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## RURAL DISTRICTS AND HEALTH.

Political opponents of Hon. Dr. Roberts have sought to convey the impression that the public health act is a quite unnecessary burden upon the people of the rural districts. The fact is that investigation has proved in this and other countries that in proportion to population the ravages of tuberculosis, typhoid fever, diphtheria, and some other diseases are greater in those districts than in the cities. Indeed the whole trend of the modern health movement is to carry to the rural districts the benefits of trained nursing and cottage hospitals, with active officers to co-operate with physicians and look after sanitation and other matters pertaining to the health of the people. During the past year the people of St. John were told by a distinguished visitor of the success of the nurse and cottage hospital movement in British Columbia, where it was greatly appreciated by the people, who were thus enabled to get quick help when needed. This paper was told a few days ago of a case in a district within twenty miles of St. John last winter, where because of distance and weather conditions a woman came to her confinement with neither doctor nor nurse in attendance. There are many pathetic cases in rural districts when an emergency finds a family practically helpless. To say that it has always been so is not an argument against a change for human life is precious and the means of conserving it should be brought as nearly as possible within the reach of all. Especially is it necessary to have an organization to act quickly and effectively to prevent the spread of contagious diseases and the evils that come in their train. Education in matters pertaining to public health is also of the first importance, and this is a part of the task of a health department.

## AT CROSS PURPOSES.

President Wilson has vetoed the peace resolution "as an inefficacious stain upon the gallantry and honor of the United States." The senate foreign relations committee has rejected President Wilson's proposal for an American mandate over Armenia. The game of politics goes merrily on. A resolution to recognize the Irish republic was defeated by only one vote in the House committee on foreign affairs. The congressmen are apparently more eager to meddle with the affairs of the United Kingdom than to preserve their own dignity, declare peace with Germany and assume their rightful responsibility with other nations in bringing peace to the Near East. Meanwhile the League of Nations commission on plans for the formation of an international court of justice will meet shortly at the Hague, and the United States will take no part. It is an extraordinary situation, and arises, so far as the United States is concerned, from the assumed exigencies of partisan politics. It cannot be believed that the American people as a whole approve of a policy of selfish aloofness, following the part their country took in the war, and in view of the causes proclaimed for their entry into the great struggle. The permanence of that very civilization and that world-peace for which they fought demand that they reject a policy of isolation, and assume their share of the burdens now borne by their allies.

## CENTRAL EUROPE'S TRAGEDY.

A very tragic story is that which is told by Mr. Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, to the American people, relative to conditions in the area between the Baltic, Black and Adriatic Seas. Famine and fever are decimating the people, children are dying in thousands, and there is little or no medical skill or medical supplies, or even food available in many sections of that part of Central Europe. The New York Evening Post says: "The Red Cross and the services of individuals have done their best to cope with destitution and disease now ravaging the peoples of Europe on a scale for which modern history has no parallel. But when Poland comes her typhus cases by the quarter million, when half the population of the Ukraine is swept with typhoid and influenza, when Vienna is ravaged with tuberculosis, when Budapest must feed half of her school children, it is not charity that is demanded but restoration. We must cure, not typhus in Poland, but Poland itself. We must feed the children of Vienna and Budapest by enabling the fathers of Vienna and Budapest to earn bread for their children. Charity can deal only with a fraction of the enormous mass of misery, and even then is sure to break down under the strain. The peoples of Central Europe must be lifted out of the nightmare of economic paralysis, out of the fears and suspicions which are an evil heritage of the war, and must be set to work."

This is a colossal task, and yet one which must be essayed. Mr. Davidson puts the initiative directly up to the American people, and the Evening Post endorses his demand. It says further: "Germany must have aid in order to pay her obligations to the victors. Central Europe outside of Germany must have help for a more immediate obligation; it must have help simply to live."

To help these nations to live we are in turn obligated by the ideals and programmes with which we entered the war. If we fought to free the peoples under the Hapsburg yoke, if we fought to restore Poland, if we fought to make the world safe for democracy, then it is our inescapable duty not to let Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Ukraine perish. The task is a formidable one, but it is not one to paralyze our energies with the fear of failure. If only America will show the way, the rest of the world will follow."

