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CONDITIONS IN BELGIUM.

Prof. Frank A. Vanderlip, in a series of interesting articles in the Financial Post of Canada, dealing with conditions in Belgium brought about by the great war, has this to say:

The harm that was done in Belgium was by no means entirely material; a harm was done the moral fibre of her people. Four and a half years of life in a territory occupied by such an enemy, an enemy so ruthless in the early days of the war, was designed to strike terror into every Belgian heart. Four and a half years under such occupation with the whole normal industrial life disorganized, when the question of securing somehow one's daily bread was the paramount question, and the bread was not to be secured in the sweat of the brow, but by doles and distributions—when that situation has been borne by a people for so long a time, an impression of it will be left that no terms that could be written into an armistice will remove. So it is not surprising to find an abnormal social situation in Belgium. And still an observer who looked only at the surface of things would see well tilled fields and cities presenting a normal external appearance.

Now, I must again emphasize the harm which has been done to the moral fabric of her industrial population. Four and a half years they have lived a disorganized life of semi-idleness. We all know how hard it is to go back to routine work after a two weeks' vacation, but it is not easy to picture what happens to a whole people who for more than four years have lived an abnormal existence. It has been said with a good deal of bitterness that there are Belgians who have lived so long on charity that they have ceased to care for work. Perhaps that is true, and so far as it is true it is in no wise surprising.

The character of these people has borne a great strain, their normal lives have been disorganized for a distressingly long period. Some of them have come to look upon the government treasury as a bottomless purse and to think they have discovered by experience that legislative enactments rather than work can support a people.

It seems to me that the greatest injury that Belgium has suffered, and God knows the total list is an unparalleled one, is in the deterioration of the moral fibre of her common people. How quickly that can be rebuilt no one can say. The inherent desire to right wrong tendencies in humanity is unmeasurable. For the moment the human problem is one of the greatest factors in the rehabilitation of Belgium.

Belgium is thus to be thrice pitted in suffering both the material and the moral injuries inflicted on them by the brutal Prussian, and it is to be hoped that the world will be both kind and generous.

An article dealing with Prof. De Valera's visit to Chicago, copied by the Mail from a Chicago newspaper, has received some attention from the editor of our esteemed contemporary, the New Freeman. He jumps at the conclusion that the editor of the Mail journeyed to Chicago, heard De Valera speak, and upon returning home published in the form of an interview with himself his impressions of "the Spanish president of the so-called Irish republic." Probably when the editor of the New Freeman gathers in a little more experience in his chosen profession, he will be able to distinguish between a clipped article and an original production, even though the credit line may have been accidentally omitted.

Port Arthur Chronicle: Just suppose the government were to insure the grain trade a profit of a fraction of a cent on every bushel of grain handled, there would be a desperate effort made by a big individual or a combination of individuals to secure control of the entire grain trade of the country. A fraction of a cent on a bushel would not amount to much, but multiply it a billion times and the result would aggregate vast wealth. And in the face of the experience it had and which

Sir Robert Borden admits was not satisfactory, the government is considering the question of again guaranteeing the price for the wheat crop of 1919.

The London Times, in referring to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the new Liberal leader, pays him this tribute: "With him at the Liberal helm there can be little risk of the position of Canada in the Empire and before the world being treated as a pawn in the contest of local politics. In regarding the immense present influence and the even greater future of Canada, as in many other ways, he is at one with his great predecessor and will certainly maintain unimpaired his political inheritance."

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, now en route to Canada in the Battleship Renown, will reach St. Johns, Nfld., tomorrow. From that city he will proceed direct to St. John, N. B., where he will arrive on the 15th.

Sir Arthur Currie, who commanded the Canadian forces in the field, sailed on Saturday from Liverpool to Canada on the steamer Caronia. He will land at Quebec and proceed direct to Ottawa.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Lots of people look easy until you try to do them.

Get rich quick schemes are all right until you wake up.

A woman's tears and a man's grins are not always on the level.

Artificial kisses are the kind women exchange with each other.

Many a man who toots his own horn imagines he is the whole band.

An idealist is a fellow who builds castles in the air out of gold bricks.

The one person in the world who worships his creator is the self-made man.

Fortunate is the man who acquires his knowledge from the experience of the other fellow.

We keep hearing about those places where the ginger ale has a wicked secret. But when we ask for ginger ale it's always ginger ale.

The man of talent gets sick of a thing by the time he has learned to do it extremely well. But a genius is a darned fool who keeps so interested that he doesn't know when to get bored.

DETAILS OF ANGLO-AFGHAN PEACE TREATY

London, Aug. 11.—A despatch from Rawalpindi gives details of the Anglo-Afghan peace treaty. While the men at the head are not to be punished for the moment, the Afghans are to be given six months to show their sincerity towards Great Britain. The only penalty clauses are the withdrawal of the Amir's subsidy and the withdrawal of the privilege of importing arms and munitions from India.

