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### A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

While there are no very tangible evidences of improved conditions in trade and commerce, the feeling grows that we have passed the worst in Canada. Interviews with business men by the Toronto Telegram show that the retail trade in Ontario is buying a little more freely, and this in turn will be reflected in more activity in the factories. A financial writer in the Montreal Gazette says: "Sentiment on the street continues to grow in confidence and the more optimistic opinion sees evidence of improving trade conditions in many parts of the country. There are those who are not quite sure whether this improved sentiment is due to the betterment in stock market quotations or whether the advancing market follows upon a real improvement in trade conditions. It is true, however, that business men generally are disposed to view the future with less apprehension than they displayed a month or two ago, even though they do not anticipate anything like a sudden return of prosperous times." Today's despatches tell us that the wheat crop of Canada this year may even exceed the great crop of 1916. If so, the west will have a great deal of money in circulation, and the movement of the grain and the trade which it will create will benefit the east as well as the west. All Canada profits when the west has a good crop, for it creates a more optimistic feeling generally and gives encouragement to business enterprise in general. There is a hard winter ahead, but not as hard as many have feared.

### TIDAL ENERGY.

A very interesting reference to the possible use of tidal power for hydro-electric purposes was made last week in an address by Dr. Arthur D. Little, a prominent industrial chemist, at the international meeting of the American Chemical Society in New York. He pointed out that some new energy must eventually take the place of that now derived from coal, gas and petroleum, and that the rising price of coal has tended to focus attention upon water power. Upon the possible use of tidal power, a subject so often discussed in connection with the Bay of Fundy and the reversing falls at St. John, he said: "In a few exceptionally favorable locations it is feasible to utilize a trivial fraction of the tidal energy of the tides. The intermittent flow, the varying head, and other special conditions involved in the problem are likely to hold the development of tidal power within closely restricted limits. It is, nevertheless, reported that two significant developments are now under consideration; one by the French government at St. Malo, where the picturesque River Rance finds outlet in the quiet old harbor, where the tide rises thirty feet; the other at the mouth of the Severn river, by the British ministry of transport. Here, again, the tidal range is thirty feet. The present involved throwing a dam three and a half miles long across the Severn estuary and the installation of hydro-electric turbines with an integral capacity of 1,000,000 horsepower, but an available output on the continuous basis of only about 437,000 horse power. This excess capacity will be utilized in pumping water to a high level reservoir for delivery to turbines during the hours of enforced idleness of the turbine plant is the main dam. The studies by Norman Davy of the available tidal power of the British Isles lead him to fix the total at a little over 24 million horsepower in terms of average continuous power. Since, however, it is in fact available only as intermittent power, much larger installations are required to maintain the average rate. Since the capital charges, against hydro-electric power are normally high, this requirement would seem to render them excessive in case of tidal power." The views of Dr. Little regarding the cost of tidal power do not tend to encourage a belief that it will be utilized so long as present sources of energy remain available, but the experiments referred to will nevertheless be watched with very keen interest, and there is always the possibility that new inventions and discoveries may lessen the cost. There is apparently no limit to human ingenuity under the pressure of necessity, and the harnessing of the tides is by no means beyond the range of possibility.

Mr. J. S. Plagior, who has been acting postmaster for a short time, has been appointed by the Civil Service Commission that he has been promoted to the position of postmaster, dating from the first of August last. This news came on the fifty-first anniversary of Mr. Plagior's first appointment to the service, and is a fitting reward for faithful work. It is very satisfactory that the appointment has been taken out of politics and goes by deserved promotion. That this is so will undoubtedly have a good effect, since every employee in the post office will feel that faithful service will not be robbed of its reward by political interference. Mr. Plagior is a good official and a good citizen, and the citizens generally will extend hearty congratulations.

