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The Hour of Expiation Is Now Beginning

Our generation sees the principles involved in this war but it is not quite sure it can see the end. Therefore it cannot be repeated too often that this war is not like any of the other wars born in all countries in all centuries between two or more states of conflict of well defined political and economic interests. It is a species of chaos in which, little by little, the whole of Europe is precipitated and dissolved: it is the first and terrible result of that folie des grandeurs which in recent times have disturbed with its turbid ravages the legitimate pride in its great successes.

Let us try to understand well the deep meaning of the events that have appalled the world during the last year. Who was it who wished this war, who prepared and provoked this war in the hour that seemed propitious? The case has been judged: it was Germany.

But what was Germany before that fatal 1st of August, 1914, when the earth suddenly seemed as if it opened at our feet, and the sky was about to fall? It was the admiration and model of the world. No nation was so much admired in the last decades even by those peoples who were to be its first and its most unhappy victims.

But how was the scourge of Europe able to mask itself for so long as the model of the world? Analyzed in that sense we discover the mortal weakness of our times! We admired Germany not only as giving an example of industry, of order, of enterprise, of ability in organizing the forces of individuals, but also, and chiefly, because she had been victorious in two wars; because her riches, the number of her sons, her fabric and her power grew visibly; because she forged much iron and made many machines; because she was reputed invincible, because she was feared and envied her.

Bowed Down Smiling Before Boasting Power.

Partly intimidated, partly dazzled, we bowed down, smiling obsequiously before this dark and overbearing power who boasted of having overthrown and of meaning to overthrow too many of these boundaries before which our fathers taught us to pause as before sacred places.

We all pretended not to remember that Germany had prepared the war of 1870 with diabolic art so as to make believe she was attacked when she was the aggressor.

We pretended not to see, when, in order to maintain her iniquitous gains, Germany forced Europe to engage with her in the strife of unlimited armaments which has been the real cause of the present ruin.

We did not blame her, rather we praised her, for seducing our minds with her philosophy to the point of absurdity, confounding the criteria of truth and falsehood, of good and bad, that men had held as most sound and clear; for adding, by her science, every year new arms to the arsenal of violence and fraud.

Hour of Expiation Is Now at Hand.

Germany was strong, stronger than her neighbors and rivals. Germany had conquered, was conquering and would conquer! Germany, therefore, was in the right!

The century had left its youth behind; the fables learnt in childhood were no longer believed—the fables that justice conquers and that the overbearing are always punished.

A generation, who were certainly educated to nobler things have reasoned thus for forty years.

Having destroyed or put aside as antiquated all the old measures of virtue and of vice, of merit and of guilt; not having known how to create new measures—for she had mistaken the signification of limits and tradition—our generation was reduced to measure the power of a nation too accordingly to ordinary weights and measures.

And now begins the hour of expiation of this long error. Thus encouraged by her own success and by the world's thoughtlessness, this power, Germany, has grown and grown—until one day she persuaded herself she could fall suddenly on her frightened admirers and crown herself with victory.

When the danger became manifest the world awoke from its stupor and forged the chains of a formidable protective alliance, each link of which becomes stronger and more closely soldered every day.

And even to this alliance success came slowly and with difficulty; but this is not surprising because for half a century we have all worked unceasingly to make Germany great and powerful.

It is necessary that we keep these thoughts always present in our minds if we are not to relax for a moment the strength of thought and deed which is necessary to the people of

Europe in order to confine within the limits of justice and wisdom this excessive power.

This is the common duty of all non-German Europe, as it was their common guilt to permit the growth of the excessive German power.

Partly from a sincere desire, partly under the pretext of learning in their schools whatever the Germans could teach, Italy—let us own it frankly—has let herself be too much Germanized in the last thirty years. At least part of the intellectual and moral disorder from which our generation has suffered so much is due to German ideas and teaching. Through these we were losing our sense of right and justice in the great affairs of the world; our sense of the humanities in art, philosophy, literature and politics; the ambition of perfection in too many branches of culture and of industry.

Days When Italy Covered To Germany.

Hence the madness which made us one day, in order to secure peace, lend our ears to the voluble disseminators of infallible specifics for the rejuvenation of Italy, Europe and the world; another day to hasten to run-around in the Sirti; and on still another when we wished at all cost to take possession of the castle in the air existing only in our own imagination, and getting furious with ourselves because our wish could not be fulfilled.

Well, whatever trials we may have to face, and they are not likely to be small or few, we ought to bless them of in this world crisis we lose our wickedness, our rancour and even the memory of these days when, almost without perceiving it, Italy covered at the feet of Germany as if she were a protected power.

