

NOTES AND COMMENTS

When you require any article of merchandise, buy it from a reputable home dealer, that the profit may remain to enrich the community. Send your money out of town only for what you cannot purchase at home. Home talent, home labor, home industry, home capital and home pleasures are things to be fostered, encouraged and patronized.

Thousands of our soldiers are home from the war-scarred battle front, and thousands more are daily returning, and under present conditions they are quite likely to have difficulty in finding employment, unless they are willing to engage in farming. The serious unrest in labor circles gives no encouragement to manufacturers to invest more capital, and Canada must suffer as a consequence.

Immediately after being granted permission by the Railway Board to increase the rates, the Bell Telephone Company lost no time in celebrating the victory by issuing \$4,500,000 new stock to its shareholders at par. As this stock now sells on the market at 130, it will readily be seen that the Company made a present to its family of shareholders of \$30 a share or a total of \$1,350,000. How is that for cutting a million for which telephone users must pay.

Half the joys of life come from getting good out of things as we go along the way. Some of us are always putting off our enjoyments. After a while we expect to take a rest. But after a while never comes, the good times we are looking forward to lie as far away as ever. All our life is spent in meaning to overtake it and enjoy it. Meanwhile we toil, drudge and grow old, passing by with unselfish eye the happiness we get out of every day.

For the first time in many years the flow of immigration has turned from the west to the east. Thousands of aliens are leaving the United States for Europe, and thousands more are ready to go as soon as steamship accommodation may be secured. Various reasons are given for the exodus, among which are unemployment, a desire to participate in the settlement of estates of relatives killed in the war, and a longing to return to the land of their birth, which in many instances is now freed from German domination.

The German Independent Socialists show their astuteness in flatly refusing to form a government of independents to sign the Versailles Treaty. The way Hugo Haase, the Socialist leader, figures it out is that in the event of the Independent Socialists accepting the reins of power, they would have to take the blame for the world war, and the terrible consequences awaiting Germany, and he has no desire to be a good fellow and allow the autocrats who got the country in such a mess to escape the responsibility. Haase is fully convinced that whether the present Government signs the Treaty, or refuses to do so, it is certain to be overthrown. The scheme that the Socialists form a government was advocated by Theodore Wolff, editor of the Tageblatt and Haase comes back with the following: "Certainly Wolff does not want us to make an end of capitalistic power, as we should do if in control. No, he merely wants us to cover the old State system with our name until the Treaty is signed, when we would be chased out by the masses, which by that time would seize the power in a frenzy of national hatred. Many thanks. We have other tasks than to pick chestnuts from the fire for the bankrupt politicians."

Winnipeg to all intents and purposes is a lost city. As a result of the general Labor strike every industry is tied up, telegraph and telephone communication is cut off, newspapers are not allowed to be published, and the strikers have taken possession of the city. Food supplies are growing scarce, and innocent children are getting the worst of the deal. Laborites recognize no authority but their own, but so far as reported order is being maintained. The Ministers of Labor and Interior left Ottawa Monday for Winnipeg, and will do what they can to restore sane conditions. Commenting on the unfortunate situation, the Globe says editorially: "The Winnipeg situation is only a weak imitation of Sovietism. In practise it is very different from the real thing as they have it in Moscow and Petrograd. The full beauties of the system could not be produced until food stocks ran low. Even if there were a touch of starvation the Winnipeg Reds have not the machinery to turn

