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TOMORROW'S CONVENTION

Tomorrow the men of business, the professional men, the representatives of labor, and the members of patriotic societies in the city are invited to attend for an hour to the king's business.

They are asked to go to the Imperial Theatre tomorrow morning to show their sympathy with the Win-the-war conventions in the various provinces, which are to be followed by a national convention in Montreal in April, just before the reassembling of parliament.

This is a non-partisan movement to unite the people and to centre the best thought of the greatest minds of Canada upon the task of winning the war, and upon the problems relating thereto, as well as those other problems to be solved after the war.

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Whatever is to be done should be hastened, for the crisis of the great struggle is at hand. This year should see the end of the war, but it may last longer. Whether the end comes this year or next, Canada has a duty unperformed, and the people should not rest content until the half million men have been enlisted, and until proper steps have been taken to provide for all the returning soldiers now and after the war.

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The centre was officially opened last September, and during the first two months there were 508 mothers enrolled. The children examined represent every section of the city and county. In nationality the Americans lead with German second. Other nationalities include Irish, Swedish and Polish. The educational standing of the parents shows that the largest percentage have completed the eighth grade; second, the high school, third, the college or university, and fourth, those who left school before the eighth grade.

The purpose of the new organization is to place within the reach of all parents, practical and scientific knowledge in the care and development of the child, to awaken in the mothers a motherly love and status of motherhood. The methods of accomplishment are through education and social service.

The Chamber of Commerce has furnished free quarters for exhibits, lectures, and demonstrations, and it is expected that after the work is more fully established and it has been demonstrated to the city and county governments that valuable community service is being rendered financial aid will be forthcoming.

When the representatives of the opposition party meet in this city tomorrow, they will meet as men having a mandate from the people to put an end to the rule of graft, and to restore honor to public life. That was the great issue in the short campaign which closed on Feb. 24, and every opposition candidate, whether he was elected or not, can feel that he has a share in the great task to be performed, and that he has contributed in no small degree to the revolution in provincial politics; for the ability and high character of the opposition candidates as a whole did much to create the feeling of public confidence which gave the victory to their party.

The people of New Brunswick look to this conference in St. John with high hopes. Out of it should come a strong cabinet with a united following, determined to clean house at Fredericton, and convince the country that it is possible to govern a province without the use of corruption funds, and without the pernicious activities of patronage committees and take-off men. The application of business principles to public affairs is neither impossible nor difficult.

The government which cuts loose from graft and sends the grafters about their business will command public confidence and gain the support of the best men of all parties.

The new government which is about to assume the reins of power has before it the example and the fate of a government which did not believe it could rule without graft and the grafters. It has the greatest opportunity that any government could ask, and its friends are confident that it will not fail in its high duty.

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President Wilson will have the full sympathy of the American people in his struggle with the twelve senators who, as he says, "have rendered the great government of the United States helpless and contemptible." By their shameful course they have prevented congress from giving the president the power to arm merchant ships and assert the dignity of the nation in the face of the German submarine menace. We should think these twelve senators would be marked men, and that by their action they had put an end to their own usefulness in the public life of their country.

Fortunately the senate can save the country from the humiliating position to which they have brought it, and President Wilson has made it plain that he will not hesitate to use the means in his power.

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LIGHTER VEIN Progressing. "How is your new house coming along?" "First rate. We've got the roof and the mortgage on."

The Wrong Sister. Mrs. Grump - Emily Smith of the flat upstairs fell on the ice and sprained her wrist.

Group - Emily? What infernal luck! Why wasn't it Geraldine, who pounds the piano?

Warned Against Over-restraint. He - It's hard to keep from kissing her.

She - You must be careful not to over-exert yourself.

"That new girl of mine breaks everything."

"How about the Ten Commandments?"

"Oh, I don't care so much about those; they're not mine, you know."

"So Madge has discovered that the man she married doesn't wear a halo after all?"

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MISTAKEN FRIENDSHIP. To the Editor of the Times-Star: Sir, -According to the press many friends of our returning soldiers have furnished them with liquor either before entering the province or have quietly slipped a bottle to them unobserved on the occasion of a visit.

On New Year's some of these men who had intoxicated smuggled to them in Montreal reached Toronto in a condition that made it very embarrassing for relatives who met them there. While the Hospital Commission is very strict on this point it is next to impossible in the rush to prevent these mistaken friends from passing a bottle to the soldier.

There is still a great need for a campaign of education as to the injurious effects of alcoholic drinks upon the human body. In a manifesto recently issued by one hundred and fifty-seven medical men and women in Birmingham and other Midland towns they say "alcohol is not a real food." It impairs the moral sense, impedes intellectual processes and diminishes the quantity and output of work.

A writer on the Boer themselves - says of the British-Boer war and the endurance of the Boer soldiers: "Many had not even a warm cloak and yet we endured the fiery heat of the African day, and the following piercing cold nights without injury to health. We were often for months under no roof, and in no bed, but no stomach-warmer was ever handed out."

Sir Frederick Treves, writing of the same war, says:

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Mr. J. Brice, Temperance Road, Parry Sound, Ont., writes: "Just a line to praise Dr. Chase's Ointment for what it has done for my wife. She has been suffering with eczema in her head for two years, and has spent no end of money with doctors and for ointments, which did her no good. She had almost given up hope of ever being cured, when someone told her to try Dr. Chase's Ointment. By the use of this Ointment the trouble has left her entirely, so we have unbounded faith in it. I have told several people about the Ointment."

