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### BOSTON A RIVAL

Since the war Boston has leaped into a position of unusual importance as an exporting point, and the character of that export traffic shows that it is becoming a rival of St. John. Boston is now exporting grain from the Middle Western States to Liverpool, London, Glasgow and ports on the east coast of Britain like Leth and Sharpness, which are coming into prominence as cereal markets. During recent months the shipments of wheat through Boston have been nearly three times as great as during the corresponding period of last year. In August 1,400,000 bushels of oats were exported as compared with 450,000 bushels for the corresponding month a year ago. Barley is now moving through Boston in great volume, the exports last month being 1,200,000 bushels as compared with 40,000 bushels in the same period last year. Large quantities of lard and bacon were shipped through Boston last month, the figures for the former commodity being 9,000,000 pounds as compared with 4,000,000 last year, and for the latter commodity 50,000 boxes as compared with 1,300 last year. Leather shipments for the month were nearly three times as great as last year.

Boston has for some years been engaged in improving its harbor facilities and it is evidently now rapidly developing its traffic, though that may perhaps be attributed to the possession by Americans of a new merchant marine, as much as to improved harbor facilities. St. John may regard the traffic developments at Boston with more complacency than it might view similar developments at Portland, which port has from time to time announced its intention of challenging the position of the Canadian Winterport. Boston's extraordinary progress may perhaps mean that Portland has lost its opportunity and that its halfhearted ambition will not now be realized, for the Maine port placed its hopes on capturing the traffic of the middle Western States via the Canadian railways. If Boston secures, as it now appears to be doing, an increasing proportion of the meat export business, St. John's interest will be affected to some extent, for before the war the movement of Chicago meat products through St. John contributed about one-third of the value of the export traffic during the winter season. The expansion of this business in future was an item generally reckoned with in estimating the possibilities of the port of St. John and it would be unfortunate if it should be lost to Boston. At the same time there is little doubt that any loss in this connection will be more than made up by the development of the Canadian packing industry, which has expanded with amazing rapidity during the war, and is still capable of immense development. And in other respects the competition of Boston is probably less dangerous than the competition of an enterprising Portland might be, for Boston has not equal facilities with the Maine port for reaching into Canadian territory.

It is worth noting that the conditions laid down by the United States government to regulate the movement of the grain crops this winter are of a nature to compel Canadians to realize in a way they have perhaps never done before, the importance, the absolute need, of maintaining the proper development of their own Winterport. Washington has decided to prohibit the movement of Canadian grain through American ports until, at any rate, the American crop has been marketed. As in the past about three-quarters of the Canadian export grain has been shipped through American channels, the movement of grain through St. John this winter will probably throw such a strain upon the resources of this port that the need of improving facilities here will be brought home to the country in a manner compelling action.

### GERMANY'S GUILT

The Austrian government has published a book entitled "The Vienna Cabinet and the Origin of the War," which should convince Austrians as to the culpability of their former rulers, if they had any lingering doubts. Based on documents from the Austrian foreign office, it deals with the period from the Sarajevo murder to Germany's declaration of war on Russia. It shows that at a meeting of the Austro-Hungarian cabinet on July 7, 1914, all present, except Count Tisza, agreed that such far-reaching demands should be made on Serbia that their rejection was to be anticipated and the way paved for military intervention. The book avers that the German government had no knowledge of the text of the note to Serbia or any share in its drafting, and that the Serbian reply was not communicated to Berlin. But it is made plain enough that if the Kaiser was not aware of the precise form of the note he knew its purpose and approved it. In fact on July 1 the Kaiser authorized the Austrian Ambassador to tell Emperor Francis

Joseph that he could reckon on Germany's support. The Austrian Ambassador's report which was before the cabinet meeting on July 7, said of the Kaiser's promise: "It applied particularly regarding an action on our part respecting Serbia. In Kaiser Wilhelm's opinion, however, this action must not be any longer delayed. Russia's attitude would be hostile, but the Kaiser for years had been prepared for this war, and should it come to war between Austria and Russia we could be convinced that Germany with her accustomed loyalty to the Alliance would stand at our side. If we had recognized the real necessity of warlike action against Serbia, Kaiser Wilhelm would regard it if we left unused the present moment, which was so favorable to us."

In another cable telegram the Austrian Ambassador says that in further conversation with the German Chancellor he ascertained: "That the Imperial Chancellor, just as Kaiser Wilhelm, regards immediate action on our part against Serbia as the most vital and best solution of our difficulties in the Balkans from the international standpoint. He considers this present moment more favorable than later and agrees that we shall inform neither Roumania nor Italy before-hand of our eventual action."

