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A WAR-TIME CHRISTMAS

The birth of the Prince of Peace is to be celebrated for the fourth time in a world that lies under the shadow of a great war. That war has reached out even unto the little town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born; and to Jerusalem, the holy city alike of the Jew and the Christian. The Judean hills, where shepherds watched their flocks by night, have echoed back the thunder of the guns, and the desert over which the journey to Egypt was made has been spanned by a military railway. The hope of a Jewish restoration has been quickened by the conquest of Jerusalem and a great part of Palestine by a Christian nation. Never again, it is now believed, will the cradle of the Christian faith be permitted to pass into the hands of the Turk; and this assurance is one cause of rejoicing at the Christmas festival.

But the world is still at war, and there may not even be a Christmas truce. After nearly two thousand years the world is engaged in a colossal struggle, in which the death toll surpasses that of any former war, and which has been marked on one side by a barbarity unsurpassed in any of the wars of Christian or pre-Christian times. The amazing part of it is that each side invokes the aid of God and asserts that in His name it will conquer.

It is inevitable in such a world crisis that men who are able to detach themselves from the passions of the moment should re-examine the grounds of their faith and ask themselves what it is in their religion that has not been shaken to its foundations. Has the teaching of Jesus failed? Have the principles of sacrifice and service failed to grasp the hearts of men? Is the world growing worse? Does this war differ in any essential from the wars of the past? Why are the nations fighting, and what will be the outcome? It had been fondly hoped that wars had ceased, or would never again assume large proportions; that barbarism had made its last stand against the onward march of Christian civilization.

The mistake the world made was that it regarded as Christian a civilization which rejected entirely the doctrine of Jesus. Nominally Christian, its religion was really materialistic. Instead of the golden rule, it applied brute force, and exalted the doctrine that might makes right. Not only so, but with every device of cunning and energy it made ready to impose its system of religion and philosophy upon the world. Thus far it has failed. That it will fail completely no one doubts—however long the war may last.

When we turn to the other side of the picture and ask ourselves why the enemies of Prussia entered the war, and take note of the manner in which it has been conducted by them, we see at once the influence of real Christianity and the teachings of the Man of Nazareth. For while there has been much to criticize and condemn, there shines out in brilliant contrast the spirit of devotion to ideals of honor and of righteousness, and of high regard for the rights of the oppressed. That spirit will conquer. To believe otherwise would be to doubt that God reigns. Even if another Christmas must come and go before the power of Prussian militarism is crushed, and rivers of blood must flow, there can be but one end. The flag of freedom floats today over Bethlehem and Jerusalem. It is an omen of happier times to come, when humanity, purged of its grossness will draw closer, man to man and nation to nation in the bonds of a peace-loving brotherhood. In a world in which the assertion that might makes right has given place to the message of the Prince of Peace.

THE WAR AND BUSINESS.

That this part of the British Empire has not suffered in a material sense beyond the loss or maiming of a portion of its manhood has been amply shown in St. John during the past week. Never were the Christmas shops more attractive. Never have they contained larger crowds of purchasers. There was a quiet tone, and a more sober atmosphere, because so many are thinking of loved ones far away; but there was the usual Christmas buying, and the usual planning for the happiness of the children. Possibly the exchange of gifts did not represent as large an average expenditure; and undoubtedly some regarded this as a time for economy; but there was no indication of a general disposition to depart from the yearly custom.

Nor was there any shortage of good Christmas cheer. Whether in poultry, meats or vegetables the market and stores presented a truly Christmas appearance; and despite the high prices a large business was done. Money is plentiful and the war is still a long way off. With regard to trade generally, the wholesale merchants, whether in groceries and provisions, dry goods, hardware or footwear report that 1917 has been an excellent year. If in any department less goods were sold, the increased price made the volume of business appear large, and there has been no complaint about payments. There have been few failures in the province this year, and on the whole it has been a profitable year for both farmers and merchants. No one would have believed three years ago that after three years of world-war the conditions in this city and province would be so prosperous; or that anything like the amount of money devoted to patriotic purposes could have been raised. We have just reason to be thankful for the invincibility of the British fleet and of the lines of khaki on the western front; and should with all our hearts comply with whatever new demands the government may make to ensure the fullest co-operation by Canada in the great imperial task of supplying men, munitions and food to carry on the war to a successful issue. Upon those to whom the war has brought increased profits the heaviest financial burden should fall, and to that end the government should now bend its energies in real earnest.