It is our duty to help Europe to weaken the German hegemony, which in reality was only a mask counterfeiting empire placed on the monstrous face of a new tyrant; the tyranny of an oligarchy of great manufacturers, of great armament makers, of great merchants, impatient to spread their goods.

Duty To Help Europe In Danger.

It was our duty to help Europe in this danger, because if Germany and Austria were to win we too should have to bend beneath the yoke of this new tyranny to save ourselves from a grave peril.

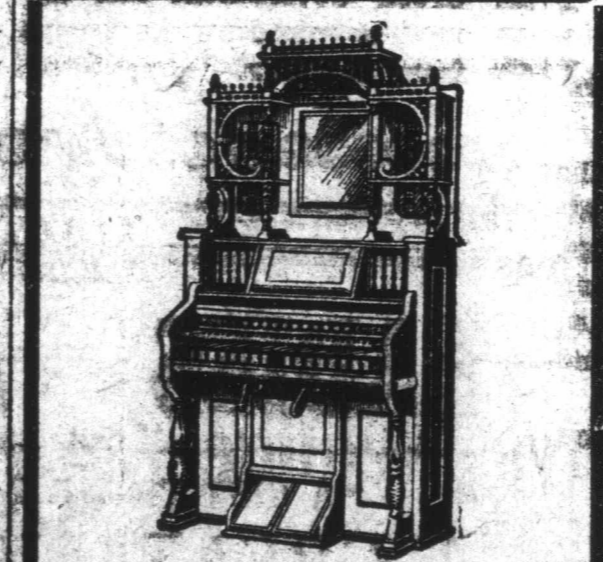
No nation can make itself the object of admiration of other nations except either as Germany has done, through fear or else through glorious actions that, at least in part, are for the good of all.

We have not succeeded in terrifying the world—and I do not think that after the war of this last year anyone will ever be able again to terrify the world. We have done great and glorious service to the world; but it was in far-off times—and men's memories are weak.

It is not out of place to renew old memories and place them side by side with the new and glorious work.

If we fulfil our whole—civil and military duty to the end; if fortune favors, as it certainly will favor, our cause, if we also can deliver a telling blow against the Empire of the Hapsburgs, if Italy, too, is present on the banks of the Bosphorus on the day when non-German Europe retakes possession of Constantinople, if we can put barriers to the German ambitions across those paths which it is our duty to defend, the adequate recompense for so many sacrifices will not be wanting.

Italy will be greater in a better Europe, liberated henceforth from that servile admiration of numbers, of quality, of power which has been the greatest sin of our generation.



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RUSSIAN ARMIES NUMBER MILLIONS

Czar's Forces Have Not Been in Such Good Shape For Months.

AT THE RUSSIAN FRONT, via Petrograd, Dec. 7.—The next forward movement of the Russian armies will be in a number of millions, not army corps, according to the statement of high army official. The armies are in better shape than for many months, said this official, and quite capable of moving forward at any point. But a new board, plan of campaign contemplates much more than the taking of towns and territory by drives at this point and that.

The Russian staff is well satisfied with the net result of the strategy during the past summer, and is asserted, is willing to bide its time for the inception of the new campaign. A contented army, well fed, clothed and housed and weekly steam-cleaned is the first Russian army, as seen by the Associated Press correspondent during a ten days visit to the positions along the eastern front.

The army is in snug permanent winter quarters but is ready at an hour's notice to march.

Within a mile of the firing—and firing is kept up intermittently, day and night, both from the trenches and by the batteries—are thousands of men camped in half under ground cabins of logs covered with sod and soil, proof against cold and almost bomb proof. Abundant forests furnish plenty of material and the men are clever at cutting and concentrating. There are quarters for the officers and for the men, officers club and mess quarters, and, strangest of all, steam baths, in which the men take turns at being thorough steamed and scrubbed. They are then furnished with fresh underwear.

In one section inspected by the correspondent 2500 men were camped in a patch of woodland, twenty acres in extent, but the impression gained, on a drive through the camp was of one tenth that number. An enemy air-man would have difficulty in locating the camp at all.

The bath houses of log construction with a tight compartment containing a stone stove or furnace. Shelves range around these sides on which the bathers lie. Water thrown on the hot stove provides a dense steam, after an hour perspiring in such an atmosphere and scrubbing by men detailed for the service the soldiers come forth parboiled but thoroughly cleansed.

In the officers club rooms tables are arranged for the seating of forty or fifty. At a special breakfast recently given an orchestra of twenty pieces, recruited from among the enlisted men, played airs from the various operas in excellent style. A chorus of a dozen soldiers alternated with Russian folk songs.

Food is plentiful. Not only is there a variety but certain delicacies are served at the officers mess. Three pounds of bread are served per man, a liberal quantity of meat and "kasha" or boiled buckwheat.

