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SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER

It is gratifying to know that the Department of Agriculture and Education, after investigating the possibilities of a paper saving propaganda here, have agreed upon a method by which this hitherto uncontrolled and inexcusable waste may be avoided.

It is well known that there has been for some time an increasing shortage in raw material for paper making. Wood pulp, on account of recruiting for the Forestry and other battalions which has taken many woodmen out of the country, has fallen very much below the average, so much so that the price of paper has gone up to almost prohibitive prices.

The demand for raw material for paper making is steadily increasing and the paper mills are now paying prices, even for old papers, which will make it worth while to save, bale and ship them. Collecting of waste paper will be undertaken by the pupils of the different schools. All the homes will be asked to save up all their old papers of every description, newspapers, old books, old magazines, pastboard, wrapping paper and even wall paper, and these will be called for at stated intervals.

THE LABOR STRIKE

A strike in the City of Charlottetown is fortunately a rare occurrence. Heretofore labourers and employers have, as a rule, worked harmoniously for mutual benefit and mutual assistance.

The present strike, which has driven shipping from our port and has prevented the discharging here of a large and much needed cargo of coal and of others to follow; which has resulted in a large number of men with families to maintain giving up their means of livelihood; and all this at a time when famine in foodstuffs is threatening, is a very serious matter, very much more serious than those who have brought it about have any idea of.

It is not conceivable that some two hundred men, largely dependent upon their daily wage, should deliberately close the port to the traffic which brought them their daily wage without some substantial cause. It is for the authorities to find out what that cause is and how it can be remedied in the best interests of all.

RUSSIAN SITUATION

Although our despatches yesterday indicated some improvement in the Russian situation the general tenor of the news is still disquieting. The resignation of General Guchkoff, Minister of War, following that of General Kormloff, commander of the military garrison at Petrograd, is explained by the latter as due to the fact that his position had become impossible on account of efforts of various organizations to control the garrison, the last straw having been a demand by the executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates that all his orders be presented to the committee for its endorsement. The

letter of the war minister to Premier Lyoff in tendering his resignation said practically the same thing: "In view of the condition in which the power of the government has been placed, especially the ministry of war, in relation to the army and the navy, a condition which I am powerless to alter and which threatens to have consequences fatal to the defence, the liberty and even the existence of Russia, cannot longer exercise the functions of the ministry of war." These statements make plain to every reader the chaotic conditions still existing, while the inactivity of Russia's military forces proclaim the impotency of the government. Recent reports of an appeal to the Russian populace from the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's deputies have a better tone. They correctly interpret the purpose of Germany, but it is very doubtful if Russia's revolution has produced leaders forceful enough to deal with the situation and organize the forces of Russia and again make them a factor in the war. Far more likely does it seem that German intrigue will succeed, if not in securing a separate peace, at least in paralyzing all efforts at reorganization. Happily, the news from the Western front continues good enough to arouse hopes that Russia will see the folly of making peace with an already defeated enemy.

WHEN THE WOMEN VOTE

"The Toronto women's Liberal Association," says a Toronto exchange, "were the hostesses of a most enjoyable buffet luncheon given in honor of the delegates and members of the Women's Liberal Association after yesterday's morning meeting in the downstairs tea room at Foresters' Hall. The table was a mass of glorious color, centered with a high glass vase, filled with sweet peas, trailing clark—a belonging to the orchid family, sweet peas and pussy willows, with bowls of the same sweet flowers at either end."

What a striking contrast the above beautiful picture presents compared with the report of the meeting of the Liberal Association held in a certain town in Prince County not many moons ago! But that by the way. The main point of difference is in the fact that the Toronto meeting was a "Women's Association" the Prince County one merely a "Liberal Association" evidently without women. And we mention the Prince County episode, not because the difference is confined to Prince County, for "all men are doing it" practically in the same way, but because the episode came up for an airing in the legislature. "The table a mass of glorious colour" at the Ladies' Association; a "bulge on his hip pocket" at the men's! "A high glass vase filled with sweet peas" at the one; a "long necker" filled with anything but peace" at the other! "Trailing clark of the orchid family," at the one; railing clark of the whole family at the other! "Pussy willows" at the one; boozy pillows at the other, etc., etc.

