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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 6.

There Must Be a Decision.

Russians have retreated across the Aa, it is reported. They may get across the Aa also, but they have about done their worst to the allied plans for 1917. A synchronous drive by Russia with the success which the allies were entitled to expect after all the assistance rendered to the Russian army in guns and other munitions, would have utterly exhausted the Teutonic forces this year. As it is, the German army has received such a mauling from the English and French, and the Austrian army has been so shattered by the Italians that it is questioned in many quarters whether they can avert a decision before the winter sets in.

No doubt the allies will do what is possible to bring about such a result, but there should be no over-optimistic expectations. The expectation of the responsible leaders is for another year's campaigning at least. The gigantic preparations going on in the United States have no conception of an early close to the war. The Germans themselves, heartened as they will be, no doubt, by the fall of Riga, have never shown any signs of submission, and the vaunts of the junker party are as blatant as ever.

If the German people are not of a mind to institute democratic government and banish the Hohenzollerns, then for the world, the best thing that can be done is the prolonging of the war till Germany is utterly broken, her territory invaded, and peace dictated at Berlin.

It should be remembered that this would be a simple program if a decisive battle is ever fought in the west. Every last fighting man in the Germans can put forward in the fighting line at the front. If that line should be routed the rest would be easy. The hollow shell behind would probably be glad to receive a merciful conquering host, bearing food and liberty and justice.

Controlling Prices and Cold Storage.

Arbitrary interference with the prices of staple commodities is only proposed for war times and war conditions. No one of any reputable station would be so foolish as to suggest that the price of food should be controlled over into the times of peace that we all hope are yet to arrive. The phenomena of supply and demand which a few unbalanced people mistake for laws are usually sufficiently regular as to cause little inconvenience. When the international polar axis, so to speak, is inverted, or the moral foundations of some of the nations are shaken and the ethical plateaux on which they erected their social superstructures disappear, some counterbalancing measure or compensatory factor is obviously necessary. If a wise principle be discovered it may be good enough to carry over into the stable times of peace.

A new element in business appeared some years before the war, in the shape of cold storage plants. About twenty-five years ago an attempt to start a plant on a good scale in Toronto met with a reception so chilly that it could have been utilized in the proposed plant. A small beginning was eventually made on Church street. Since that time cold storage has come to be regarded as a necessity and no longer an innovation. Those who advocated it in the first place were regarded as cranks. The crank idea of twenty-five years ago has had more to do with controlling prices—upwards, and with the high cost of living than any other element.

Effectively to control the cost of food the government would have to take over the cold storage warehouses. The government will have to do so eventually, and might as well do it soon as any. What was intended at first to be a means of taking care of surplus produce and keeping it for scarce times has been changed into a means of taking care of as much of the crop as the warehouse would hold or the cold storage company could purchase. Summer prices are maintained at winter levels. Winter carries the tide a little higher still, and the customer becomes less and less a consumer.

We pointed out a few days ago that too many middlemen upset the balance of trade. The shareholders in the corporations are a kind of artificial middlemen, who run up costs in the shape of dividends. Every new corporation tacked on to the business of production means a new horde of middlemen all demanding dividends. Hence the rising tide in prices. These middlemen are loads on the business, drawing dividends which are equivalent to superfluous salaries. If a grocer keeps several more assistants than he needs, and intends to remain solvent, he must charge higher for his goods, or he will soon come to

grief. The shareholders are "extra hands" who have to be paid but make no return in work and merely raise prices. If there were anything in the way of supply and demand, the corporation burden would remedy itself, but there is no relief in this direction.

If the cold storage plants rendered their useful and necessary service at cost, that is, after paying wages for actual help required and a reasonable return on the actual investment, thus eliminating all the extra middlemen element, prices would go back to a fair normal state. This, however, would require the restriction of the cold storage companies to the business of cold storage. In order to satisfy the demands of their "middlemen" shareholders they all speculate, and hugely, on fresh provisions, which they buy at low prices, frequently clearing the country of its produce, which they then hoard until prices are high, and then unload at a big advance.

