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## DISTRIBUTING RELIEF

The experience of the present winter suggests either that there should be a social welfare department at City Hall, to make investigations, and give emergency relief, or that the Associated Charities should be given a larger grant and made the medium of enquiry and distribution. There are many cases where a mother and children are in sore need of temporary help. "There appears to be an increase in the number of wife desertions. The agent of the Children's Aid Society has lately been called on to investigate a number of such cases, and the stories are pitiful. It is quite true, of course, that there are appeals which on investigation by one experienced in the work prove to be undeserving, but there are also many which call for a helpful response. In order that the work of relief might be carried on promptly and without fraud or waste, it should be centered somewhere, with sufficient funds available. It is quite beyond the strength of one secretary of the Associated Charities to cover the whole city as it should be done, giving judicious relief as well as making investigations. The latter is itself an exacting task. The burden of caring for those who deserve and need relief should be shared by all the citizens. If the city council does not feel that it can afford a new department it should place the Associated Charities in a position to cover the field more thoroughly. This organization knows no race or creed, and every dollar it receives is put to good use—in dealing with urgent cases. Especially is there need of action in regard to deserted wives and mothers, and the wives of men who through illness may be for a time unable to provide for their families. Moreover, the law should be amended to meet the case of men who could provide but refuse to do so.

## THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

The majority by which the emergency tariff bill, known as the Fordney Bill, passed the House of Representatives at Washington proves that there is a very strong sentiment in favor of a high tariff. The vote was 196 to 86, and all amendments were promptly voted down. The bill has yet to pass the Senate and receive the president's assent. If it survives both the export trade of Canada will suffer an immediate loss of large proportions. The bill is in the interest of the American farmers and stock-raisers. Canada has but one means of defence, and that is to stop buying American goods. When our neighbors learn that their second best customer is not in the market for their goods of value they will probably reconsider. The author of the Fordney Bill says he expects that when congress meets after the inauguration of President-elect Harding the Dingley or Payne-Aldrich tariff will be re-adopted, the present measure being but temporary to meet an emergency. The Times yesterday quoted a remark by the Toronto Globe to the effect that the old McKinley tariff did not destroy Canada's trade, and any present effort in that direction would have even less chance of success. It may be necessary for Canada to seek other markets, but that should not be an insurmountable difficulty. There will be no disposition in this country to play the part of a mendicant at Washington.

## HOW WE HELP UNCLE SAM.

In view of what is now transpiring at Washington there is food for thought in the following reference to Canada's grain trade. It appears in a despatch from Fort William. "Shipments of wheat from September 1 to the close of navigation have been heavier than any year since 1917, and some interesting statistics have just been prepared by the Board of Grain Commissioners, which show the total wheat shipments to have been \$5,528,385 bushels, of which \$3,022,460 went to Canadian ports. This grain was carried in Canadian vessels, 39,488,442 bushels, and in United States bottoms, 46,059,940 bushels. Shipments of elevator screenings consisted of 41,840 tons, the whole of which went to American ports, Canadian vessels carrying 15,568 tons."

Canada has been very kind to the United States in the matter of its grain trade. Canadian ports and transportation interests have suffered for the benefit of our neighbors. Perhaps now the government at Ottawa and the people of the western provinces will see the wisdom of making Canada independent of her neighbor in regard to transportation. When Mr. St. John Premier Meighen dwelt very strongly on the necessity of such independence, but his government has not yet taken any action so far as the winter ports are concerned to make good his words. Will it do so now?

Only another day to decide whose Christmas you will try to make a happy one. Is not that the essence of Christmas for the grown-ups?

Refined sugar went down to eight cents wholesale in New York this week, and, before that the cash-and-carry stores were selling at nine cents retail.