Mr. Davidson points out that Italy, France, Britain and Belgium, despite their own great task of reconstruction, are lending aid and it is for the United States to fulfil her duty. He makes it clear that the danger to America itself is not remote if present conditions go on from bad to worse; and we can readily see what might happen if typhus should break the bounds of Central Europe and move westward. The economic prostration which has overtaken that vast area can only be reversed by help on an enormous scale; and so Mr. Davidson would have congress appropriate \$300,000,000 and place the administration in the hands of a committee of the ablest men the nation can command for the service. There is such a pitiful contrast between the wealth and comfort of the American people and the abject misery of the people of stricken countries now appealing for help that a favorable response would seem to be a foregone conclusion. To quote again from the Evening Post:

"Americans can visualize for themselves what typhus epidemic in the physical sense means for the whole world if it should break out of the confines of Central Europe. Americans can visualize what the moral typhus now devastating Central Europe must ultimately mean for the world—discouragement, idleness, surrender to economic chaos, revolution, the dissolution of all social bonds among one-fifth of Europe's people. Politics cannot enter into America's response to the call for help. Whether we approve the treaty or not, whether we look forward to a League of Nations or not, there can be only one opinion of this country's duty when scores of millions of human beings call to be saved. We may hold aloof from the entanglements of Europe; but we cannot hold aloof from the entanglements of humanity."

Dr. John J. Bowman, president of the American College of Surgeons, is an outstanding authority on the standardization of hospitals, and on many matters relating to public health. His visit to St. John gives opportunity for the citizens to learn his views and gain some information of the highest value in relation to hospital improvement, which has been the subject of so much local discussion in the last year.

Despite all warnings and efforts on the part of the crown lands department of the province to guard against forest fires for this season thus far reveals a great deal of carelessness on the part of persons burning slash, or felling and other parties traversing the woods. Such carelessness is criminal.

At the present rate of progress the North End Improvement League will presently be forced to ask for a skating rink instead of a playground. The north end people know what they want—why not let them choose the ground and go on with the business?

The word Union is to be dropped from the title of the reconstructed, high-tariff party at Ottawa. The party itself will experience a falling sensation when the people get a chance to attend to its case.

The market reports this week note higher prices for a number of articles that are actual necessities of life. The agricultural report indicates a decrease in acreage under crop of 15 to 20 per cent in the province this year. Plant a garden.

The citizen who is not interesting himself or herself in some way in one or another of the playground activities of the season is losing an opportunity to be of service, and to get at the same time a lot of healthy enjoyment.

Much doubt was expressed as to whether the Salvation Army appeal for \$10,000 in St. John would be fully met, but the response of the people leaves the matter no longer in doubt. The work of the Army is universally appreciated.

The fate of Carranza appears to demonstrate that if you want a large funeral in Mexico you should run away and be killed by your friends.

"Up goes lemon extract," says a news item. If more of it went up and less down there would be less work for the police.



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## THE ONLY WAY.

I'm wearing my old raiment, the duds of bygone years, and so I make no payment to clothing profiteers. I've pawned my old tin Lizzie, that burned up costly gas, and now on foot I'm busy—you've doubtless seen me pass. In spite of advertising that profiteers receive, the prices keep on rising, and make the victims grieve. In spite of three or four of last year, in the prints appear, the sharpers try to double the profits on official skatemen, ours is a broken reed. We'll see the robbers flying, defeated, o'er the plain, if we will cut our buying the heedless things and vain. So long as we are spending like drunken men and daff, there cannot be an ending to carnivals of graft. The grafts beyond all pardon, it's worse than a disease; but I have got a garden that's full of beans and peas. I'm buying black brown liver, instead of sifflous fine; and so I shed no river of tears from eyes of mine.

## CANADA—EAST AND WEST

### Domestic Happenings of Other Days

#### THE FIRST MASS.

In the closing days of May, 1615, a ship arrived at Quebec from Honfleur, France, bearing four members of the Recollet Order who had been set aside for missionary work in the new world. They were Fathers Denis Lemay, Jean Dolbeau, Joseph Le Caron and a lay brother, Pacifique du Pleussis. They packed their church ornaments and "our baggage," wrote Champlain of this trip.

Great was the wonder of the Indians when the priests landed at the foot of the rock at Quebec. Their garb consisted of a rude garment of coarse, grey cloth, girt at the waist with the knotted cord of the order and completed with a peaked hood to be drawn over the head. Their naked feet were shod with wooden sandals more than one inch in thickness.