### UNIONISM IS DEAD.

Conservative leaders would like to make the country believe there is still a Unionist party. They would like to entrap some Liberals in that way. The effort will not succeed. What Hon. Robert Rogers boldly asserts is what the Conservatives really desire. They want control for themselves and would merely be glad to get some Liberal help in attaining their object. The Toronto Globe states the real position very clearly when it says: "There is no Unionist government, and there is no Unionist party. There is no occasion calling for a merger of the two parties, still less for an absorption of any element of Liberalism into Toryism. Those former Liberals who choose to remain in or to support the Meighen government must be regarded as having definitely renounced their Liberal principles. Their conversion to Toryism is all the more emphatic because they make their choice not only against the Liberal, but against the Progressive party. Out of three or more parties or groups they choose that which represents reaction and resistance to progress. This, as we have said, they have a perfect right to do, and we see no reason why they should not be treated kindly by their new friends. But let us have no humbug about a mythical Unionist or Liberal and Conservative party, which exists only in imagination." The Liberal party must close up its ranks for a successful campaign. The Meighen government does not expect to win the elections. It would not have gone to the country but that it feared a longer delay would mean a worse defeat. The Liberals and Progressives will be in the ascendancy in the next house and any Liberals who break with their party will have nothing to gain, but, as the Toronto Globe points out, they will have renounced their Liberal principles. The Union government should have come to an end with the war. It had performed the task for which it was elected, and has defied public sentiment by holding on to office until the present time.

### THOSE NATURAL RESOURCES.

A Montreal paper says: "The ownership of the natural resources of the three prairie provinces is being introduced into the election campaign as an issue. The facts are simple. When the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were created the government of Canada retained the land and all that went with it, and the provinces receive a monetary annual grant as compensation. Now the provinces want the land transferred to them and to retain the compensation as well." The maritime provinces have a just claim in relation to these western resources, and it has been presented with great clearness at Ottawa. The west decided this claim, and the Winnipeg Free Press says it is none of our business. There is the more reason that these provinces should send to the next parliament men who have the ability and courage to assert our rights.

The American farmers were led to believe that a duty on Canadian wheat would help them. The Wall Street Journal shows that at no time since the emergency tariff was adopted has wheat sold higher in the United States than in Canada, and that in July wheat was twenty-five cents higher in Winnipeg than in Minneapolis. The American farmers not only failed to get the benefit of the tariff, but helped to pay it on the flour they purchased.

And still nobody hereabouts seems to know whether it will be Mr. Wigmore or Mr. Baxter.

### POISONED BY WIFE OR SELF?

Orangeville, Ont., Sept. 15.—Testifying before the coroner's jury which is investigating the death of Robert Lee, a laborer, in Mulmur Township, on August 23, Rev. G. Gray, an Anglican minister, said Lee, just before his death, had accused his wife of poisoning him. Mrs. Lee in giving evidence said her husband had taken poison himself with suicidal intent. A report from Professor Rogers, of the University of Toronto, of the analysis of the stomach showed that no trace of strychnine was found. The professor added that quite often all trace of strychnine disappeared after death. The inquest will be resumed on September 22.

### LAST CAR CLUB.

The weekly meeting of the Last Car Club was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Draycott, 54 Durston street. A whist drive was held and produced some keen and exciting play, in view of handsome prizes offered to the winners. The fortunate winners were—Ladies' first prize, Mrs. Draycott; men's, Leslie Caddell; consolation prizes to Mrs. Nielson and D. Nielson. Refreshments were served by the hostess and after these had been done ample justice to, the hostess disposed of a handsome prize, the proceeds to be placed in the club fund. This realized \$5. The winner was Mrs. Smith. A musical programme was then enjoyed by all, after which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the host and hostess; Auld Lang Syne was sung and the members left to catch the last car home.

Little Boy Found Drowned. Canso, N. S., Sept. 15.—The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sullivan, missing overnight, was found drowned near the head of his father's wharf.

### AFTER-WHILE.

We shall be so kind in the after-while, But what have we done today? We shall bring to each lonely heart a smile, But what have we done today? We shall give to truth a deeper birth, And to steadfast faith a broader worth; We shall feed the hungering souls of earth— But what have we done today?

I shall pass through this world but once; any good, therefore, that I do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now; let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Papa.—Why did you permit young Gaybird to kiss you in the parlor last night? Daughter.—Because I was afraid he'd catch cold in the hall.

### The Jazz of Ego.

"Peek is a great fellow for blowing his own horn in public." "Well, poor man, I suppose it's a change for him from playing second fiddle at home."—Boston Transcript.

### Punctuation.

Returning from school the other afternoon a little girl proudly informed her mother that she had learned to "punctuate." "You see, mother," explained the child, "when you write 'Mark!' you put an exclamation mark, and when you ask a question you put a question mark."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Getting No Better Fast.

