when the war is past, have still inflicted on son, husband and brother: it will not be so easy to comfort them. This last Hun brutality must cease absolutely and at once.

The Church's Opportunity.

The other day I saw in the church which has proved its usefulness patriotically, has not been proved a failure. It is presumed that actually more than a half million of cash was put into that company, much of it by small investors who had little to lose, but who were possessed of the gambling spirit and were prepared to take a chance. The fox business generally has not been in the very best of condition for some time. With the advent of war the demand for pelts fell off, prices dropped and the ranching game as a promotion feature found itself in sore straits. A few of the more sensible organized companies have managed to pull through, and in certain cases there is a prospect that when conditions again become normal these will be able to do business as straight live-stock propositions, carrying on their breeding on the pelt basis and without regard to the stock promotion feature which has resulted so disastrously for many.

The Dead Language.

Most of the politicians and most of the newspapers, are talking politics again just as if there had never been a war. But they do not seem to realize that they are talking a dead language. They ought to be reminded that for over four years the public has not cared a straw for party politics, and that we are now dealing with people who only dimly remember what a General Election means. We are now dealing with people who only dimly remember what a General Election means. We are now dealing with people who only dimly remember what a General Election means. We are now dealing with people who only dimly remember what a General Election means.

The Last Straw.

For our men, after suffering with an unbroken spirit and for long hope, less months the worst tortures that the evil Hun mind can invent, had yet a last and in many cases a fatal blow to endure; they have been dismissed by their inhuman gaolers in utter rags, misery and filth, without even a morsel of bread, with scarcely a semblance of warm clothing, unguiled and unhelped, to find their way from Germany to the Allies' lines in the piercing cold of the Rhine winter. Many succumbed to their sufferings. It is easy to picture the feelings with which the relatives of these men will learn of the agonies while, not only during the war, but when the war is past, have still inflicted on son, husband and brother: it will not be so easy to comfort them. This last Hun brutality must cease absolutely and at once.

In Praise of Thrift.

Thrift is a double protection for wage earners. It not only leads to independence, but it produces those accumulations of capital upon which, husbanded and invested by savings institutions, the industries of the country must depend. It will keep the wheels turning, insure permanence of employment, promote activity in business and national prosperity, add to the country's wealth, and provide good wages. Money circulating from hand to hand is a convenience, a necessity, it sustains trade, but accumulated wealth reproduces itself, and in that process of reproduction labor must always be employed. The little streams that run down the sides of the valley and through larger water courses flow unhindered to the sea, turn no wheel; it is when they are

impounded that they constitute power, giving employment to labor and reproducing goods.

America's Neglect.

In the matter of soldiers' pay and allowances the government has been miserably remiss. Thousands of our fighting men have returned from France without funds. Many of them have not been paid for months. Moving from station to station in France, they had got out of touch with the paymaster. As to allowances, the government appears never to have arrived at a system to assure regular payments to soldiers' dependents. It is dispractical that our soldiers should be permitted to land in America penniless and be sent to demobilization camps in that state of purse. It is true that the government looks to the feeding and the housing of the men, but bed and board do not round out life. There are a thousand and one things that a soldier arriving in the homeland desires that are not provided by the government. For them to be out of funds at that time must cause them mental distress.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE BROKEN ROSE.

(To King Albert)
By Anne Vivanti Charters.
Shy, youthful, silent—and misunderstood
In the white glare of Kinghood thou
The sceptre in thy hand
Seemed but a flower the Fates had
Tossed to thee.
And thou wert called, perchance half
scornfully,
Albert the Great.

Today thou standest on a blackened
grave,
Thy broken sword still lifted to the
heavens.
Thy pure and fearless eyes
Gaze into Death's grim visage un-
appalled
And by the storm-swept nations thou
art called
Albert the Brave.

Tossed on a blood-red sea of rage and
hatred,
The frenzied world rolls forward to
its doom.
But high above the gloom
Flashes the fulgent beacon of thy
name.
The nations thou hast saved exalt thy
name—
Albert the Great.

Albert the good, the brave, the great,
thy land
Lies at thy feet, a crushed and morient
rose.
Transcend and deoceanated by thy loss,
One day a greater Belgium will be
born.
But what of this dead Belgium wrack-
ed and torn
What of this rose flung out upon the
sand?

Behold! Afar where sky and waters
meet
A white-robed figure walketh on the
sea.
(Peace goes before him and her face
is sweet.)
As once he trod the waves of Galilee
He comes again—the tumult stills
in awe.
The stormy waters shine beneath his
feet.

He sees the dead rose lying in the
sand,
He lifts the dead rose in his holy hand
And lays it at his breast.
O broken rose of Belgium, thou art
blest!

A BIT OF FUN

Taking a Rest.

"Is your brother like still raisin' chickens?"
"Not jes at present! Dey cotched him raisin' some las' Tuesday night."

Not Yet, But—

Tommy—Done much travelling in your day, Yank?
Yankee—Quite some.
Tommy—Ever been to Berlin?
Yankee—Not yet.

In Society.

"My husband moves among the best 'society' here."
"That so?"
"Yes, he's the leading furniture mover of the town."

Sometimes That.

"How do you pronounce 'hauteur'?"
"Hot air, in some cases."

Taking What Comes.

Philosophic Citizen—You must take what you can get these days.
Weary One—Yes, but some of these telephone numbers I get aren't of the slightest use to me.

