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AIRPLANE AND MOTOR TRUCK

An American parson ministering to the American soldiers now in England has been seen to camp in an airplane. He finds it cheaper than railroad travel and quicker than by motor car. They call the parson a real "sky-pilot."

What he is doing will be common enough a few years hence. Men will be flying back and forth every day between their country homes and city offices. Airplanes will be as plentiful as motor cars are now. This forecast does not seem fanciful to those of us who have seen the horse and carriage well nigh vanish from the streets and roads. And it required larger credulity to believe that the Wrights actually were flying than to imagine all of us within a few years provided with wings.

We are on the verge of another complete transformation in the manner of living. Airplanes are but one item of the change. The motor truck, which is to supplement the railways, and perhaps to postpone revival of waterways again indefinitely, will be another factor. And as transportation, its means and method, determines the physical character of a social period, these two primary improvements are bound to render a new life for all of us in fact.

There are some still alive who witnessed the coming of the railroad. Men and women still in middle age remember the coming of the telephone and the electric light. It seems only a few short years since Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote a poem likening the new trolley pole to the broomstick of the witch of Peritan times. The cities, the streets, the houses, the modes of locomotion and communication, the whole manner of life, has been changed for us completely since 1890, say, as they were for our fathers since 1850 or thereabouts. And now is promised another change more spectacular if not more fundamental.

The war has accelerated developments. Military needs have compelled innovations that would have been resisted by what we may describe as the vested interests. Vested interests are those that exist, and naturally they are disposed to discourage what seems to threaten their function. Stage coaches did not view railways with favor. Gas once feared electricity. Steam lines at first were apprehensive of the trolley. To be sure many of these fears of conservatism proved baseless, inasmuch as the new things enlarged the sum of energy so much that the old things were not crowded out, but were themselves benefited.

It has been remarked that the whole material life has been changed much more in the last seventy-five years than in all the previous time back to the fall of Rome. But we now see changes imminent that will surpass even those to which we have been subjected.

AMERICA'S NEEDS.

The Wall Street Journal recently published the following, which is applicable to Canada as well as to the United States:

"What America needs more than railway extension and western irrigation and low tariff and a merchant marine and a new navy, is a revival of piety. The great mother and father used to have piety that counted it good business to stop for daily family prayers before breakfast, right in the middle of business; that quit field work a half hour early Thursday night, so as to get the chores done and go to the prayer meeting; that, if necessary, borrowed money to pay the preacher's salary and prayed fervently in secret for the salvation of the rich man who looked with scorn on such unbusiness-like behavior. That's what we need now to clean this country of the filth of graft and of greed, petty and big; of worship of fine houses and of big lands and high office and grand social functions. What is this thing we are worshipping, but a vain repetition of what degraded nations fell down and worshipped long before their light went out?"

Toronto Star: A million and a half

tons of coal is a lot of fuel, and it was consumed last year because mankind, enslaved to the clock and tied up by habit, chooses to sleep after daylight and work after dark, rather than undertake the trouble of shifting the hours of labor during seasons of the year when practical good sense commands such a change. The proposal that we save daylight involves a great deal more than merely fooling ourselves by tampering with the clock. There is a lot of coal at stake and a lot of hydro power needlessly used in Ontario in artificially lighting shops in the late afternoon, so that men may work, although the sun lights these shops for nothing in the morning before work begins.

Telegraph: The old Conservative Club of St. John is officially dead, but in its place there springs up the Unionist Club—consisting wholly of Conservatives. Two attempts were made a few weeks ago to secure Liberal assistance in converting the old organization into a new one embracing citizens of both political faiths, but those attempts were amusing failures. Some thirty or forty men turned up on each occasion and while four or five were Liberals the others were dyed-in-the-wool and blown-in-the-bottle Conservatives.

An New England exchange says: A bird lover saw a flock of large white birds near her home a few days ago. Upon noticing them she immediately recalled an item in a Boston newspaper of recent date saying that a flock of birds answering the description of the one she saw, had been seen in the vicinity of Boston. It was reported that the last time anyone had seen these white birds was just before the close of the Civil War, and it seemed a coincidence that they should arrive again during this world war. Let us hope that for the second time this may be a forerunner of peace.

Crowds in the streets of Paris wildly cheered over the announcement that Bolo Pasha had been convicted of high treason and condemned to death. The decision of the court martial was unanimous.

Through Our Sieve

Cheer up! Dollar Day is coming. But you won't get quite a ton of coal for a dollar.

"Damaged goods"—some of the "fresh" eggs you get now.

Anyhow the vegetarians have it on ordinary mortals these days.

Most conspicuous now in Germany are the mailed fist, the bonehead and the cloven hoof.

It's one thing to shoulder a responsibility and another thing to get away with it.

Of course men are not vain, but just tell a man over 50 that he doesn't look a day over 30 and watch the effect.

John Bull goes on successfully, not hunting for anything Turkey leaves out overnight.

What we'd like to see in the movies is a close-up of Feb. Thaw knocking Jack Frost down and jumping on him.

Nothing is more exasperating than the candid friend who is always reminding you of four faults—for your own good.

The Frankfurter Zeitung is opposed to the Kaiser's policy, but there's little danger of the frankfurter wagging the dog.

That which interests a woman is not what her husband tells her, but what she knows he could tell her—and will not.

