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MONEY AND IDEALS.

Hugo Masters, in a recent article, insists that there is in the air a new and national philosophy of money and of money-making and money-using, a national state of conviction that is as yet largely sub-conscious, but none the less a conviction for that.

The traditional view of the lottier-browed toward money made it out "filthy lucre," a fit subject for the contempt of the thoughtful, the desire for which was debasing to the mind.

Large use has been made of such phrases as "the insane greed for gold" and "the mad lust for wealth." No one questions that money has been and is misused, nor can it be doubted that there are too many who are suffering from the lust for money. The desire for money may be perverted, just as the desire for other powers and for other good things may be. Gas is a good thing in the home, but the householder may easily pervert its uses to those of murder or suicide.

But the conviction that has become rather subconsciously general, a conviction which modern life has developed or is developing, is that money is merely stored-up labor, the root not necessarily of evil, but of good, of works of charity and helpfulness, of the services of art and artists, of finer and safer cities, of a better class of amusements and recreations, of better educational facilities extended to more people, and of all that makes life worth living.

It is the undue love of money and the misuse of money that are the roots of evils. Money stands for cleanliness, good appearance, self-respect and it may much easier be a source of good than a source of evil.

Edgar McLean, of Washington, inherited a great fortune from his father and the control of a newspaper of national scope and reputation. Today a rival newspaper in the same city heads an editorial with the words "Congratulations to Edward McLean." A reading of the editorial shows that Mr. McLean has been devoting his energies of late to the problem of free coal for the suffering and the poor of his city. He not only secured the coal somehow, where no coal seemed to be, but he saw that it was distributed by his own teams to those who needed it. When the food problem showed up last summer Mr. McLean sold off the race horses belonging to his estate, keeping only animals that could be used for plowing, harrowing and raising food. Money is stored-up good, or it is stored-up evil, according as it is used. The selfish love of it may prove to be the root of evil, but the unselfish use of it will prove to be the root of untellable good. And the greatest joy in the world comes in the making of it a power for good.

Boston News Bureau: When a man takes the chance of life and death either in protecting his home, his state, his country or the freedom and democracies of the whole world, he offers his life on the highest altar known in earth or heaven—the altar of human sacrifice. Jehovah of the Jews; Christ of the Christians, erected no higher altar, and gentle an dpgan have found none higher. Humble may be the altar on which father and son offer themselves in sacrifice for defence of the family, the home or the city, but higher must be the altar when the sons offer themselves for sacrifice on the altar of a world freedom—a freedom for other homes, other cities, other nations and peoples.

An Ottawa despatch says that the government is likely to institute a reform of the Sales and Inspection Act for the sale of eggs by the pound. Heretofore eggs have always been sold by the dozen, regardless of whether they were large or small. It is now proposed to stipulate that a dozen of them must weigh a pound and a half, and for any deficiency in such weight the dealers would have to put in one or two extra. A regulation also in prospect provides for 128 cubic feet being the standard cord of wood.

A correspondent of the Journal of

Commerce estimates that at the present time P. E. Island has a surplus of 1,500,000 bushels of potatoes, and he thinks that the prospect of getting them moved before a slump occurs is not very encouraging. The same correspondent says that New Brunswick has a surplus of a million and a half bushels and that there is a surplus in Alberta and New Brunswick. Ontario will have enough for her needs, but there will be a shortage in Quebec.

After commenting on the recent order-in-council passed at Ottawa inaugurating headless days, the Montreal Journal of Commerce says: "Meanwhile, it may do a lot of people good to be reminded so forcibly how much a large part of Canada is dependent for its business and its comfort on things supplied from the neighboring republic. A campaign with 'no truck or trade with the Yankees' as the slogan might not succeed today."

Dr. S. B. Hartman, a widely known patent medicine manufacturer, died recently at his home in Columbus, Ohio, leaving an estate valued at over a million dollars. He made his money selling the patent medicine known as "Peruna," a concoction highly charged with alcohol, which achieved great popularity in the prohibition states.

Close observers of military operations in France and Flanders have, says a New England exchange, expressed the opinion that the strength of the Canadian forces, which have so frequently turned the tide of battle on the western front, is largely due to the skilful use of the bayonet.

Vagabond, Boston: If a writer can give a reader but one helpful idea, if he can give but one wee flash of interpretation, he can feel that he has served and that his paragraph has justified its existence in the periodical in which it appears.

Through Our Sieve

Anyway we know now what a glacial epoch is like.

Fortunately buttonless days are still far off.

Tomorrow is the only time to borrow if you don't want to sorrow.

South of Tennessee the hen is beginning to look thoughtful.

It takes the Finns to see their finish.

In Finland the Russian Bolsheviks propose to shoot the Finns to keep them from hurting one another.

Things must be pretty lively in Tobolsk. Mr. Romanoff has not escaped for a week.

If Trotsky goes back to that Brest-Litovsk meeting too often the enemy will hang something on him.

Beauty may be only skin deep, but we can't see any deeper than that anyhow.

The more a woman talks to a man the less he is inclined to sit up and take notice.

If they take another per cent. alcohol of beer it will become a popular soda fountain drink with whipped cream and chocolate.

"Well, for the love of—" began the titular head of the house, facing the almost foodless breakfast. "Oh, forget it!" retorted the actual head of the house. "This is kickless day."

