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ONE CIVIC PROBLEM.

It is quite evident to those who are at all familiar with civic affairs that the new Council will have hard work ahead in arranging the budget for 1920. In all departments of administration costs have been advancing and one of the first matters that will have to be considered is a request for increased salaries and wages. These wage costs are taken care of out of general revenue and are met in the tax rate levied each year. In as much as the revenue has remained more or less fixed for some years, the Council must either devise ways and means of adding to it now by increasing license fees, etc., or include an extra expenditure in the new rate.

As pointed out last year, in a statement of civic finances given by the then Mayor to the public, the law permits St. Catharines to only levy a rate of 25 mills for general purposes. The rate last year was 24.15 mills so that the only increase that can be put on this year will be .85 of a mill which would not represent a great deal in actual revenue. There is also an increased assessment but the money represented by this has also been taken into account and ways are open for its use.

So far as The Journal can view the situation the new Council will be obliged to raise license fees of one kind and another if more money is to be paid out for wages and other departmental needs. In fact as the cost of everything else has gone up it is not unexpected, perhaps, that the license for doing business will be more. The city must get revenue from some source or other and this is the one means it has of exacting toll.

THERE SHOULD BE ACTION

Three more months and spring will be opening up. It will be the time when The Journal had hoped to see work started on railway improvements in this city that would have cost a quarter of a million dollars and when completed would have given a greatly increased service for the citizens. Negotiations were, however, abruptly terminated with the officials of the National system and with the new Council coming into office we ask what is to be done to get necessary rail and terminal facilities? We trust the year will not be allowed to pass without something being accomplished. The growth of the city industrially and otherwise depends on it.

BRITAIN'S WAY.

While Consular Agent Jenkins languishes in a jail at Pueblo, Mr. Norma Rowe, a British subject, held for ransom by Mexican rebels, was promptly released on representations made by the British consulate general to the Mexican government. In a few hours the kidnapers were compelled to give him his freedom says the Buffalo News.

Great Britain never substituted gloss for action. It is not her way. Every British subject, the world over is conscious of having behind him

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the power of a great and puissant nation. Our way is the reverse. It is the epistolary method. Polite note delayed action when Germany was heaping her insults upon us. Well chosen words were substituted for immediate force; it was a war of adjectives. Once again, with our dignity and honor at stake, the state department delays Mr. Jenkin's release by formal requests couched in diplomatic terms. Of course, Mexico, with a vivid memory of former experiences, wishes to prolong the discussion. She knows well that letters are not rifles.

The whole Mexican situation must be cleared up before Americans will be safe in that bandit ridden land. General Leonard Wood, with the army behind him, could clean out the entire nest in reasonable time. But the pen, to the present administration, is more agreeable than the sword. Grant said, "I propose to move immediately on your works." Fr. Lansing says, "We beg to assure you of your violation of all time honored rights." Better the lion's growl than the temporizer's pen.

RESTAURANT PRICES

There has been some newspaper talk about the restaurant keepers increasing their prices. We all believed that after the war there would be quite a tumble in the price of most commodities, but, instead of that, prices of most things, but newspapers, have been soaring, despite the fact that "that man O'Connor" has been doing his best to draw down the prices. Is there any real reason for these increases or the proposed further increase? asks The Hamilton Times. We do not believe that there is. Those who have goods to sell, especially food products, seem to go upon the principle to charge just what they think the people will pay. That seems to be the rule. The restaurants can stock up on sugar at \$13 a hundredweight, and if they can bake their own bread they may have to pay a cent or two more for flour but that is all, and there is no great rise in the price of tea or coffee.

It is this high cost of the necessities of life that is causing all the unrest and all the labor troubles. Were prices down to something like normal the agitation for more wages and so on would come to a halt, and the working people would be more content to go on with their work. Instead of talking of increasing prices let us talk about them coming down as they should. We are living on borrowed money, anyway, and we should be careful what we do with other people's money. If there be one thing more than another that we should pray for, this year it is a reduction in the price of the necessities of life.

American troops after four days' battle defeated forces of Tartars, Kurds and Turks in the region of Zangazur.

START TOMORROW AND KEEP IT UP EVERY MORNING

Get into the habit of drinking a glass of hot water before breakfast.

