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MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

Monday, New Year's Day, 1917, the Daily Mail will not be issued.

THE PASSING YEAR.

In the course of a few hours the old year shall have passed into history. The world turns steadily on in the lache of Time, and the new year will be welcomed as heartily as was the year which is now drawing to a close.

The year 1916 has been one of the most eventful years in many decades. As in 1915, the great world war has occupied the centre of the stage, and the end of the sanguinary struggle is not yet in sight. So far as Great Britain and her faithful allies are concerned, it is a war in the interests of humanity and civilization as against barbarism and the black curse of Prussian militarism. The Allies are fighting the most arrogant military power the world has ever known, and they will keep on fighting until victory is achieved. Unless there are unforeseen occurrences, it is scarcely likely that the coming year will see the end of the war, as it is a generally accepted fact that the mills of the gods grind slowly. It is the inflexible determination of Great Britain and her Allies that the grinding shall go on in this case until the Prussian hosts are in such a position that they will no longer be able to disturb the peace of the world.

Canada as the chief colonial dependency of Great Britain, is nobly doing her part in the great war. Nearly four hundred thousand of her sons have donned the khaki, one hundred thousand of whom are on the firing line in France. In all of the battles in which they have participated, our Canadian boys have nobly acquitted themselves, and shed lustre on the country which is proud to claim them as citizens. Every dollar and every man in Canada will be at the disposal of Great Britain in the great struggle which she is waging on behalf of human liberty.

Canada has made steady progress during the year in all lines of human endeavor. While most of the great industries are giving first place to the turning out of munitions of war, the regular business of the country has not been neglected. The farmers have had a busy year and are receiving for their produce prices unexampled in the history of the country. Labor, both skilled and unskilled, is in brisk demand everywhere, and there is employment for all who are willing to work.

Outstanding political events of the year were the recent cabinet shuffle in Great Britain and the presidential elections in the United States. In Great Britain, after eight years of devoted service, Premier Asquith recently retired from office and the government thus dissolved was reorganized under the leadership of the Hon. David Lloyd George, who is generally recognized as the most forcible and talented man in the public life of the Empire. He has formed a strong and capable government, and under its administration a speeding up of the war is confidently looked for.

In the great republic to the south, contrary to general expectations, the administration of President Wilson was triumphantly returned to power.

In Canada parliament last spring unanimously voted to extend its life for a period of one year, which extension was subsequently granted by the Imperial authorities. In consequence of this extension a general election due this year was not held. There were

elections, however, in three of the provinces, viz., Quebec, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, resulting in each case in a victory for the Liberal party. The forced retirement from the government of Sir Sam Hughes from the post of Minister of Militia, and the death of Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, the Postmaster General, are other political events of more than passing interest.

So far as our own city is concerned, the past year has not been marked by any very notable changes. The citizens have pursued the even tenor of their way, for the most part, and business has gone on about as usual. Fredericton has never enjoyed what is called a "boom," but its growth has been steady, and there are those who look forward with confidence to a period of marked development for the city following the close of the war.

Let all bid adieu to old 1916 with its joys and sorrows, its disappointments and failures, and heartily welcome the little stranger, 1917, with its hopes, its bright promises and its anticipated blessings.

It is our earnest wish that the New Year may bring happiness and prosperity to all readers and patrons of The Mail.

AN IMPORTANT SESSION.

The York Municipal Council will meet on Tuesday in what promises to be one of the most important sessions in a decade. A new Wardeh will be chosen, and it will be necessary to appoint a new Secretary-Treasurer to replace the late Mr. Fred St. John Bliss whose tragic death by his own hand has created one of the sensations of the year. There has been altogether too much ring rule in connection with York's municipal affairs, and the Councilors should start the new year by putting an end to it. They will have to deal with some of its fruits, and if they fail to smash the machine while the opportunity is before them, they can rest assured that the people will do it for them next September. The "bosses" of the County Council are pretty well known to everybody, and the Council will do well to steer clear of their influence when filling the vacant offices next week. It may be too late now to remedy the mistakes of the past, but future mistakes can be guarded against. A great responsibility rests upon the members of the York Municipal Council at the present time.