A SOBER CANADA.

The provisions of the prohibition measure decided on by the union government are such as to prove that the union government means business and is not afraid to act. It has presented the country with a Christmas gift of incalculable value. There was universal rejoicing in Canada yesterday, in all circles except that which finds in the liquor traffic a source of profit, and among the few who still believe a man should be permitted to drink liquor whenever he desires to do so. The country will be the better able to do its duty in a righteous war because it is now putting an end to an unrighteous traffic within its own borders. The next blow should fall, and fall heavily, on the profiteers in every line of business. The new government has begun well, and has justified the confidence of its supporters. If it continues as it has begun, the country and the cause of the Allies will greatly gain thereby. A sober Canada has long been the dream of reformers, but none dreamed the change would come so soon.

Russia, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are considering peace negotiations. There is a rumor that the Kaiser will offer Christmas proposals for a general peace. We are reminded of the temptation of Jesus, when He was offered the kingdoms of the earth if He would worship the arch-tempter.

Halifax will experience the saddest Christmas in its history, and yet the catastrophe which brought death and destruction has brought also a continent-wide manifestation of Christian sympathy which cannot, but cheer and hearten the sufferers.

To all its young readers the Times extends wishes for a happy Christmas, and to all the older folk the wish that the spirit of the season may enter into their lives, and lessen for a time the burdens they must bear.

Australia may have gone against conscription, but its spokesmen are careful to assert that it will still find the men. There is no one province in Australia solidly opposed to conscription.

The series of exemption tribunals before which a young man may go to appeal his case is a reasonable guarantee that in practically all cases justice will eventually be done.

The man at the front will have a happier Christmas because of the assurance that the electors of Canada have been doing their bit, and that the stream of reinforcements will steadily continue.

The horrible murder in Queens county, leaving five young children motherless on the eve of Christmas, arouses feelings of horror, and of deepest pity for the little ones.

The assurance of Hon. Mr. Calder that things will be done in a big, aggressive way by the union government has been hailed with satisfaction throughout the country.

A Liberal, Hon. N. W. Rowell, is acting premier of Canada. That is an evidence of harmony at Ottawa which the country welcomes heartily.

Sir George Garneau says Quebec will conform to the will of the majority of the people of Canada.

It may be hoped that no man in khaki in St. John will be left to feel that he is overlooked on Christmas Day.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Fortunate Fellow.
"Sit, I have no home," began the seedy-looking man, "and—"
"No taxes to pay, no rent, no coal bills, no worry over the rise in milk prices! Permit me to congratulate you."
"I have no job, and—"
"Lucky chap! No danger of being fired!"
"But I am serious. I have no money, and—"
"No temptation to spend it foolishly on able-bodied beggars. Why, you're a veritable child of fortune. Good-day!"
London Tit-Bits.

Common Occurrence.

"You look tired."
"No wonder. I've just been gassed for 45 minutes."
"You don't say so! Who did it?"
"A politician."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Reason Why.

The Lawyer.—Who was that seedy-looking party in black who winked at you?
The Doctor.—Confounded undertaker fellow! He buried one of my patients last week.—Passing Show.

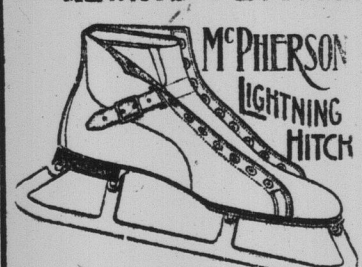
Sure Way.

"How are you coming on with your literary work?"
"All right, but I can't get anything published."
"Try writing some mushy love letters to a girl and have her sue you for breach of promise. The papers will publish them."—Exchange.

Looking Into Things.

"As I look into your eyes," he murmured, "I see much happiness in store for us."
"I fear there's nothing to it, Oswald," she replied, not unkindly. "Papa has been looking into your rating."—Kansas City Journal.