it to their own advantage as have their Russian brethren. In Moscow and Petrograd the apostles of brotherly love have recruited Red Guards by giving them a preferred claim on food supplies, the rest of the people in the big cities getting the leavings of these stall-fed janissaries. By monopolizing the eatables and the weapons of war a faction has kept the hungry majority in subjection. When the Guards run out of supplies they send foraging parties into the country which steal from the peasants or pay them in stage money. The little brief authority of the Winnipeg Reds would end the moment that Winnipeg's cupboard became bare. Two hundred thousand people in a Canadian city are not going to fast to make a Bolshevik holiday. The great majority of the strikers are not revolutionists, and probably very few of them have ever had the curiosity to read a page of revolutionary literature. The sort of pabulum served up by the One Big Union would not be improving to their economics or their morals. On a strictly Marxian classification many of them belong to the despised bourgeoisie. If they cannot win their point soon most of the strikers will go back to work when the novelty of the vacation wears off. Being neither doctrinaires nor fanatics, they will not wait for money and food to run out. They are as much inconvenienced as other citizens by the suspension of newspapers, telephones, telegraphs, street cars, and the postal service. They do not belong to the school of social philosophers who urge mankind to return to primitive conditions. It might be possible to do this somewhere on the prairies in Doukhobor fashion, but not in a community the size of Winnipeg. The city has revelled in modern improvements and is not going to play very long at being Fort Garry, to say nothing of Petrograd."

DEATH OF LEWIS VAN-PATTER

We quote the following account of the death of a former esteemed citizen from Riverside, California, Daily Press, of Monday, May 12th:—

After many weeks of patient suffering Lewis VanPatter passed away last evening at his late residence, 244 Bandini avenue. Mr. VanPatter was born in Aylmer, Ontario, 78 years ago, where he spent the greater part of his life.

Five years ago Mr. VanPatter with his family, came to Riverside to make their home and on Christmas day, 1917, Mr. and Mrs. VanPatter celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. VanPatter was loved by all who knew him, for he was a living example of a beautiful Christian character, having become a member of the Baptist church in his early manhood.

Mr. VanPatter is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma J. VanPatter, and two sons: Charles VanPatter and Gaines VanPatter and wife of Larchwood drive—a brother, Joel VanPatter and sister-in-law, Mrs. A. E. Bingham, of this city; also by a

brother, Willard VanPatter and sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Prichard, of Aylmer, Ontario.

Funeral arrangements will be conducted from chapel of J. H. Flinn on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Richard E. Day officiating. Interment in Evergreen cemetery.

COMPOSITION ON MARCH

The following composition was written by Master Howard Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lindsay, who has just passed his ninth birthday. We consider the phraseology rather unusual for a lad of this age, and hope Howard will be encouraged along literary lines. The Express is always glad to receive compositions worthy of mention from our little friends of schools of Aylmer and vicinity. We give Howard's paper just as it was handed in to his teacher, Mrs. McNeil.

"When March comes, everything and everybody feels happy, just because everything begins to get green (that is, nearly always). There is one small, pretty little flower comes out in March, and we are always glad to see it, too. It is the snowdrop. It hangs its little shy head as though it was afraid of the sun.

Very often it is warm enough for the farmer to plow his fields. These early times we call an "early spring."

Once in a while you will see a crowd of yellow heads looking at you. Don't run, though, it's only dandelions. Don't get afraid of the name, either, they are only flowers. The roosters begin to crow, and the hens to cackle.

The streams flow rapidly to the lake, which glitters like jewels in the sun.

The fields look like a gay ring of children. The woods ring with the voices of merry, happy children."

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AYLMEY MINSTRELS

The Comrades of Aylmer Branch of the G. W. V. A. desire to express their sincere thanks to the members of the Aylmer Minstrels for the splendid donation of \$100. The Comrades especially appreciate this act because it shows that even though the war is ended, the Minstrels have not forgotten the service of those who went overseas, and displays a fitting climax to the generous spirit always shown by the Aylmer Minstrels who while the war was on donated \$600 to the various patriotic organizations.

The Minstrels may rest assured that their kindly acts will always be remembered by the Aylmer Branch of the G. W. V. A.

H. L. Sawyer, Pres.

MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll of the Village of Springfield will be held at the Council Room in the Village of Springfield, on Tuesday the 3rd day of June 1919 at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m. All persons having business before the Court will govern themselves accordingly.

J. B. LUCAS, Clerk.

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