## MENTAL DEFECTIVES.

Nova Scotia has had for some time a League for the Protection of the Feeble-Minded. It has now changed its name and will hereafter be known as the Nova Scotia Society for Mental Hygiene. It has also decided to enlarge the scope of its work so as to include the work of psychiatric clinics and other phases of mental hygiene. A report of the last meeting says:—"The problem of the mentally defective is of vital importance today, and the adoption of measures to solve it should no longer be deferred or neglected. It is a province wide question and claims the thoughtful attention of everyone, and the Nova Scotia Society for Mental Hygiene aims to make itself one of the means of securing some solution of this problem, some action whereby conditions in our country may be made better than they are today. It is the purpose of its members to leave nothing undone that can be done to secure permanent care and protection and education for the mentally deficient in our province."

The province of New Brunswick has the same problem, as the Times pointed out in an article on this subject a few days ago. The number of mental defectives is steadily increasing, with no provision for their proper care or to prevent a further increase in their numbers. We have mental defectives from Europe, but we permit them to multiply at home.

Toronto Globe:—"The most remarkable achievement of the Assembly of the League of Nations, after all, was the fact that it survived the first session without signs of serious disintegration. The withdrawal of the Argentinian delegation in a fit of pique was regarded as a merely personal episode, without influence on the course of events. It was more than offset by the admission of several new members, including Austria and Bulgaria. The Assembly did everything possible to facilitate the entrance of the United States, which is essential to the highest purpose for which the League was created. If it made no revolutionary decisions and evaded the question of disarmament, the reasons were not discreditable. It failed to do so, but it was certain of a great deal of common ground. That in itself is something to rejoice over."

Of the financial situation in Canada the Toronto Globe says:—"Within the next week or two several Canadian banks will be issuing their annual statements, and a further indication will be presented of financial conditions. Those presented so far have shown a profitable period, though the higher costs through increased salaries in some cases have prevented any considerable change in return on capital invested. It is probable that transactions in exchange have added materially to the profits of several Canadian banks this year, while current loans carried on the inflated levels which have prevailed until recently would naturally bring a larger return, even allowing for the moderation of the increase in rates charged by the lenders."

A New York paper pays this left-handed compliment to the police detectives of that city: "Two hundred of New York's police detectives met to elect officers of the Detective's Brotherhood Association at the Police Club, at 145 Riverside Drive last night at the time when the murderers of a Fifth Avenue jeweller were probably still trying to escape from the city, when a police lieutenant was shot to death on Broadway, when an unidentified Russian was being investigated in the street—when even the City Administration was beginning to take note of the fact that crimes are being committed here. The meeting attended to routine business, elected new officers, and passed a resolution favoring the Police Hospital."

The New York Evening Post is jealous over the new method of saving the United States from all harm. It says:—"Physicians at the capital are prescribing Embargo for that rundown feeling. Is the labor market out of sorts? Try Embargo. Do what prices get up there in the morning? Try Embargo. Do you feel a strong deficit coming on in the Treasury? Embargo will fix you up. Embargo works in all cases. It helps if you know what is the matter with you and it helps still more if you don't know. The point is not to waste time studying your symptoms. At the first sign of trouble lock the doors on the world and go to bed."

## N. B. COAL SITUATION.

According to John Henderson of the Wilton-Henderson Coal Co., Minto, said that operations at the mines are at a standstill although there is plenty of coal. Large concerns, who formerly took the entire output of this mine, have, in some instances, cancelled their orders. It will be necessary to suspend operations at the mine. The price has dropped from \$9 a ton to \$6.50 a ton. A considerable reduction in wages will also be necessary, Mr. Henderson said.



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## USELESS REGRETS.

I'm old and badly on the blink; I have no brains with which to think, no teeth with which to eat; my head is bald, my ears are blind, and my cumatix, the compound kind, is sizzling in my feet. I often gnash my toothless jaws, and wring my hands, with ample cause, regretting past mistakes; I once was quite a busy lad, who didn't need a liver pad, and knew no pains or aches. I didn't guard my precious health, which was a better thing than wealth, a better thing than fame; I jogged along with heedless fools and violated all the rules, and now I'm stiff and lame. I trace each ailment to its source, to conduct foolishly vain and coarse, in days when I was young; because of breaks made long ago I now have corns on every toe, a spavin on each lung. I see the young folks go their way, and turn the night time into day, where sports chase by in streams; they paint the town three shades of red when they should safely be in bed, and dreaming moral dreams. And when they're old they'll pay the bill; they'll look back from life's western hill, regretting conduct wrong, and there would be no bills to pay had they but walked the narrow way when they were young and strong.

## CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

### CHAMPLAIN AS CHURCHMAN

The gallant French general, the Marquis of Montcalm, complained bitterly, in the days of his rule in Quebec of the wild careers and personal lives of many of his officers. That condition had been true also of the new colony when Sanguet de Champlain, famous governor and explorer, first began his work in the new world. But he was a great son of the Catholic Church and a man of excellent morals himself. He was determined that French Canada should be of a moral type and that the Indians of the forests should be taught the story of the Christ. Black friars and other religious order leaders were always at the table of the governor. He had erected in Quebec a little chapel where the priests ministered to the spiritual needs of the district. The bell on the sanctuary called the colony to prayer at regular intervals. Officers and privates in the army, the settlers who were starting life anew on the banks of the St. Lawrence and even the Indians met together then to worship a common God.

Champlain taught the Indians that firewater was a curse. He was kind to them always and made them the friends of New France so that when death came to him there were no more sincere mourners than the savages of the French area. He taught that trade and war were of less consequence than the progress of the church. He sent missions far and wide throughout the land—partly to explore the country and find new sources of wealth but also to bring the Gospel to the braves of the wood. France, he taught, aimed the conquer the world, by the sword or by the Cross. He was the aim of the great Huron mission.

### THE UNBROKEN LINE.

We who have trod the borderlands of death,  
Where courage high walks hand in hand  
With faith, we need not hearken unto the Spirit  
saith,  
"All ye were brothers there, be  
brothers here!"  
We who have struggled through the battle  
flame,  
Where men were men and every man  
divine,  
While in our brave hearts perished for  
us,  
By chivalled ash-holes stained with  
life's rich wine  
Let us not lose the exalted love which  
came  
From comradeship with danger and  
the joy  
Of strong souls kindled into living  
flame  
By one supreme desire, one high  
employ.  
Let us draw closer in these narrower  
years,  
Be we still the eternal visions  
spread;  
We who outmastered death and all its  
fears  
Are one great army still, living  
and dead.  
CHRISTMAS, 1920. CANON SCOTT.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Merely Practising.  
He had been trying for at least fifteen minutes to get a number on the telephone. First of all, he had been given the wrong one four times in succession, then central furnished him with some diversion by showing him in on a busy line where two women were talking avidly about new hats. He had given the number at least ten times, and was slightly out of patience when a new voice broke in over the wire, cool and sweet. "Number, please?" "Oh, I don't care," he shouted. "Any old number will do. I'm only practising. Some day I may want to get a real number."

Youthful caddies are famous for their sage or cynical observations. On one occasion a stranger asked one of them: "What is considered a good score on these links?" "Well, sir," replied the youngster solemnly, "most of the guys tries to do it in as few strokes as they can, but it ain't really taken more."

The farmer paused, open-mouthed, in front of the fire station. "Dye have many fires in this town?" he asked. "Pretty often," replied a fireman. "Ever saw any of 'em?" "No, but I can turn out?" said the inquirer. Just then the alarm was sounded, and in a moment the men rushed to their posts, the doors flew open and the horses were prancing down the street. "Gosh," said the farmer, "there ain't many fellows who would go to such a lot of trouble to show a fellow what they can do!"

A workman in a factory received a bad cut on the face. Before they could get him to the doctor's office he fainted. The first thing the doctor did was to pour a large drink of bottled in bond down him. The doctor then dressed his wound and the man went on his way. But in about half an hour the man was back at the office with his wife, and as he came in he said, "She won't believe me."

"Won't believe what?" exclaimed the doctor.

With that the wife cried out, "I've lived with this man too long not to know when he's drunk and been fainted!"