The men are all provided with long ulsters, lambs wool caps, good woolen underwear and stout boots.

The correspondent was struck by the universal good humour of the men on the way to the front. Train after train was passed filled with soldiers. Most of the trains were composed of freight cars fitted with bunks. At the doors and windows smiling faces appeared, the men chaffing one another and hurrying out with little tea kettles for hot water which is provided for in quantities at every station of the country.

Trenches at one point visited were scarcely 200 yards from those of the Germans. There was a labyrinth of deep passages intercepting one another, braced by stakes. Soldiers stood at the port holes, alert for the least sign of a movement across the way and keeping up a desultory fire day and night. Over head at intervals whistled shells from the Russian and German batteries.

VERY HIGH TIDE

Saturday the highest tide within the harbor. Water covered several of the wharves, notably Ayre's, Pitts', Fearn's and others and perishable goods on them had to be quickly removed. Horses in some cases, notably on Horwood's eastern wharf could not get down to deliver freight at the sides of craft.

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JAPANESE PLAN OF WORLD PEACE

New York, Dec. 1.—Baron Elich Shibusawa, the Japanese financier who is here to-day for a short stay elaborated upon his plan to maintain peace after the war by a six-power alliance comprising Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, the United States and Japan. On his way from San Francisco to New York the Baron said he had talked with many leading Americans on methods of securing lasting peace.

"I will lay" this plan before our leading business and thinking men," said the Baron, "and I will do all in my power to make this idea take hold of public opinion so that when peace comes Japan may be in a position to ask the United States to enter the six-power alliance and induce other nations to become associated. I am of the opinion that when the time comes for peace America's influence and weight will obtain a peace that will not be disturbed for many years to come, and a peace that will be for justice and honor.

Disastrous Calamities
"The Japanese, I am convinced will be ready to do their part. United, these two nations will be able to do much in preventing the recurrence of such disastrous calamities to humanity in the future. From this point of view, also, we see how important it is that there should be friendship and good understanding between Japan and the United States."

In the development of China after the war, he sees perhaps the biggest field for co-operation between his country and America because, he says, the United States has capital brains and science, while Japan is nearer the Chinese Empire, understands its people better, and racially is more closely akin to them.

Truth Not Allowed to Be Known

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent says censored reports from Berlin concerning the opening session to-day of the sixth war session of the Reichstag does not contain all the truth. The correspondent adds: "There is an undercurrent of Socialist antagonism not reflected in published reports. The Vorwaerts in to-day's issue complains about the censorship's handling of the Reichstag session reports and asserts that the most important facts are not allowed to be printed or discussed. The Socialist organ continues: 'It is necessary now to discuss possibilities of peace, because if peace comes suddenly a storm may arise for which only diplomats and statesmen can be blamed.'

"Public opinion will not tolerate a peace without any previous knowledge of its terms. Therefore, this question must be introduced in the Reichstag at an early date."

Dr. Karl Liebknecht, one of the Socialist leaders, sent ten interpellations to the Reichstag, of which three were censored by the Reichstag.

"He wants to know," says the newspaper, "whether the Government is prepared to enter immediately into peace negotiations, whether the Luxemburg and Belgium, whether the Government will abandon secret diplomacy in favor of lasting control by the public, and whether it will check economical distress among the great masses of the population and seriously begin in the course of the present session of the Reichstag a reorganization of its internal policy."

PURPOSE.

Nothing is degrading which a high and graceful purpose ennobles; and offices the most menial cease to be menial, the moment they are wrought in love.

The Canadian War Budget

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—The war budget is giving results exceeding the most sanguine expectations of the Minister of Finance. The total revenue for the month of November is \$17,072,466.75, an increase of \$7,576,920.46 over that of November of last year, and the largest for any month in the history of the Dominion.

For the eight months of the present fiscal year ended November 30th the total revenue aggregates \$104,750,000, as against \$90,400,000 for the last fiscal year, when, owing to the effect of the war, trade was badly demoralized and November of the 8 months in question. The estimate of the Minister of Finance that his budget of February last would realize thirty millions of additional revenue is now certain to be substantially exceeded.

The policy adopted by the Government at the outbreak of the war of proceeding only with works actually under contract is now bearing its full fruit. For the first eight months of the current fiscal year the ordinary expenditures show a reduction of over ten million dollars, and the capital expenditures of about three millions. Between increased revenue and decreased expenditure the financial position this year as compared with the previous year shows a favorable balance of twenty-seven million dollars.