Only One Thing To Do.

"What arrangements do you think will be made for taking care of the Kaiser?"
"What arrangement do you usually make for taking care of a bad egg?"

Non-Military Definition.

"Pa, what's a masked battery?"
"Pretty lips concealing a shrewish tongue, my son."

ANDOVER

Andover, Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Everett, Mass., were recent guests of Mrs. Warren Jamer. They are enroute to Vancouver where they will reside.
Mr. Harry Sadler who is attending Wellesley Academy, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sadler.
Gunner Barton McAlary arrived home from France of Christmas day and is visiting at the home of his father, Mr. McAlary. He is being warmly welcomed by many friends.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pickett and family of Grandville spent Christmas at the home of Mr. A. M. Tibbitts.
Mr. Thomas Bedell, St. John, spent Christmas with Mrs. Bedell and children at the Court House.
Miss Grace Black is visiting rela-

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

My cousin Artie was around for supper last nite, being one peeco of chockit cake for everybody, and wen me and Artie got redy for disert our 2 peeces was the only 2 peeces left, one of them being a grate big peeco and the other one jest being a regular cise peeco, the plate being wen me and Artie cood both reach it without anybody handing it to us, me thinking, I'll leave Artie take his peeco first and he will haft to leave the big one out of politeness.

And I looked at Artie and heer wat was Artie doing but looking at me, and na sed, Well, aren't you boys redy for your cake?

Yes, mam, sed me and Artie.
Well help yourselves, wy this unusual formality sed ma—meen—ing was we waiting for, and I sed, I'll leave Artie take his first, company awt to always be first.

No, you take yours first, you're more company than wat I am, you can take yours first if you want, sed Artie.

No, you take yours first, you're more company than wat I am enyhow, I sed, and pop sed, Pardon the interferents of a meec outsider, but has the relative size of the 2 peeces anything to do with this ex-croaching politeness?

No sir, I'll shut my eyes and take a peeco jest to prove it, I sed. And I quick shut my eyes and took a peeco of cake, not feeling as big as wat I thawt it would, and wen I opened my eyes wat was it but the regular size peeco, and I sed, O, G, pop, no fare, you turned the plate around.

How do you know? sed pop.
Because you did, I sed. Not telling him how I knew. And I ate the regular size peeco and Artie ate the big peeco, but I made mine last as improvement.

went to Woodstock on Friday to visit Mrs. A. E. Kupkey.
On Friday evening Mrs. Reed Bodell entertained at a small party when those present were Private Paul Bedell, Gun. Burton McAlary, Hartley Ward and Misses Kathleen Beveridge, Edith Baird and Isabel McPail.
The Misses Annie and Bessie Fraser returned to Grand Falls, on Friday after visiting at Mrs. N. A. Hanson. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Hanson entertained informally at tea for her pleasure.

Mrs. John Wright and family of Gillespie spent the holiday with Mr. Marshall Wright and family.

Mrs. Mary Wiley and her son, Donald, of the R. F. F. Toronto, arrived on Saturday to spend a week and are receiving a cordial welcome to their old home. Mrs. Wiley and son have spent the past fourteen months at Portland, Oregon and Toronto and expect to spend the winter in Houlton, returning to Portland when her elder son, Dr. David Wiley returns from overseas.

Miss Kathleen Beveridge returned to Fredericton on Monday after a visit at her home here.

Miss Eva Day, Grand Falls, is the guest of Mrs. Ezekiel Sloat.

Miss Grace Gunter, Lower Queensbury, York Co., is visiting her sister, Mrs. LeBaron Anderson.

Set. David Millen, St. John, is spending a short furlough with his family here.

Miss Susie Watson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Edgar at Three Brooks.

Misses Edna and Luella Pearson, are spending two weeks at their home in Brighton.

Mrs. Herbert Baird and son, George

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The firemen in the city proper

responded to 131 bell alarms in the ye

1918, just one less than for the ye

1917, when they answered to 132 be

lars. Of this number ten were

second alarm fires. On the West Sid

of the harbor the firemen in this di

strict responded to 27 bell alarms, an

the number of alarms in 1917 was

the same.

The fire which caused the great

amount of damage during the year

were that at Hamm Brothers, 4

Main Street, just one year ago la

night, with a damage amounting

\$100,000; the F. E. Williams' residen

on Germain Street on January 4

with a loss of \$35,000, and the W. F.

Thorne and Co. fire on Market

Square on March 20th, when a loss

\$80,000, also the fire to the C. I.

Peterson property, Peters' Warehouse

on July 20th, which caused a loss

\$185,000.

The most fires in one month occu

red in April, when the department

responded to no less than nineteen

alarms in the city proper and four of

the West Side. Following is a com

plete list of alarms in the city prop

and the West Side, making a total

of 185.

Jan. 1, Box 6, 9.35 a.m., Gills Buil

ding, Prince William Street.

Jan. 1, Box 144, 10.10 p.m., Ham

Bros., Main Street.

Jan. 1, Box 143, 10.15 p.m., Ham

Bros., Main Street.

Jan. 1, Box 26, 11 p.m., Smalley's

Prince William Street.

Jan. 2, Box 127, 9 a.m., Chimney

Bentley Street.

Jan. 4, Box 25, 4.20 a.m., F. E.

Williams, Germain Street. (Second

alarm for this fire.)

Jan. 10, Box 8, 7.20 p.m., P. O.