Millions of folks bathe internally now instead of loading their system with drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform miracles according to hot water enthusiasts. There are vast numbers of men and women who, immediately upon arising in the morning, drink a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is a very excellent health measure. It is intended to flush the stomach, liver, kidneys and intestines of the previous day's waste, sour bile and indigestible material left over in the body which if not eliminated every day, become food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels, the blood, causing headache, bilious attacks, foul breath, bad taste, colds, stomach trouble, kidney misery, sleeplessness, impure blood and all sorts of ailments.

People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply cannot get feeling fit, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make anyone a real crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

FROM OTHER PENS

IF HE'S NOT TOO OLD (Galt Reporter.)

After he ceases running for the Mayorality of Toronto perhaps Thos. L. Church will turn his thoughts to the acquisition of a wife.

"SAFETY FIRST" (Brantford Expositor.)

A shuffle in the Borden Cabinet has been occasioned by the retirement of Hon. S. C. Mewburn from the government but the new deal does not apparently provide for the opening up of any constituencies. "Safety First" is still the motto at Ottawa.

TIP FOR U.F.O. MEMBERS. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review)

A good New Year's resolution for the United Farmers supporting the Drury Government would be to make a study of their own platform so that they may not be too ready to kick when the government undertakes to carry out any of its provisions.

COMING STYLES (Guelph Mercury)

If the new Paris fashions are to be anything like the despatches suggest it won't be long before the styles affected by our earliest ancestors may again become the craze of the smart set of Paris and New York, and perhaps elsewhere.

A STEADY INFLUENCE (Buffalo News.)

A home is a steady influence. Affairs are not well ordered when opportunity is not given every young man to marry, established and possess a home. And there is no denying that the opportunity for a young man to find himself in that state is not what it was. The housing situation has not had proper consideration in its social and moral aspects. It has had consideration only when it has concerned industry.

The man married and a home builder is a responsible citizen. He has made an investment in the government. It is his concern to protect and defend American institutions. For fortune depends on the stability of things. Radicalism gets comparatively few recruits from the ranks of men of this class.

EVE PICKED A LEMON (Philadelphia Record.)

Out of the West come a horticulturist to tell us a wonderful new thing about the first garden of the East. It wasn't an apple at all that Eve plucked in Eden; it was—don't smile now, for the professor doesn't mean to be slangy—it was a lemon she picked. Dr. B. F. Smith, veteran horticulturist of Lawrence, Kan., is the bringer of this strange word. "The word translated 'apple' in the Bible," says he, "is with great probability supposed to mean the Medean, Assyrian or Persian apple of the Greeks." Most of us, who are compelled to earn our bread by the sweat of our brows, will be inclined to agree with the Kansas sage that it certainly was a lemon that Eve picked.

GENERAL MEWBURN (Ottawa Journal.)

General Mewburn leaves the Cabinet with the respect of his colleagues the good will of men of all parties in Parliament and with a claim upon the gratitude of the country. With no more interest in politics than the average good citizen ought to have, General Mewburn entered United Government in 1917 to do his best toward prosecuting the war, and fulfilled his contract with courage and capacity. Now, if with the war over, and demobilization complete, he desires to retire to private life, no one can object to his decision. On the contrary the country ought to remember him as one who at a time of crisis in his country's history submerged partisanship for patriotism and the national good.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Niagara Falls branch Veterans of France: President Lt. H. H. Eritchard, M.M., 20th Battalion; vice president, Trooper A. G. Smith, R. C. Dragoons; Secretary-treasurer, Corporal F. J. O'Reilly, R. C. Regiment; sergt.-at-arms, Sergt. G. E. Todd, M.M., 4th Battalion; assistant secretary, Pte. B. Beckett, 116th Battalion; official stenographer M. E. Bourque.

Hamilton retail grocers have formed an organization to fix weekly the prices on all goods sold by them.

THE BETTER YARN

JOLTED HIS TEETH OUT, PERHAPS

Yorkshire paper (during the railway strike)—"A duke is also driving a motor lorry and masticating sandwiches with his grimy hands."

PAWN-TICKET EXPIRED. She told you to ask me in six months about accepting the ring.

