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PULPIT AND POLITICS.

Rev. Dr. Carson, editor of the Presbyterian Witness, has been visiting Ontario and has sent home some notes of his observations. In an Ontario town, the name of which he does not mention, some exciting incidents occurred on the eve of the recent election. Dr. Carson writes:

"In a large Methodist Church, at the close of the Sunday evening service, the pastor gave a talk in favor of the Union Government. One of the leading men of the congregation expressed his dissent by rising in his seat and starting to go out. Another man hissed the dissident as he passed his pew. This added fuel to the indignation of the protestor, and he turned and with all his force threw his hymn book at the head of the man who had hissed him. This did not end the disturbance, for a lady in the audience expressed her opinion audibly, whereupon her neighbor in the pew in front of her turned about and slapped her in the face. The people in some parts of Nova Scotia sometimes get excited over politics, but a scene such as this in one of the churches on Sunday evening would be regarded as something of a scandal."

Commenting on the above, the Montreal Journal of Commerce says: "Perhaps sufficient time has elapsed since the election to allow the formation of a calm judgment on events such as the Witness editor describes. While in this particular case the trouble seems to have taken an exceptionally violent form, it is a fact that in various parts of the Dominion clerical interference in the election was exhibited to a degree that can hardly be justified."

WAR FABLES.

It might help somewhat to shorten the war, says the Chicago News, if means could be found for suppressing some of the hypothetical and largely fabulous yarns that relate to the shortage of food in Germany. Another of these fables has lately been circulated. It pictures the Germans as suffering untold agonies as they starve to death—the gullible being asked to believe that only the very rich can stave off the pangs of hunger. Like virtually all such stories, this latest one is highly circumstantial. If all similar stories concerning Germany's food supplies in the last two years had been even nearly true, the German people would have starved to death many times over.

Naturally fiction of this old familiar sort has a harmful effect upon public opinion in the United States and Canada. It leads many to believe that Germany is already beaten and about to yield through weakness. In consequence the tendency is to slacken and temporize in preparations for carrying the war to a successful conclusion. "Nothing could assist Germany more," United States Senator Kenyon is reported as saying on his recent return from France.

London Daily News: Sir Rosslyn Wemyss is a cousin of the King, although not in the eye of the law a member of the Royal Family. King William IV., when Duke of Clarence, had a numerous family by the beautiful Mrs. Jordan, and one of these, Augusta Fitz-Clarence, married John Kennedy-Erskine. The Kennedy-Erskines had a daughter, Millicent, who married James Wemyss of Wemyss, and was the mother of Sir Rosslyn Wemyss. The precise relationship, therefore, of the King and his new First Sea Lord is that of third cousin—which in Scotland is reckoned near.

London Daily Express: If democracy is worth preserving, it is worth improving. The idea may be splendid, but the machinery may be all wrong. We want in this country a system that, by organization and education, will give a solid reality to our freedom. We want, individually, to realize that citizenship demands service, given to our fellows not for money but for our own honor's sake. If democracy is to have a soul, "noblesse oblige" must influence the peasant as well as the peer, the artisan as well

as the captain of industry. We are all in the same boat. That's democracy.

La Patrie—The Federal pact is indissoluble because of the essential elements of the provinces demands its maintenance. And if the pact is to survive it is the duty of all Canadians those of Quebec as those of the other provinces, to do what they can to produce, in the future as in the past, fecund fruit. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, during the fifteen years when he was at the head of the Federal administration, worked perseveringly for the agreement of the races by preaching conciliation. Certain of our people made that a reproach to him. Conciliation, the way to all honorable compromise, will however, always be necessary so long as the French-Canadians and the English-Canadians have not got to that point where they can avoid the points of misunderstanding which presently divide them.

Through Our Sieve

What's the idea—north and south poles trying to effect a junction.

Something is brewing in Germany, and it isn't beer either.

What, peace on earth and good will to men? It is verboten!

A Detroit man with a bankbook on his person with a thousand dollars in it, stole a ham. He wanted everything.

Before complaining of the weather, stop and think how soon you will be out putting the screens on.

The man who recites "Beautiful Snow" in Chicago is looked on as a pro-German.

Opportunity comes ever day to the man who believes in himself and goes out and chases after it.

The wisdom of a wise man begins to look like the hole in a doughnut when a small boy begins to ask him questions.

What we feel when we pay the usual compliment never seems to teach us how to discount the usual compliments paid to us.

Of course men no longer look for miracles, but none of them ever despairs of finding that impossible combination, a plump girl who looks slim in her clothes, a saint with the fascination of a siren, and a Venus who can cook.

