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## A BIG IDEA.

While addressing about two score manufacturers, a guest of the evening made an epochal suggestion in connection with the assessment of industries.

He proposed that the manufacturers of the city agree to have their assessments raised to a point more nearly approaching the actual values of their properties.

In giving his reasons, he asked that he be not presently given any publicity in connection with the suggestion. Suffice it then to say that he is a manufacturer with large local interests.

Surveying the country as a whole, he perceived that Canada, has entered upon a new era, in which new trade garments rather than patches upon the old ones will become necessary. The Dominion is entering upon a period where the greatest development it has yet experienced can be realized.

This expansion is postulated upon the efforts of the Canadian people. It will not fall like manna upon the country but come as the result of intelligent thinking and concerted effort.

The changes wrought during the war period are deep reaching. Signs of unrest are seen in many quarters. They run the gamut from criticisms of the tariff to living and housing conditions. A new policy has become necessary, which will insure cooperation between all classes. In proportion as this is obtained there will be the least friction and the biggest measure of progress.

Having travelled extensively, he is convinced that this city has a number of qualifications and qualities not possessed by any other, regardless of size; that it has the "makings" of a big and better hive of industry, providing its people seize their opportunities.

The view prevails generally that industrial centers may, for a year or two, be hard pressed to find employment for their mechanics. He is convinced that this city will have no difficulty in extending its present plants and attracting new ones, providing it can supply the men to man them. Captains of industry will hereafter go where the most help is available.

Concrete evidence of this is to be found in the fact that the Dominion Tire Company plans to increase its output from 1,200 to 2,500 tires a day. This will create a demand for 1,000 additional employees. Roughly this may increase the population by 5,000 persons. On the other hand were the workers taken on to be all single men, they would still have to be housed, fed and clothed and means provided for their recreation. Their coming spells growth all along the line.

As a community grows, more water, more schools, more street railway facilities and a dozen other enlarged services will be needed.

Local leaders have seen the day approaching when a belt line would have to be constructed to serve the employees and their families, who living in the wards have to reach their work and shop at points far distant from their homes. New comers will require to go farther out and hence the belt-line has become a necessity. A housing problem follows in the wake of enlarged industries.

Besides increasing the accommodation at the primary schools, this city is likely to obtain a technical college, to serve a large district. While the province may bear the brunt of it, the city will be called upon to bear a proportion of its cost; at least of maintenance.

More and better roads will have to be constructed in and about the city. Next to an increased water supply will come the demand for a new city hall.

These things do not exhaust the waiting list. They were mentioned to show that considerable sums of money will be required to obtain them. There is only one source from which to get it; namely "Taxation."

The speaker found no fault with the wartime policy of rigid economy but held that the ratepayers will, if they are to make the most of their opportunities, need to think in thousands instead of hundreds. Then he submitted his plan of increasing manufacturers' assessments.

A manufacturer himself, he reminded them that for thirty years, the community had followed the policy of giving industries nominal assessments. This has resulted in the wage-earners, the mercantile and professional classes bearing the bulk of taxation. It was a good investment on their part but it has borne heavily upon them. He held that the war years have so strengthened the industries that they can now walk without crutches.

Praising the intelligence and the dependability of the city's mechanics he urged that they be now given recognition of their long years of faithfulness and tax bearing; that their loads be lightened, to the end that their well-being shall be increased and their cooperation retained.

In expressing his big idea, nothing revolutionary was proposed. He seemed to have in mind the equalizing of the assessment so that industry should carry as high a percentage of assessment as do homes. His audience when it heard the proposal may have felt like one who has had a cold douche thrown over him. It revived when the speaker pointed out that taxes are part of the cost of manufacturing and are rightly chargeable to the articles made; and that in making returns of earnings to the Federal government, taxes are deductible.

After expressing the willingness of his company to forego the exemption it enjoys on its property, and to take the medicine he advocates, the speaker said he believed his plan would mean a 25-mill rate, with sufficient funds to carry out the necessary improvements, and asked his hearers to give the proposal their endorsement.

It does not require much perspicacity to see what benefits would follow to the wage-earners and community were it adopted.

## BY THE WAY.

Housing in this city promises to become a live topic before 1919 closes.

Everything which tends to give permanence to the present good relations existing between employers and employees merits encouragement.

With one industry preparing to take on 1,000 additional mechanics, this municipality's riddle of where to place its returned men appears to be answered.

The weather sharps declare that this will be a mild winter. To date their prediction has been verified.

After four and a half years of sitting tight, a story of the future and the present is an interesting one.

