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THE PASSING YEAR

The time has arrived when all must say farewell to the year 1920 with its joys and sorrows, its blasted hopes, its successes and failures, its blessings and disappointments, and unite heartily in extending a welcome to 1921, which will be ushered in to-night as the clock strikes the hour of midnight. As the second year following the armistice which brought to a close the most awful war in the history of the world, 1920 has not been a real year of peace, although its opening month witnessed the ratification of the treaty of Versailles. Although this brought the great war to a close it also revealed the existence of many smaller wars. Russia and Poland have been at each other's throats during the year, and the entente nations which were called upon to enforce the peace stipulations upon the Ottoman Empire have had more or less trouble with the Turkish Nationalists. There has been serious trouble in Ireland and sometimes it seems as if the world was passing through one of those periods of qualified peace which interrupted the Napoleonic wars. All the same the execution of the Versailles treaty and the inauguration of the League of Nations must be set down as the outstanding events of the year. The vanquished Germans raised all sorts of objections to the treaty and said it could not be enforced, yet all the same it is being enforced. Eminent statesmen have pointed out the impossibility of the League of Nations, but nevertheless it exists today and is working as well as anyone ought to expect. The council has been active all through the year and Canadian statesmen took a very prominent part in the meeting of the Assembly only a short time ago. All the countries seem to be deeply interested in the plan, and it looks as if the most sanguine expectations which have been formed regarding the League are likely to be realized.

Germany is slowly crawling out from beneath the ruins of the war and is making a very good showing at carrying out the terms of the peace treaty. Politically the Germans seem to be drifting to the right and away from socialism and towards stability. The Ex-Kaiser and Crown Prince are still sojourning in neutral Holland and in the interests of world peace it is to be hoped that they will remain there. An effort to restore monarchy in Germany in March last resulted in failure.

The grip of the Bolshevik administrators on Russia remains unshaken; indeed it seems to be stronger than it was a year ago. Every effort to oust the soviet from power has resulted in failure. The year has witnessed the defeat of Wrangel and Denikine in Southern Russia and the death of Kolchak in Siberia. Russia does not seem to want to return to Czar rule. Economically the country is in a more serious plight than ever before. There is little industry and little production in Russia today and it is difficult to see how an early breakdown can be avoided.

The year witnessed the fall of the Caranza regime in Mexico and the president paid for his incapacity with his life. General Obregon has been installed as the new ruler of Mexico. He takes office under favorable auspices and with Villa, the bandit leader, out of the way it looks as if the unhappy country would soon be restored to its place on the map.

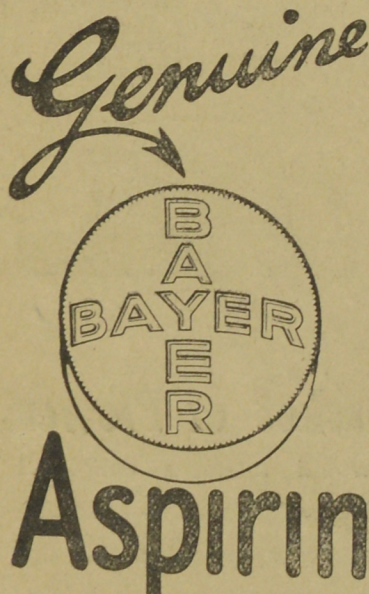
Greece under Premier Venizelos secured permission from the powers to take Thrace and the coast of Asia Minor. Both regions were occupied and things looked bright for a time. Then came the death of King Alexander and the defeat of Venizelos and the recall of King Constantine to the throne. The Greeks are apparently tired of the Cretan statesman with his strong minded and strong arm methods. The return of Constantine to the throne is likely to cause some uneasiness and is not looked upon with favor by the entente nations.

In the Great Republic to the South the presidential elections was the great event of the year. While the League of Nations was the outstanding issue, incompetency shown by the Democratic administration in connection with the war undoubtedly contributed to the sweeping Republican victory at the polls. The Republicans not only elected the president but

captured both Houses of Congress and will take office on March 4th.
 M. Clemenceau, the tiger of France retired from the political stage in January. President Poincaré retired at the same time and was succeeded by Paul Deschanel. The health of the latter failed soon afterwards and he was compelled to retire. M. Millerand who succeeded Clemenceau as premier is now holding the presidential office and is undoubtedly the strongest figure in public life in France today.

Canada has witnessed a number of important political changes during the year. Sir Robert Borden, who took office as Premier in 1911 retired early in the summer on account of failing health and was succeeded by Hon. Arthur Meighen, who had been Minister of Interior in the Union Government formed in 1917. A reconstruction of the government followed and it now styles itself as the National Liberal and Conservative administration. Provincial elections were held during the year in Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia and not in a single case did the Conservative party succeed in obtaining a majority of the seats. In Quebec the Liberals were returned to power by an increased majority. In Nova Scotia the Conservative party was practically wiped out and the Opposition in the next House will be composed of Farmer and Labor members. In Manitoba the Norris government failed to take a majority of the seats but being the strongest group is still carrying on. In our own province the government led by Hon. W. E. Foster which has given the province a splendid administration of affairs since 1917, has twenty four supporters in a House of forty-eight, while the Opposition party led by Mr. Baxter, numbers thirteen and there are eleven farmer and labor members. Two cabinet ministers Hon. Robert Murray, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, went down to defeat and their places have been filled by the appointment of Hon. J. E. Hetherington as Provincial Secretary-Treasurer and Hon. D. W. Mersereau as Minister of Agriculture. In the bye elections in Queens and Sunbury which followed, the new Ministers were returned without opposition.