STOLE FENCE MATERIAL

Saturday 2 boys of respectable appearance were before court charged with stealing a quantity of fence material owned by a woman named Wall. They pleaded not guilty but where asked to do so, one had refused to swear that they had not taken the property. They were fined by F. J. Morris, K.C., \$2 or 7 days. A drunk was fined \$1 or 3 days.

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ILLICIT STILL FOUND IN NOVA SCOTIA

Digby, N.S., Dec. 1.—The country authorities were put wise to the fact that an illicit still was in full operation in the cellar of a house at Gilbert's Cove, two residents of that place, Comeau and Melanson by name, being the suspected parties. A successful raid by constables was carried out, and as a result Comeau and Melanson were taken before Stipendiary J. A. Grierson at Weymouth and fined \$150 each and costs and the still was destroyed. Evidently the partnership was planning on a thriving business in the booze line, for one hundred gallons of the manufactured stuff were found on the premises.

Properly Defined.

Teacher—What zone is this in which we live?
Johnny—Temperate.
Teacher—Correct. Now, what is meant by a "temperate zone?"
Johnny—It's a place where it's freezin' cold in winter an' red hot in summer.—Life.

Pope's Harbor Council Hold Annual Meeting

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—We had our annual meeting a few days ago, and our Council may be described by a few extracts from the Chairman's address. He said in part, friends, I thank you one and all for re-electing me again for the coming year and the fifth year as Chairman of this Council of the F. P. U. of Newfoundland. As you have re-elected me, I intend to do my utmost for the F. P. U. in general, as I have in the past, so I say, friends be up and doing; follow your leader, just realize the work he has to do.

He has thirty stores in operation, two hundred and forty Councils working and 20 odd thousand men in the Union. Some people say that we make out that Coaker is the man above, but I say it is no such a thing, but Mr. Coaker deserves praise for the noble work he has done and is doing for the fishermen. My dear friends if Mr. Coaker was not for prohibition would it be carried?

Go ahead Mr. President, do what you think is right. We are at your back. The fishermen are getting wise.

Another year has almost expired since our last annual meeting, and instead of the F. P. U. being weaker, as our enemies are longing for every day, it is still growing stronger. So I say to-night, friends, it would be far better if Mr. W. F. Coaker had been in our fathers' time, years and years back, and delivered them from thralldom, and we would not have had to unite together to fight against the enemy as hard as we have; but our fighting is not much compared to Mr. Coaker's, but we must stand by him in his hour of need and make his fight our fight.

It is by his fight that you are getting such a price for fish. Do you think if there had been no Coaker that such a price would be given for fish this year? I say no, he is the only man in this Newfoundland ours to fight for our rights and to see that we get fair play, so I say friends instead of one Coaker it would be better if we had two or three Coakers. There is one place a Coaker is needed to look out for the fishermen's rights and to see that they get fair play, and that is on board of the Earl of Devon.

She has a second class steerage capable of accommodating eight or ten passengers. Well, to make it plain there are eight berths in her steerage, only good room for a man at one time, and I think a rule should be made to take only ten passengers in second class. These things ought to be looked into. It appears to me that as long as the Captain or Government get the money the D.—with the men. So my friends stand by Mr. Coaker and praise God that he has sent such a man as Coaker to show us right from wrong.

Election of officers for the coming year are as follows:
Chairman—John King, re-elected.
D. Chairman—Bertram King, elected.
Secretary—William Vokey, elected.
Treasurer—Emmanuel Vokey, re-elected.
Door Guard—Austin Vokey, elected.

Yours respectfully,
ONE PRESENT.
Pope's Harbor.
FLATROCK SEA SWEPT.

After the gale of Thursday night the settlement of Flatrock was visited with the highest sea for the past 40 years and general devastation occurred. The roads in certain parts of the place were washed away completely, boats had to be used to get over them, and almost all, if not all, the stages, flakes and wharves were completely swept away. Most of the boats which were hauled up were either smashed and rendered useless or badly damaged, and we hear, a large amount of fishing gear was lost with the stages and cook houses.

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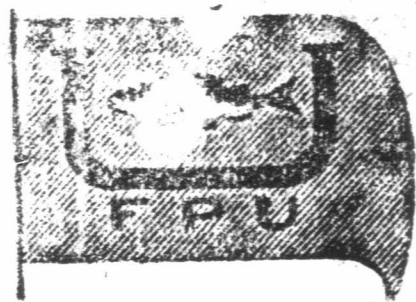
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Price of Flour

THE price of flour has advanced 30 cents per barrel in the local market and the supply at present is very limited. A quantity is held up between Truro and Port-aux-Basques, and many importers who purchased for November delivery have found December half gone, yet no sign of their long-looked for shipments of flour.