Philip Grannen Dead.

Mr. Philip Grannen, a well known citizen of St. John and an ex-member of the Legislature, died on Sunday night at his home on Douglas avenue after some weeks of illness. He was fifty-six years of age and is survived by a widow, three sons and two daughters. The deceased was elected to the Legislature in 1912, and was an unsuccessful candidate in the general election of last year. Although he rarely took part in the debates of the House, he was a man of good judgment and was regarded as a very useful legislator.

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FORMER RESIDENT OF MARYSVILLE INVALIDED HOME

Marysville, Feb. 18.—Mr. J. Curtis Collings of Moncton, who has been visiting relatives here for the past week, returned to his home this morning.

Mrs. George F. Cole returned to Minto this morning after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osborne.

Mr. John Hughes has recovered from his recent illness and is able to be about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Sherman left on Saturday for a visit to St. John.

Rev. H. Boyer, formerly pastor of the Fairville Baptist church, and secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, preached at the morning service of the Methodist church yesterday and at the Main Street Baptist church last evening.

Miss Pearl Simpson has returned from a visit to Waterville, Me.

Miss Margaret McNamara, who has been visiting friends here has returned to her home at Cumberland Bay.

Mr. Wallace Titus has returned to his home from the lumber woods.

Mrs. H. A. Gailey has received word from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thornton, to the effect that their son Joseph Thornton, who went overseas with the 55th Battalion, had returned to his home. After his arrival in England Private Thornton was included in a draft for the reinforcement of the 60th Battalion with which unit he was fighting when wounded. He has been at various hospitals and convalescent homes in England for the past several months. He was a resident of this place at the time of his enlistment.

The Ladies' Bowling Club will occupy the Dawson Club rooms this evening.

The Canadian Cottons, Ltd., has replaced a rope drive in the dye house and old napping room of its mill here by a belt drive. This work has just been completed.

LOCAL NEWS

Contract for County Wood.

Mr. G. Fred Pond of South Devon, has been awarded the contract for supplying thirty cords of wood to the Municipality of York.

Represents Canada.

Col. Murray MacLaren, C.M.G., of St. John, represents Canada on the government committee concerning the supply of artificial limbs.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Foss announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Arnold, to Lieut. Frederick Lawton Foster of Dorchester, N. B.

To Speak at St. John.

Dr. W. C. Kierstead of this city, who represents the Food Controller in New Brunswick, is in St. John today for the purpose of addressing the Housewives' League.

To Honor Returned Soldiers.

The Belgian and Soldiers' Relief Society of Devon will hold an entertainment in the Church Hall Tuesday evening, 19th inst., in honor of Sgt. Chas. Atkinson and Lance Corp. John Howe, returned soldiers. Other returned soldiers also welcome.

Report Re 236th.

St. John Globe: It is reported that despite hopes to the contrary, the Kilties (236th Battalion) now in England will be broken up and the men sent to France as drafts for units now on the firing line. It had been expected the men would go as a battalion.

Returning to Front.

Major C. H. McLean of St. John, who has been home on leave, is returning to France this week to rejoin his old regiment, the 4th C.M.R. Major McLean is well known in this section through his connection with the 25th New Brunswick Dragoons and with political campaigns.

BOLSHEVIKI CAPTURE KIEV

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Petrograd, Sunday, Feb. 17.—Kiev, one of the principal cities of Ukraine, was captured by the Bolsheviki on Friday afternoon after sanguinary fighting. The streets were filled with dead or wounded. While the fighting was at its height on Thursday, the city was bombarded by Bolsheviki aviators.

Polish troops have defeated the Bolsheviki at Bobruisk, 85 miles southeast of Minsk. Other Poles are advancing toward Smolensk.

Roumanians control the Akkerman district of Bessarabia an dare threatening Odessa.

The casualties at Kiev are estimated at 4,000 killed and 7,000 wounded.

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. E. Freeman of Toronto, is in the city.

Mr. H. M. Saunders of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. S. A. Clarke of Ottawa, is among the commercial men at the Barker House.

Mr. E. B. Seely of St. John, is at the Barker House.

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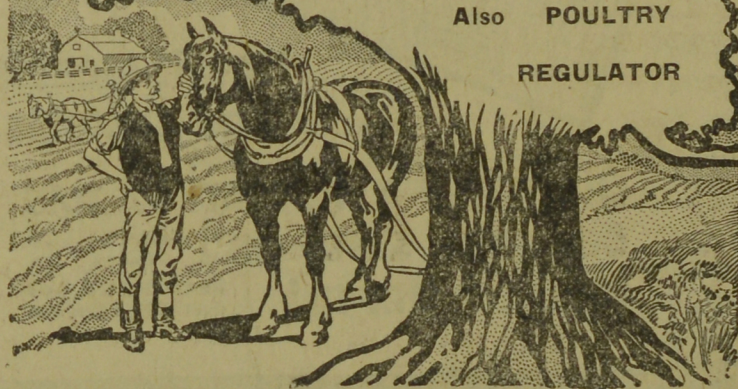
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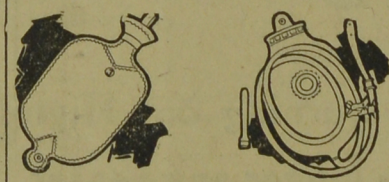
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