General Grant said the treaty would put an end to a wanton and unprofitable war, preventing further bloodshed. Ali Ahmed, the chief Afghan delegate, in a sturdy speech, declared Afghan friendship was as essential to Great Britain as Britain's was to the Afghans.

WILL BREAK SOME RECORDS

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—About 150 trotters and pacers are expected to start this week in the annual Grand Circuit meeting scheduled to open here on Tuesday. The meeting will last four days. The purses for the meeting amount to more than \$30,000. The track is in excellent condition and some record miles are looked for.

TO STOP THE EXPORT OF SUGAR

Buenos Aires, Aug. 8.—A decree prohibiting the exportation of sugar was promulgated today by the Argentine Government.

Died This Morning
The death took place at an early hour this morning of Stella Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osborne of Marysville. The deceased was in her 30th year and besides her parents is survived by one sister Mrs. Coles of Minto and by three brothers John, Nehemiah and Albert. The latter recently returned from overseas. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, interment being made at the Methodist Cemetery, Marysville. Rev. G. C. Pincombe will conduct the service.

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MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM THE RUINS

Montreal, Aug. 11.—Search among the ruins of the Mystic Mill, destroyed by fire at Dominion Park yesterday, has brought to light two more bodies, raising the overnight total of casualties from the disaster to nine.

The bodies found this morning were those of a man and woman.

None of the remains so far can be positively identified an account of the charred condition.

Indications are that among the dead are Jean Ferland, 12 years old; Armand Carbonneau, 17; Yvon Daigneau, 18; Marie Street, and Wilfrid Gravel.

N. Y. ACTORS ON STRIKE

New York, Aug. 10.—Eleven New York Theatres were "dark" tonight at the end of the fourth day of the actors strike. Members of the Actors Equity Association expressed confidence tonight that they would win the written equity contracts embodying the demands for which they went on strike.

17 KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

Mexico City, Aug. 8.—Seventeen deaths were caused by a dynamite explosion yesterday in the Rosario Mine, Pachuca, according to latest reports. Two trains one carrying three thousand pounds of explosives, crashed near the main entrance to the mine. It was at first feared that more than a thousand miners were entombed.

LOCAL NEWS

Receipts total \$490,000
It is reported from the Department of Lands and Mines that the total receipts from renewals of timber licenses up to Friday night last was about \$490,000.

Accepted New Position.
Miss Bessie Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh, of Nashwaak, who has been employed as stenographer for Police Magistrate Limerick for some time past, has accepted a new position at the Dominion Express Company's office.

Trying New System
Saturday a new system of taking the turns at the intersection of Queen and York Streets was tried. Two "silent policemen" were used, instead of one in the centre of the intersection. A wider turn was made possible to the greater convenience of drivers of vehicles.

Removing Ruins of Tannery
Fairly rapid progress is being made in the removal of the ruins of the old West End tannery partially destroyed by fire some weeks ago. The old No. 1 Hose Station nearby has been sold by the city and will be removed during the winter. After both buildings are removed the sites will be converted into a green and promenade.

Received Heavy Fine
Two drunks were arrested on Saturday evening and locked up over night. They came before the Police Magistrate this morning and one was fined \$8 for being drunk. The other man was arrested while driving in a car in Devon. He was fined \$208 for having a bottle in his possession as a warning to other motorists to leave their bottles at home while on a joy ride.

Motorists Here Today.
Several car parties from various parts of the Province and from Maine were in the city on Sunday. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. James McKenna, of Sussex; W. E. Emerson, Charles Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and Miss McDonald, of West St. John; James Rodgers, H. B. Sweetnam, of Amherst; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Northrup, C. B. Beatty, A. Henderson, and Alice E. Coyle, of St. John; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daigle, of Bangor, Me., and Miss Lucy E. White, of Great Works, Maine.

Executive Met Here
The Executive of the All New Brunswick Tourist Game and Resources Association met here on Saturday night at the Board of Trade Rooms and discussed plans outlined at the recent meeting of the association, concerning an advertising campaign. Plans for issuing tourist booklets were also considered. Those present at the meeting were F. B. Edgecombe, Fredericton, president; E. A. Schofield, St. John, Vice President; W. Harry Allen, Pennington; C. C. Avar, Sackville; C. B. Allan, St. John, Secretary Treasurer. The party motored for a short distance up the St. John Valley on Sunday morning and on Sunday afternoon the St. John and Sackville members left for St. John by motor.

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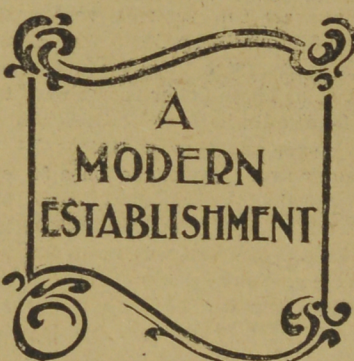
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