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PRICES STILL SOARING.

Under the above heading the "Quebec Telegraph" of Monday last says: Why are our public men not more public spirited?

During the war a very large number were ready to aid, to their utmost, in any movement that would help to win the war. Nothing was a hardship. On the contrary, it afforded many of those who could not fight a special privilege of feeling that they were doing their duty at home.

Now that the war is at an end, and that it is reasonable to believe that it will soon be a horror of the past, is it not the first duty of our statesmen and public men to organize a universal movement to bring down the unwarrantable high cost of living, which if it keeps up will ultimately ruin Canada's future?

If the farmers and retail merchants were reaping the reward of high prices, there would not be so much complaint, but this is not the case. It is the speculators, the middlemen, the roaming agents, all backed up by the cold storage barons, who, if not immediately checked in their unlimited and nefarious trade throughout the country parts, will not only ruin our commercial industries, by increasing the cost of living to such a figure that it will be impossible for Canada to export goods, and our dollar, which has now diminished to 93 cents in purchasing value in the United States, will go still lower, and that means that the cost of living will go still higher.

Was there any justification for butter selling at 70 to 75 cents a pound in Quebec on Saturday, when everyone in the Dominion is aware that the cold storage warehouses were reported to have a very large supply on hand?

Look at hay selling at \$30 per one hundred bundles, or 1500 weight! Is there a consumer, or even a farmer, in all the province who will not say that this is wholesale robbery, which no government which is supposed to represent the people should submit to. Let the government investigate the situation and they will find that the market has been cornered. There are large quantities held all over the province, not by farmers, but by speculators. This should be commandeered and the owners severely punished, or something much worse will happen. It is up to the authorities to put a stop to this illicit and unlawful practice, that might have been tolerated during the war, but there is no justification for it at the present time.

If our government is permitting speculators to corner the hay and other farm products of this province and exporting it out of the country to feed Europe, why do they oppose labor when it demands equally high prices? Why do they put up their hands in holy horror and say that labor is going to ruin the country, when they show no serious effort to arrest the guilty criminals and satisfy the workmen that they are not protecting the very cause of all our labor unrest.

Today the middle class, the government employees, the clerks, the salary men who have not benefited by the millions which have been made from the increased cost of everything, has been patching his boots and turning his suits to save and economize to make both ends meet, all without a complaint, to help to win the war.

EFFECT AND CAUSE.

Someone wants to know why a surprising number of college professors—of all persons—are looking with approving eyes upon that screeching form of socialism we have come to call Bolshevism. We do not know, but we can venture a guess. For the amount of capital, time and energy invested in their profession, college professors are among the poorest paid men in the world. Promotion comes slowly to them. Getting an increase in pay calls rather for the gifts of the quarryman than a fine, pleading voice and an artful employment of logic. They have had in recent months the same experience with high prices as the mechanic, but they haven't had, at the same time, his consolation of a fattening wage envelope. It has been

stated in the last few weeks that seven professors out of ten are up against it, and one is forced to believe it.

Bolshevism, outside of its leadership, is largely made up of desperation. Well, many college professors are desperate. If some of them go off their heads and look to Leninism for relief, the cause, it seems, is plain enough. Part these harassed gentlemen from their worry over the grocer's bills, save them from the fear that their families will shortly be in rags, and we will see no more wild and woolly statements couched in the university language.

New York World: Vienna, a great capital with no country left to support it, ponders the suggestion that Germany, if Austria joins it, may make Vienna a second capital. New Haven and Newport could tell how much that amounted to with them, before their empty honors were surrendered. Or Budapest might count how many days in twenty years its vast royal palace was used.

Another attempt against Premier Clemenceau has been frustrated by the arrest of a nineteen-year-old youth who was seized near the entrance of M. Clemenceau's home. The youth, whose name is Cornillon, was carrying a stiletto and had in his possession anarchist literature. He declared that he did not want to kill the Premier, but desired only to make a "gesture."

It is beginning to look as if the tide had set in against the coalitionist government of Great Britain. In four contested by-elections held since the general election the Liberals have captured three and in the fourth achieved a moral victory by reducing the majority of the Unionist candidate.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Spare the rod and you miss half the fun of fishing.

Spring has had a bad spell, but an early recovery is hoped for.

Revenge is a gun that kicks harder than it shoots.

The woman who fails to say "because" has some other excuse.

Charity never begins at home while housecleaning is going on.

Taking one's self too seriously is an easy road to the blues.

The shower that spoils an Easter hat is a rain of terror.

Married men always have more buttons off their clothes than bachelors.

There is a tradition that the worm will turn, but the Armenians never hit back.

A man of judgment, if he knows more secrets than he ought to, is sorry for it.

Leading Germans became so accustomed to fooling the people during the war that it is hard for them to get over the habit.