Their first work was to choose a site for their convent. The site they selected near the fortified dwellings and the houses that Champlain had erected. This done, they made an altar and celebrated the first mass ever celebrated in Canada. Father Dolbeau was the officiating priest while all New France knelt on the bare ground around him while the canon from the ships and the fort boomed in honor of the event. Then, in imitation of the Apostolic order, they took counsel together and assigned each his province in the vast field of missionary activity they had come to initiate. Father Le Caron took the Hurons, Father Dolbeau the Montagnais, while for the time Father Jamy and Brother du Pleussis were to remain in Quebec. Father Dolbeau followed the Indians of the Tadoussac region in their wanderings. The Hurons, in their desolate wigwags until he was worn out and almost blinded by the smoke of the wretched homes. He was forced to return to Quebec to regain his health but the next year, undaunted by his past experiences, he went with them even to the borders of the Esquimaux lands. But the hardships of the trip were forgotten in the belief that he was performing a work of vast importance for the Indians and the new world. His experiences were duplicated by those of the other priests, who considered nothing too severe if it would advance the interests of the Church and the Indians in New France.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

A teacher of English describes a money lender as follows: "He serves you in the present tense, lends in the conditional mood, keeps you in the subjunctive and ruins you in the future."

As he marched into the shop at the head of his five sons Slater looked worried. The tailor, scenting a big order, came forward, all smiles and bows. "Yes, sir," he said, "What can I do for you?" "I want suits for these lads," replied Slater, waving a comprehensive hand toward his offspring. "All right," asked the tailor, beaming. "Yes, sir, and would you like any particular material?" "I would," said Slater, in cool despair, "sheet iron."

#### Too Much Realism.

The new play was in rehearsal and a delegation of actors approached the manager. On being received the spokesman said:—"Sir, we have come to ask that a portion of Mr. Brown's part be cut out." "What's at this about? What do you want cut out?" asked the manager. "The part where he, as the disguised count, borrows \$5. Every time he thinks any of us has any money he calls a rehearsal." —Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

#### Not at First, Anyway.

Everything was in readiness. The groom, best man and the minister were gathered in the vestry. The organist started to play and the person moved toward the door.

"Wait a minute, sir," said the nervous groom. "Is it the right or left hand the ring goes on?"

"The left," hurriedly replied the minister. "And, sir, another minute," said the trembling one.

"Is it—it—it kistomary to cuss the bride?"

"Didn't End There."

"What is this man charged with?" "He's a camera fiend of the worst kind, yer worship."

"But he shouldn't have been arrested simply because he has a mania for taking pictures."

"It isn't that, yer worship; he takes the cameras."

Paradise. Brother Mose Jackson, an exhorter of parts, was holding forth one Sunday morning on the beauties of the after-life for all true believers. "Brethren and sisters," he said, "This Paradise beyond compare. Streets paved with solid gold, ribbons full of fresh sweet milk, with the cream on and creeks full of honey."

"No more work and no more miseries, everybody happy and full of joy. And when you gets there, after you looks the place over and fills your eyes wid' his beauties, all you got to do is to sit about from cherubim to cherubim."

## ST. JOHN GIRL LEADS CLASS

Miss Mowry, of This City, at Top of List — Graduation Exercises at Montreal Women's Hospital.

The honor of leading her class in this year's graduation examination at the Montreal Women's Hospital fell to Miss S. E. Almon Mowry, a St. John girl. The graduation exercises took place in the assembly rooms of the nurses' home, which were tastefully decorated for the occasion. Doctor Reddy addressed the graduates, after which he presented diplomas to Miss Mowry, Miss Frances L. Robson of Derby, England; Miss Margaret A. Malon of Dublin, Ireland; Miss Gertrude MacDougall of Amherst, N. S., and Miss Hazel Sharpe of Quebec.

Following the graduating exercises a reception was held at which dancing and cards were enjoyed.

## NEWMAN CLARK CASE OPENED AT GRAND FALLS

Evidence Taken in Preliminary Examination — Wood Is Acquitted.

The preliminary examination of Newman Clark, charged with the murder of Police Bell on March 25, was begun before Police Magistrate Kelly at Grand Falls yesterday. Peter Wood, charged with aiding Clark to escape, was acquitted on account of insufficient evidence.

