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MAPLE SUGAR.

The agitation for the production of pure maple sugar, so as to conserve the supply of ordinary sugar, is worthy of consideration. Where there are sufficient trees to make it worth while, the sugar supply can be considerably increased. To get the best return and to make the most out of it, modern equipment is necessary, though in the early days, when every farmer produced his own supply of sugar, the equipment for extracting the sap and converting it into syrup and sugar was often of the crudest kind. In those days the large round kettle, the wooden trough and home-made "spile" appeared to serve the purpose, and many gallons of fine maple syrup and sugar was produced in this fashion. But the old kettle and the wooden sap trough have largely disappeared, and where the manufacturing of maple products is carried on on a more or less large scale, modern appliances are used. These have many advantages over the old style utensils. They conserve fuel, which is an important item these days, and enable the farmer to produce a purer and cleaner brand of product. Even if there were no special reason for conserving the sugar supply by substituting maple products, the high prices prevailing would be an inducement to increase the output of the home-made article. In many sections that formerly produced large quantities of maple products, comparatively little can be produced today, owing to the depletion of the forest areas. But wherever there are sufficient maple trees, and the farmer has the time and equipment, something should be done in the way of producing maple products.

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW.

Victor Hugo declared that there is nothing in history more fascinating and wonderful than the realization of "the idea whose time has come." Men at the crossways of the world's events are speaking their views and reactions on history now in the making. Leon Trotsky in wide, bold strokes, sketches a world in which the contradictions between feudal autocracy and modern industry are so vast that existing governments cannot function and the nations at war represent natural law moving after a new form of government and of economic society.

Charles M. Schwab, addressing a public school alumni association, asserts that "we are at the threshold of a new era," and "the man who labors with his hands, who does not possess property, is the one who is going to dominate the affairs of this world."

Lord Northcliffe, ordinarily a decisive analyst, who speaks with an assurance of finalities, while in Chicago observed with hesitancy and the manner of one baffled that "a mysterious something is sweeping the world" and "sweeping masses of men to inexplicable deeds."

Is the world witnessing the birth of "an idea whose time has come?"

When men as far apart hitherto as Leon Trotsky and Charles M. Schwab arrived at an explicit understanding that a reorganization of the fundamental of human society is on the way, then the world must be near to the acceptance of something strikingly new. What, then is the new thing that stands so close behind the veil of the future? Let us call it human justice. More: let us strive unceasingly to make it that—not class rule of low or high, but simple justice, exact, exact and as broad and deep as humanity.

Toronto News: The more the Russian situation is studied the more probable does it seem that the Bolshevik movement was engineered by the Central Powers in their own interest. Present Russians are emphatic in their assertions that Lenin and Trotsky are paid agents of the Teuton military. Having demoralized and disbanded the army, they have left their country without any reasonable means of defense against the Hun invaders. Despite confusing reports from Germany and Austria, the chief

result of the Brest-Litovsk conferences has been to place disarmed Petrograd and the whole of northern Russia at Hindenburg's mercy. Already it is announced that the march against the former Czar's capital has been resumed.

London Advertiser: The newsprint production of Canada is in the hands of a monopoly. That is why the publishers may rightfully say to the Government: "You shall fix the price of newsprint at a just figure." One paper mill will not bid against the other and all quote the same price—that is, if they will quote prices on request. Before the days when the newsprint industry became a monopoly, the newspapers and the public got a run for their money.

The Germans are evidently preparing to start their long contemplated drive against the Allied forces on the western front. They have massed an enormous army in the west and will put forth every effort to win a victory. The Allies are well prepared to meet the expected drive and are confident of their ability to keep the murderous Huns in check.

The action of the Provincial Government in arranging to bring a number of Ford tractors to this province for agricultural purposes, will meet with general approval. The Ford tractor has been given a trial in Ontario and elsewhere and worked satisfactorily. For plowing it cannot be excelled.

Halifax Chronicle: When Baron Beaverbrook, in the course of his duties as head of Britain's propaganda department, comes to deal with "freedom of the seas," we may be sure that he will agree that there must be ample "water" for flotation purposes.

The Nova Scotia Legislature will meet for the despatch of business tomorrow.

Through Our Sieve

When we wish for a thaw we forget about the mud and slush.

Nothing comes home to a man so much as an unsettled bill.

Don't get into the habit of going around with your bristles up.

You never see a married man applaud a wife who gets the best of her husband in a play.

How times change! A lot of women now think that the hand that rocks the ballot rules the world.

One good way to cheer up is to read the seed catalogues which are beginning to circulate.

The proverbial diet of bread and cheese and kisses looks good in war-time, but the difficulty is to get the bread and cheese.

The sweetest memory in a woman's life is that of the first kiss of her first love; in a man's, the first kiss of his last love.

Love may outlive the instalments on the diamond ring, and even on the furniture and bungalow, but seldom on that endowment policy we took out so gaily.

Young men may not part their hair in the middle as much as they did 20 years ago, but with the modern dances a lot more think below their ankles.