Oats and cattle feed is also scarce owing to lack of transportation facilities. Flour and cattle feeds, beef and pork will likely be very much higher in values by the 1st of May. Large quantities of flour has been purchased by the Allied nations and there has been a large falling off in the acreage of the winter wheat crops; while in Canada weather this fall being unfavorable for ploughing, there will be considerable shortage in the acreage sown in wheat next year.

It would be as well for our people to note those important facts and act accordingly.

The refusal of the French Government to open their market to our soft codfish is anything but what was expected. The refusal is based on the pretence that other countries would under treaty rights be entitled to any favors bestowed on us; but what other country under heaven could find fish to export to France under existing conditions? We venture to assert that if France had agreed to the request made by Britain for the free entry of Newfoundland fish into France during the war, that 1000 quintals of fish would be the extent of importation from countries other than Newfoundland. The Greek market having been closed against us we would only have to find a market for about 100,000 qtls., and that would be about all we would require France to take; but the want of a market for this 100,000 qtls. of soft fish will make a difference of \$250,000 to the value of our codfishery, and our fishermen will be that much the poorer by France's refusal if persisted in.

We trust our Government will not accept France's refusal as final but will persist in doing all possible to convince the French Government of their error in this regard. Let the Trade Commissioner in Spain be sent by Britain to arrange with the French Government and it is likely the mat-

ter will be adjusted. France needs our soft fish and we need her market if Greece is to be cut off from us. It is the Government's duty therefore to keep at it until the matter is favorably adjusted.

The Last Fleet

YESTERDAY and to-day's N.W. wind enabled the last fleet of fishing schooners with dry fish to come along. The season is about three weeks later than usual, and it is some years since a fleet of schooners with fishermen's fish reached St. John's so late in the season. Some of the fleet that recently arrived have been harbored at Catalina for two weeks awaiting a time here.

It is easily apparent that if a large establishment for buying fish and supplying goods was opened at Catalina, that much precious time would be saved to the northern fishermen in fall and spring, as the time now wasted at Catalina awaiting a time to and from ports north of that harbor, would be cut out. Consequently it is with lively interest the northern fishermen are watching the movement to establish Union headquarters at Catalina.

Many of the fleet recently arrived will have to remain here until spring as it is too late in the season to attempt to get north of Catalina.

Sir Tax Morris

WE have before us the manifesto of Sir Tax Morris, issued to the people of this country in 1913, and we have already stated in those columns that the vein of humour running through it show the real make up of the genius who wrote it. This becomes more apparent as one goes through the many "hot air" appeals to the people, who whether conscientiously or otherwise fell into the trap so skillfully baited by the now acknowledged champion of Gall and Bluff, we cannot say.

Under the heading of "advertising the Colony's Resources" we find the following example of this man Morris's deliberate attempt at coddling the electorate of this country:

"The present Government has made a special effort, since taking office, to bring before the outside world the advantages of this country for the settler, the capitalist, the sportsman and the tourist, in the belief that by ceaseless advertising of its resources, through the medium of articles, addresses, interviews, pamphlets, and otherwise, its advantages in these respects might be converted into substantial results, and already projects are on foot which promise to operate most beneficially. The growth in the sporting and tourist traffic of the country has increased by leaps and bounds and ensures large expenditures amongst our people. This policy will be continued in the future, and such efforts made in this direction as seem likely to be productive of adequate returns."

A special effort this "Nifty Edward" of ours tells his people will be made by the present Government? to bring before the world the advantages of this country for the settler, the capitalist, the sportsman and the tourist, etc. Now all this, at the time it was penned would we admit, be very pleasing intelligence to the vast majority of our countrymen; but unfortunately all the progress that has been made so far was confined to the wholesale distribution of this "green" cover hot air manifesto.

Advertising our resources. Ye gods isn't it rich. Morris has advertised our resources all right but in such a manner as to bring ridicule and shame upon the people of Newfoundland. Was advertising our resources by Morris the idea held by him when over his signature he wrote a paragraph

for our E. C. Robinson, the promoter of a "get rich quick" scheme known as the Labrador Syndicate? This syndicate issued a prospectus in which it was stated in cold black type that the fishermen-laborers of this country could be paid in Truck. Was this an advertisement for Newfoundland of which we should feel proud of? Was this uncalled for insult what the thousands of fishermen and laborers who voted for Morris's Picnic Party expected from one who always posed as their champion? In the quotation from "Nifty Ned's" manifesto referred to above we find that "this policy will be continued in future, and such efforts made in this direction as seem likely to be productive of adequate returns."

