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THE COST OF DELIVERY.

The result of a preliminary survey by the United States Census Bureau has shown that "for four important classes of commodities—coal and wood, milk, ice and department store merchandise—which together represent a very considerable proportion of the cost of living, the expense of delivery or cartage one way constitutes, on the average, more than 8 per cent. of the total cost to the consumer. The percentages for the individual commodities, however, vary greatly from this average. For department store merchandise, the delivery expense, as indicated by the data so far obtained, represents less than 2 per cent. of the selling price; for milk and dairy products the corresponding proportion is 12 per cent.; for coal and wood, 19 per cent.; and for ice, 45 per cent."

So costly has become the item of cartage and delivery that "in the case of many articles of food, the amount received by the producer is only one-half or one-quarter, or less, of the price paid by the consumer, and it was the belief, borne out by the result of the preliminary enquiry, that the item of city cartage alone would be great enough to justify calling attention to the very large sums that the community is called upon to pay in maintaining the wasteful and highly complex systems of individual delivery which characterize retail distribution at this time."

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

Every year, more than 2,000,000 children and youths are recruited in the United States and Canada to industrial and commercial enterprises. School statistics show that 75 per cent. of the children who enter school leave between 14 and 16 years of age to work in mills, factories and stores.

The percentage going to work at this age with definite training is negligible. These young recruits to industry are employed in highly specialized tasks. Drifting from job to job, in later years, many settle down to become handy men and unskilled laborers. Hardly one in a hundred ever obtains an opportunity to become a skilled worker or master of a trade. What wonder that employers bewail the shortage of skilled workers and that the labor market is overstocked with thousands of unskilled workers.

To meet this situation Canada must provide some form of technical training whereby all who enter agricultural or industrial occupations shall be provided with at least the preliminary elements of vocational training.

Brooklyn Eagle: Bagdad's importance cannot be minimized. It has a future commensurate with its past, and it plays a part in the dream of things to come that more than equals the glory that is gone. When the German sailors on the Breslau and Goeben discarded their caps and donned the fez so that the attacks upon Russian ships would bring Turkey into the war, it was the lure of Bagdad and what lay beyond, that actuated those high in German command. Bagdad was not the prize, but it was the symbol of German ambitions in this direction. It was, of all places in the sun, the spot most coveted by the dreamers of German world dominion.

The city fathers last night rejected a proposal to expend \$50,000 in providing concrete curbing and catchbasins. The work is no doubt needed, but the public interests will not greatly suffer if it is deferred until after the war, when it is to be hoped the cost of materials will not be so great and labor not so scarce as it is at the present time.

London Free Press: The Rotarian who said it was more important that citizens should cultivate their own backyards than that vacant lots should be developed, spoke a simple truth. It is the backyards in the aggregate from which the increased supplies must come.

New York World: It is curious why Canada was left out by German diplomats when it began to parcel out the United States. Germany could just as easily have given Canada the northern tier of the United States as she gave Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to Mexico.

The City Council has fixed the assessment this year at \$140,000, which is an increase of \$15,000 over last year. The aldermen seem to have made vigorous use of the pruning knife, and for this they are to be commended.

A bar clock stopped running when the Governor of Oregon signed the law making the state bone dry. For eight years previously it had hung over the bar of a saloon in Salem. Just at 4 o'clock, when Governor Withycombe was signing the bone-dry law, the clock stopped. The old clock started its career in a saloon and was a companion to the liquor business. All efforts to start the timepiece again have been fruitless.

The members of the "die-hard" government, with the exception of Hon. Arthur Culligan, who was defeated at the polls before he was sworn in, are in the city today. This is the fourth meeting of the "die-hards" held here since their defeat on February 24th, and the Lieutenant Governor should see to it that it is the last.

Sir Sam Hughes says that if he had his way he would send Villa, the Mexican bandit, to France in charge of a Mexican division, and give him the rank of Brigadier General. If the majority of Americans could have their way Villa would be hanged from the nearest telegraph pole.

Thirty-two days have now elapsed since the Murray-Baxter government was defeated at the polls. Will the present week see the finish?

Lethbridge Herald: R. B. Bennett just announces that farming is skill labor. The truth is that farming is one of the learned professions.

Through Our Sieve

way to get into the limelight.
way to get into the limelight again.

Trenching at the front, retrenching at home is correct.

Now they're hinting that Hindenburg is getting ready to April-fool the Allies.

Nicholas to Constantine—"My trouble was made in Germany too—I married it!"

A coroner and an undertaker should be on hand when the "die-hard" government passes in its checks.

Not only could Germany fight to better advantage with the junkers off its neck, but it might not need to fight at all.

China is doing what it can to live up to Emperor William's idea of a first class yellow peril.

Will maple sugar get in line with the ordinary sugar of commerce and start off with a jump in price?

In the birth pangs of a new order the world takes small account of individuals, institutions or classes.

Having had abundant preliminary practice, Russia learned at last how to conduct a revolution.