## GOLDEN RULE WINS, SAYS JOHN D., JR.

Becoming New Law of Business, He Tells His Former Bible Class.

(New York Times)

The Golden Rule can be practiced in all walks of life, including the financial world, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. yesterday told his Young Men's Bible Class at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Rockefeller had not led the class for some time, and 297 men turned out to greet their former teacher. Use of the Christmas bits of advice Mr. Rockefeller offered the men was never to say an unkind word to their wives. His topic was "A Christmas Application of the Golden Rule."

"I know from personal experience that questions which seem large in the industrial and financial world are easily dealt with through the Golden Rule," said Mr. Rockefeller. "After the trouble a few years ago of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company I sat with the men who spent their time among men many of whom had hated the very name I bore, I never once received unkind treatment except two men came to my office and said, 'We are sorry we have been so unkind to you.'"

Mr. Rockefeller defined the Golden Rule as "Drive your own governing human relationships." He said that it was the only inflexible, workable way, and that successful business men were governed by that principle. "This makes us see that peace can only come as good," he said. "This good will is the same in international relationships. You cannot drive men you can lead them with words. What a part we may have in bringing to pass that rule!" "There can be no peace unless there is good will. I stand before you to say that there is no other rule which will work today. This is the day of the easiest way. Not one of us is working as hard as we used to. Young people in the schools are getting their work done by their teachers. No nation can advance unless its people have strong wills."

### TELLS OF WILHELM'S EFFORT TO ESCAPE

Was Found Concealed Under Load of Hay Leaving Castle Grounds.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—"I wish the people of Canada could see the precautions which the Netherlands government has taken for the safe keeping of Count Hohenlohe," said Dirk Van Vught, a Dutch journalist here. "The force was increased recently after the Dutch government became aware of a conspiracy to remove the emperor from the country."

### MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Hon. Frank G. Howland, president of the Barre (Vt.) Savings Bank and Trust Company, has been arrested charged with the embezzlement of \$2,950 from the bank, which has been closed by State Bank Commissioner Carpenter and the Trustee Council. The reduction will become effective Jan. 8.

Thomas Farrow, of Farrow's Bank, London, was brought into court yesterday charged with having issued a false balance sheet in last June to induce people to advance money to the bank. He was remanded for three weeks, bail be-

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ing fixed at \$14,000 with additional surties of \$14,000. Protests have been made to Washington against the seizure of communion wine shipped from California to Rt. Rev. Dr. Huntington, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Nevada by a prohibition inspector. The incident is described as a high handed outrage.

**Shoe Man's Will**  
Boston, Dec. 23.—The will of Joseph M. Herman, president of the Joseph M. Herman Shot Company, filed in the Suffolk Registry of Probate, gives his

widow \$100,000 outright, and an annual income of \$30,000.

The sum of \$10,000 is left in trust to Mr. Herman's brother-in-law, Harry Solomon, to be used by him for the purpose of medical research, and he is authorized to expend the same in connection with or through any existing hospital, medical school, or institution of learning, or by establishing a private laboratory. The executor of Mr. Herman are given \$5,000 to be distributed among non-sectarian institutions, associations or societies, for benevolent, charitable or educational purposes. Mr. Herman left the A. C. Ratchesky Foundation \$5,000; the Federate Jewish Charities, \$5,000; the Hebrew Industrial School of Boston, \$500; and \$500 to the

burgmaster of the town of Altan Kustadt, Bavaria, Germany, to be distributed among the poor of that town.

Henry W. Bird, Catherine Rand and John Collins, who were in the employ of Mr. Herman, are each given \$500, and each domestic in his household, including the chauffeur, is to have \$100.

Jane Cameron was taken by Sergeant Collins to Moncton last night on the 11:25 train. She was taken in charge by the local police yesterday for the case of George Cameron, charged with bigamy, whose trial is now going on in that city. The Moncton newspapers intimated that one of the women in the alleged bigamy case was in St. John.

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