## A Smile or Two

### Human Nature.

"I wonder why none of the men in that particular ward show any improvement. Can the doctor in charge be in fault?"  
"Sure, for letting the prettiest nurses be always on duty there."

### The Wrong Direction.

A teacher was explaining to her class that if one wished to do anything well, one had to begin at the bottom, when a voice from the back interrupted her.  
"How about swimming teacher?"  
—London Answers.

## WAIT A MINUTE

### "In The Day's News"

Joseph Devlin, whose success in the recent election is likely to result in his being chosen parliamentary leader of the Irish Nationalists, is a man who counts in the Emerald Isle. He is, of course, an ardent supporter of Home Rule, and has for the last dozen years played a prominent part in the politico-municipal life of Belfast, the Unionist stronghold, where he resides. During the years immediately preceding the war, when feeling on the Home Rule question was running high, Mr. Devlin's position in Belfast was anything but untroubled. He, however, showed himself equal to every occasion. One of the secrets of his success lies in the fact that he is a son of the people. Born forty-six years ago of working-class parents, he has made his way by sheer genius and native ability.

### Today's Anniversaries.

1829—Dr. James B. Angell, for many years president of the University of Michigan, born at Scituate, R. I. Died at Ann Arbor, Mich., April 1, 1916.

1844—Rear Admiral Henry Glass, U.S.N., who captured the island of Guam in 1898, born at Hopkinton, Ky. Died at Paso Robles, Cal., Sept. 1, 1908.

1896—President Kruger delivered Dr. Jameson into custody of the British High Commissioner of Cape Colony.

1901—Municipal ownership of gas was obtained in Toronto.

1902—The Emperor and Empress Dowager of China re-entered Peking.

1905—The Colorado Legislature decided the gubernatorial contest in favor of Alva Adams, Democrat.

1915—Turkish cruiser Goeben reported badly damaged by Russian mines.

1916—Heavy French cannon fire destroyed enemy posts near Soissons.

1917—Foscani was taken by the Austro-German invaders of Roumania.

### One Year Ago Today In The War.

Supreme Court of the United States upheld the constitutionality of the Selective Draft Law.  
Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals became Acting Quartermaster General of the United States Army.

### Today's Birthdays.

La Verne W. Noyes, who recently presented \$2,500,000 to the University of Chicago to be used for the education of returned soldiers and the children of soldiers, born at Genoa, N. Y., 70 years ago today.  
Rear Admiral Casper F. Goodrich, U.S.N., retired, born in Philadelphia, 72 years ago today.

Rev. Charles A. Richmond, chancellor of Union College, born in New York City, 67 years ago today.  
Gordon Hewart, Solicitor-General in the British Cabinet, born at Bury, England, 49 years ago today.

### VICTOR EMMANUEL A POPULAR KING.

Having met the rulers of France and Great Britain, the President of the United States went to Rome to make the personal acquaintance of the man who exercises sovereignty over the third of the great Allied nations—the King of Italy. Several weeks ago, soon after his first arrival in Paris, President Wilson exchanged calls with Victor Emmanuel, but the meeting on that occasion was brief and formal and afforded little opportunity for making real acquaintance. During his stay in Rome, however, the chief executive of the American nation will have opportunity to learn much concerning a King who has worked as hard as any soldier in his army during the past European conflict, and who is beloved by all.

Of scarcely any other monarch in Europe are so many stories told as of King Victor Emmanuel; and each of them throws an interesting light on one aspect or another of his character.

When little more than a child, he was given into the charge of Colonel Osio, a soldier noted for his iron discipline. Delicate as his health was at that time, the future king was made to rise at six o'clock every morning, and after a cold bath and a long ride in all weathers, to commence a long day of study. His tutor was also forbidden to show any deference whatever to the prince's rank—rather to ridicule it.

One day, when the boy had made rather a stupid remark, the Colonel scathingly said to him:

"I really believe you are the most foolish boy in Italy. If I were King you should wear a fool's cap."  
"And if I were King," the Prince promptly replied with a low bow, "you should be a Knight of the Order of Politeness."

But in spite of his tutor's harshness, the Prince had the greatest affection for him.

Of Victor Emmanuel's modesty and sense of humor many amusing stories are told—indeed, his Majesty himself enjoys them as heartily as anyone.

One day, when he was returning from a not very successful fishing excursion to his castle at Capo di Monte, he was overtaken by a peasant, who also had been fishing and who begged a light of him.

"You seem to be no great hand at fishing," said the peasant to the stranger, after inspecting his basket.  
"To look at your catch I should say you were the King."

"Why do you think so?" asked his Majesty, with a smile at the man's candor.