Prices can be controlled thru the cold storage warehouses in the most effective and easy manner. If the government desired to get the produce of the country into the hands of the consumer at the cheapest price, the cold storage warehouses would be taken over and run at cost for the public advantage.

Mr. Hanna and Prices.

When Hon. Mr. Hanna said that it was impossible to control the price of food, strangers must have thought that he never had heard of a trust or a corporation which does nothing else but control prices thruout its career. If it were not to control prices there would be very little use in a trust. It controls them up and it controls them down. It controls them for the producer and it controls them for the consumer.

People who don't know Mr. Hanna say he should consult a trust and learn how to control prices from the boss controller. Those who do know Mr. Hanna wonder what he has been doing with his time, that he has not yet learned how.

The art and science of controlling prices are the favorite studies of the trusts and it is almost incredible that Mr. Hanna should have escaped some knowledge of this description. If he could be induced to apply it now for the benefit of the people all would be forgiven.

Open the Etobicoke Bridge.

Editor World: The city council should take immediate action to compel the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission to open the bridge over the Etobicoke River to traffic. It is simply a barefaced insult to the City of Toronto to close the short strip of road from the end of the highway coming in from Hamilton and the beginning of the road to the City of Toronto, a distance of only five or six hundred yards. It means that motorists and all vehicular traffic must make a detour of several miles over city streets, a distance of about twenty miles, to get to the city. This is absolutely unnecessary. The commission is building a short new piece of road to the bridge, and in order to convenience themselves and without any reason or consideration for the public, have closed this little piece of road. I motored out the road, as it is called, to Port Credit, on Labor Day and met in the neighborhood of 500 motorists, each one feeling that way, while every short distance a car was on the roadside replacing a tire or fixing something that had been broken over this abominable road. There is at present no other entrance to the city except one were to go away north of the Dundas road, a distance of about 22 miles. As the traffic into Toronto is very heavy during the fall season, especially for business purposes, it is absolutely necessary that as short and easy a road into the city be kept open and maintained. Otherwise the city will suffer great loss. Toronto has this summer lost thousands of dollars because of the gross mismanagement of this undertaking. I was in Grimsby a fortnight ago for a week-end, and at the Village Inn met a small party of Americans motoring from New York, and they told me they were not going to Toronto because they had been warned of the bad road in from Port Credit. Hamilton was as far as they were going. Hundreds of motoring parties did the same thing.

When one considers that Toronto is paying one-half the total cost of the highway and that the stretch into the city has been left to the last, one wonders whose fault it is that this arrogant commission have been able to get away with such a high-handed and utterly atreud procedure. They actually tore up the road from the Hamlet to near Port Credit three years ago and only this summer began the laying of the cement. It is true there was a dispute over the right of way, but in view of the vast interests at stake the commission should never have put a spade into the work until the route was definitely and finally settled. As it is, farmers from around Port Credit have had to make a detour via the Dundas road, a distance of over 20 miles, when hauling produce to Toronto, for three years and a half, and likewise motorists and others going west have had

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Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two and One-Half Per Cent. for the current quarter, being at the rate of

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MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, next, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Fifteenth Day of September.

By order of the board,
GEO. H. SMITH,
Secretary.
Toronto, August 29th, 1917.

The Patriotic Hog

By William Henry Taylor, Author of "Canadian Seasons," etc.

Fair ladies, lords and gentlemen, here's a line which blushes not to eulogize the swine: The "Ex." or "Fair" displays the varied charms. Which brains and beauty cultivate on farms; Of all attractions in the catalog, There's none to match the patriotic hog.

Why titter at this unpoetic theme? Just saunter thru the pens to muse and dream. See all these porkers, happy, full, content, They live to eat for man's ravishment. Who more and grunt in pious ravishment. And pride of race has curled each lovely tail. No "slackers" here, they "do their bit" with vim, And make munitions for our Jack and Jim.