Why should not our political associations be meliorated by the sweet influences of women? What a pleasure it would be to the newspaper artist to be able to report a political meeting as he reports the occasional social function, to tell how the leading orators were gownned, how the tables were decorated instead of, as under existing conditions, telling what each said of the other. What a revolution!

And Woman Suffrage is coming. In the not distant future flowers and sweet perfume will take the places of less desirable decorations and odours at these festive gatherings, the precursors of elections, perhaps of cleaner and better elections. And may not the sweetening of the atmosphere in the club room presage the purifying of the political atmosphere also? So mote it be.

APPEAL FOR FOOD PRODUCTION

The following appeal by the Director of Agricultural Labour in the Food Production Department in England has been deemed of sufficient importance to be telegraphed to this side of the Atlantic. The appeal was sent originally to the farmers and others connected with a co-operative bacon factory and it is as applicable in Canada and this province as in England. It is as follows:

"Take on as many untrained hands, particularly women, as you possibly can; train them by twos and threes on your farms, and by persevering and sympathetic guidance, given personally and by your skilled men, turn them into competent agricultural workers. The country requires that during the next few months the acreage of arable land should, by hook or by crook, be greatly increased. The Nation must have a much bigger output of homegrown food in 1918. We have got to do it somehow. There are no more skilled workers available. No one can foretell, if the war does go into next year, what the wastage at the front will be, and whether the War Cabinet may not be forced, however unwillingly, to ask agriculture to give up still more of its able-bodied workers now remaining on the farms. The only additional labor you can get from now onward will be unskilled. The difficulty of using it will be very great."

The urgency of this appeal should move our men and women to redouble their efforts in the way of increased production. There is much that men and women can do who are not now directly interested in food production. When the great need is so persistently being pressed upon the people of the Mother Country where the burden is being the most keenly felt and where actual want is constantly in sight, we on this side with our great opportunities, our almost unlimited lands and almost unlimited facilities for food production, should take the matter more seriously to heart and see in it opportunities not only for self advancement but for saving our people from the hardships and dangers of want and for helping our armies to win the war.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

We must live through the dreary winter. If we could have the spring; And the woods must be cold and silent. Before the robins sing. The flowers must be buried in darkness. Before they can bud and bloom. And the sweetest, warmest sunshine, Comes after the storm and the gloom.

Her Majesty Queen Mary, on Monday, received at Windsor Castle: Lady Perley, wife of the acting Canadian High Commissioner; and Minister of Militia Overseas; Mrs. John O. Hagen, Lady Ward, wife of the Australian Finance Minister; Lady Morris, wife of the Premier of Newfoundland; Mrs. W. E. Massey, wife of the Premier of New Zealand and Miss Massey.

Princess Maud, whom it is rumored that the young Prince of Wales, is a great favorite in the Royal family. She is of a bright happy disposition, and most unselfish. The King and Queen and the Princess Mary lunched with the Princess Royal on Princess Maud's birthday last month.

Perhaps the most interesting event of the week and certainly the one in which young and old joined, was the address given by Captain Best in the People's Theatre on Wednesday. It was left little to be desired, as the speaker in touching words told of the splendid work of the Canadian boys in the trenches, their life, joys and sorrows, and the great work being accomplished by the Y. M. C. A., of which he is a member. Breathless silence reigned with bursts of applause greeted Captain Best who at the close had personal interviews with many mothers, anxious to hear from one who had been there just how their sons were.

In the afternoon Capt. Best spoke before the Ladies Auxiliary and Daughters of the Empire in the Heartz Memorial Hall, Mrs. Simpson gracefully presiding. A most unselfish vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Tait and seconded by Mrs. Blanchard and then tendered to Capt. Best, whose presence has been an incentive for even better patriotic work in the future.

Many friends here will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Basil King of Cambridge, have purchased a summer place in Dublin, N. H.

Mrs. Deacon who has been spending the winter in Fredericton, N. E., with her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. Montgomery-Campbell arrived home this week.

