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## MERCANTILE MARINE

One may reasonably anticipate that within a comparatively short time there will be no dearth of ocean shipping, so fast are the gaps caused by the war being filled up with new vessels. According to the figures issued by Lloyd's, the great shipping authorities, the world has now approximately as much ocean tonnage as existed the year the war broke out, and as there are far less goods to be moved now, as compared with those days, one-fifth less, say the authorities, cheaper freight rates, owing to more keen competition, may be said to be fairly well in sight. Thus there will be one less excuse for prevailing high prices.

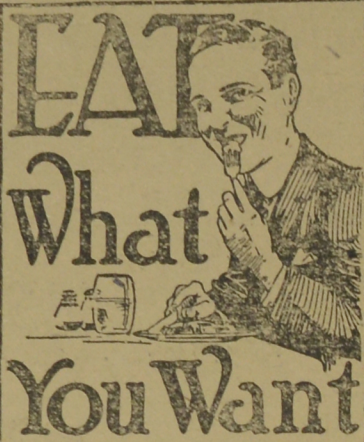
In the United States shipping men are doing some hard thinking and figuring as to whether or not the newly created American marine is going to be able to stand up in competition with the old established marine nations, such as Britain. For over a generation the United States had practically no mercantile marine. Back a hundred years ago or more, United States vessels were carrying as high as ninety per cent. of that country's overseas commerce. Then along came the civil war and the destruction by the Confederate privateers of much of her mercantile tonnage. The low ebb of United States shipping came even later on, however, for in 1910 only eight per cent. of her overseas commerce was being carried in ships flying the stars and stripes.

But the war changed all this. Shipyards sprang up in all directions. They were to be seen in practically every United States port, until now that country has a mercantile marine of twenty-four million tons afloat, as compared with Great Britain's thirty-three million tons. So far as cost of construction goes, it is now about as cheap to build vessels in the United States as it is in Britain, but operating expenses, so far as man power goes, is quite another matter. The wage scale on British vessels is considerably below that paid in the United States marine, and this applies to both officers and men. The British custom is also to carry a slightly smaller crew as compared with the American ship. This advantage, however, is now very seriously offset by the difference in the price of coal in America as compared with England. Between bad mining conditions, high wages and general disorganization, the price of bunker fuel has got to a point in England where a pound of coal looks like a lump of gold or a hat full of diamonds.

On the other hand, comes the complete and complex trading organization which the British mercantile marine has been busy with for generations, covering, as it does, practically the entire world, and which, in the present stress, will stand her in good stead.

Some members of parliament are complaining that the only view of the Laurentian Mountains that can be obtained from the new parliament building at Ottawa is from the windows of the restaurant kitchen. The average public man will be inclined to agree with the late lamented Alby Grass of Sunbury County, "that you cannot run elections on mountain scenery." This being so the M. P. should not feel bad because their view of the Laurentian Mountains is cut off. The time they would otherwise spend in admiring the mountain scenery can very well be devoted to the business of the country, and that is what the people send them to Ottawa to transact.

Unless there is a further postponement Sir Henry Drayton, the finance minister, will bring down the budget in Parliament on Tuesday. It was to have been delivered on Wednesday last, but was held up to allow Sir Robert Borden to look over the advance proofs. Some changes in the tariff are likely to be made and there is pretty likely to be a prolonged and acrimonious debate in which the cross benches are expected to play a prominent part.



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A negro is a candidate for the Governorship of Arkansas. The problem of the enfranchisement of colored or native peoples is one of the white man's burdens the world over. The United States Senate thinks it can be much more easily solved in India and Egypt than in the Southern States.

Germany, like the United States, will have a Presidential election this year. Teutons in the United States who cannot vote in the Fatherland will have an agreeable alternative if Hiram Johnson is a candidate. He did his best for Germany by trying to keep his country out of the war.

"Mr. Meighen's Triumph" is the heading of a leading editorial in the Unionist Ottawa Journal. It is needless to say it had nothing to do with the platform performances of the Minister of the Interior in the by-election campaigns in Carleton, N. B., and Temiskaming.

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**THROUGH OUR SIEVE**  
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With the exception of trouble the more the average man has the more he wants.

Once in a while a man achieves fame in this world without making any unnecessary fuss about it.

A woman is willing to admit a man's superiority when it comes to translating a railway time table.

Still, what a blight would fall upon the landscape if the greater and lovelier sex should take to overalls!

Our idea of an easy mark is a man who buys a bottle of hair tonic from a bald-headed barber.

Oh, if Central could get the right number with the promptness with which she can get the wrong one!

Feather-winged shoes for women have made their appearance in New York. We may, therefore, expect the prices to soar.

There are a lot of sensible women in the world, but as a matter of fact they don't all seem to make a hit with the average man.

This is the magic time of year, when a young man's soul sings the "Spring Song," his heart throbs to Lohengrin, and his pulse beats a jazz-tune.

## DANISH NOBLES WORK ON DOCKS TO BREAK STRIKE

Copenhagen, May 15—About 200 volunteers, including one count, two barons, physicians, civil engineers, and a contingent of students, began work today as longshoremen at the Copenhagen free port, unloading vessels with foodstuffs from the United States. On Friday morning 500 additional volunteers will join this determined effort to break the strike. Mounted police are guarding the entrance to the port. The strikers thus far have not interfered.

## TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Tennis Club was held last evening and the following officers were elected.

Patron, Earl of Ashburnham.  
 President, H. R. Babbitt.  
 Vice Pres., H. G. Chestnut.  
 Sec. Treas., J. B. McNair.

The following committees were formed:

Managing Committee—C. R. Hawkins, R. R. Beebe, A. G. Dustin.  
 Tournament Committee—Chester MacGrath, C. W. Cooke, C. R. Barry, Miss Martha O'Neill, Miss Helen W. Crockett, Justin MacGrath.

Tea Committee—Miss Catherine Lynch, Miss Molly Barry, Miss Zilla Edgecombe, Miss Marie Feeney, Miss Louise Sterling, Miss Francis Hawthorne.

Special Committee—Mrs. H. G. Deedes, Miss Molly Barry, Miss Louise Sterling, R. C. Hawkins, C. W. Cooke, R. R. Beebe.

This special committee has been formed for the purpose of devising ways and means for the raising of funds. The membership is to be increased and the future of this club is very promising. It is to be expected that this form of sport along with all the others will "come back" and be in the future more popular than ever.

### FINE VAUDEVILLE BILL

Opera House Will Have Something Particularly Good Tuesday Afternoon and Night.

Charlie Wilkens, who won the British clog dancing championship against a field of seventy contestants before the Duke of Connaught in 1903 and who confirmed his claim to world eminence in the championship contest staged by William K. Fox in 1906, shows some of the steps with which he did it on Tuesday afternoon and evening next at the Opera House, with his partner, Addie Wilkens. He also gives some of the most infectious comedy seen in Fredericton for some time.

Rose and Mattie, representative of both sexes, have a clown and comedy girl acrobatic act with a particularly pulse-stirring tumble from the top of four tables.

Pagana, an actress with a fetching smile and bewitching violin plays with ability.

Richard the Great, the animal marvel, is causing a furore. The way this jungle-bred chimpanzee does a variety act would put some human actors to shame. Richard is the only trained animal that works alone. He is a wonder.

Orr and Hager feature "Quaker Notes", a musical comedy, with the girl gloriously and beautifully costumed. Don't miss this show at the Opera House, Tuesday afternoon and evening, May 18.

### SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

Devon Methodist Church Held Concert—Benefit for Church Improvement Fund.

The Devon Methodist Church last night held a concert in the Orange Hall for the purpose of raising funds for the building and repairs necessary for some of the church buildings. A large audience was in attendance and all the numbers were heartily endorsed. The program was as follows:

Instrumental Trio, Misses Baird, Camp and Tennant. Reading, Miss Marguerite Fradsham. Vocal Solo, Miss Belyea. Reading, Miss Kitchen. Vocal Solo, Miss Baird. Piano Solo, Mrs. Johnston. Reading, Mr. Allan. Instrumental Trio, Messrs. Ross, Tees and Tennant. Vocal Solo, Miss Camp. Reading, Miss Kitchen. Vocal Solo, Mr. Tees. Miss Harrison, accompanist.

At the conclusion of the concert, the performers were entertained very heartily at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burpee where refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening brought to a close.

Several Tenders Received  
 Several tenders for the improvements at the Devon Methodist Church have been received. They will be opened on next Tuesday night.

Miner Had Back Broken  
 Frank Myers of Minto was brought to this city yesterday and taken to Victoria Hospital as the result of a mining accident at Minto. It is said that the injured man was at the bottom of a shaft and just as the cage was descending accidentally walked under it. His back was broken and when operated on this morning at the hospital it was found that the spinal cord had been broken and jammed off. The case is hopeless according to the report given out. Mr. Myers is a married man with a family.

Death of Mrs. Moxon  
 The death occurred Friday morning of Mrs. Amy Moxon at her home at Lower Maugerville after a protracted illness. Mrs. Moxon was justly popular and was for many years a prominent worker in the Baptist Church at Maugerville, and a large circle of friends will regret to hear of her death. The deceased is survived by her husband Richard Moxon, five sons Corey of this city, Miles, Frank, Harry and Archie, at home and one daughter, Olive, at home. The funeral will be held at the late home at 1.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the service will be conducted by Rev. J. Ainsworth, of Maugerville. Interment will be made at the Raymond Burying Ground at Upper Maugerville.

G. H. King, Jr., of Chipman is at the Queen.  
 Mrs. Charles J. Coll and Miss Coll of Minto are at the Queen.

# House Cleaning Time

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St. John St. Extension  
 Last evening His Worship Mayor Reid, Ald. Neill, Ald. Young, Ald. Jennings and Ald. Camp, and City Engineer G. C. McDowell visited the rear of St. John Street and looked into conditions surrounding the proposed extension. It was found that the roads over the lot, commonly known as Queens Square, were not in line with the streets and it will be necessary for the people owning land in that part of the city to give it up for the purposes of constructing new streets. The City Engineer will draw up plans showing how things are placed and the matter will be again considered after these plans are prepared.

AT The **GAIETY** TODAY and SATURDAY

## MADGE KENNEDY

— IN —  
**"The Blooming Angel"**

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