Deep wisdom glows in their curriculum, They live to eat for man's swinish aim. Their lives are one daydream of milk and meal, No bapisms thrill the soul like Piggy's squeal.

That cherub there, that ducky, daisy, dear, That dream in bacon, has no care or fear Of death or judgment; nay, he hopes to live Transformed to hero-class—superlative. No wizard yet can turn the trick like he, No scientist can match his metamorphosis. He swallows all the food that he can hold—When, presto! change! the meal is turned to gold; No doubt his pride will swell when he has found That bacon sells for fifty cents a pound.

What was the argument we tried to chew? Oh, yes—as patriots, hogs to trough are true; Their country needs their pork, their death is sure, And nabobs wait, their sides and hams to cure; In short, they shame our mouthe demagogues, And are, par excellence, real titled hogs.

Another breed of swine, untamed and lean, With hoofs and snouts to fear, outside are sent; They rip with brilliant greed our sacks of corn, And Harvest's garments by their tusks are torn. Our Lord cast devils out who entered swine, Then they ran down to—well—perhaps the Rhine; No doubt they floated on and crossed the sea. To seek to do the same, the swine are sent; These "armored tanks" are patriots, every one. Who "win-the-dollars" from each mother's son; Just now their Sire, the Boar of Darkness reigns, Thru Mammon's wiles, which give us stomach-pains; They are the "missing link" which Darwin sought, They'll find their pens where bread and meat is bought.

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to do the same. There was absolutely no good reason for this and it can be ascribed only to the general indifference to public rights which has characterized the work of this commission right from the first. Even now, when the road is being widened, and is now available, only one mixer is working, and there is no doubt the road will not be finished at the present rate of going. A commission which estimates \$800,000 for a road which will cost more than that, and is not nearly finished, has certainly abominable judgment. What Toronto's people should do now is to insist that the commission to open the short stretch of road across the Etobicoke River, and to send out investigators to find out if it would not be well to take the completion of this long-delayed and grossly mismanaged public undertaking out of the hands of the men entrusted with this long-delayed and grossly mismanaged public undertaking, and to let it be done by a committee of citizens, who will be compelled to make a trip to take points westward, and to let the public interest you will publish this. Resident of Toronto and Port Credit, Toronto, Sept. 4, 1917.

A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION

Editor World: This is the thirty-eighth year of our fair. I often wonder how far our city people understand the greatness of the institution, even when compared with the results in education and in the exploiting of our country. The fair is a great success, and the exhibition and the occasional widely separated World's Fairs. I have seen many like Noel Marshall, who even takes time from his Red Cross work for this civic duty, and who have managed this tremendous enterprise, our deepest gratitude are inspired.

The fair with its open-air stage and grand-stand is the "show that can't be taken home." For many centuries this has been a great feature in all fairs where agriculture, domestic inventions, rare merchandise from abroad, indeed any product of man, is brought into competition, but there is a great deal of humanity in a man, and because of this keen sympathy with the exhibitors, the fair will go on in a day, confident that each year many new and intensely interesting things will have been provided for their pleasure and benefit. We cannot pay our debt to these directors, but we can express our sincere thanks for what they have done.

B. E. Walker.

SPECIAL EXCURSION SEPT. 10TH

Toronto to Saguenay and Return \$45.00.

Here is an opportunity that must appeal to all who know anything of the delights of a boat trip holiday. First there comes the scenery of the 1,000 Islands, called by travelers the "Venice of America." Europe has no counterpart of the marvelous St. Lawrence Rapids. Busy Montreal comes next, then quaint old Quebec, across New France.

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WOMAN'S DEATH PUZZLES DOCTORS

Mabel Reynolds Died in Hospital Without Regaining Consciousness.