Mrs. H. P. Plumptre, Honorary Secretary of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and Mr. K. J. Dunstan, President of the Toronto Branch, have left for Washington to represent the Canadian Red Cross in a conference with a view to co-ordinating the work of the Canadian and American Societies. They will also represent the Canadian Red Cross at the meeting of the new headquarters of the American Red Cross which takes place this afternoon.

Miss Gladys Peters, daughter of Colonel Peters, of Victoria, B. C., formerly of this city, who has been in Ottawa the guest of Mrs. H. A. Bate, has left for Montreal and later will visit in Toronto, where she will join Miss Dorothy Langford. They will return to Victoria at the end of the month.

After a very pleasant visit of several months to the different American cities Mrs. Bulman is being welcomed home.

At the little social affairs these days some work sewing or knitting for the brave lads overseas, is the popular pastime.

Mrs. K. J. Martin is spending the week end in Sackville attending the graduating exercises at Mt. Allison, with her daughter, Miss G. She was accompanied by Miss Dorothy Winchester, who will also attend the closing exercises.

Lady Sybil Grey, who has been nursing for many months in Petrograd, has returned to England, and is with Earl and Countess Grey at Howick.

Sir W. W. Sullivan is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Scott, Ottawa.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. B. Louison.

REST A WHILE

There are many who are never happy unless they are in the whirl of business or of gaiety, or of the world's strife. Far more really happy is he who has learned to sit down amid the beauties of nature and find enjoyment in flowers and bird-songs. A good man who had been at home for several weeks sick said that he was compensated by the opportunity he had had of getting acquainted with his wife and children. This is rich compensation, indeed, for love is better than money. Best of all friends is Jesus Christ, and it is worth our while to drop all our tasks for a time to get into closer, sweeter, more intimate friendship with him.

Here and here alone Is given thee to suffer for God's sake. In the other world we shall more perfectly Serve him and love him, praise him, work for him, Grow near and nearer him with all delight; But then we shall not any more be called To suffer, which is our appointment here. Canst thou not suffer, then, one hour, or two? H. E. H. KING

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sharp and family, left on Wednesday to spend several months at Mr. Sharp's old home in Sussex, N. B.

Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Fulton left on Thursday to visit Mrs. Fulton's father in Montreal who is quite ill.

Miss Wynnda Wyatt, of Summerside is the guest of Miss Leamore Chapman, 289 Metcalfe street, Ottawa.

Mrs. Wallace Anderson, of Morell, P. E. I., is in Halifax in order to attend convocation exercises at Dalhousie, her son being the valedictorian.

Miss Hughes, daughter of Sir Sam and Lady Hughes, is one of 40 girls in Lindsay who banded together to take the places of men wishing to enlist. Miss Hughes, since her return from the South, has been serving in a grocer's shop in Lindsay.

The Bridge and dance in the P.W. College Hall on Tuesday evening was a very pleasant affair throughout, quite a number of young people enjoying the cards and dancing for which suitable prizes were offered.

Dr. Jack Haszard is being welcomed home from McGill.

"A Mother's Representative" is the self-constituted postica of a woman of 80 in a little French town through which thousands of our troops are always passing. She lost her husband in the Franco-Prussian War, her son and grandsons in the present campaign, and now attends the burial of every British soldier, and places a wreath upon the grave. A place at the grave-side is now always left for her.

Among the welcome visitors home on short furlough is Lt. Col. H. D. Johnson who arrived Thursday night and will proceed to Ottawa in a few days.

Sir Louis Davies was appointed Vice-President of the Association of Children's Aid Societies of Ontario at a meeting held in Toronto this week.

Miss Caroline Melnes, daughter of Mr. Hector Melnes, K. C. M. P., P. and Mrs. Melnes, and a niece of Mrs. A. E. Morrison's Prince Street, is being heartily congratulated upon the brilliant way in which she acquitted herself in her law examination at Dalhousie—our very own "Portia" led her class, made up, with one exception, of men. Who says there is nothing in "heredity"? This is a record of which any student might be proud.

Congratulations and many good wishes followed Miss Lillias Fletcher whose marriage to Mr. C. C. Dennis took place in St. John on Monday evening, Miss Auld of Brighton entertained at a miscellaneous shower in her honor on Saturday evening when many pretty gifts were bestowed on the happy bride to be.

