

TICKER TALKS

A severe cut in the cotton acreage is not now considered likely.

William Ham was a success as a war hero until an inquisitive girl tickled his wooden leg, whereupon he giggled. Six months.

Four finger-tips are at the Detroit police headquarters waiting a claimant. They were bitten off by a taxi-driver when a hold-up man tried to gag him.

An agent for a cheque protecting device has fallen into the hands of the police for alleged forgery, something his machine was supposed to make impossible.

A Judge in the United States finding judging unprofitable tried a side-line. Last April, two rabbits; this April, fifty rabbits and \$75. "How can you stop 'em," he enquires.

The German Colonial Minister is going to attend the Peace Conference. If he has anything to do elsewhere, his junior clerk could substitute for him at the conference.

"More expensive than champagne and not so exhilarating," said Fred Dowell, dairyman, paying \$15 for a quart of water, Fred having been caught diluting the milk.

That will be a unique apartment house which is to be erected in Detroit, and in which the essential qualification for tenancy will be children. "Adults only," need not apply.

"What about butter?" That is the question which does not appear so frequently on the Order Paper of the housewife, as some other questions appear on the Order Paper of the House.

Having asked that question a correspondent proposes to mystify us and our readers by asking another which reads: "Does dairying pay?" The answer to which is, "It would if they got butter prices."

The Toronto Globe says that paying rent on May 1st is a curious and romantic custom. Lots of tenants we know fail to see any romance in the custom.

Imagine a leaky ice-cream cone coursing down your spine and act accordingly, or wiggle as hard as you can wiggle. This is one description given of the "Shivery shimmy shake," the very latest American dance.

The treasurer of the Grand Trunk wishes to acknowledge the receipt of \$15 conscience money. If this goes on the G. T. R. will soon be in a position to meet their overdue liabilities.

Fifty years without a "cuss word" was the wonderful record claimed by Thomas Howell, school janitor, of Bellville, Ill., when charged with abusing a pupil. A five dollar fine nearly broke his record.

Bill Kaiser, of St. Louis, Mo., is no name for a respectable, loving war veteran. So Bill convinced the local court that Travis sounded better as a "monicker" for a wounded American soldier.

The management of the Metcalf Candy Co., Kitchener, Ont., have announced a profit-sharing scheme. Five per cent. of the net profits will be divided among the employees. So the employees are going to get some candy as well as make it.

G. T. R. PRESIDENT.



HOWARD G. KELLEY,

President of Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways, who is in Ottawa at present negotiating for the directorate in Great Britain with the probability of selling the entire system to the Canadian people.

MEETINGS AND DIVIDENDS

Willys Overland regular quarterly 25 cents, payable May 1 to stock record of April 15.

United Cigar Stores regular quarterly 2¼ per cent, payable May 15 to holders of record April 28.

Dominion Steel regular quarterly 1½ per cent on preferred payable May 1 to stock record of April 15.

Dominion Coal regular quarterly 1¾ per cent on preferred, payable May 1 to stock record of April 12.

Merchants Bank of Canada—Regular quarterly dividend of 2¾ per cent, payable May 1 to holders of record April 15.

Howard-Smith Paper Mills Co. — Regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent. on the preferred stock, payable April 15 to holders April 10.

National Breweries 3½ per cent on preferred for six months ending April 30, payable May 1 to stock record of April 16.

Dominion Coal Company has declared a dividend on the preferred stock of 1¾ per cent., payable May 1 to shareholders of record of April 12.

Dominion Steel Corporation has declared a dividend on the preferred stock of 1½ per cent., payable May 1 to shareholders of record of April 15.

Midwest Refining Company declared the usual quarterly dividend of \$1, with an extra 50 cents per share, or at the rate of \$6 for the year, or 12 per cent., on the shares of \$50 each. The dividend is payable May 1 on stock of April 15.

The net earnings of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, for eleven months to February 28, 1919, after providing for bond interest, taxes and depreciation on inventories, amount to \$112,266.79, and it is estimated that for the full twelve months ending March 31, 1919, they will exceed \$125,000. The directors have decided to declare a dividend of five per cent on the common stock.

NEWSY NOTES

The Polish Diet has authorized the Government to raise a foreign loan of five billion francs.

The Great Cobar Copper mines of New South Wales have been closed owing to the continuance of the embargo on the export of copper.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., announce the resumption of their Montreal to Antwerp service from May next.

Argentina shows a trade balance of \$333,503,931 for the year 1918. Her exports were \$797,568,640, as against imports of \$464,064,709.

Mrs. Wood, of the London War Pensions Committee who lately visited Toronto, announced that she thought Canada's scale of pensions was very generous and the department well administered.

The beer and wine referendum in the Province of Quebec will be held on April 10th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., railway time, or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. parliamentary time.

Australia does not want truck or trade with the Huns. Requests received there from a German firm in New York to resume business relations were flatly and promptly turned down.

The Canadian Trade Commissioner at Yokohama has sent word that the Japanese Government has abolished the duty on importations of wheat and barley while the duty on flour has been reduced.

Jamaica is anxious that the Canadian Government should run a steamship service to Jamaica and offers a subsidy to a direct line service. Shipping companies have been excluded from the payment of taxes under the income tax bill there by the Legislative Council of Jamaica.

The Civil Service regulations have been amended to allow returned soldiers to compete at the examinations without the required three years of office experience and marks in the nature of a bonus will be given to those who secure the stipulated percentage in all other subjects at the examination.

Direct-General Hines, of the Railroad Administration refused to accept the price readjustments arranged by the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce in conference with representatives of the steel industry. The Railroad Administration is the largest purchaser of steel in the United States and as a consequence the matter has been referred back to the Board.

A white paper has been issued by the British Foreign Office containing a collection of reports on Bolshevism in Russia. It constitutes a terrible arraignment of the principles and methods of Bolshevik rule, the appalling incidents by which it has been accomplished, the economic consequences which flowed from it, and the almost incalculable misery it has produced.

Customs receipts for the year ended March 31st show a decrease of \$3,209,343. The total receipts for the preceeding year were \$159,681,046, while for last year they came to only \$156,471,703. For the month of March the decrease was \$651,361.

An association has been formed in Australia called the Empire Trade Defence Association, consisting of women who have pledged themselves to purchase no goods of enemy origin.