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CUPID AFTER THE WAR.

A question that is now agitating some of the London papers is what sort of a reception will Cupid, shorn of his khaki, get from the womanhood of the victorious Allies? One paper says, "Peace when it comes will find the women of this country emancipated not only politically, but also economically—women who have been told with justice and gratitude that they are 'splendid.' But this freedom will be mitigated by the restrictions which the war will have coincidentally imposed upon their emotional life."

"With a surplus feminine population which in normal times amounted perhaps to one and three-quarter millions," says another London paper, "no English girl could ever make quite sure of finding a husband. Henceforward that difficulty will be enormously increased by a universal shortage of young and healthy men. However imperative a high birthrate may be to replace the thousands of Britain's sons cut off in their prime, it is obvious that here, as well as in France, there will not be enough husbands to go round."

"A wide and fair field of choice will be opened to those who respond to this call. Girls will be as plentiful as the roses in June. From this overcrowded garden intending Benedicts will naturally pick the fairest flowers, with the result that the necessity to look well dressed and be beautiful will be impressed by the logic of the situation upon all who do not propose to bloom and fade alone. To cultivate beauty, and, above all, charm, will therefore become woman's part of the national duty in all Allied countries."

Fredericton girls, which the tourist booklets tell us are "ice cream in August" and "the frosting on the dreary plain cake of earth," are not losing any sleep over a trifling matter of the kind above referred to. They are already famous for their beauty, and with their other qualifications they will have little to fear if, as stated above, the "benedicts are allowed to pick the fairest flowers." Still, the prospect of having at the end of another decade a greater crop of old maids than ever before in the world's history, is not a very pleasing one. Perhaps under the circumstances the young women of the present who are qualifying themselves as bank clerks and filling positions usually held by the sterner sex, are giving evidence of more discernment and foresight than they are generally given credit for. It is always well to be prepared for any contingency that might arise.

THE SCARCITY OF COAL.

With the rich coal mines of Nova Scotia so close at hand, many people naturally wonder why soft coal is so hard to obtain here and so high in price at this season of the year. A correspondent of the Halifax Chronicle, in replying to some observations made by the president of the Halifax Board of Trade, gives a very good explanation of the matter. Here is what he says:

"There is an implication that the reduction in coal output has been the result of lack of co-operation between the miners and the employers, and while everyone will agree with President Macgillivray that this reduction is without any doubt the most disappointing and disturbing feature in provincial industry, it is evident to those who know the true facts, that Mr. Macgillivray, in common with many other persons, is under a misapprehension."

There are a good many reasons for the decline in our coal outputs, but the main reason, and the reason to which all the others are subordinated, is the shortage of men caused by enlistments in the army. The coal mines of Nova Scotia are now producing at a rate which is approximately 2½ million tons per annum below their capacity with a full force of workmen. If the number of men who have left the mines for service at the front is compared with the total number of men employed before the war, it will be found that the reduction in output is in exact proportion to the reduction in

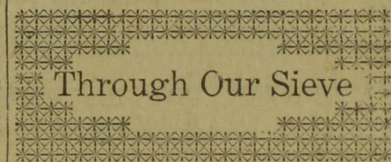
men. This is the explanation of the falling off in output.

"There are other contributory causes such as mine disasters, increasingly difficult physical conditions attendant on the extraction of coal, the increase in the proportion of submarine coal, the shortage of materials, and transportation difficulties."

"The leaders of Canada were told three years ago that Nova Scotia colliery districts would give men or coal. The country can have either one or the other, but it cannot have both."

London Chronicle: All lovers of old English words must be grateful to Sir William Watson for restoring that good word "truck" to its lost dignity in the phrase "base truck with the foe" with which he completes his tribute to the Prime Minister. It had fallen into disuse among the educated in its sense of barter or dealing, although the man in the street has made "I'll have no truck with them" a familiar saying. Dryden and Swift, however, used it and the former even gave it a place on a lover's lips in the plea: "Love is covetous; I must have all of you; heart for heart is an equal truck."

Springfield Republican: The Pennsylvania "Dutch" have voted to ban German language from their church services. If somebody could only make the Kaiser see what it means for a Pennsylvania "Dutchman" to change anything, we should have them "out of the trenches" by supper time.



Through Our Sieve

Sounds good these days to hear anybody suggest putting on steam.

On meatless days it should be forbidden to pass the buck?

Apparently we are drifting back to the good old stage coach days.

It wouldn't be so bad if your sins would not tell on you after finding you out.

Every time we get ready to hug January Thaw and kiss her right on the mouth, the film broke.

What a nice old world this would be if everybody were as polite as political candidates.

So soon as a cheaper cut begins to be sought, it goes up. Prices keep a couple of jumps ahead of appetites.

In these days the hewers of wood and drawers of water (frozen into ice cakes) needn't feel the least bit downhearted.

Professors of physical culture always did lack the nerve required to recommend the wood saw and wash board.

In dealing with the Russians the Kaiser's government has been as wise as a serpent and as harmless as trinitololuol.

We have two classes of unfortunates—those who can't get their minds on their work and those who can't get theirs off it.

COMMITTEE

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 ton and was worth support. The request of the company was in line with the policy followed for several years by City Councils and the Board of Trade. The suggestion of the company that a committee be appointed to take up the matter was a good one and should be adopted.

Ald. Burnett said that there should not be any agreement on the part of the city to furnish unlimited water to any company. A quantity should be fixed which would meet any ordinary need and after that was exceeded there should be a charge. Otherwise the city pumping plant might have a burden placed upon it which it could not carry.