The Alumnae Society and graduates of Mount Allison Ladies' College were entertained at a very delightful tea by Mrs. Herbert M. Wood at her beautiful residence, Main street, on Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. Among the invited guests were Miss Olga Josby, Cape Traverse, Miss Beth Rattenbury and Miss Nan Brown of this city.

The Chess Club supper was an event of the week very much enjoyed by the members and their friends.

Mr. A. W. Hyndman's many friends are pleased to hear of his almost complete recovery and hope, when the sunny days come that he will soon be about his duties.

The interesting news was received here this week of the marriage in England of Prof. J. T. Thompson formerly organist of the First Methodist Church to Miss Nancy Gillan a talented English lady and Red Cross Nurse. The Professor's many friends will join in heartfelt congratulations.

Social activities have been of an informal nature this week—which is usual at this particular season of the year.

Gunner Alexander McKinnon's home friends will be pleased to hear that he is now convalescing after a serious illness in the Hospital at Shorncliffe, England, in which by the way there are two Charlottetownians, Major McLaughlin and Miss Ina Gillan.

Lady Perley, Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen and Mrs. Charles Cambie are among the Canadian ladies in England who are on the committee which is arranging a Canadian matinee" Helic Canada, which was to be given in London, at His Majesty's Theatre, on Friday of this week, by courtesy of Sir Herbert Tree and Mr. Oscar Asche, in aid of Dunstan's Hostel for blinded soldiers and sailors. It is under the patronage of the King and Queen, the Duke of Connaught and Princess Patricia, the Duchess of Argyrie, the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, the Dowager Countess of Derby, the Countess of Minto and the Countess Grey.

Y. M. C. A. OVERSEAS MILITARY FUND

The teams collecting for the Y.M.C.A. Overseas Military Fund had another successful day yesterday. They will resume the canvass today, continuing until all the citizens have been called upon.

- J. G. Jamieson 20.00
John Anderson 25.00
H. H. Shaw 20.00
Mr. Justice Haszard 25.00
P. & T. Morris 15.00
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Misses Stamper 10.00
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J. D. Stewart 15.00
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K. J. Martin 10.00
H. Louise Martin 10.00
Dr. C. H. Beer 10.00
May Club 10.00
J. J. Hony 10.00
D. A. McKinnon 10.00
Benj. Rogers 10.00
Mrs. Geo. E. Hughes 15.00
Walter Shaw 10.00
Turner & Holman 20.00
Henderson & Cudmore 20.00
Peter Dewar 10.00
E. H. Haviland 20.00
Perey Pope 25.00
A. E. Dewar 10.00
C. B. Chappelle 10.00
W. T. Burgess 10.00
C. G. Duffy 10.00
Judge Stewart 15.00
Will those who took cards at Captain Best's meeting kindly forward their contributions to the Honorary Treasurer. Also those who have not been called upon are asked to kindly send their contributions to the Treasurer at the Eastern Trust Co. Office. Please make cheques payable to C. H. B. Longworth, Honorary Treasurer.

BOYS TOBACCO FUND GROWING

The growing interest in the Tobacco Fund for the Island boys in England and at the front is gratifying. Many are commending it and promising to contribute and quite a little fund has already been handed in. As already stated the tobacco will be forwarded duty free and will be distributed among the different island units by the island representatives on their arrival in England. Contributions may be sent to the Guardian or any of the other dailies, to Mr. B. Graham Rogers or Hon. A. E. Arsenault, Summerside and will be acknowledged through the press. It is a treat for the boys, a treat from home, delivered to them by friends from home. Give it a boost by sending in at the earliest opportunity a contribution, big or little.

105TH BATTALION DRAFT FUND

MAJOR A. A. BARTLETT, HON. TREASURER. At the request of the Officers in charge of the 105th Battalion draft, Lieut. Strong, Major Bartlett has opened an account as trustee of their funds in the Bank of Nova Scotia: Philathea Class, Baptist Church. \$50 Daughters of the Empire per Mrs. Bagnall \$25 Col. Jenkins 5.00 105th Friend 5.00 Soldiers Sister 5.00

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