Mystery surrounds the death of Mabel Reynolds, aged 22, who died at 4:20 yesterday morning in St. Michael's Hospital. On Tuesday night she visited the Pekin Cafe, over 143 Yonge street, and after going to the home of friends at 117 Pembroke street became violently ill and was taken to St. Michael's Hospital. When admitted to the hospital she was unconscious and never regained consciousness up till the time of death. Doctors who attended the young woman were unable to ascertain the cause of death. Chief Coroner A. J. Johnson, who was notified, ordered an inquest. Coroner W. J. McCollum empaneled a jury at the morgue last night and after the remains had been identified adjourned the hearing until next Monday night.

Two witnesses attended the inquest last night, but did not testify. Mrs. May Fellows, whose home is in Napanee, Ontario, was with Miss Reynolds on Monday evening. She could not be located by the police to be served with a summons to attend the inquest, and Policeman Pilling, who is handling the case for No. 4 police division, arrested her last night on a charge of vagrancy. The police were informed that Mrs. Fellows intended leaving for Montreal to avoid being called to testify at the inquest. This was denied by the woman, who declared that she was merely intending to return to her home in Napanee.

Liquor Spotter Goes to Farm For Theft of Roll of Bills

Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing a number of Mexican five dollar bills in the home of Robert Johnson on Gerrard street, Truman Hinch was sentenced to serve four months at the jail farm. Hinch was employed by the government as a liquor "spotter." While searching the home of Johnson along with Plainclothesmen Scott and Ward, Hinch stole the bills. After the arrest of Johnson the bills and a pair of earrings were missed and Hinch was accused. He pleaded guilty to the charge of theft of the bills, but denied that he took the earrings. Magistrate Denison, who presided yesterday, morning remarked that it was a serious case, as Hinch had been employed to enforce the law and not to break it. Johnson was fined \$400 and costs or six months for selling liquor.

THREE BOYS ARRESTED. Brought From Hamilton to Face Charge of Stealing Motor Car.

The Hamilton police yesterday arrested three boys, Gordon Farrell, Jas. Melville and Hubert Kilchen, on a charge of theft of a motor car owned by G. M. Watt, 119 Riverdale avenue, Toronto. The motor car was reported stolen on Tuesday, and was last seen on Dundas street. The Hamilton police were notified to look out for the car, and made the arrests. Detective Mulholland last night brought the trio back here for trial.

If you want a business opportunity keep your eye on the classified advertisement section.

CAUGHT WITH STOLEN BICYCLE.

Ralph Mutton of Tordorden Arrested Last Night.

Acting Detective Oxlund arrested Ralph Mutton of Tordorden last night on request of the Hamilton police. Mutton is charged with stealing a bicycle in Hamilton. When apprehended by Oxlund he was disposing of the wheel to a second hand dealer.

LAST CHANCE FOR HARVESTERS

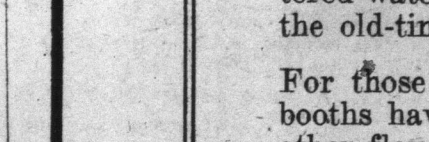
Owing to the great need of farm laborers in western Canada, and the lateness of the harvest, arrangements have been made by the Canadian Northern Railway for additional excursions on Sept. 10th and 12th from all points west of and including Ottawa, Ont., at the rate of \$12.00 to Winnipeg, plus half a cent a mile beyond. This will be positively the last opportunity of taking advantage of a reduced fare to the west, where high wages and every prospect of three months work prevail. For tickets and all information, apply to City Ticket Office, 52 King street east, or Ticket Office, Union Station, Toronto, or 7 James street north, Hamilton.

LENIENCY FOR SOLDIER.

For stealing \$75 from W. D. Wilson, Joseph Hilton will spend the next 60 days at the jail farm. Hilton was allowed out on suspended sentence a short time ago on a similar charge, and Magistrate Denison remarked that his previous record warranted a longer term, but on account of the prisoner being a returned soldier he would be lenient.

AND HE DID.

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AND HE DID.



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LODGES

LODGE MEMBER WOUNDED.