"Why," was the unflattering answer, "he's such a poor body—more fit to be a King than a sportsman."

On another occasion, while motoring with Queen Helena, a breakdown occurred as he was passing through a small village, and a curious crowd, among which were two tourists, collected round the royal car.

"Pretty car," commented one of the tourists.  
"Yes," answered his friend, "and the lady is pretty too."

"More than can be said of the man. Did you ever see such a little man in such a big car? By the way, I am out of brandy. I wonder if he can supply me. Shall I ask? Perhaps—he speaks French."

"I shall be most happy to oblige you," said the King in perfect English, to the amazement of his critics, holding out his flask. Then, as he prepared to leave, he asked: "Can I be of any further use to you? My kingdom is at your disposal—and it is not so small as its monarch's."

And before the astounded tourists had recovered from their confusion, the car had vanished from view.



MRS. CLARENCE I. DE SOLA, wife of Clarence O. De Sola, of Montreal, president of the Zionists of Canada and Belgium. Mrs. De Sola has been indefatigable in her efforts to aid the various Belgian philanthropies since the beginning of the war and occupies executive offices in many of Montreal's most active charitable organizations.

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Many banks are now employing women department heads to look after the needs of their women clients.

Women of Brooklyn have started a campaign for employment of more women probation officers and women detectives in New York courts.

Organized labor in Oregon is preparing to introduce in the coming legislature a number of measures calculated to better the condition of women workers.

In railroad shops in the United States 3,000 women are doing every kind of work, from common labor to skilled machinists, earning the regular machinists' or carmen's rate of compensation.

In Portugal women are now allowed to be officials of the civil register, clerks or officials to the secretary of state, administrative bodies, etc., on the same terms as men.

Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the Children's Bureau, and Miss Grace Abbott, director of the Child Labor division of the Department of Labor at Washington, have started for Europe to study the protective measures that have been undertaken in England, France and other countries in the interests of child labor.

Many royalties are ardent collectors. The late Czarina of Russia found antique warming-pans interesting souvenirs, and at the imperial palace in Petrograd she had the most complete set of these domestic utensils in the world. Altogether, there were nearly seventy specimens, most of these being valuable on account of their historic interest, and some on account of their beautiful artistic design.

The ex-Empress Eugenie long ago set apart a certain section of her house at Farnborough as a kind of Napoleonic museum, the contents of which may some day be of priceless value. Here may be seen a great number of souvenirs and relics which have come to Eugenie through her connection with the Bonapartes, one of the most interesting of these being the huge wash-hand basin which Napoleon the Great carried about with him on all his campaigns.

Guests of Queen Alexandra, visiting Marlborough House for the first time, are always shown the famous treasure room, where are displayed the great array of gold and silver and other works of art presented from time to time to the late King Edward VII. The value of the contents of this room has been roughly estimated at \$10,000,000. It is difficult to convey in words any idea of the wealth of treasure here revealed, and all of which was bequeathed to Queen Alexandra as her personal property. The walls of the room are lined with immense glass, ebony-bound cases, crammed with gold and silver treasures—huge Pilgrim bottles, immense

## Seems Everyone Is Anxious To Try It

Recent discovery of ether compound that dries up corn so that they lift out.

Good news spreads rapidly and drug gists here are kept busy dispensing freezone the recent discovery of a Cincinnati man which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the finger. A quarter of an ounce costs very little at any pharmacy but is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet on every hard or soft corn or callus. You apply just a few drops on the tender, sore corn and instantly the soreness is relieved and soon the corn is so shriveled that it lifts out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the adjoining tissue.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lock jaw and infection hereafter resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

## AFTER HOLIDAY BARGAINS

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Britain's famous arsenal at Woolwich where only 125 women were employed in 1914 had some 25,000 women workers on its rolls when the armistice was declared.

The granting of woman suffrage in Finland was followed by the election to the Finnish parliament in 1907 of nineteen women—the first women to sit in any national legislative body.

There has just been opened in Switzerland a university for the better training of women for professional occupations. Besides the technical training, the university will have special social and household training courses for women and girls who do not intend taking up professional work or business professions, but only desire to increase their proficiency in these departments for the benefit of their families and the community.

Queen Alexandra's favorite jewels are rubies and diamonds, a preference in which, perhaps may be traced a sentiment of affection for the colors of her native land, for red and white are the Danish colors, and loyal as she is to her adopted country, the "sea king's daughter" has never forgotten that she is a daughter of Denmark. Her Majesty's favorite perfumes are the delicious Essence of Stange and the old English lavender water prepared by the firm which has been "the royal perfumers" since the days when George the Third was king.

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