Adequate returns for who? Certainly not for the toilers of this Colony. More likely the Premier had in mind the land sharks and hoodlers who have hung on to his coat the past six years. Had advertising the Colony on the part of Morris anything to do with the action of some of his executive members who issued that prospectus known as the Bay-de-Verde Mine Co. which contained the names of F. J. Morris, M. P. Cashin, C. E. Emerson, D. Morison, a prospectus the nature of which was enough to damn Newfoundland in the eyes of all outside capitalists for ever more. This "get rich" bunch had this prospectus registered in North Dakota, U.S.A., and the write up in the initial pages of this "gold brick" document was about the best specimen of gall we have ever been privileged to gaze upon.

Another great boom sounded by our "Nifty" Premier was shale oil. This was told by Edward going to be a great thing. The British Government, says E.P., are anxious to secure oil for fuel for the navy. The British Government evidently knew Sir Tax better than he did the former for we have yet to hear that the British Admiralty worried about the great shale oil fields in Britain's Oldest Colony. But this we do know, many supporters of Morris "bobbled up all the shale oil claims here were known to exist, and even yet we haven't heard the hum of machinery or seen the oil. We may hear about it further when 1917 election comes around. Booming the Colony! Well this poor unfortunate Colony has been doomed to ignoble glory by Morris and his Picnic tribe. If only they could manage to boom themselves out of sight all the people would say Amen!

The record of the Morris gang in connection with our Crown lands is one of glaring political jobbery. Our timber areas, the people's heritage have been handed out to party heeblers for pure speculative purposes. The Crown Lands Department has been turned into a gambling den and so bad has it now become that even those who were the most interested are now the most disgusted. Morris has been booming for twenty odd years and all he has succeeded in doing is himself to the detriment of our Colony and her people.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES

POPULAR MECHANICS some time ago told about a motorist of Aberdeen, Wash., who uses a barge, built at a cost of less than \$100, for ferrying automobiles across a bay 20 miles wide. The barge is so equipped that the automobile being ferried across furnishes its own propulsive power. At each side of the barge, near the stern, is a propeller wheel which is housed for safety. The axle of each wheel is at such a height that when the auto is raised a few inches above the deck of the barge it will be in line with the auto's axle. Each axle is capped with an 18-inch hardwood wheel, two inches thick, with leather clamps for fastening it to the drive wheel of the auto. When a motorist wishes to cross the bay he simply drives onto the barge, raises the rear wheels of his machine clear of the deck, clamps them fast to the wooden wheels of the propeller shafts and starts his motor. All this requires about eight minutes. A light car can propel the barge at the rate of eight an hour and a high-power machine of course can make even better speed.

German chemists have developed a process by which alcohol can be produced from wood and a material sufficiently nutritious to be used as fodder for cattle can be obtained from the residue. When this material is mixed with their usual fodder the animals eat it readily and with apparent relish.

Tests so far made with a new drug, distinguished by the jaw-breaking names of "trimethylmethoxyphenol," the discovery of an English chemist indicate that it is a highly valuable intestinal bactericide, being when introduced into the intestinal canal 40 times more potent than a five-percent solution of carbolic acid would be.

German manufacturers have discovered another great boom—the Products Corporation. This boom was the giving away of our natural waterways to his dear friends the Reids, who as P.T. said in the famous Chicago letter, moved their game like pawns on a chess-board. The latest boom of "Nifty Ed" was going to work wonders on the West Coast, but as yet the people there have neither seen or heard anything of this Carbide-Wilson deal. It goes without saying at the next session of the House, Edward will have another great boom for his native land.

This Colony has been cursed by fakirs such as Morris and the quicker our people see themselves as others see them the quicker will they realize how systematically they have been coddled by Edward Patrick Morris, who during his term of office, if he "runs" it out will have saddled us with \$16,000,000 of increased public debt during his reign of squander, grab and graft. He will leave behind him a pawned independence and a heavily mortgaged future.

covered that the willow-herb which grows wild in Germany and also in America and is commonly regarded as a weed can be used satisfactorily as a substitute for jute and hemp. They are encouraging the cultivation of the plant. The wild willow-herb plants have been gathered extensively by school children during their vacations.

A recently invented substitute for the unsanitary and frequently condemned office towel consists of an electrical device by means of which a current of air, heated and perfumed, is blown through an adjustable funnel onto either the hands or face, drying them quickly and without danger of infection. The current is regulated by a pedal.

One of the newest inventions is a sort of self-starter for horses. It consists of a whip provided with two metal rings which, when the whip is laid across the horse's back, come in contact with his body. An electric current supplied from a battery placed somewhere in the vehicle can be turned into the whip at will by pressing a button in the handle. With the metal pieces touching the horse's back, he is given a slight shock when the button is pressed and this spurs him on to a faster gait.