In our own city of Fredericton there have been no marked changes during the year and the citizens engaged in the various lines of activity have calmly pursued the even tenor of their way. Our industries have had a fairly prosperous year; our merchants and professional men have more than held their own, and the year has been singularly free from business failures. The tax rate was high, but the citizens paid up and looked pleasant after receiving an assurance from the board of assessors that things were not as bad as they might have been. His Worship Mayor Reid and the members of the city council have given close attention to civic affairs and we believe have made an honest effort to give the city good government. While the result may not have been satisfactory to all citizens they should be given credit for honesty and sincerity. The city was honored during the year by a visit from two parties of newspaper men—one from the United States and the other from Great Britain. They were entertained in a manner in keeping with the best traditions of a city noted for its hospitality to strangers and we believe carried away with them a splendid impression. Owing to high prices of materials building operations were not overly brisk during the year, but the outlook for 1921 is exceedingly bright. Fredericton is one of the oldest cities in Canada and strange to relate it is one of the smallest. Why has not its growth been more rapid? This



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is a question that should have the earnest consideration of the city council, the Board of Trade and the newly organized Commercial Club. They should make it their business to find out the cause and suggest a remedy.

What the new year has in store for us it is hard to predict; with falling prices and wage reductions there is bound to be a certain amount of unrest and it is unreasonable to expect tranquility in the labor world so long as political and labor conditions remain unstable.

Good-by, 1920; Welcome 1921.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Knee length skirts are like press agents. Both believe in publicity.

Lima Beane says the fellow who paid his bills has no after-Christmas chills.

To believe that two could live as cheaply as one used to be optimism; now it's insanity.

New Year's is a good time to quit looking down one's nose. Our feet will track better if we don't watch 'em.

By the time a man is the father of a large family he is no longer excited by a sprig of mistletoe.

This column wishes you a Happy New Year, but guarantees nothing. The whole bloomin' business is up to you.

"When Sunday comes hooked up with a holiday," remarked the Man on the Car, "a fellow begins to realize that there is salvation in work."

Mistletoe may have its uses in a former day, but it's our guess that the modern girl doesn't want a kiss from a boy whose heart isn't stout enough to prompt an exchange of osculatory germs without extraneous influences.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Paul's Presbyterian.
 Rev. J. S. Sutherland, D. D., minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. All are welcome.

Brunswick Street Baptist.
 Rev. Gordon C. Warren, B. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bible school at 2.30 p. m.

George Street Baptist.
 Rev. Z. L. Fash, M. A., B. D., pastor. 11 a. m., Laodicea, the Lukewarm Church; 2.30 Sunday School; 7 p. m., New Year's Resolution. The White Church, the People's Church Home.

Methodist Church.
 Rev. Geo. M. Young, pastor. New Year's eve, Watch night service at 11 p. m. Addresses by Hr. Tennyson McDonald and the pastor.
 Sunday, Jan. 2, 11 a. m., Annual service and Communion; 7 p. m., "The Law of a Secure Social" the fifth in the series on the Ten Commandments. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Strangers welcome.

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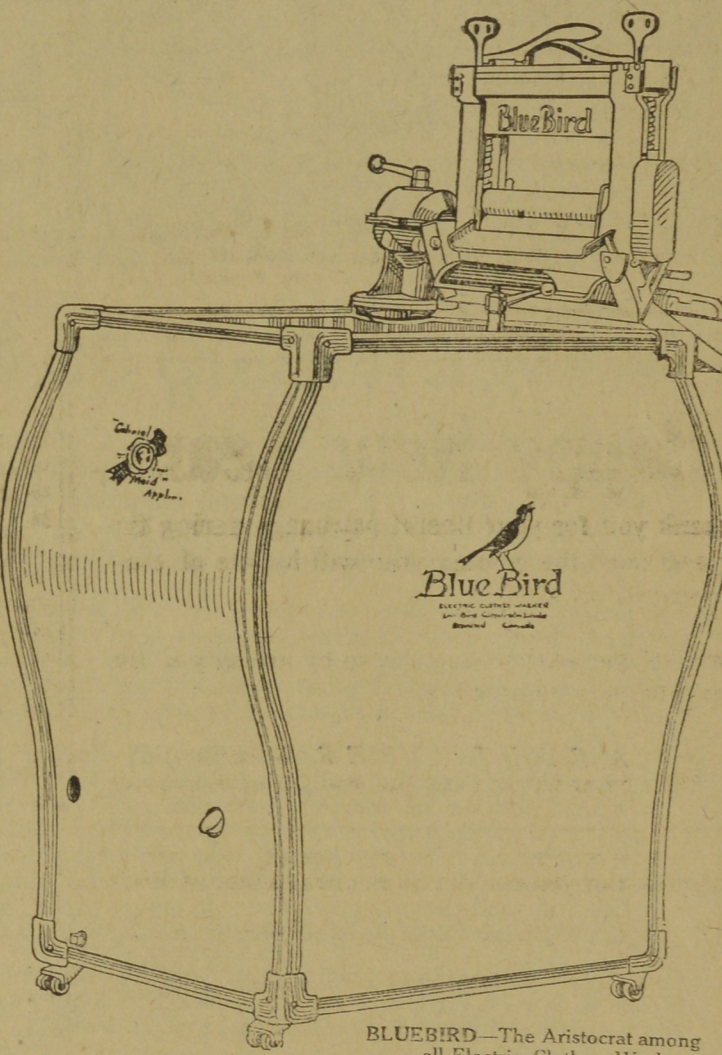
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Mon.—NAZIMOVA in - "THE HEART OF A CHILD"

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Did you ever stop to think if fools
 didn't sometimes rush in angels would
 not have any place to tread,

What we would like to know is
 whether the man who says skirts are
 to be longer is an optimist or a pessimist.

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 1920, we thank you, and in the future may it
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