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NOTE AND COMMENT

Everyone else has to pay taxes, why shouldn't the Kaiser. Is Me and Gott exempt?

The Canadian Pacific will provide smoking compartments for women in its sleeping cars.

A policy of drift in the matter of next winter's fuel supply may mean hardship, and perhaps loss.

The Financial Post says the tendency is towards the gradual elimination of girls from employment in the banks.

A Wilmington, Del., man found two toads while cultivating his flower bed, and trained them so they not only respond when he whistles, but feed out of his hand.

In the Alberta general elections held last Monday the Stewart government was defeated. The United Farmers carried 36 seats, Liberals 14, Labor 4, Independent 1, Independent Conservative 1.

School teachers in a Pennsylvania city forfeit \$100 if they get married before their contracts have expired. But young girls seldom allow a trifle like that to stand between them and true happiness; old girls, never.

Ontario today has exactly 599 newspapers and periodicals of all classes, whereas five years ago there were 745. War conditions and the abnormal costs of production have led to the suspension of 146 papers.

At a recent wedding the bride was Miss Jane Helper and the bridegroom was Mr. Newton Lord. The bridegroom, however, was very angry when he saw in the newspaper an account of their wedding, headed in the usual way, "Lord-Helper."

If Germany pays the Allies' demand for thirty billion dollars by way of reparation Canada will get \$30,000,000, or one per cent. of the total. Nobody will suggest that Canada contributed only one per cent. to the victory of the Allied nations.

The highway in Ontario running between Niagara Falls and Windsor is not to be renamed as part of the Roosevelt highway, F. C. Biggs, Minister of Highways, having decided that the present names are good enough. The decision of the Minister gives general satisfaction.

Vancouver Province.—A haystack constituted the speaker's platform at a U.F.O. political picnic in Ontario the other day. Some in the audience did not swallow all they heard but after the speaking was over the horses swallowed the entire platform.

We can remember when a returned soldier said a little swear word on the platform of the Town Hall how we were shocked. That same little word falls trippingly from the tongue of some of our Chautauqua lecturers and they didn't expect us to be shocked. About time to put on the brakes. We seem to be skidding.—Parkhill Gazette.

You know the story of the farmer who was showing a visitor over his place. Away off in the middle distance was a motionless figure that resembled a human being in general outline. "I see you still have faith in that old-fashioned scarecrow," remarked the visitor. The farmer gazed steadily at the object for some minutes. "That isn't a scarecrow," he announced finally, "that's one of my hired hands at work."—Ottawa Citizen.

There are dozens of office managers in New York who, when a girl applies for a position, preface the usual catechism by asking her to remove her hat. If her compliance discloses bobbed hair or peroxidized tresses, her chance for a job is gone. The employer reasons that what is in a girl's head can generally be determined by what she has on it and that a freak coiffeur may not only show

she is deficient mentally but also somewhat below standard morally.

Lemons are selling at from 80 cents to \$1.00 a dozen while in California the price is so low and unprofitable that growers are cutting down the trees and planting other fruit. The orange, lemon, banana, pineapple and other Southern fruit importing trade in Canada is in the hands of a few commission merchants. According to what fruit retailers say, these merchants consistently arrange prices, their relatively small number enabling easy control of the market. At a dollar a dozen, someone is profiteering at a disgraceful rate. If lemons can be sold at 25 cents in winter the summer demand should not increase their price more than 30 or 40 per cent.

The Paris Pasteur Institute has just handed a stiff blow to the anti-tobacco enthusiasts. In the last issue of the institute's official magazine appears a long discussion on the merits of tobacco—with no mention of any demerits—the writer authoritatively closing the case with a clean verdict of acquittal for the plant that made Virginia famous. Not only he says, does the inhaling of tobacco smoke kill all manner of dangerous germs, but it is a sure preventive against cholera, diphtheria, cerebrospinal meningitis, and is known to have been effective in warding off impending attacks of sleeping sickness.