Where, oh, where is the old-fashioned lover who used to go tremblingly in to ask Father for your hand? He is sitting in the back parlor waiting for his daughter to say good night to the youth, who says, "Give the Old Boy my regards and tell him we're going to walk the plank in June!"

THE GERMANS MUST BE BEATEN

Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 19.—There can be no peace until Germany is badly beaten and those who speak peace now are either misinformed as to the situation or are wilfully helping Prussianism, says William Taft, former president, in a talk to enlisted men of the 85th Division here today. Discussing the probability of a German drive on the west front, Mr. Taft said:

"The only reason I can give why there should be no drive is that the German military has said there would be one. And the German military is synonymous with lying."

Germany's aims before the war were explained by Mr. Taft as he interprets them. They included, he said, war on England until there was no indemnity left to pay except colonies, chiefly Canada. Then it would have some reference to the boundary of the United States.

RUSSIA MAD WITH THEORIES AND DISRUPTION

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—The spectacle of Russia, mad with theories of disruption and destruction, was described here by Dr. William T. Ellis recently returned from the land of the Bolsheviks. He said in part:

"Russia is in the throes of violence we cannot conceive. It is an upheaval of world-wide significance, for it means that the 'man with a white collar' is in danger of death which the disturbance exists. College professors and some newspapers in this country are inclined to support the Bolsheviks because they interpret what is going on in Russia as a triumph of Socialism. If it is Socialism, then it is the most selfish thing in the world, for it is rule of all classes by the lowest strata."

"The Bolsheviks in control of the government are, for the most part, returned Russian Jews from the East Side of New York, and are L. W. W. agitators of the worst sort. Under their rule the power lies with the man with the gun. Their words are high sounding, but their deeds belie them."

"One of the principles is 'inter-nationalism, self-determination' for all nations. They have in support of this claim sent troops to Rumania and Finland, and have threatened to send them to China, not to see that those countries have 'self-determination,' but to see that the lowest and most ignorant class is put in power above all others. They will not tolerate obstruction and in Finland missed by the narrow margin of two votes the putting into effect of a general program to massacre all but the laboring class. They carry this 'rule of the lowest class' to such extremes that incoming trains and boats are stopped and first class passengers routed out of them to give place to peasants and laborers. Despite all this, I found a kindly feeling for America throughout, and the magic word 'American-sky' never failed to secure for me the utmost courtesy."

LOCAL NEWS

Can Solemnize Marriages. Rev. Gabriel Loyer of Caraquet has been licensed to solemnize marriages.

Makes Assignment. Hugh MacDougall, baker, of Sackville, has made an assignment for the benefit for his creditors. Sheriff I. N. Killam is the assignee.

Sign of Spring. Small boys playing marbles were in evidence about the streets yesterday and today. This is an indication that spring is not far away.

Cold Wave Coming. The weather probabilities for today state that a cold wave is on its way east and is timed to arrive this evening.

Went to Sussex. Mr. W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, left last night for Sussex on business connected with his department.

Governemnt Meeting. The Provincial Government will hold a meeting in this city tomorrow evening to make preparations for the approaching session of the Legislature.

Women's Institute. The regular meeting of the Fredericton Women's Institute was held last evening at the home of Mrs. John Harvey, York street, and was well attended. A feature of the meeting was an interesting talk by Mrs. Lawlor of St. John, president of the Housewives' League.

Course in Home Economics. The course in Home Economics which opened yesterday in the gymnasium of the Provincial Normal School has an attendance of about twenty-five. The instructors are Miss Ada Saunders, assistant supervisor of Women's Institutes, and Misses Gertrude McKinnon, Jennie McConaghy and Jennie Alward.

Co-partnerships Formed. Ralph Shepherd and Charles Haining, both of Fredericton, have formed a co-partnership under the name of Shepherd and Haining, to conduct a general shoe and shoe repairing business. O. M. Melanson of Shediac, Alfred LeBlanc and Damien LeBlanc of Dupuis Corner, have formed a co-partnership under the name of the Point Sapin Fishing Co. Arthur W. Currie and Charles N. Robinson, both of Cardwell, have formed a co-partnership under the name of Currie and Robinson.

The Oldest Old Maid. A Charlottetown despatch says: Miss Lizzie Palmer, the oldest person on the island, if not in Canada, died in the provincial infirmary here, aged 115. She was born in Nova Scotia, came to the island when a child, and has been a ward of the government since 1883. She became blind two years ago. Previous to that she had regained her second sight and could read without glasses. Her hearing was acute and otherwise she was normal.

Mr. George O. Stratton of Moncton, is in the city. Mr. A. M. Durnian of St. John, is at the Queen.

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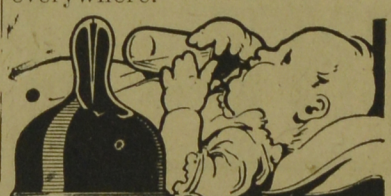
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