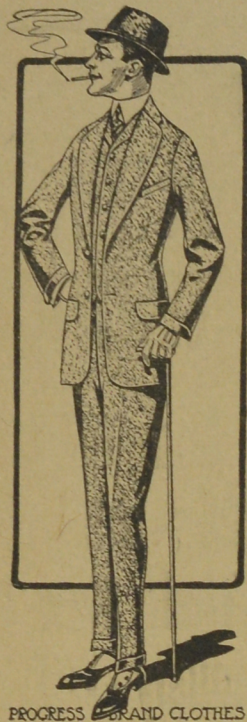


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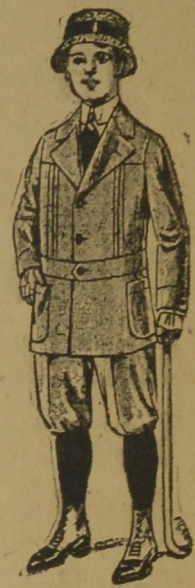
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We repeat with all possible vehemence that every day and every hour henceforth brings us closer to the monumental problem which must be solved in an energetic and forceful way—otherwise the "backwash" of our war efforts which created the army may produce a serious economic set-back to our re-construction plans.

It is true that the Federal Government has developed a chain of employment bureaux throughout the Dominion and that this mechanism is designed to meet the needs as they arise. With all due credit to the plan and the officers in charge we are bound to say that each employment bureau must of necessity be a passive force in dealing with the problem.

The active force necessary to absorb these hundreds of thousands of vigorous forceful and effective men—who are certain to assert themselves—must be found in the ranks of Canada's foremost trades and industrial organizers and operators. Never before has such a vital problem been presented to them.

"Optimism" was the key-note struck by a joint convention of Labor and Industry at Ottawa some days since—and from the Convention the same message was conveyed to the Government—all of which is proper and commendable if for no other purpose than to offset "calamity howlers."

We all know the virtue of "Faith without works." The question which

the big men of the country must answer is, "What are you doing about it? Are you urging the Government and studying the possibilities of your own Province? Or are you dawdling and waiting?"

We would press and urge these inquiries into every village, town and city of the Dominion. What are YOU doing about it?

U. S. SHIPS TO RETURN SOON

Washington, Dec. 13—Every capital ship of the American Navy now in Europe, including the dreadnought squadrons, which have been operating with the British main fleet, during the war, will return to home waters this month, Secretary Daniels announced today. They may be expected to reach New York about December 23, and a naval review will take place there to celebrate the home-coming.

THE TRUSTEE OF CIVILIZATION

London, Dec. 13Z—The quarterly review, "The Round Table," urges that the United States take full share and accept equal responsibility for the right management of the new world order after the war. It proposes that America, should become the definite trustee of civilization in the Middle East and definitely undertake a leading part in the reconstruction of Russia.

TRAFFIC LAW EFFECTIVE?

Fredericton, 12th Dec., 1918. To the editor of the Mail: Sir,—Now that the "silent policemen" have been laid off for the winter, in order to recuperate, will the "mighty few" be able to devote some attention to Fredericton's traffic law—which is more honored in the breach than in the observance? One particular spot is worthy of their notice, the corner of Queen and Carleton streets, where constantly someone driving in to town from over the river neglects to safeguard the public and to comply with the law by turning up Queen street sharp to the right.

This is not a small matter, really, Mr. Editor. Why should not law in a small city be enforced as well as in larger places? Why should we almost daily notice farmers and truckmen deliberately disregard the silent policemen on the street corners?

They may say they "don't believe in signs." Well, they should be taught that Fredericton's traffic law was effected for a purpose, to maintain order and avoid accidents. The Bar-racks corner is probably the most dangerous one of all, and now that "the barber poles" are in cold storage for a few weeks, the regular cops ought to have an eye on that corner, especially on market days.

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Germany will not be able to get out an edition of "Wer Ists" the German "Who's Who," this year. Nobody knows yet.

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Y. M. C. A. AND DEMOBILIZATION

Toronto, Ont. Dec. 13—Comprehensive plans for the carrying on of the Y. M. C. A. work during the demobilization period were discussed at a territorial conference of Y. M. C. A. Secretaries for Ontario and Quebec here today. Representatives were present from as far east as Halifax and as far west as Vancouver.

General Secretary Bishop said that the military work of the Y. M. C. A. during the past three and a half years was one of the outstanding achievements in applied christian service in Canadian history. In spite of criticisms the movement had proved itself in the eyes of the public.

L. F. Money Penny, Chairman of the Military Committee outlined plans for the demobilization period. The association had planned immediately to adjust its organization to serve returning men.

SITUATION IS DESPERATE

London, Dec. 13—An official despatch received in London, describes the situation of Estonia, as desperate. German troops have destroyed the railways and telegraphs between the Estonian army and Reval, and owing to the army's lack of arms and ammunition the Bolsheviks are advancing. The Bolshevik Government has declared the Estonian Government outlawed and the latter has appealed to the Entente Allies for a supply of arms and ammunitions.

A despatch from Helsingfors announces the arrival of a British squadron of cruisers, destroyers and submarines at Reval.

When they get back, perhaps the private in the ranks who has learned to obey, to cook and to make up his own bed will be far more satisfactory as a husband than the officer who has learned nothing except how to give orders and start a fight.