The French Government has announced that long-distance wireless telephone experiments between Arlington, Va., and the Eiffel tower must be discontinued because they interfere with and delay war messages. Since long-distance wireless telephone communication has been successfully established there is but little more to be gained by further experiments anyway until a transmitting station can be established in France. This probably will not be undertaken until the war comes to an end.

Several weeks ago a man who was found unconscious in New York was taken to a hospital where the only injuries that could be found were a bruised eye and a fractured elbow. He was unable to tell the attendants nothing except his name and age before he lapsed into unconsciousness in which condition he remained most of the time until his death, 40 days later. An autopsy revealed a fountain pen that had been thrust into his eye, between the eyeball and the socket, penetrating the brain. Surgeons were surprised that the injury did not cause death much sooner.

Oil Will Clear Fog

Scientists now claim that vegetable oil poured on the surface of the sea will clear fog. The oil film prevents the air from coming in direct contact with the warmer water, and thus prevents the condensation of water vapour. This might work with good effect on fishing craft at anchor on the grounds, and aid in the prevention of collisions.—Canadian Fisherman.

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BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work up on their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet; you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you will wear a week or two, then you will find jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in through toe you will find the water go; coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12.tf

The International Crisis in Greece and the Liberal Party

Venizelos Requests His Followers Not to Take Part in the Coming Election Comedy

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Eliphtheros Venizelos, ex-Premier of Greece, has issued a manifesto addressed in the name of the Liberal party to the people of his country, advising abstention from voting in the forthcoming general election. The manifesto was issued on November 21st, but its transmission by telegraph was prevented by the Greek Government and it reached Paris to-day by mail. The manifesto calls attention to the fact that the internal crisis was brought about solely by the wresting of powers from those to whom the people had confided it at the last elections.

"Day by day" says M. Venizelos, "the constitution is deformed into a simple scrap of paper and we find ourselves at present in a deviation from our policies amounting to suppression of the constitutional regime."

Ex-Premier Venizelos points out what he calls the entire absence of necessity or excuse for an appeal to the people for the second time in a few months, amid the confusion of war. He declares the Chamber of

Deputies overturned the Greek Cabinet, not for the mere pleasure of exercising its proposition and that it would have accepted the new cabinet with the single exclusion of the Minister who had insulted the chamber and says:

"In spite of the affront intentionally inflicted upon the national representation by the promotion of that Minister to the highest grade at the Royal Court and in spite of this maintenance in the reconstructed ministry, the opposition contented itself with declaring that it would abstain from the sessions."

"The Chamber had in view only the defense of its own dignity and had no intention of interfering with the passage of urgent laws. All these concessions were insufficient to turn the Government from its decision to dissolve the chamber and to proceed with the election while all the men in the Kingdom, who could be mobilized, were under arms."

"The accident regime that was thought to have been abolished by the revolution of 1909 came again to life with the ministry of the month of February. Beaten in the election this regime concentrates all its forces to-day in a supreme effort to suppress the liberties of the people because it cannot live otherwise."

After calling attention to what he terms the difficulties that make fair elections impossible, M. Venizelos declares that the Government is secretly arranging to have home on leave all mobilized men which it can count upon to vote for Government candidates, while all the adversaries of the Government are being refused leave of absence.

"The duty of the Liberal party" says the ex-Premier, "is not to participate in the political comedy whose object is to prevent a manifestation of the national will and to give an appearance which would be false that the elections were an approval by the people of the non-Execution of the treaty of Alliance, thanks to which Greece has extended her frontiers as far as Nestos."

The Liberal party has no intention to abandon the struggle and it would be a mistake to thus interpret its decision, says M. Venizelos, who adds that the party's object now is to prevent internecine strife and to leave the question at issue to be settled after the exterior crisis has passed.

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ANOTHER SHIP SHORT OF COAL

The S.S. *Ravenstone*, 8 days out from Philadelphia to Cardiff, Wales, with a load of wheat, put in here on Saturday. She met stormy weather on the way and her bunkers running short she was put about for St. John's to restock them.

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"May I ask what it was?"

"Certainly," replied the fair one. "I found that by keeping a bottle of ink handy you can use a fountain pen just like any other pen—without all the trouble of filling it."

A CARNIVAL OF ROBBERY

Saturday Felix Connell, of Bonavista who has been on remand for some time past for many thefts, was up before Court to-day again. Judge F. J. Morris presided and he was again charged with the stealing of overcoats, gloves, undercloths &c. from several different persons, all to the value of \$80. He was charged when remanded heretofore with several other thefts, and to-day he ebeted to be tried summarily.

He pleaded guilty, when the Judge told him there were four other charges pending against him. These are for stealing three coats and a rain coat from parties unknown and all to the value of \$38. As the police are still investigating what are thought to be other thefts of his, he was remanded again for eight days.