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PROVINCIAL FINANCES

St. John Globe: "If the Province of New Brunswick is not able to sell bonds as advantageously today as it did a year or two ago, the reason may not be altogether and entirely because the present Provincial Secretary is a 'less capable financier' than his predecessor. No financing is done today on the basis of a year or two ago and, so far as New Brunswick is concerned, it may not be impossible that disclosures of high finances for which the present Provincial Secretary is in no way blameable may exert an influence on the market for provincial securities."

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LOCAL NEWS

Ice Carried Away Chimney.
 Ice sliding from the roof of the Masonic Hall knocked over a chimney which in its fall damaged the roof of the neighboring house.

Handed Over to Escort.
 Michael J. Bear, the Indian wanted as a deserter from four units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, was handed over to a military escort yesterday by the local police and taken to district headquarters at St. John.

Skips for St. Stephen.
 Skips for the match at St. Stephen were elected by the Fredericton Curling Club last night. They are S. D. Simmons, H. H. Hagerman, H. B. Colwell, L. C. Macnutt and W. S. Thomas. The rinks will leave Monday morning and will play Monday afternoon and night at St. Stephen.

Visitors in London.
 Among recent callers at the office of the Agent-General for New Brunswick, London, have been: Lt. J. E. Hanning, C. E., attd. R. F. C., Fredericton; Lt.-Col. A. E. G. McKenzie, D. S. O., Campbellton, N. B.; Maj. J. Pringle, 26th Batt., Fredericton; Lt. E. D. Allen, Fredericton.

Late Mrs. Charles Gatcombe.
 The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Gatcombe took place today, the body being taken by C.P.R. to Keswick, where interment was made this afternoon. The service was conducted at the late residence of the deceased by Rev. G. C. Warren at eight o'clock last night.

2,500 Sore Arms.
 Chatham World. About 2,500 persons have been vaccinated in town since the sore-arm picnic began, and the doctors are still at it. A house-to-house canvass is to be made for more volunteers, and then a doctor and a constable are to call on those who fail to respond to the first summons.

Lieut. J. K. Scammell Returned.
 Lieut. J. K. Scammell of St. John, is home from England on leave. Lieut. Scammell went overseas with a machine gun draft. He formerly was chief engineer for New Brunswick in the Dominion Public Works Department and is well known in Fredericton. He was stationed here for some months a few years ago.

Appeal Court Adjourns.
 The appeal division of the supreme court adjourned Friday afternoon until Thursday next when argument will be heard in case of Farnell et al vs. stock Light etc. Co. vs. Dominion Conway et al, to be followed by Wood-Tanneries Co. Yesterday afternoon argument was heard in the case of Rush vs. Clark. Court considers.

Inspected by G. O. C.
 The 62nd Regiment Overseas draft was given its final inspection yesterday at St. John by General Macdonnell, G. O. C., and Captain Heron, G. S. O., of district headquarters. The draft, which will soon sever its connections with its present barracks in West St. John, stood well up to the test and not one man was let down. Following the inspection General Macdonnell briefly addressed the men saying what a splendid class of soldiers they were and congratulating them on their fine showing. He said that he knew they would stand the test of active warfare as had done many of their comrades. He concluded by wishing them success and good cheer.

Arrived at St. John.
 Two officers well known here were in St. John yesterday, having recently returned from England. They are Lieut. James Bennett of Welsford, and Major J. J. Bull of Woodstock. Major Bull went overseas with the First Contingent and on returning to Canada joined the 55th Battalion with which he went to England. When that unit was broken up into drafts he went to the 26th Battalion as machine gun officer. After seeing much service on the Somme and about Lens he was invalided to England and after being in hospital for four months, was employed in forestry and construction service. Lieut. Bennett joined the 140th as a private but soon afterward was given a commission. He went to France as machine gun officer of the 26th Battalion and served at Vimy Ridge and other fights. He was an Anglican clergyman before the war and at one time was stationed at Stanley.

COMPROMISING LETTER FOUND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
 London, Feb. 16.—Many compromising letters from those who surround former King Constantine of Greece have been found in a search of the many persons arrested. It appears that the channels of this illicit intercourse were the consuls of two neutral powers, whose names it is not allowed to mention.

Mr. B. M. O'Brien of St. John, is in the city.

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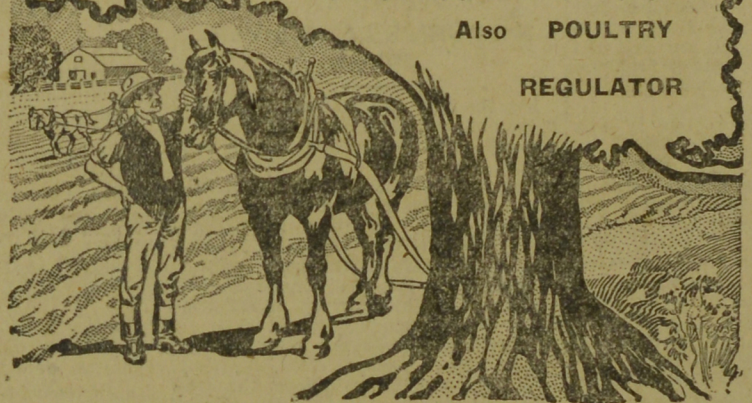
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