Court Express, No. 801, C.O.F., held its regular meeting last evening in the Foresters' Hall, the chair being taken by J. Craig, chief ranger. A report was received of a member of the lodge having been wounded in action, Pte. W. Rhem of 200 Marlborough avenue, who is now in hospital in Manchester, England, and as far as is known is progressing favorably. Another member, Pte. L. L. Querre, who was wounded a short time back, it was stated has now returned to his home in Toronto.

SUNNYSIDE LODGE MEETS.

At last night's meeting of Sunnyside Lodge, No. 449, I.O.O.F., in the Odd-fellows' Temple, arrangements were made for the first initiation meeting for the season, to be held shortly, at which several prominent speakers are to be invited. The chair was taken by J. J. Rhem, noble grand.

ARRANGING WINTER PROGRAM.

At last night's meeting of Central Lodge, No. 322, I.O.O.F., in the Odd-fellows' Temple, the chair being taken by W. McGinnis, noble grand, arrangements were made for the holding of a series of socials at the lodge during the coming winter, in order to raise funds for those members overseas. This lodge has an honor roll containing eight names, of whom one has been killed in action.

MANY OVERSEAS

Report Submitted Shows Large Number of Loyal True Blues Fighting in France.

Lady Erne Lodge, No. 5, L. T. B. met last evening in Victoria Hall, Mrs. W. G. Parley, vice mistress, presiding. Miss L. Y. Connor, the secretary, submitted the Grand Lodge report, which showed the order to be in a first-class financial condition. The membership now totals 563, being an increase over that of last year of 124. There are now 134 lodges in Ontario, being an increase of 13 lodges during the past year. The total number of members now overseas is 559, of which number 27 are old boys from the Loyal True Blue Orphanage at Picton, Ontario, and one has been honored by being awarded the Military Medal. The past year has been the best in the history of the order, despite war conditions, and it was stated that there is now money enough in hand to pay off the mortgage on the home. There are at present 53 children in the home, and it is contemplated building a new wing.

TO HOLD CONVENTION

Knights of Malta Call General Chapter to Discuss War and Economy. At last night's meeting of St. John's Commandery, No. 1, Knights of Malta, in Victoria Hall, the chair being taken by W. C. K. Gockingham, commander, arrangements were made for the holding of a meeting of Chapter General of Canada in the near future, to discuss legislation and the changes in the constitution, with a view to economy during the war. At this meeting plans will be formulated for the betterment of the order in general. The following were appointed as delegates: Eros. A. Kay, W. Allen and W. W. Foster.

COURT HOPE OF CANADA.

Reception Tendered to the High Court Officials. A special meeting of Court Hope of Canada, No. 864, A.O.F., was held last evening in St. George's Hall, when a reception was accorded to the newly-elected high court officials. The officers present were A. Martin, high court secretary; W. Goddard, high court junior woodward; and E. W. Swain, high court senior woodward, who delivered short addresses. It was reported that another member of the court had been wounded in action, Bro. Pte. E. Swain, and several letters were read from other members now on the firing line. W. Lenley, delegate to the high court, presented his report of the high court meeting, which was adopted.

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ALD. GIBBONS PLEADS FOR CIVIC CAR MEN

Board of Control Orders Stay in Ten Days' Notice Given City Employees.

Asking that the city's order to heads of departments to dismiss all temporary men employed since the beginning of the war and to employ returned soldiers in their places be not made to apply to those in the employ of the civic car service, Alderman J. Gibbons appeared before the board of control yesterday. He stated that some of the men about to be laid off were discharged soldiers, who thru physical disability had been unable to go overseas. The board ordered that the 10 days' notice to quit, recently issued to the works department, be stayed. The matter will be further considered next Wednesday.

BOY HAS LEG BROKEN.

Three-year-old Edward Jones fell off the verandah of his home at 1 Osgillave avenue yesterday afternoon and broke his right leg. He was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children.

SIX BOOTHS AT THE EXHIBITION

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