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THE PASSING YEAR

The world is turning on in the lathe of time. The hour glass of the year 1914 shall have run its course at midnight tonight. Old Father Time moves implacably forward and never as much as glances back. Opportunity, according to an old philosopher, is baid headed behind and cannot be caught.

Many things have happened since we bide farewell to the year 1913 twelve months ago and welcomed in the little stranger, 1914. It has been a year of events which have been written large on the dial plate of the history of the world. During the year now drawing to a close the Panama Canal, the great waterway connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific, was completed and opened for traffic. The revolution in Mexico reached an acute stage during the year and war between that country and the United States was narrowly averted. An offer of mediation by the South American republics resulted in a lengthy and successful peace conference at Niagara Falls, Ont. The outcome was that Provisional President Huerta was driven out of office and Mexico for the first time in years is now enjoying a measure of peace.

Another important event in the year 1914 was the passage by the imperial parliament of the bill granting Home Rule to Ireland. After being three times passed by the House of Commons it became law automatically and received the royal assent. In France the sensational shooting of the editor of Le Figaro, a leading Paris newspaper, by Mme. Caillaux, wife of a French cabinet minister, was an event which created much interest for the time being. After a lengthy trial the woman was acquitted of the charge of murder.

The close of the year 1913 found Great Britain at peace with all nations. The beginning of 1915 finds her one of the belligerents in the most awful war in the history of the world. The assassination of Archduke Frederick of Austria, ignited the spark which set the great powers of Europe at one another's throats. The assassination of the Grand Duke was soon followed by a declaration of war on the part of Austria against Serbia. Russia, Germany and France soon became involved and Germany's refusal to respect the neutrality and independence of Belgium, soon brought the latter country and Great Britain into the struggle. The titanic war has now been in progress a little less than five months and while the decisive battle is yet to be fought, the German military machine, the greatest the world has ever known, has been held in check. German commerce has been driven from the seas, while every trade route of the allied armies remains open. The entrance of the Ottoman empire into the war as the ally of Germany after it had been in progress a little more than three months, did not create a great deal of surprise. A country responsible for the Armenian atrocities is well fitted to ally herself with the devastators of Belgium and Flanders and the "baby killers" of Scarborough. It is to be earnestly hoped that the year 1915 will see the conclusion of a treaty of peace that will mean the end of German militarism and the banishment from Europe of the unspeakable Turk.

The outstanding event in the history of Canada in 1914 was the great marine disaster which occurred in the St. Lawrence near Father Point on the night of May 29th, when the magnificent steamer Empress of Ireland was rammed by a Norwegian collier and went to the bottom, carrying thirteen hundred souls to a watery grave. This disaster, the worst in the history of Canada's merchant marine, shocked the whole civilized

New Brunswick and in Fredericton we have been called upon to mourn the death of many useful and respected citizens.

The City of Fredericton has enjoyed a prosperous year and although the war has caused some depression, a feeling of optimism prevails among the business men of this community. This good old city is not of mushroom growth; it rests upon a firm foundation; its progress has been steady and its people feel that there is a great future before it. We now have better railway facilities than ever before. Not a single manufacturing industry in this city has been obliged to close down on account of the war. These concerns turn out a superior line of goods and it is the duty of all loyal citizens to patronize them as much as possible. Our merchants and manufacturers enjoyed a good trade during the year 1914 and all should do their part towards making the year 1915 the most prosperous in our history.

Forward, Fredericton! should be the watchword of all good citizens during the coming year, 1915.

Hon. John Morrissey, Minister of Public Works, has been presented by his fellow citizens of Newcastle with a gold headed cane. If the Tory politicians who wist Honest John ousted from the government, carry out their threats he will find his cane useful before long as a instrument of self defence. There is nobody in the government more in need of a cane than the Minister of Public Works unless it is Premier Clarke.

LESS BOWEL TROUBLE IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton people have found out that A SINGLE DOSE of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-i-ka, the German bowel and stomach remedy, relieves constipation, sour stomach or gas on the stomach INSTANTLY. This simple mixture became famous by curing appendicitis and it draws off a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body. It is wonderful how QUICKLY it helps. Geo. Y. Dibblee.

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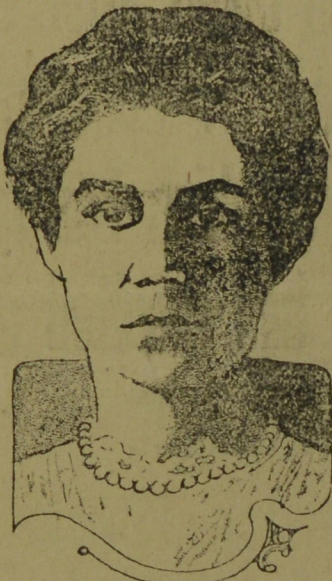
Latest Type of Safe Has Not Lock Key or Keyhole

Nowadays the safe thief must be a highly trained expert. The BU Sykes type of burglar has passed. Every year the work of the professional safe breaker becomes harder and more dangerous. Actually music must now form a part of his training.

The latest type of safe has no locks, keys or keyholes. Instead, there is a tightly-stretched wire, which responds to its own musical note. The wire is connected with an electrical battery inside the safe, and to operate one must sound a tuning-fork, or a note on bugle, organ or trumpet, precisely the same key as the wire. When the note is sounded the sensitive wire vibrates, and turns on the current which operates the locking mechanism.

Three wires are used in some instances, necessitating, of course, three trumpet blasts in different keys before the mechanism will work.

The obvious danger to this apparatus is, of course, that one of the wires might get out of tune, in which case the safe would remain snugly locked until the right key was struck.



MISS G. E. FUSS

the youngest woman lawyer in the United States. She passed the state bar examination in Oklahoma City and was admitted to practice. Besides practicing law, Miss Fuss, who is only 19 years old, holds the office of general secretary of the Arkansas Southwestern Women's Bar Association.

Troublesome Twins

Twins in the French army are causing the officials a lot of trouble. They so closely resemble each other they can fool all the officers, and when one has a privilege he will trade it with the other for a reasonable sum. This interchange has been the cause of a great lack of discipline in the regiment.

One day one of the brothers was confined to the barracks, but by changing his cap with its regimental number for that of his brother, the defaulter was able to pass the guard with impunity whenever he wanted to go out. The colonel of the regiment has now issued the following order:

"The soldier Bonhomme (even number) will wear his hair as long as the regulations, construed with the utmost leniency, will allow, and will shave his beard and moustache. The soldier Bonhomme (odd number) will allow his beard and moustache to grow full, and will have his hair regularly cut as closely as possible by the regimental barber."

The Chinch Bug

In the United States the losses due to the ravages of the Chinch Bug during the last sixty years, considerably exceeded \$350,000,000. Fortunately no very serious outbreaks have as yet, occurred in Canada, but the insect has established itself in Middlesex County in Ontario, and has been reported also from Nova Scotia.

Invented New Word

French scientists have adopted the word "frigory," meaning the amount of cold necessary to reduce the temperature of a kilogram of water one degree Centigrade, as a unit of measurement for refrigerating and allied industries.

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Contributions will be gladly received and acknowledged.

T. G. LOGGIE,
Treasurer of Belgian Fund.
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