HALIFAX HAD A BAD SCARE

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—Fire which broke out this morning in a freight shed at the South Steamship terminals where ammunition was stored, created a panic. People in that district, fearful of another explosion, speedily left their houses and ran north. The street cars were stopped and there was evidence of alarm on the part of the authorities as workmen employed at the terminals were ordered to go north. The fire only lasted five minutes. Part of the munitions stored in the burning warehouse were from the steamer Pluton, which figured prominently in the disaster of December 6. None of the munitions exploded.

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PRINTER'S DEVILS GIVE AMAZING ENTERTAINMENT

Canadian Veterans in England Gave a Clever Performance in Theatre on New Year's Eve.

With the Canadian Army in Flanders, Jan. 24 (By W. A. Willison, by mail).—New Year's Eve, the insignia of the Maple Leaf distinguishes them but their friends call them the "Printer's Devils." And they will live in history, not only because of great battles but because they brought to the firing line the first pantomime in the history of the western front. And in so doing they gave to fighting men just out of the trenches a touch of home that sent them out into the night refreshed and strengthened after hard days. There are those who dined at the Savoy with members of Canada's veteran division on the night that she read in the second year of the war. There are others who will remember the first night at Daly's when members of that same division crowded the boxes and Betty won their hearts in A Kiss for Cinderella. They were privileged. But those who were with the Printer's Devils tonight saw the New Year come in bringing with it their own production "A Lad in France." A Lad in France was the heart of that performance. Other lads were with him. The play they produced was nothing short of miraculous. It seems exaggeration, perhaps. But the theatre—or lecture room—held a thousand. The stage was over twenty feet wide. Electric City lighted the footlights. The scenes were of an emperor's palace—a village in England—a demon's cave. The music was partly from a church choir show, partly from the Maid of the Mountains, partly from Cloches De Corneville, partly from the Palace Revue, and Airs and Graces partly composed by the men of the party themselves. There were other airs, too, from New York. The orchestra is furnished by a Manitoba regiment and very well supplied. The closing scene is the interior of the palace and the widow sings of how she too "a soldier into a billet." The scimitar song from the Church Choir is finally rendered. Aladdin marries the princess, and the emperor takes the widow. And so the end, with the house ringing with cheers for the performers. Then, it being New Year's Eve, a thousand officers and men join hands in Auld Lang Syne. As you step outside you can hear the mutter of guns in action.

LOCAL NEWS

Second Round of "Wee Neilly." The second round of the "Wee Neilly" will be played at the curling rink tonight, six rinks a side. The play will begin at seven and nine o'clock.

Women's Institute. The Fredericton Women's Institute met last night in the Board of Trade office. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year were made. Voting will take place at the next meeting.

Managing Committee Series. Three matches were played in the Managing Committee Series last night. The scores were: F. P. Hatt 19, A. McE, Staples 11; S. D. Simmons 13, A. S. McFarlane 11; C. H. Weddall 12, F. W. Porter 11.

Not at Present. An Ottawa despatch says that the report that the government contemplates the closing of theatres and picture houses three days out of the week in order to save fuel is not correct. No action of the kind is contemplated at the present time. The report naturally created quite a stir among the theatre men.

Horses Ran Away. A runaway horse on Queen street last evening shortly after four o'clock knocked down a lady at the corner of York and Queen streets and dragged her some distance. She was taken into Dibble's drug store and later to her home. She was much shaken up. The horse was from Camp's stable. This morning there was another runaway on Queen street, the horse being from Smith's stable. As it turned into Barker House alley the sleigh was smashed.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
New York, Jan. 29.—Stocks were firm to strong at the opening of today's market, the absence of disturbing developments over the holiday resulting in a fair demand for the usual leaders. U. S. Steel and some of the less prominent industrials and equipments made one point gains. Shipments, coppers and motors also recorded substantial improvement. Pacific and coals were the strongest of the rails. Bonds developed an irregular trend, Liberty 3 1/2 declining to the new low record of 97.99.

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MEAT SHORTAGE IN THE EAST
Washington, Jan. 29.—The fact that the east faces a temporary meat shortage because of transportation difficulties was disclosed by the food administration tonight in instructions sent to packers not to increase their prices above a normal margin of cost and to distribute their available supplies fairly among their customers. Wholesalers and retailers received virtually the same instructions.

FOOD SCARCE IN ITALY
Washington, Jan. 29.—Italy's food situation has become so serious, official despatches from Rome today said, that restaurants in the province of Rome are prohibited from serving pastries and noodles, the most popular of all foods. This is an indication, the despatches say, of the measures to which the Italians are obliged to submit in order that the necessary rationing for the troops may be provided.

ALCOHOL PLANT DESTROYED
Marquette, Mich., Jan. 2.—An explosion, followed by a fire early today which destroyed the alcohol refining plant, the primary building and a set of condensers of the Pioneer Iron Furnace Company, caused damage estimated at \$500,000. The police believe that the explosion was caused by an incendiary, but the officials of the company declined to express an opinion as to the cause.

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