Ald. Reid's Opinion.
 Ald. Reid said that he agreed with Ald. Burnett and believed that such a precaution should be taken. Speaking as a member of the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company he stated that his own opinion was that the shoe factory should never have been located in Fredericton at the advantages in a shoe centre, being so great that they outweighed any concessions. President Palmer had had a different idea, however, and the intention was to locate the new factory in Fredericton if it were possible.

The committee mentioned in the foregoing was then appointed. The City Council is favorable toward the company in this matter.

A SOLDIER IN TROUBLE

Montreal, Jan. 29.—John J. Connel, returned soldier charged with having stolen \$2,000 from the military authorities by converting to his own use cheques of the pay department pleaded guilty today and was remanded till Tuesday for sentence.

Hon. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, arrived in the city last evening. He is at the Queen.

YOUNGSTERS WON 2ND ROUND OF WEE NEILLY

Match was Close, Final Score Being 64 to 62—Game Depended on the Last Shot.

The Youngsters won the second round of the "Wee Neilly" at the curling rink last night. On the afternoon play the Old Timers had a margin of seven. At night the Young Fellows pulled up even. With Skips Belmore and Fowler starting the final end of the match the Juniors were leading by one point. Everything depended on the end and in fact on the last shot. Skip Tom Belmore was equal to the occasion, however, and won out.

The score by skips was as follows:
 SENIORS. JUNIORS.

Afternoon.			
H. R. Babbitt	9	John Neill	12
W. S. Thomas	19	G. A. Taylor	7
R. FitzRandolph	9	H. B. Colwell	11
37		30	
Evening.			
T. A. Wilson	11	T. A. Belmore	12
H. E. Fowler	7	E. J. Miles	10
F. W. Porter	7	W. Limerick	12
25		34	
62		64	

The game was followed by an informal supper in the banquet room of the rink.

LOCAL NEWS

Struck off the Strength.
 Lieut. Col. G. W. Fowler, formerly of the 104th Battalion, has been struck off the strength of the C. E. F., from Jan. 1st.

Methodist General Conference.
 The next general conference of the Methodist Church, already decided to be held at Hamilton, Ont., will convene on Wednesday, October 2, 1918. This was decided in Toronto on the 23rd inst. by a special committee.

Midweek Market.
 The midweek country market was not large. Prices ruled as follows: Butter per lb., 42 to 45 cents; pork per lb., 22 to 25 cents; potatoes per bbl. \$4; beef per lb., 14 to 16 cents; eggs, per doz., 60c.

Two Still Alarms.
 Two burning chimneys gave the fire department work today. One was at the residence of Mr. G. H. Clark, on Brunswick street, and the other at the residence of Mr. Edward McElvaney, corner of Brunswick and Westmorland streets.

Again Going Overseas.
 Capt. W. J. Weaver, Royal Army Medical Corps, who has been spending several weeks in Fredericton after returning from overseas will go to Toronto. After remaining there for a short time he will return to England to resume military service. Capt. Weaver served for a year at Malta and Saloniki. He will leave tonight.

Will Make the Transfer.
 The City Council last night considered the matter of transferring the concessions allowed Fraser Limited on behalf of the Victoria Mill to Fraser Companies, Limited, the corporation which now includes all the Fraser interests, as was requested by Slipp & Hanson, solicitors for the corporation. The transfer will be made.

Civic Delegation.
 A civic delegation is to go before the Provincial Government during its session here next week and protest concerning the allotment of \$22,000 as Fredericton's share of the Patriotic Fund assessment for this year. The protest will be based on the fact that Moncton is required to pay on an assessment valuation much lower than that of Fredericton although the real valuation of that city is fifty per cent. greater. This error was made by the former government and the figures were adopted this year without change.

A Moncton Soloist.
 Moncton Transcript: At the afternoon service in Central Methodist church on Sunday, conducted by Mrs. J. Ritchie Bell, Mrs. W. K. C. Parlee was heard in the very pretty vocal selection, "Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling." Mrs. G. N. Palmer accompanied. This number was so much appreciated by the very large audience which attended on Sunday afternoon, that Mrs. Parlee sang the same selection at the evening service in Central Methodist church, by special request. (Mrs. Parlee is a sister of Mrs. Harry Hobson of this city, and formerly resided here.)

Spending Vacation Here.
 Mr. Hugh J. Alward of Halifax, is spending a few days in the city at his former home, having been granted a few days vacation by the Department of Fisheries with which he is employed as engineer in the fishery.

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RETAIL

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NEWSBOYS OUT ON STRIKE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
 New York, Jan. 29.—Crowds of striking newsboys who are demanding one hundred two cent newspapers for \$1.20 instead of \$1.40 surged along Park Row and adjoining streets all day until late tonight, enacting realistic mob scenes. They scattered when the police appeared, but soon were back.

LOWER POKIOK.

Lower Pokiok, Jan. 24.—The weather for the past week has been very stormy and the roads are in a very bad condition.

School has reopened under the management of Miss Edith Hood.

Messrs. William and Harry Nichol spent last Sunday with their parents in this place.

Mr. Edmund Nichol made a flying trip to Fredericton on business this week.

Miss Mae McGirr was the guest of Miss Christine Fraser recently.

Mr. Howard Fraser is engaged helping Jones Bros. of Prince William, haul logs.

Mrs. Edmund Nichol entertained a number of her friends at a quilting recently.

Miss Beatrice King spent the week-end with friends at Dumfries.

Mr. Andrew Parker who is in poor health is not gaining as fast as his friends would wish.

Messrs. George Scott and Bert Fraser are busily engaged hauling logs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLean made a flying trip to York Mills last week.

Quite a number of our young men are busy hauling their pulpwood to Rossborough Station.

Mr. George King of Magundy was calling on friends in this place yesterday.

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