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ly have cloth tops. Hard felt hats meet the eye not much more frequently than straw hats. The prevailing hat may have been suggested to the maker by the death of Col. Cody. It has a very wide and wavy brim, and serves the double purpose of lid and caretrough. The hat must be pulled down on the head until the ears are thrust down and outward, giving an interested questioning expression to the countenance. With the ears thus adjusted the Hat Room Boys don't miss anything. Jewelry is fashionable with both sexes. With both sexes the desire is to have a slim figure. The men look as though they averaged about 120 pounds. The shoulders slightly droop, a suggestion of deference that is better by the pallid, impatient face.

A Sound of Reverly by Night. These are the backbone of the nation, and of the cabaret. If they can maintain the one as well as the other, bring you German war. It is in the hotel dining rooms where there is sure to be music in the evening, and just as certain to be dancing the combination sometimes threatening to develop into the proportions of a revue, that one gets a glimpse of Detroit's prosperity. Cards on the tables announce that "owing to conditions a charge of thirty-five cents for each person is imposed at certain hours, in addition to what the refreshment bill comes to. The "conditions" are the determination of the proprietor to get the extra charge and the anxiety of the diners and dancers to part with it. Wine flows like 2 1/2 per cent. beer, and with greater effect. Water is served under the weight of piled and streaming trays. Guests stagger for private and personal reasons. Food raised on forks is dropped at the preliminary outburst from the orchestra, chairs are pushed back, couples form, and the girl begins the retreat, which, broken only by specified twirls, continues until the end of the dance. Waiters, another quart! So it continues until an hour at which all honest Canadians are sound asleep, and the alarm clocks of the Henry Ford industrial army herald the coming of another day.

Judge Isaac Franklin Russell, chief justice of the Court of Special Sessions of New York, has to make a personal supervision of penal institutions, among them insane asylums, as one of his official duties. He went to the White Plains Asylum recently on a tour of inspection and found several thousand of young Canadians in the past year. Detroit is glad to have them, and probably Canada is glad to have them go to Detroit. Nevertheless, the approach to the Michigan Mecca is much more carefully guarded today than in times past. The train waits an hour in full open while hand-baggage is examined, and there is nothing perfunctory in the scrutiny. One thought of Hanan's bitter reproach to his mother, slightly paraphrased, as the peering customs officer loudly "pawing into your baggage with his damned fingers," nansaked the contents in pursuit of contraband articles, bombs, diamonds or other desirable effects.

The Border Inquisition. His disappointment at being unable to produce a corpus delicti was surpassed by that of his partner, the immigration official, who asked twenty or thirty extremely personal questions in a voice that had been taught to hiss his mother's name in Bremen or Munich. He demanded name, citizenship, purpose of length of proposed visit. Purpose for one amount of money, if any, one carried. To say you were Canadian-born was not enough. Where were you born, and of what nationality were your parents asked. Yes, Was it his mother's name. Where does she live? There is no assumption here that a man lives at the same address as his wife. In the course of ten minutes' catechism the inspector would ask at unexpected intervals the question of how long he had been in the United States. Being on a holiday trip, one naturally repeats the question with horror. Then the color of your eyes, your height, age and other details are noted on a slip and after a non-committal look the official withdrew, and did not reappear later with a pair of handcuffs, as you had expected.

When people used to say that Toronto was like an American city, and being asked what American city, they often said Detroit. It is as much like Detroit today as it is like Warsaw or Erzeroum. One-third of the people in Detroit are Germans, and perhaps another third are Poles, Italians, Russians, Roumanians and other Uiltlanders. Most of them are young men, dressed in the height of the fashion that has just gone out. It is a curious thing that a person who appears to be forty years old is a rarity on the streets of Detroit. The older they are the more doggedly determined they are to look young. The youngest of all are the American Americans, resident and traveling, who haunt, beset and otherwise loaf, lurk and loiter about the hotels. The first thought of a Canadian who enters the lobby is that a convention of chorus men is being held. They have the unmistakable look of fox-trotting experts. Some of them have Charlie Chaplin moustaches, but most are clean-shaven. There is no variation as to coiffure. The hair is brushed back straight, so hard, indeed, that there must be some relaxation of the tension before they can close their eyes. The prevailing color of hair appears to be black with a patent leather gloss.

Hints for Haberdashers. The clothes they wear may be safely attributed to the gorgeous imagination of some Oriental designer. Frequently the coats have bells and plaits in back and front. Buttons are lavished in an unbridled manner on the sleeves. The boys are long and narrow, and general-kind with contem...

Making Certain. The Egyptian is generally inclined to be very liberal in the interpretation of his own laws. A. E. F. Widgall gives an instance in the Cornhill Magazine. An English official died suddenly at a lonely outpost in the Soudan, and the Egyptian officer on whom the charge of affairs had devolved, had wired acquaintances in England to send him a coffin. The Egyptian officer was "received a few hours later. It read: "Have made certain with a revolver."

"Cut it out! Cut it out!" broke in the other. "We've got three men inside now who say they're chief justices."

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Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on - castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

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If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleaning, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach; and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

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