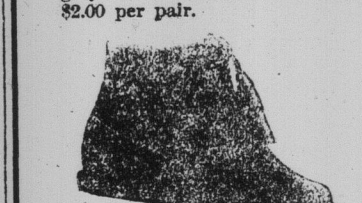
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Men's Felt Slippers, leather sole and heel, \$1.85, \$1.50, \$2.25.
Ladies' Woolen Slippers, felt sole, \$1.00, \$1.05, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00.
Ladies' Felt Slippers, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.25.
Dr. Jaeger's Slippers, \$2.50.
Children's and Misses' Woolen Slippers, 65c to \$1.00.
Ladies' Felt, Fur Trimmed Juliet, \$1.00, grey and black, \$1.85, \$2.25.
Laced, Jenny Lind style, \$1.95.
Ladies' Cosy Slippers, in red, navy, maroon, blue and brown, \$1.00, \$1.05, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00.
Ladies' Kid Boudoir Slippers to match the dressing gown, \$1.65, \$1.95, \$2.05, \$2.35, \$2.85.
Ladies' Beaded Moccasin Slippers, grey or brown, fur trimmed, \$2.00 per pair.



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Infants' Patent Boots with white or black tops.
Infants' Fancy Moccasins.
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George A. Teed.

George A. Teed, manager of the Canadian Hide Company, passed away at his residence, 28 Pitt street, soon before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an illness extending over some months which, however, became serious only a few weeks ago. Mr. Teed was originally of Carleton county, but had been a resident of St. John for many years, having for a time previous to the reorganization of the present company, been manager of the St. John Hide Company, with depot on North wharf. He was in his fifty-eighth year, and is survived by his wife, one son, G. Clayton Teed, now a member of the 28th Battalion in France, and two daughters, Amber G., of the Standard staff, and Jean, of the North End branch of the Royal Bank. Mr. Teed was a member of Centenary church, in which he always took an active interest. The funeral will be held from his late home on Wednesday afternoon, service commencing at 2 o'clock.

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Girls' \$3.50

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Men's Overshoes, \$1.75 to \$3.50

Men's Kid House Slippers, \$2.25 to \$4.50

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at Friday night's cabinet council meeting shows that with the exception of Quebec province, "bone dry" conditions in Canada will prevail after April 1 next. Transportation of liquor into the provinces which have adopted prohibitory legislation is forbidden after that date. A little later since the importation of liquor is now being stopped and the manufacture of liquor will be stopped as soon as the present distilleries have had a fair chance to take the warning now given and close up business. In the case of most of these distilleries a ready way out is provided through the war demand of acetone for use in the manufacture of explosives.

The revenue loss to the dominion from the stopping of importation and manufacture will be about \$12,000,000 per year. The last report of the inland revenue department showed that for the fiscal year ending with March last excise revenue in spirits manufactured in Canada during the twelve months totalled \$9,880,566. Excise revenue on malt and on imports totalled a couple of millions more.

Canadian liquor houses had in warehouse on March 31 last 17,170,242 gallons of spirits.

The quantity manufactured during the year was 6,400,119 proof gallons. The raw materials required included 69,447,467 pounds of Indian corn, 10,480,817 pounds of rye, 7,589,253 pounds of malt and 27,416,716 pounds of molasses.

Figures like these show the saving of foodstuffs that will result from the government's new policy to say nothing of the saving of money and man power.

The subject has been under consideration by the war committee of the cabinet and the following conclusions have been reached:
1. Any liquor or beverage containing more than 2 1/2 per cent alcohol shall be regarded as intoxicating liquor.
2. The importation of intoxicating liquor into Canada is prohibited on and after December 24, 1917, unless it shall have been actually purchased on or before that date for importation into Canada not later than the 31st day of January, 1918. The final determination upon

any question respecting such purchases shall rest with the minister of customs. This regulation shall not apply to importations for medicinal, sacramental, manufacturing or chemical purposes.

3. The transportation of liquor into any part of Canada wherein the sale of liquor is illegal, will be prohibited on and after April 1, 1918.

4. The manufacture of intoxicating liquor within Canada will be prohibited on and after a date to be determined upon further investigation and considerations of the industry.

"As above mentioned, the prohibition of importation becomes effective today, Dec. 24.

"The regulations to carry into effect the other provisions above mentioned are being prepared and soon as approved, they will be enacted under the provisions of the war measures act.

"The foregoing provisions will remain in force during the war and for twelve months after the conclusion of peace."

"Are you economizing?"
"Yes. I have only one egg for breakfast; and in order to save fuel I now have that fried only on one side."—Washington Star.

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