ASQUITH CLEARS HALDANE'S VISIT

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Lord Haldane's famous and mysterious visit to Germany, when questions arising out of the Agadir incident threatened the peace of Europe, was explained by Premier Asquith last week in a written reply to a parliamentary question. Germany herself asked that a member of the British cabinet be sent to Berlin. Lord Haldane was selected because of his personal friendship with the Kaiser and his knowledge of German affairs.

"In January, 1912," says Mr. Asquith's statement, "an intimation reached the British government from Berlin informally that it was desirable that a British minister should visit Berlin with a view to the private and unofficial interchange of opinions. The cabinet approved and it was proposed that Lord Haldane should undertake the mission, to which Lord Haldane agreed."

"He received his instructions from the foreign secretary and the cabinet and carried out his mission with entire satisfaction."

It is interesting to recall that at the time of Lord Haldane's visit to Germany, which attracted much attention in the newspapers, it was officially stated that his trip had no political significance, but that he had gone with his brother to "specially investigate scientific education in the German universities."

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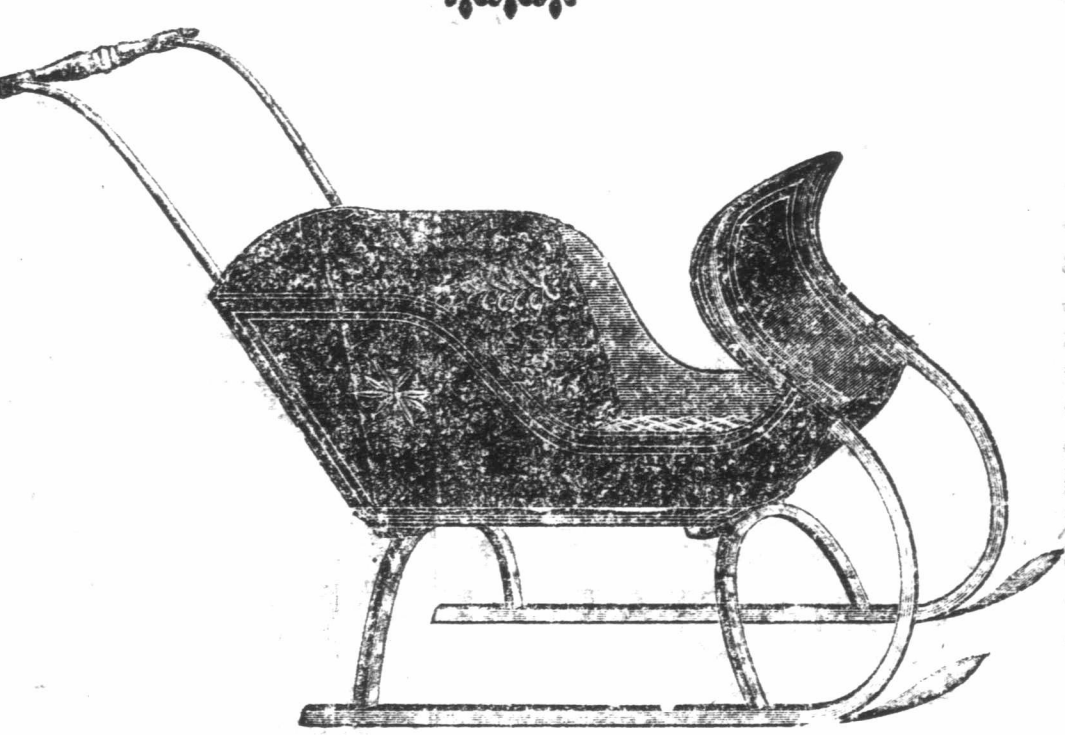
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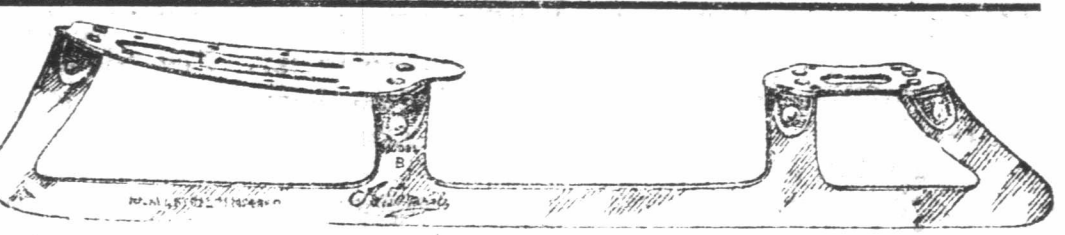
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