We have no doubt the Germans didn't give up Ham until there was nothing left but the bone.

Nicholas reminds us of some of our provincial politicians—he couldn't see what was coming until it hit him.

Alphabetically, Hapsburg and Hohenzollern come before Romanoff, but fate may be working from Z upward.

Europe's war was the result of the attempt to fasten the rule of force upon the world. Here is a lesson for all in the surpassing beauty of reason and reasonableness.

After reading what Sir Sam Hughes said about making Villa a brigadier general, there will be a great rush for mirrors by military men who owe their positions to Sir Sam, to see how much they look like a greaser.

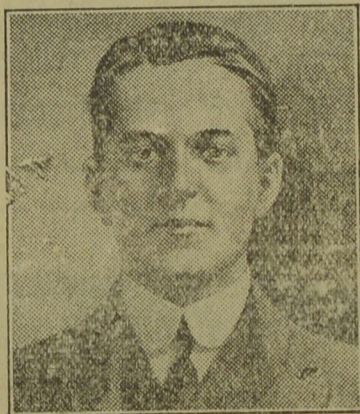
MARY PICKFORD AT GAIETY
IN "LESS THAN THE DUST"

When Mary Pickford comes to this city next Monday and Tuesday in "Less Than the Dust," she will appear for the first time in a production made by her own company, a corporation bearing her own name. It is her purpose now to make but a limited number of pictures each season, but these, she says, will be master works and produced at an unlimited cost. She has carried out her announcement in the presentation of "Less Than the Dust," which is said to be the finest and most artistic blending of her personality with scenario and story that has yet been accomplished. It will show her as a little castaway in an East India city, who, though of English birth, has been reared among the natives of the lowest caste. It will have any number of striking scenes and plenty of thrill in a battle between British troops and natives.

Mary Pickford's part gives her full play for her delightful comedy, and there is a dramatic touch and the plaintive pathos which has always made her characterizations so popular and so lasting in memory.

SEVEN YEARS
TORTURE

Nothing Helped Him Until He Took
"FRUIT-A-TIVES"



ALBERT VARNER

Buckingham, Que., May 8th, 1915.
For seven years, I suffered terribly from Severe Headaches and Indigestion. I had belching gas from the stomach, bitter stuff would come up into my mouth after eating, while at times I had nausea and vomiting, and had chronic Constipation. I went to several doctors and wrote to a specialist in Boston but without benefit. I tried many remedies but nothing did me good. Finally, a friend advised "Fruit-a-tives". I took this grand fruit medicine and it made me well. I am grateful to "Fruit-a-tives", and to everyone who has miserable health with Constipation and Indigestion and Bad Stomach. I say take "Fruit-a-tives", and you will get well.

ALBERT VARNER

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

COAL HAS TAKEN
A DROP IN PRICE

New York, March 28.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company today announced a reduction of 50c. a ton in the price of coal, to become effective April 2. The reduction applies only to stove, egg and nut sizes. According to custom, ten cents a ton will be added to the price of these sizes each month until Sept. 1.

Coal dealers say they believe all the producing companies will follow the lead of the Philadelphia & Reading, notwithstanding earlier predictions that on account of unusual conditions this spring the customary reductions would not be made.

STOCK MARKET

Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons,
Bankers and Brokers, Queen St.

NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	97
C. P. R.....	163 3/4
Crucible steel.....	69 3/8
Erie.....	30
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	90 3/4
Union Pac.....	141 3/8
U. S. Steel.....	115
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	46 1/2
Marine Com.....	33 3/8
Reading.....	99
Rubber.....	58 1/2
Studebaker.....	102
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	50 1/2

MONTREAL

Civic.....	81
Detroit.....	117
Quebec.....	25 1/2
Toronto.....	89
Braz.....	42 3/4
Cement.....	64 1/2
Iron.....	67 3/4
Steel Co.....	67 3/8
Spanish.....	17 1/2
Shaw.....	127
Can Cottons.....	52 1-2
Laur. Pulp.....	188
Scotia.....	100
War Loan.....	97 1/2

FATAL EXPLOSION
IN CITY OF BAPUME

Paris, March 28.—An accidental explosion occurred yesterday in the city hall at Bapaume and a number of persons were buried in the debris. Raoul Briquet and Albert Taillandier, deputies from the arrondissement of Arras, who have been engaged in relief work, are reported to be among the victims.

Spring Opening of

Ladies Suits, Coats Skirts etc.

THURSDAY MARCH 29th.

We have decided to allow a 10 p. c. discount off all Ladies Ready-to-Wear Goods for that day.

This is to be a Cash Sale.

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Notice to

CARBIDE USERS

Car of CARBIDE which was delayed in transit has arrived. We are now in a position to ship orders for CARBIDE some day as received. Send us your orders.

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ONE 1800 lb. CLYDE, a Champion and Sweepstake winner.
ONE 1700 lb. four-year-old CLYDE, an extra nice one.
ONE 2-year-old CLYDE that will grow into an 1800 lb. horse.

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