The old gardener's wife had been very ill, and on seeing him I asked him about her. "Oh, ma'am," the old man replied sorrowfully, "the doctor don't give us no encouragement either way."—The Windsor Magazine.

### A Dowdy Writer.

He.—You say you've met Penley. I've read some of his work, but I can't say that I like his style. She.—Neither do I; she's positively dowdy.—Boston Transcript.

### AT DANGER POINTS.

(Special Cable to the N. Y. Times and Montreal Gazette.)

Vigra, Sept. 9.—In an interview I have just had with Chancellor Schober, I asked him to express his views and the attitude of his government regarding the conflict with Hungary. He made the following statement:—"Austria is without a shadow of guilt. Her scrupulous adherence to all the requirements of the Allies have placed her in a most precarious position. The unsatisfactory state of things in the past few days became entirely untenable today. From the very start the hands of the Austrian government were tied. No troops were put at our disposal, neither were we permitted to use our own military force for the occupation of West Hungary. On the other hand, Hungarian detachments well known for their wild chivalry were allowed to roam the one part of West Hungary, and in the other part they left behind them strong-armed gangs, even equipped with machine-guns and heavy artillery. The representatives of the Entente Powers and the Inter-Allied Commission at Odenburg long since must have realized their mistake in accepting the assurances of the Hungarian government; but nothing seems to have been learned in authoritative circles by this time."

"Even today, after our governor and his staff in West Hungary were expelled forcibly by the Hungarians, the Inter-Allied Commission refused permission for the despatch of Austrian troops for the expulsion of these bands. No longer is the Austrian government able to withstand the strong protests of the excited population. The government cannot indefinitely be made the laughing stock of the world. The Austrian people are now on the point of losing patience. Austria's population earnestly requests from the Allied Powers instant and thorough reparation for the outrageous violations of the Peace Treaty by Hungary. The Allied Powers ought to take serious notice of the happenings at our borders which constitute an extreme danger to the peace of Central Europe and have reached Vienna."

A great number of fugitives have reached Vienna. They say that their flight was due to the terrorism of the Hungarian bands, consisting mostly of elements of the army, and that among the unemployed. It has been ascertained that the Budapest police stopped a train filled with recruits because forty-four "wants" pickpockets were among the gang booked for West Hungary.

Simultaneously a general boycott movement against Austria has begun vigorously for Hungary. Even Vienna's shops have been banned since yesterday on the musical programmes in Budapest.

### PREMIER'S VACATION PLACE.

(London Sphere) Gairloch, on the west coast of Ross-shire, which has been chosen for a restful holiday for the Prime Minister, is one of the quietest and most beautiful spots in the kingdom. It is about thirty miles from the nearest railway station (Achnashen, on the Shire River). When there Mr. Lloyd George will find no phones, very few motors, and only one mail per day; and visitors affirm that after a few days of the place the cares and worries brought with them from the storm and drang of the south disappear like Oscanian ghosts "in the mists of the morning."

Angling gulch may be had in any of the thirty fairly large local, and sandy beaches there are for bathers and mountaineering for climbers, as there are in the district at least twenty-three peaks over 2,000 feet in height. The place is a veritable paradise for landscape artists, besides having fairly interesting "studies" for the sociologist and the sportsman, the antiquary and the legend-monger. The parish itself is interesting because of its size. It is considerably larger than Dumbartonshire. Renfrewshire or Haddingtonshire, and is six times larger than the county of Cuckmann and yet in 1911 the population was only 3,317 and it is now certainly less.

### CARBONATED CANDY.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger) A new method of making candy is the idea of a Chicago man, Wilfred P. Heath. The product might be called carbonated candy. The candy mixture, in a liquid or semi-liquid state, is put into an air-tight metal container. Then carbonic acid gas—the same gas that gives the fizz to soda water—is forced simultaneously and violently against it. The gas thus injected forces the air out of the container and is at the same time incorporated with the candy mixture, rendering the latter light and porous and imparting a flavor, described as peculiarly delicious by those who have eaten it.

## CHARMING PLAY IS "FRENCH LEAVE"

Hit of Wartime London Gets Good Reception at Imperial—Bright, Catchy Lines and Amusing Situations Delight Late Audience.

An amusing picture of some of the side-lights of the war with the crash of armaments elimination is the French Leave, a three-act English comedy from the pen of Reginald Berkeley, which caused London to rock with mirth in the war-time days and proved a delightful panacea for many a "fed up" warrior during his brief respite in the world's biggest village.