Farmers beware! The following is an extract of a letter received from the Attorney-General's office in Toronto: "Information has reached this department that there is a good deal of buying and selling along the main roads on Sunday from farmers, fruit growers, etc., to motorists in violation of the Lord's Day Act. Farmers are warned that a further violation of this act will be dealt with under the revised statutes of Ontario." There are worse things practised on Sunday than buying a few fresh vegetables or good wholesome fruit, however, when the proposed blue period arrives we can all move down to the province of Quebec.

The legislation enacted last session in Toronto whereby a miscreant sentenced to jail will be allowed during his prison term to earn a living for his family, if he has dependents, has been put in force and the first to benefit is the family of an Oneida Indian. It has been a weakness of our system of punishment that the real sufferers have been the wives and children of those sent to prison. It has seemed to the average man to be inhuman and unfair that because a man committed an offence against the law his wife and family should starve until justice had been satisfied and he restored to them, but there appeared to be no better way out of it. Most people will agree that by the new legislation which enacts that parole officers have the power to allow prisoners out to earn a living for their families, the Drury government, composed mostly of farmers and labor men, has achieved a success for society. It was the second of the great pieces of social legislation brought into being, the other being the granting of mothers' pensions.

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JAPAN IS SUSPICIOUS

Thinks Conference is Anglo-Saxon Plot.

Far Eastern Power Threatens to Refuse to Take Part in Washington Conference—Tokio Government Will Demand to Know Scope and Method of Procedure Before Consenting to Attend.

LONDON, July 18.—A cablegram from the Tokio correspondent of the London Daily Express declares that the Pacific conference is causing greater excitement in Japan than any other international question for years. Officials are thoroughly alarmed at the inclusion of the war eastern question, fearing that Italy and France will support the United States at Japan's expense.

On the other side is a powerful Liberal group, which demands that Japan enter into the deliberations fearlessly, submitting her wants resolutely, combating for them with confidence, and not opposing just claims. Hagging and bickering, they insist, will ruin the cause of Japan.

Both camps agree that Japan is facing a crisis, requiring tact and largeness of vision. Many members of the Privy Council, according to the well-informed Chugai Shogyo Shimpo, are pessimistic about the conference; they contend that the proposal to discuss problems and policies of the Far East indicates co-operation between the United States and Great Britain in an attempt to settle international questions favorably to themselves, an indication of which was to be seen in the attitude of the English towards the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

The invitation to China to join in the conference, it is further urged, is additional evidence in support of the theory of a secret purpose on the part of the Anglo-Saxon nations in calling the conference. They argue that China doubtless will strive, with the support of Great Britain and the United States, for a settlement of questions in her favor, resulting in injury to Japanese interests in China. The councillors are quoted as saying: "Japan should make participation conditional on the settlement of all questions between Japan and the United States, including opening the economic door of all territories in the Pacific to Orientals."

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BOMBERS AT WORK.

Abortive Attempt to Blow Up Building in St. Catharines.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., July 18.—The fourth attempt to blow up buildings here since a year ago last spring was made about three o'clock Sunday morning when a bomb was placed at Titterington Bros. fruit warehouse on Balfour street and an effort made to destroy the building. Two Italians who were caught running away from the building just after the explosion are being held. The bomb, or whatever it was, proved abortive as very little damage was done. It had been placed at one corner of the building.

"We have been unable to find any trace of what was used, unlike the other cases," said Chief Greene, "but we are holding two men who may know something about the matter." A squad of police in the police auto made such a hurried run to the scene of the explosion when it was reported by telephone that they wrecked their car. The car went over and the officers were pinned down. P. C. Ridgeway was seriously injured.

Two attempts have been made to wreck the Co-operative Bakery on Paer Street with bombs, the first a year ago this spring and last summer an attempt was made to blow up an Italian fruit store on Welland avenue. In the case of the bakery the damage last year was heavy, but the second time the bomb did not do the work as was the case Sunday. The police think the same gang is responsible for four outrages.

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