Hon. J. P. Byrne, attorney general, conducted the prosecution and Hon. W. P. Jones was counsel for Clark. Evidence was given by Claud Murphy, who said he was in the house when the shots were fired. Ida Pelletier testified that Clark said he had shot Miss Bell because she would not marry him. Others heard in evidence were George A. Ryan, coroner, and Constable Allan McLaughlin.

In the Wood case evidence was given by Clark, who said he did not remember what transpired in the hospital or during the time when he was brought back to St. John. He said he did not know Wood, Miss Agnes Mallen, night nurse, and Miss Mary Wetmore, matron of the hospital, also testified, and Wood, on his own behalf, denied the charge. A. M. Chamberland appeared in defence.

## GERMAN INDUSTRY IN SERIOUS STATE

Lack of Raw Material and Higher Price of German Products Cause Stagnant Trade.

A Berlin despatch of Monday to the Boston Christian Science Monitor says:—"Whilst the nominal exchange value of German money has shown an extraordinary rise, the general industrial position in the country is going from bad to worse. Partly this paradoxical effect is due to the higher value money, which has stopped a certain amount of speculative buying owing to foreigners taking advantage of the cheap exchange rate."

The National Federation of Employers has taken the drastic step of advising all its members to reject any further demands of increased wages. The federation, in the accompanying manifesto, says:—"The prices of German products have already practically reached general world market prices. Already trade is beginning to stagnate. Any further rise in the cost of production, through higher wages, necessitating an increase in prices, will lead to a catastrophe and bring misery to all classes of the German people."

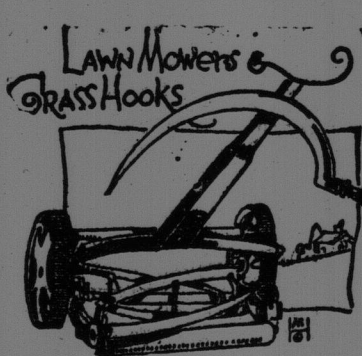
Unemployment has shown a serious increase in the last few days, and this week 4,000 workless men and women paraded Berlin demanding "bread and work." The leather industries are among those chiefly affected, owing to lack of raw material. Several boot makers have closed down. Dismissals on a considerable scale are also taking place in the Saxon textile industries.

## GIRL CHARGED WITH THEFT FROM CHURCH

Caught by Policeman After Three Days' Watch Behind Confessional Box.

(Montreal Gazette.) After a watch of three days during which she spent most of her time hiding behind a confessional box in St. Helene Church, St. Maurice street, Constable Charland, of No. 6 station, succeeded in capturing, last Saturday, the person al-

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leged to have been plundering the poor box of that church, for many years, and culprit was a little girl of ten years, and she was caught as she had opened the box with a key and gotten away with thirty-two cents in coin. She was taken to the juvenile court detention house, and she appeared before Judge Choquet yesterday. As another girl of the same age is supposed to be connected with the case, a warrant was ordered against her, and both cases will be disposed of simultaneously. In the meantime, the little girl is detained.

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## PRICE OF MILK FORCED DOWN

Housewives' League of New Orleans Starts a Contest Which Results in Reduction of Rates.

New Orleans, May 28—After weeks of argument between the distributors of milk in New Orleans and the producers of milk in the rural districts, banded together under their own associations, the price of milk in this city has been reduced from 18 and 19 cents a quart, to 16 cents. The step which won the contest for the local distributors was the importation from Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City of thousands of gallons of milk daily. The outside dairymen, who were holding out for

such prices as compelled the city distributors to get 18 to 19 cents a quart to meet expenses, saw their milk going to waste for about a week and capitulated. The Housewives' League of New Orleans started the move for the reduction.

**WORLD SUGAR SHORTAGE.**  
London, May 27—The French government is seriously considering the possible necessity of requisitioning all sugar supplies both in France and in her colonial possessions, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch received here today.  
This action may result from alarming reports from the United States and elsewhere that there is a world shortage of sugar.

**Shoots Wife and Self.**  
Bridgeport, Conn., May 28—Abraham Halberts, fifty, shot and killed his wife and then killed himself, in their home here yesterday. The police say jealousy caused a quarrel.

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