Jack DeBroke—Well? She—Well, the six months are up, DeBroke—Yes; unfortunately, so is the ring.

NOTHING SERIOUS "Is this patient violent?"

ant. "He merely thinks the walls of." "No," replied the Asylum attendant, "the room are papered with Chinese money and he's an American using machine trying to strike a balance."

APT TO VANISH "What is this man charged with, officer?"

"Moonshining," replied the sheriff's deputy. "Those jugs I suppose contain the evidence?"

"Yes, and it's no easy job keeping an eye on this fellow as the jugs at the same time. One is just as apt to disappear as the other."

SOME BLACK. Allen Holubar is a most exacting task master in the matter of make up.

Recently he had occasion to have a character actor do a black face bit in one of the productions, and he demanded realism. Pointing his finger at the player he said:

"Now look here, Blank, I want you to get your face so doggone black that if you scratch it with a piece of charcoal it will leave a white mark."

"She," "I met Johnny Fuller today. He says I am getting fat." He: "It's natural he should say so. You were looking Fuller in the face." —Pearsons Weekly.

Now that the United States has gone dry it won't be so hard to get young actors at work at the studio early in the morning. Allen Holubar, the well known Universal director, was saying recently.

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THAT EXCHANGE RATE

Brilleville Daily Ontario: In Southern California, Florida, Virginia and other winter resorts in the United States the high exchange rates against Canada are disappointed. They added 10 per cent. or more to the Canadian cost of living in the United States. They offer so much premium to Canadians for remaining in Canada and spending their subsistence money here. British Columbia can view this aspect of the case with equanimity. Costly exchange of the money means less exchange of residence.

"When," said Ann, "will you grasp that hats are the only thing you can't tamper with?"

"Above all things, don't force your point of view on your girl," he said to Lady Langdale. "In my opinion, the nicer the woman is, the more unreasonable."

"Nothing," said Anne, extending a tragic hand towards Sibyl's hat, "is so fatal as to try and cheer up a last year's hat yourself."

"As a good hostess, Lady Stoneborough made a hurried tour through the rooms before her guests arrived. "I hope Tom won't make any mistakes," she said. Dickie calls us 'Ma and Pa' now. I'm sure he won't say it broadcast." "The Dean," by Lady Charnwood.

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SCENE FROM THE BIG UNIVERSAL JEWEL PRODUCTION "THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS" STARRING DOROTHY PHILLIPS

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"FIDDLERS THREE" TONIGHT

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800 CASES OF LIQUOR A DAY FOR TORONTO

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—Each day since New Year's approximately 800 cases of various kinds of liquor have been shipped to Toronto. All of it goes by express companies and none by freight.

This is not to be compared with the wild rush for liquor from Toronto just prior to the order in Council of April 1, 1918, but at that time there was only a certain time in which to get liquor into Ontario, while nowadays there is no limit of time.

Only the ten importers or agents authorized by the Quebec prohibition law are allowed to ship into Ontario and only private individuals may be supplied.

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NORTHERN ONTARIO LEAGUE

Senior: xTimmins 10. Hollinger 2. Junior: xCobalt 9. Halleybury H.S.

NORTHERN LEAGUE

Junior: xDurham 5. Mount Forest 1. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Quebec 7. St. Patrick's 5. Ottawa 4. Canadiens 3.

NIAGARA FALLS LEAGUE

xK. of C. 8. Toronto Power 7. Hydros 7. Niagaras 3.

EXHIBITION

Ottawa Wand: 6. Kingston x—Played Tuesday.

GAMES TODAY

O. H. A. senior—Hamilton at Whitby. O. H. A. intermediate—Bowling Green at Whitby.

O. H. A. junior—Trenton at Oshawa at Cobourg; Kitchener at Stratford; Owen Sound at Shelburne.

APPLES IMPORTED

Canada Sent 45 Per Cent. of Those Received in Great Britain

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 7.—That fifty four per cent. of the apples imported by Great Britain in recent months have come from Canada, is the statement made by J. Forsythe Smith, Canadian government fruit trade commissioner in a report received from him by the department of trade and commerce. During the month of November, apple receipts from Canada were about two and a half times as great as during September and October.

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