It does not require an account of the secret history of those fateful days to confirm the conviction of the Allied world that the war lords of the Central powers plotted and deliberately planned the war. But there are many people in Germany and Austria who evidently have been loath to believe that their rulers tricked them into a stupendous crime against humanity, and the publication of such information in an authoritative form ought to perform a good service in the defeated nations. In publishing such documents the present governments may not be wholly inspired by the desire to prove their good faith by accepting the responsibility for the sins of their predecessors; they may be mainly actuated by the desire to so discredit the former rulers that it will be forever impossible for them to seize power again. But whatever the motive the effect should be to make the people of the Central powers bend their energies to the development of constitutional government and to abandon the dream of world domination for the pursuit of democracy.

### THE HOSPITAL

It is intimated that new members of the staff of the General Public Hospital are urging the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the present system of management of that hospital and to make such recommendations as may lead to improvement in both administration and equipment. The idea upon which the present plan of administration is based may be an excellent one, but in operation in St. John at least it has led to dissatisfaction among the staff and among the public, because of a feeling that the spirit which pervades the commission is not sufficiently progressive. In the staff of the hospital are a number of the younger physicians and surgeons who by reason of present-day competition are compelled to keep strictly up to date in their methods of practice, and who are disposed to demand for the benefit of patients better accommodation, better facilities for treatment and more extensive equipment than might have satisfied their fellows in the profession a generation ago. Quite naturally a divergence of views appears when this staff runs up against the conservatism of last century. In view, therefore, of the fact that the hospital staff has no authority to inaugurate improvements and that the Board of Commissioners is evidently not disposed to act of its own accord, and keeping in mind the circumstances that hospital accommodation and equipment is at the present time in adequate, the request from many quarters for a commission to look into the system of management, and upkeep, of this institution does not appear to be an unreasonable one.

### WHAT THEY SAY

He Will Regret It.  
(Hamilton Herald, Ill.)  
Shouldn't wonder if the Ontario Liberals are beginning to regret that they jettisoned Proudfoot and took on Dewar as the party leader.

Not Much Posted.  
(Edmonton Journal.)  
D. D. McKendrick voiced the opinion lately that there was no longer any need for the R.N.W.M.P. since the Indian uprisings and western rebellions had all been subdued. The honorable member does not apparently find time to read western newspapers, which do sometimes contain readable and interesting material.

Something to Remember.  
(Ottawa Reporter.)  
Let the public not forget in these days of high prices that cheap school-books stands to the credit of the Provincial Government. But for

it every parents would be spending vastly more for education.

### An Interesting Rumor.

(Shebrooke Record.)  
It is rather singular that the rumor should persist that Sir Lomer Gouin is going to retire from the premiership of Quebec.

At first it was said that he would go to Ottawa; latterly, he was to go to France, as the Dominion Commissioner.

### Now's Your Chance.

(Boston Transcript.)  
Here's a bit of timely advice from a Missouri paper: "Have you struck yet? If not, organize yourself immediately and quit work at once. In these days with an approaching millennium apparent on all sides, no man really ought to have less than \$50,000 a year, four automobiles, a summer abroad each year and winter vacation thrown in. An hour a day at \$100 an hour, with time and a half for overtime, in all any citizen ought to work, under the new order. Walk out, anyhow. If everybody can be induced to quit work, things will prosper marvelously, and you with them."

### The Same—With a Difference.

There is no longer a ruling monarch in Europe. Take the King of England, for instance. He is merely the titular head of the British Empire, just as the President of France is the titular head of the French Republic. King George is the focal point for British patriotism. The Britisher speaks of "The King" just as we speak of "Old Glory." The national anthems illustrate the point beautifully. One nation sings "God Save the King" and the other "Oh, say, does the star spangled banner yet wave" and mean precisely the same.

### A BIT OF VERSE

#### SESTINA.

Between the day and night there fits an hour  
With draperies of dream about the  
The afterglow turns back to kiss a star  
And far off bells, within the sudden hush,  
Distill the sweetness of my reverie.  
Ah, tears that splash their love on baby hands.  
And now Christ lifts His slim rebuking hands.  
To say, "Couldst thou not watch with me one hour?"  
And lo! I see within my reverie  
The shadow of a cross against the blue;  
And there comes a cry I fain would hush,  
And silence, and the falling of a star.

Ah, what aloofness in the silent star  
At which we children seek to warm our hands!  
Would its possession in the cradle hush  
The plaintive fretting of the slumber hour.  
Or does its dying streak across the blue  
Arouse its fellows from their reverie?  
Come, earth-born love, to share my reverie!  
I yearn for something closer than a star.  
Reach across the night, so calm, so blue,  
And touch my burning face with spirit hands.  
Dream on, O Night! it is our wonder hour!  
My love is speaking, bid thy voices hush!

What awes thee in the night's so solemn hush?  
What sombre thought disturbs thy reverie?  
That when our love has lived its little hour  
The paler flesh of yonder trembling star  
Shall shine down on our poor, unclasping hands,  
Shall mock the dimming of thine eyes  
Dear love, are not the far horizons blue?

Relentless Time our passing breath may hush  
Yet in the flutter of thy sweet, fair hands,  
Yet in thine eyes, thine azure reverie  
Shall live, when Time shall pluck you sunset star,  
And sigh, and sink, and fall to burn the hour!