Last night's expert house appreciated and applauded, rocked and cheered as a company under the direction of the Trans-Canada Theatre Limited gave an excellent rendition of the piece. The lines are bright and snappy and were cared for by a well selected cast in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Disappointed at not meeting her husband of a few months in Paris, Mrs. Harry Glenister manages to find the captain after he, which his brigade is resting behind the lines and there bribes the landlady of the officer's mess billet to adopt her temporarily. Under the guise of Miss Juliette, an opera singer from Paris, she works havoc with the hearts of the brigadier, his young subaltern, acting staff captain and the brigade interpreter. He shared the honors of the piece with Walter Edwin, who, as Brigadier-Archibald Root, C. B., D. S. O., and sundry other alphabetical acronyms, ran true to form throughout the piece. Underneath a veneer of disciplinary rigidity he was a lovable and kind old fellow and witty wit. His kind old fellow and witty wit. His kind old fellow and witty wit. His kind old fellow and witty wit.

Charles Romano, who carried his two pairs of pants, the dignity they deserved, could not resist the charms of the pseudo mademoiselle and as a result was in oceans of hot water at frequent intervals. Mademoiselle Juliette gave an excellent presentation of his part and received well merited applause. Jack Martage, as Captain Henry Glenister, who offered most from his bride's unbridled desire to see him, had a difficult part from which he drew all that was possible in wit and humor. His antics, such as the horns of a dilemma and the more he planned the more serious things got. It was only through the sage advice of the brigade mess corporal, Sykes, that he finally got things squared away with the brigadier.

Harry J. Thomas could not be expected to play the part of Sykes. He carried the air of the old-timer well and his peculiar judgment on the ways of officers was a treat. The role of Hissman, a Jinks mess waiter, was well taken by William Dean. John Schinner had the part of M. Jules Marrier, interpreter for the brigade, which through small, was important to the working out of some of the funniest situations. He acquitted himself admirably. Madam Denux, landlady of the brigade, a valuable old lady, who was wont to bombard all and sundry with a veritable rain of native language, was impersonated by Miss Genevieve Bertolacci, who added much to the presentation. The whole of the three acts were staged in the most effective and within twenty-four hours.

The Imperial orchestra rendered a delightful overture and entr'acte selections. The play will be repeated this evening.

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On Saturday, September 24th, and October 1st suburban leaving at 5:10 p. m. will be cancelled and make run leaving city at 10:10 p. m. On Saturday, September 24th, and October 1st suburban leaving at 5:10 p. m. will be cancelled and make run leaving city at 10:10 p. m. On Saturday, September 24th, and October 1st suburban leaving at 5:10 p. m. will be cancelled and make run leaving city at 10:10 p. m.

Peris, Sept. 15.—Premier Briand announced yesterday that the French parliament would resume work on October 18, so it is said by newspapers here. The premier will make an important political address at St. Nazaire, on October 9, and on the same day former Premier Clemenceau will make what is expected to be a significant speech at St. Hermine Vendes, where a monument erected in honor of Mr. Clemenceau, will be unveiled.

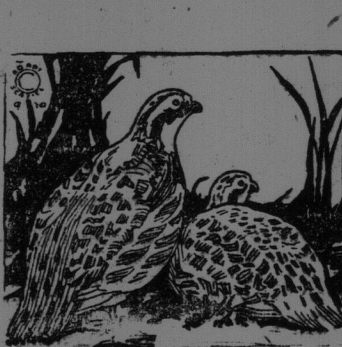
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### A SAMUEL SMILES CAREER.

If Dr. Samuel Smiles had been living he would have rejoiced in the career of Sir William Blandan, a former lord provost of Glasgow, who has just died at the age of seventy-four after a long illness. Born in Stirlingshire, he was apprenticed as a grocer at the age of thirteen, started business on his own account at the age of twenty-two in one of the poorer working-class districts of Glasgow, then bought a small bakery; then, with two brothers as partners, a bigger one, then took over the bread and biscuit factory of another firm larger than his own, and so became vastly wealthy. He was one of those establishments—peculiar, I believe, to Glasgow—where bread is manufactured, not made, and loaves are produced by tens of thousands by automatic machinery instead of being

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