Through Our Sieve

Farewell, 1916! We won't forget you.

Shall we resolute while the resolute's good?

Old 1916 is leaving up a real old winter, anyhow.

Of course we'd all like to point out resolutions for the other fellow.

The Kaiser should resolve not to go to Calais this year—nor even Verdun.

Eye witnesses should resolve to get at least 100 miles nearer the front.

Jack Frost should resolve to give his hands and face a rest.

Citizens generally should resolve not to let the house get afire while there's any snow on the streets.

The city engineer should resolve to think of lemons every time he sees a snowplow.

Movie men should resolve to make their tragedies just a trifle more ridiculous and call them comedies.

Taxpayers should resolve to pay more taxes. This is a cinch—you can bet your last dollar on it.

Woodrow Wilson should resolve to find a cure for bone in the head before he writes another note to belligerents.

The average citizen should resolve to live cheaper the coming year. This is a safe one—you won't keep it.

Conservative politicians who would keep out of trouble should resolve not to accept sight drafts from graft newspapers.

The students of algebra should resolve to use the word "scarifier" whenever they want something to stand for unknown quantities.

Our city fathers should resolve to stay home next time they feel like buying a combination chemical motor driven gold brick.

The special leased wire war correspondents should resolve to send thrilling war news whether there's anything going on or not—as they evidently did resolve last year.



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GERMANY TO WAGE SUBMARINE WARFARE

An Intimation to That Effect Has Been Made to Neutral Governments.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Herald's London naval correspondent wires as follows:

"It is just about two years since Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, in an interview, foreshadowed a policy of attacking merchant vessels by means of submarines. The latest outcome of the decision then taken is the declared intention to wage the submarine war in a manner more ruthless than ever after January 1.

An intimation to this effect is said to have been made to neutral governments, some of whom have been invited to make concessions to Germany in order to obtain comparative immunity.

It must therefore be assumed that the Central Powers are satisfied with the results of the extension of the U boat war to neutrals during the last year, and that they think the moment has come when they can extort concessions from the smaller powers by such a policy of blackmail as has been mentioned. The situation in regard to the submarines is thus a very different one from that of 1915, when the original submarine blockade was carried out. That attempt failed within a few months of its inauguration, partly because of the ineffectiveness of the boats employed, but largely because of the vigorous and complete measures taken to deal with it.

The boats then in use had only a limited range of action, their speed was not great and they frequented chiefly the narrow waters. The reply to them was both offensive and defensive in character, and numbers were accounted for by ramming, by gun fire, by explosive bombs, or in nets, besides what blows were struck at their base and sources of supply both from the sea and from the air.

In the first round of the contest, therefore, which was directed chiefly against British vessels, the Germans were beaten all around the ring, and by the autumn of 1915 the menace was declared by British ministers to be well in hand.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. T. Douglass, of Stanley, is in the city.

Mr. M. G. Teed, of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. T. C. Gorman, of Queenstown, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. L. C. Haley, of Yarmouth, is at the Queen.

Mr. S. Tichnor, of Boston, is in the city.

Rev. H. C. Archer and Mrs. Archer returned home last evening from Moncton, where they have been spending the Christmas season with Mrs. Archer's sister.

City Clerk J. W. McCready has been confined to his home for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. George Currie, of St. John, are here for the New Year, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Phillips.

Miss Lillian Maxwell, of St. John, is visiting relatives here.

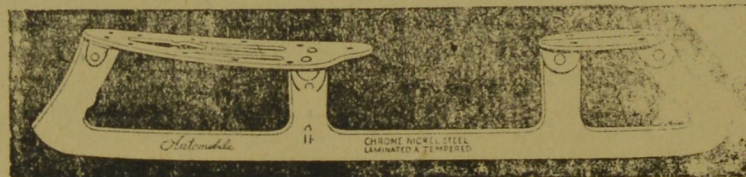
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