L'Elvov  
Eternal Blue, receive our reverie!  
Our doubting voices hush, and like the star,  
Into Thy hands we give our little hour.  
—Frederick Truesdell in Chicago Tribune.

### A BIT OF FUN

Suspicious.  
She—I'd like to ask you a question.  
He—Ask it, dear.  
She—Am I the only girl whose money you ever loved?

A Puzzler.  
"Just one more question, uncle."  
"What, my boy?"  
"If a boy is a lad and has a step-mother—For this job you've got to be a boy."

Mr. Barnes's Concern.  
"Were you concerned in the actors' strike?"  
"No," replied Mr. Stormington Barnes.  
"What I want is some binding arrangement that will prevent the audiences from quitting on me."

Lucky Labor.  
"The lad is a step-ladder,"  
father, is the lad a step-ladder,"  
to know French and Spanish, and the

### Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Me and Puds Simkins was wawking along jest wawking along, and who did we see setting on sunbuddy's front steps but Sid Hunts quiet little cousin Joe, me saying, G. look at Joe, I wonder wat he's doing setting there?  
He wawked be setting there for nothing, lets set down alongside of him, sed Puds.  
Wich we did, me saying, Hello, Joe, wats you setting heer for? and Puds jest saying, Hello, Joe.  
Wat are you 2 going to do, are you going to set heer jest because I am? sed Joe.  
Wy, do you own the steps? I sed soursastic, and Puds sed, Wats the matter, you dont own the steps, do you?  
No, only sunbuddy wen I set down some place I awfen set there for 3 or four hours without getting up, so I thawi I better warn you in case you mite not feel like setting that long, sed Joe.  
O, thats all rite, I sed, and Puds sed, Dont mention it. And we kapp on setting there a while, and all of a sudden Joe got up and started to wawk away, saying, Thats all the longer I want to set there, you 2 can keep on setting there if you want.  
Wich we didnt, jumping up and starting to wawk wigh him, we saying, Wats you going now, Joe? and Puds saying, Are you going to set some place else, Joe?  
I dont know yet, sed Joe, And wen we got up to the corner he sed O, I forgot sumthing. And he quick turned around and ran back agen like lightning, and jest wen he got to the house some lady opened the front door and handed him 2 apples, and he took them and kapp on running, me saying to Puds, Gosh, thats wat he was setting there for, he must of ran a errand for her, and Puds saying to me, He must of.

Wich he must of.  
pay is eighteen dollars a week.  
Appliment for job—Lord, mister! I aint got no education; I'm after a job in the yards.  
Employer—See, the yard boss. We'll start you in at forty.

### RATIFICATION OF THE PEACE TREATY NOT TO BE IMMEDIATELY

Powers Not Prepared to Carry Out Provisions of Treaty, Given as Cause of Delay.

Paris, Oct. 15.—The decision not to complete the formal ratification of the treaty this week was due chiefly to the inability of the three ratifying powers upon the entire side to make the necessary preparations to carry out the provisions of the treaty which must be attended to within a brief time after the actual ratification. The creation of various commissions, which, according to the treaty, must inaugurate their work immediately, or within fifteen days after the treaty comes into effect, the dispatch of troops into the areas in which plebiscites will be held, the delimitation of the Sarre Valley state and the assembling of the council of the League of Nations add a great amount of work. This the powers will be unable to accomplish without delaying the date of ratification.

In view of these provisions of the treaty which must be carried out immediately after it goes into effect, French papers are saying what will happen if the United States delays ratification of the treaty, which they consider a necessary preliminary to the organization of the League of Nations.

### WOMEN CAUSE HIGH PRICES ON FOOTWEAR

Those Who Follow Prevailing Fashions and Buy Fancy Shoes Keep Prices up on Staple Goods.

Regina, Sask., Oct. 15.—Because women persist in following the dictates of prevailing fashions and buying fancy boots and shoes, the retail prices of the staple grades of footwear are boosted. The fashionable women who buy her fancy boots at a correspondingly lower price than the ordinary man can purchase his average grade boots, in fact the price of the staple styles are raised in order that the prices of the fancy boots may be kept lower. These facts were elicited at its resumed sittings of the board of commerce, which opened yesterday morning in the City Hall. Commissioner Rankin and Counsel W. F. Dunn have just returned from holding sittings at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, and boots and shoes were the articles placed upon the dissecting table.

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### SCANDINAVIANS HESITATE TO JOIN RUSSIA BLOCKADE

Stockholm, Tuesday, Oct. 14.—The Scandinavian nations are preparing a joint note in reply to the note of the Entente regarding the declaration of a blockade against Soviet Russia. The Swedish newspapers say that the new blockade declaration is of no practical importance to Scandinavia as there has been no trading with the Soviet sections of Russia since the Bolshevik revolution. The only exception, it is said, was in the case of some small vessels with Swedish hardware which sailed for Russia. Sweden receiving in exchange for this merchandise a few cargoes of hemp and flax.

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