"When a man buys a hat," says Mrs. Finn-Martin, "he gets what he wants and doesn't fuss about it like a woman." You err, Mrs. Finn-Martin. He is just as fussy as a woman; he never gets what he wants; he hates it the second time he wears it, and longs for election night to come on so one of the good-natured election crowd will smash it for him and he can get another one without feeling a bit extravagant.

RED TRIANGLE DRIVE STARTS

Country Districts First—City Committees to be Appointed Tonight —Excellent Speaker.

The Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle Drive started today in the country districts and will start in this city on Wednesday morning. The local teams for canvassing have not yet been appointed but will be named at a meeting this evening. The county organization is practically completed and the chairman Mr. C. D. Richards feels very well satisfied with the manner in which the people of the outside districts are responding. The allotment for the York Sunbury district is \$5000, but no special sum has been allotted to the City of Fredericton. The Executive have gone to no small amount of trouble to gain the services of (Capt.) Rev. A. J. MacDonald as a speaker on Tuesday evening at the Opera House. Capt. MacDonald has had about four years' service overseas enlisting as a private in the Nova Scotia Highlanders. Later he obtained his Chaplaincy and in connection with his work was the observance of the Y. M. C. A. work in Canada, England and France. He is an excellent platform speaker and was for many years pastor of the first Presbyterian Church in Truro, Nova Scotia.

INSP. WILSON SAYS POLICE ARE OFFENDERS

Preached Sunday at Germain Street Baptist Church, St. John—Officials Were Retained.

Rev. W. D. Wilson of Fredericton, Chief Inspector under The Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, preached from the pulpit of the Germain Street Baptist Church, St. John, yesterday. During the course of his morning sermon he made reference to the Prohibition Act and the difficulties of enforcement and charged that police officers whose duty it was to enforce the act had been guilty of violation. The reference to officials was as follows:

The administration of the prohibition law is confronted with these same problems. Men who have been given liquor at the front, men who have always to some extent had liquor at home, are the principal agitators against the prohibitory laws in every province. And then there are those who aid and abet them and connive with them in a deliberate attempt to neutralize the effect of the act and there are men whose sworn duties it is to enforce laws who are participants with them in violating them. For instance I know an official whose duty it is to maintain law who has been known to be time and again under the influence of liquor, and who has been convicted for the violation of the provincial prohibition act. Not only so but the suspicion is strong and the evidence presumptive that that official had stolen the liquor from the premises where he had been sent to act as watchman. One might naturally here ask the question: "Has that official still been able to retain his position?" and to that I would answer in the affirmative. Another instance is this: That an officer whose duty it was to maintain order was also convicted for violation of the same law and after that conviction was a member of the police force. With officers faithless to their trust, it cannot be expected to be possible to maintain law and order in any community.

Another difficulty that appears is that which is encountered in dealing with railroad operatives and operations. The department administering the prohibition act in the province of New Brunswick showed to the general manager of the Canadian National Railroad how there were movements made on that railroad of cars of which there was no record available. The reason for that is that those cars contained liquor and were shipped from one point to another that that liquor might be unloaded without it going to the knowledge of the inspectors. Then again, we have the condition existing of some railway men going back to their work after the trains have gone and the people have left the station and when everything is quiet so that liquor may be delivered. These things actually occurred in the province of New Brunswick and are some of the difficulties encountered by the several inspectors for the administration of the prohibition act.

Purchased Rowan & Company's Stock Shepherd & Haining, Regent Street have purchased the stock and business of Rowan & Co. which firm made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors recently. Mr. Arthur V. Rowan was the chief member of the company.

Fire Department Pay

Ald. Young has called a meeting of the Fire Department for 7.30 tonight to discuss the question of the pay of the call-men of the Fire Department. The callmen have petitioned for an increase from \$75 to \$100 per year and have announced with few exceptions that they will resign in the event of the City Council failing to grant the increase. At the meeting of the City Council in committee City Engineer McDowell will be heard on street matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kitchen and Mrs. Kitchen's mother Mrs. Barker are to arrive here the latter part of this week to spend the summer with relatives.

THE SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD.

The Qualification Committee of the Soldier Settlement Board will meet in the offices on the top floor of the new Post Office building, St. John, N. B., every Friday in the month of May. Applicants for loans should appear in person before this committee.

TOWN OF DEVON

Notice to Water Consumers.

Your water rates are now due and payable at the office of the Town Treasurer. If not paid within 30 days there will be no discount.

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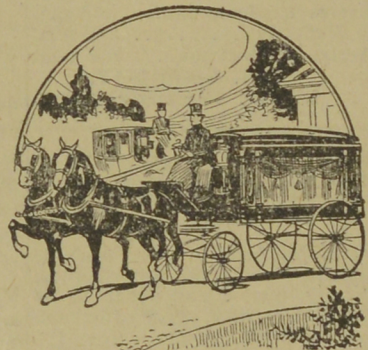
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